

**THE STATE OF THE NATION  
National Leaders Gathering  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**22 January 2009**

Dear Colleague,

We write to you in great gentleness of heart and in all meekness. We would ask that you read this letter prayerfully with the same spirit in which it is written.

The United Kingdom is in great trouble, not only through the financial crisis in our banks but the foundations of society are being shaken. The economic problems have exposed the moral and spiritual bankruptcy of the nation through which we have allowed the powers of greed and corruption to be released into the nation. We have a generation of children and young people who hardly know right from wrong. Our great spiritual heritage has been squandered so that Britain, which was once a missionary powerhouse of the world, now stands at a crossroads.

On December 11<sup>th</sup> 2008, eighty Christian Leaders from most branches of the church, from both Houses of Parliament, business and education met in the House of Lords to consider the moral and spiritual implications of the financial crisis. The meeting, which was jointly chaired by Lord Anderson of Swansea and Lord Forster the Bishop of Chester, agreed that

- The current financial situation is primarily the result of the pursuit of moral choices and values that do not accord with the word of God.
- God is calling all churches in Britain to a season of prayer and fasting for the nation
- The Christian church should reach out to those who are already suffering as a result of the present financial crisis

There was also a strong conviction that together we can do something about the problems in our nation and that God is calling for a united gathering of leaders to come before the Lord on behalf of the United Kingdom. *Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the Elders... Joel 2:15-16*

We therefore call on leaders from the fields of education, church, government, media, business, health and community; asking as many as can, to cancel scheduled appointments treating this as an emergency and priority due to the critical STATE OF THE NATION, and come together in Westminster.

**You are invited to join in a special day of prayer  
The State of the Nation Gathering  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
11am – 4pm  
(tea/coffee available from 10am)  
(sandwiches and light refreshments will be on sale at lunchtime)  
**Emmanuel Christian Centre  
Marsham Street Westminster London SW1****

*If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14*

This letter is a *Call to Action*. We believe that God wants us to begin a journey of seeking His Face in large and small meetings wherever we are in the UK. This season of Prayer with Fasting will take us through to Easter or Pentecost. It may be that the whole of this year needs to be given over to corporate prayer across our towns, villages and cities calling upon the Lord to save our nation from the calamity that threatens to engulf us. As we wait on Him together on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009, it is our hope that God will give to His church His clear mandate and instructions.

May God visit The United Kingdom once again in mercy not judgment. May the united Church rise up in the fullness of the Holy Spirit – infused with the Word of God and our fellowship in Christ. May the legacy of our Christian forebears not be forsaken or forgotten.

Grace Love and Peace in our Lord Jesus Christ

***The 80 Christian Leaders who met in the House of Lords***

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Please email ([Jackie.warren@candministries.org.uk](mailto:Jackie.warren@candministries.org.uk)) to book a place at this event.

*This initiative is already supported by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal of Westminster, and leaders in the Methodist, Baptist, URC, Assemblies of God, Elim Pentecostal Church, Black Majority Churches, Church of God of Prophecy, Redeemed Christian Church of God, New Testament Church of God, Evangelical Alliance, Bible Society, Pioneer, Ichthus, plus other independent churches, and prayer networks including the Global Day of Prayer, World Prayer Centre, Lydia International Prayer Fellowship, Ladies Prayer and Bible Weeks.*