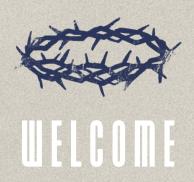




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## **DEVOTIONAL**





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here is an urgent need for the Gospel. If we are not careful, we may find ourselves passively accepting the prevailing narrative - the idea that Christianity is in decline, that church attendance is dwindling, and that Easter can be shaped by any agenda but Jesus. Without realising it, we allow these perspectives to take root, and in doing so, we begin to lose our sense of evangelistic urgency.

Yet, the Gospel was never meant to be comfortable. It is inherently offensive - to me, to you, to anyone who has not yet accepted its truth. It confronts our rebellion against the Creator, challenging the illusion that we can live apart from Him without consequence.

But what if, instead of shrinking back, we embraced the Gospel's boldness? What if we recognised that its power does not lie in our ability to make it palatable, but in the truth it proclaims? As C.S. Lewis once said, we do not need to apologise for the lion; we simply need to let it out of its cage.

There is a desperate and urgent need for the Gospel in the UK today. The question is - will we rise to proclaim it?





e at CBN UK have planned, prayed over and crafted this study guide to assist you as you begin to intercede for the nation of the United Kingdom this Easter. We don't want the devotional to stand alone but want you to be able to highlight it, draw on it and pick it apart until you are immersed in fighting for a better understanding of the Easter season for our nation – with Jesus at the centre.

#### YOU WILL NEED A COUPLE OF THINGS TO BEGIN THIS STUDY:

- · A BIBLE
- · A PEN AND PAPER/JOURNAL
- · A QUIET SPACE TO PRAY AND REFLECT

ONCE YOU HAVE THESE THINGS IN PLACE YOU ARE GOOD TO GO!

e have been, are and will continue to pray for you as you discern what part God would have you play in seeing the UK truly come back to Jesus this Easter.

Jesus is coming back for His church. Let's do all we can to ensure that the UK is a nation saved, whole and faithful - spotless and blameless in His sight!

Before you dive into this devotional, know that we are praying for you. If you'd like to pray with someone before starting this journey, we're here for you. Visit cbn.uk/prayer and submit your request or call 0300 561 0700 (UK) - we'd be honoured to stand with you in prayer.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

EPHESIANS 5:14 NIV





Somewhere along the way, Easter became more about chocolate eggs, hot cross buns, and fluffy bunnies than the earth-shattering, eternity-defining truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Year after year, we watch the same cycle unfold - supermarket shelves overflow with seasonal treats, while the message of the cross gets sidelined. Maybe we sigh, shake our heads, or even mutter frustrations under our breath. But here's the real question: What are we actually doing about it?

We've seen it happen with Christmas. The twinkling lights, wrapped presents, and holiday feasts have overshadowed the true meaning of Christ's birth. And now, Easter - our most powerful proclamation of victory - is at risk of being reduced to just another holiday.

But we are not a silent Church. We are not a people who simply accept what culture dictates. We are light-bearers, truth-proclaimers, and resurrection people!

Ephesians 5 urges us to wake up! The Church cannot afford to stay asleep while the world stumbles in darkness. If we don't boldly declare the risen Christ, who will? If we don't stand firm in faith, who will lead the lost to salvation?

This Easter let's rise up as the Church. Let's intercede in prayer, speak truth in love, and make Jesus the undeniable centre of this season.

And no, this isn't about cancelling Easter egg hunts or stripping away moments of joy with loved ones. This is about keeping those traditions in their proper place - secondary to the unmatched, unshakable, and unstoppable power of the Risen King. The only one who can save!

So, will you join this movement? Will you be part of the Church that awakens and reclaims Easter? **The time is now. Rise up!** 



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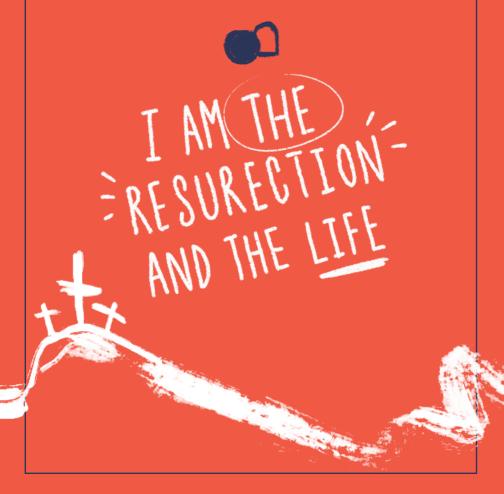
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 11:25 NIV



recently watched a video by a well-known Christian communicator that left a deep impression on me. He held up a long rope and asked the audience to imagine that it stretched on forever - without an end. Then he pointed to the first 3 inches of the rope, which were wrapped in red tape.

He explained that the red part represented the average human lifespan. The rest of the rope - the seemingly endless stretch of white - represented eternity.

The contrast was staggering. That tiny red section, so short and insignificant compared to the endless white, represented everything we often obsess over - our jobs, our homes, our bank accounts, our influence. And yet, the part that goes on forever? The part that really matters? We barely give it a second thought.

That visual has stayed with me - especially when thinking about Easter.

Somewhere along the way, we've allowed Easter to be reduced to chocolate eggs and pastel decorations, rather than the life-altering truth of Jesus' resurrection. We've become so consumed with the "red tape" moments - career goals, financial security, social standing - that we've lost sight of the white rope. The eternal rope...

And here's the hard truth:

Are we more focused on earthly success than eternal significance?

Are we working hard to build careers, accumulate wealth, and win the approval of others - while neglecting the souls around us who are heading toward an eternity without Christ?



Jesus declared, "I am the resurrection and the life." He didn't say, "I am the career boost and the life upgrade." He promised eternal life - the one thing that truly lasts.

This Easter, we need to wake up.

We need to reclaim Easter as a celebration of the most important truth in existence - that through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have victory over death and the promise of eternal life.

The world wants us to keep Easter light and fun - about eggs and bunnies and family brunches. And sure, there's nothing wrong with enjoying those things - but let's not let them distract us from the greater call.

### Because here's the reality:

No job, no bank account, no social status will follow us into eternity.

The only thing that lasts beyond this life is the human soul.

That's why Jesus' resurrection matters. That's why Easter matters.

This Easter let's not just celebrate the resurrection; let's proclaim it. Let's be intentional about sharing the hope of salvation with those around us. Because nothing else - not our careers, possessions, or even our earthly achievements - will matter when eternity comes.

Let's rise up and take the Great Commission seriously. Souls are at stake. Eternity is real. And we hold the answer that the world is desperately searching for: Jesus.

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2 CHRONICLES 7:14 NIV



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rayer is not just a religious exercise - it's a weapon.

As believers, we have the extraordinary privilege of approaching the throne of God with confidence. We're not calling out to a distant, uninterested deity - we're speaking to a Father who is near, personal and deeply invested in the affairs of this world.

That's why this Easter we need to stop underestimating the power of prayer and start using it as the weapon it was always meant to be.

Let's face it: our nation is in trouble. Morality is collapsing. Greed and corruption are celebrated. Truth is treated as subjective. Faith is pushed aside as irrelevant.

Every day, the news reminds us that the spiritual fabric of our nation is fraying. But here's the truth - we are not helpless. God has already given us the blueprint for national healing in 2 Chronicles 7:14:

Humble ourselves. Seek His face. Turn from sin. Pray. And the promise? He will hear us, forgive us and heal our land.

#### PERSISTENT PRAYER

Jesus taught us the power of persistence in prayer through the parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8). A woman repeatedly approached an unjust judge, asking for justice. Her persistence - not the judge's sense of justice - secured her victory.

If an unjust judge can be moved by persistence, how much more will our good and faithful God respond to the cries of His people?

This means we don't just pray once and walk away. We need to keep showing up - daily, hourly, constantly - knocking on Heaven's door until we see breakthrough.



#### REPENTANCE

Revival won't come without repentance.

If people can't see their sin, they won't see their need for a Saviour. That's why we need to pray for the Holy Spirit to remove the spiritual blindness from those who are lost. This isn't about judgment - it's about mercy.

We're not praying for condemnation; we're praying for revelation. For hearts to be softened. For pride to break. For eyes to open to the beauty of Jesus.

#### TRANSFORMATION AND REVIVAL

Here's the truth: transformation won't come from government policies, celebrity endorsements, or social media trends. It will only come through the supernatural power of God.

We need an inside job - a heart-level transformation in individuals across every sphere of society. That's what revival looks like.

Only God can change a heart. But we can petition Him to move. And when He moves, nations shift.

Do You Believe Our Prayers Can Make a Difference?

History proves that revival is born through prayer. This Easter let's unite as the Church across the UK. Let's rise up, lift our hands, humble our hearts, and call on God to move in power.

Our nation doesn't need more noise. It needs Jesus. And we have the power to bring Him to the forefront through the power of prayer.



Using the title scripture from 2 Chronicles 7:14, let this powerful verse become more than words - let it drive you to action this Easter:

#### **HUMBLE YOURSELF**

Ask the Lord to reveal where you've become distracted or self-focused. Have you been more concerned with your own life than with the eternal fate of those around you? Lay down pride and comfort and ask God to awaken your heart to the needs of the lost.

#### SEEK HIS FACE

Invite God to show you His heart for the people in your life who haven't yet accepted Him. Who is God placing on your heart? Use that insight to pray more intentionally and intercede for their salvation.

#### TURN FROM SIN

Repent of any sinful habits or attitudes in your own life - but don't stop there. Lift up your local community, town, city, and nation. Ask God for mercy and breakthrough, that hearts would be softened, and eyes would be opened to His truth.

#### PRAY WITH PASSION

Let your heart break for the lost. Cry out for revival and mass salvation this Easter season. Pray with boldness, believing that God's healing and redemption can sweep across our nation.

### **PRAYER**

Father God. I never want to become so comfortable in my own salvation that I disregard the lost souls in my midst. Please, use my life to draw as many people to You as possible. Help me to lay down my own selfish wants and desires and focus on seeing souls won for Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, amen.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 5:16 NIV



### THIS EASTER, IT'S TIME TO STEP OUT AND LET OUR FAITH BE SEEN.

Let me ask you something: if you saw someone walking down your street with a grab-stick and a bin bag, picking up litter, what would you think? Would you sneer at them? Probably not. You'd more likely smile, maybe even feel inspired, right?

Why? Because deep down, we all care about the state of our homes and neighbourhoods. When someone takes the initiative to make things better, we notice - and we admire it.

Now, picking up litter and spreading the Gospel aren't exactly the same thing - but the principle holds. When we actively care for our communities, people take notice. And when we combine that with the message of Jesus, the impact multiplies.

This Easter, it's time to stop blending in and start standing out. Not in a flashy or self-righteous way - but by serving, loving, and praying in a way that points people to Jesus.

### Here's how you can take action this Easter:

- 1. Prayer Walk: Grab a friend or your spouse and head out into your neighbourhood. Walk the streets with spiritual authority. Pray for repentance and revival. Ask God to bless every home you pass. Pray for the lost souls in your area to encounter Jesus. Take personal ownership of your street, your community, your city. If you don't pray for your neighbours, who will?
- **2. Organise a Gathering:** Gather your Christian friends whether it's in your home, a coffee shop, or a local community centre and be intentional about this time together. Worship together. Pray for your local area and the nation. Encourage each other to step out in faith and share Jesus boldly this Easter.



**3.** Arrange an Outreach Event: With permission, bring a group from your church and visit a place where hope is needed. A care home - spend time with the elderly, listen to their stories, and pray with them. A hospital - offer to pray for healing and encourage staff and patients. A prison - share the hope of Jesus with those who feel forgotten. You don't need a platform or a microphone to share the Gospel - you just need compassion and courage.

### WHY DOES ALL THIS MATTER?

Because when people see the Church in action, it changes things.

Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
That's not a metaphor - that's a call to action.

Faith isn't meant to be private. When people see the Church loving and serving selflessly, they get curious. Hearts soften. Conversations open. And the light of Jesus begins to push back the darkness.

One soul at a time, revival will come. Not through clever strategies or perfect church services - through the faithful obedience of everyday believers. Because when God's people rise up and take action, Heaven responds.



Take a moment today to really see your local neighbourhood or community. What's the spiritual atmosphere like? Where is there brokenness or need? Ask the Lord to reveal which of the three action points from today's meditation would have the greatest impact in your community.

Now, be honest with yourself: How do you feel about stepping into that? Does it make you uncomfortable or hesitant? Why? Journal your thoughts and bring them before God. Let Him speak into your fears and give you courage. Then, make a decision - don't just reflect on it - take action within the next few days. God is ready to move through you!

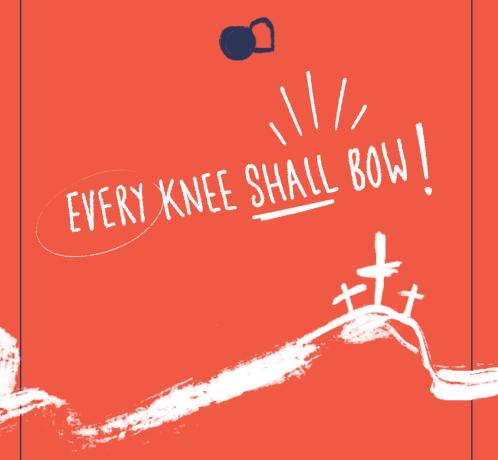
### **PRAYER**

Father God. I pray for the boldness and the courage to action some community outreach in one way or another over the next few days. Lord, you lived an unashamed, courageous life – deposit in me a portion of that courage and cause me to make a defining impact on my local community. In Jesus' name, amen.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:9-10 NIV



Jesus is coming back. That's not just a comforting thought - it's a reality. A truth that cannot be softened or swept under the rug. If you believe in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, then you know this day is coming.

And when it does, it will be unlike anything the world has ever seen. No one will be able to predict it, no one will be able to stop it - and not one soul will stand unaffected. Every knee will bow, in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. The question is: Will we be ready?

That's why the urgency is now. If we know that Jesus will return in glory, how much more passionately should we share Him with those who don't yet know Him? This isn't a time for hesitation - it's a time for boldness.

This Easter, as we reflect on the power of the cross and the victory of the resurrection, let's rise as one voice - a unified, nationwide declaration that our God lives and reigns. Let's strip away the distractions of the season - the chocolate eggs, the pastel decorations - and reclaim Easter for what it truly is: the celebration of Jesus' triumph over sin and death.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." (Romans 1:16 NIV)

If we as followers of Jesus shrink back, staying silent while the world celebrates Easter without its true meaning - what will become of those still walking in darkness? How will they find the light if we hide it?

Let's not miss this moment. Here's how we can boldly declare the gospel this Easter:



#### **USE YOUR PLATFORMS FOR JESUS**

Social media isn't just for showing off Easter outfits - it's a mission field. Share the true meaning of Easter. Let people know what Jesus accomplished on the cross and why it matters.

#### PRAY FOR DIVINE APPOINTMENTS

Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to people who need a touch from heaven. When He prompts you to share Jesus - whether it's with a barista, a neighbour, or a friend - be obedient and speak with love and confidence.

#### SHARE THE MESSAGE IN TANGIBLE WAYS

Write Easter cards with a gospel-centred message and deliver them to your neighbours. Pray over their homes and invite them to your Easter service. Let them know they are seen and loved.

This Easter let's not water down the truth or hide our faith behind cultural comforts. Let's rise together and boldly proclaim: Jesus is alive. Jesus is King. And He's coming again.

Are you ready to stand for Him?



Take a moment to let this truth sink in: Jesus is coming back for His Church. This isn't meant to stir fear - it's a call to action. As you reflect, ask the Lord how you can practically partner with Him to see His Kingdom come in the UK this Easter. What can you pray for? What steps can you take - whether in your local community or on a larger scale - to spark revival?

Ask God to give you a clear vision for your role in this movement. You were born for such a time as this - don't underestimate how He can use you to bring lasting impact this Easter!	

## **PRAYER**

Father God. I believe that when I pray and take action, you move. Please guide me through this Easter season to reclaim Easter in my own life and then in the lives of those around me. I do not believe that it is a coincidence that the people in my life are within my sphere of influence. Use me as a powerful force for the Gospel this Easter. In Jesus' name, amen.



## CONCLUSION



Feeling overwhelmed this Easter by the state of our nation? You're not alone. If you can't take action personally, you can still make a difference. Partner with us as we work to bring lasting change across the UK - together, we can turn this Easter's momentum into a powerful, national movement.

#### INTRODUCING THE UK FOUNDERS CLUB

The UK Founders Club is a movement of believers who are committed to making a lasting impact through five key initiatives:

- → LAUNCH NATIONWIDE FOOD PANTRIES.
- → REACH A DIGITAL GENERATION.
- → EXPAND OUR PRAYER MINISTRY.
- → BRING THE GOSPEL TO OVER 50,000 UK CHILDREN.
- → EXPAND OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT TEAM.

#### YOU ARE INVITED TO BECOME A FOUNDING MEMBER OF CBN UK!

The UK Founders Club invites 700 believers to invest in the future of our

nation. As a Founding Member, you'll help make these vital initiatives a reality. Together, we'll bring hope and vital change to this nation.

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We can make a huge difference when we 'go' together. God bless you.



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