



Keswick

Convention 2022





Prayer at the 2022 Keswick Convention

Tuesday 2nd August 2022



The Persecuted Church

Grateful for our faithful God



2 Thessalonians 1:1-7

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians who belong to God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: **2** Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **3** We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. **4** Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.



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⁵ All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. ⁶ God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷ and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.



Paul is Grateful

- That the Thessalonians' "faith is growing more and more"
- "The love all of you have for one another is increasing"
- "Your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring"
- "God is just" - he will vindicate them and judge their oppressors when Jesus returns





1. Praying for the Convention



Today's Programme [1]

- Bible Reading:

- Martin Salter, Genesis 25-35, The Life of Jacob: Faith for the Flawed

- Evening Celebration:

- Alasdair Paine, Grateful and prayerful, Philippians 4:4-7

- Seminars:

- Karen Soole – Grasping God's Masterpiece: learning to rejoice in the Old Testament
- Jonty Allcock – Cultivating Gratitude
- J. John – Grateful Christ has Commissioned Me: Natural Evangelism – The Practice of Praying, Caring and Sharing
- John Stevens – Knowing the Times: Christian Living in a Post-Christian Context



Today's Programme [2]

- Keswick for Kids (K4K):
 - 3-4s, 5-7s and 8-11s morning sessions
- Keswick Youth:
 - 11-14s and 15-18s, both morning and evening sessions
- 19-24s:
 - Morning and late-night sessions
- Keswick Unconventional:
 - Stuart Henderson, Carol Henderson, Yvonne Lyon and Gardner & Gardner





2. Praying for the World



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- In July the UK government hosted an International Ministerial Conference in London
- More than 800 delegates met from 60 countries to debate this major issue across the world
- More than 20 countries agreed to act on important changes to respect men & women who face persecution within their contexts



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- *"The Truro Review has recognised that 80% of the violence against faith groups worldwide is directed against Christians. The scale is horrific, and the problem is getting worse by the day."* - Bishop of Truro
- The Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB), Fiona Bruce, says: *"Some 360 million Christians around the world suffer persecution for their faith. Somewhere in the world every 2 hours a Christian is killed for their faith."*



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- Pray for Fiona Bruce MP and Lord Ahmed:
 - who led this Ministerial along with Christians who participated
 - who are now following up with foreign ministers and ambassadors from around the world



From Open Doors



- Pray for India:
 - Converts from impoverished areas are often accused of illegally being paid to become Christians. Recently, 2 more states in India have introduced anti-conversion laws – bringing the total to 11 states. Though these laws purport to prevent forced conversions, they are often abused to falsely target Christians
- Pray for Open Doors:
 - that local partners would be equipped to serve those persecuted Christians in India with wisdom
 - for an end to indiscriminate actions against Christians





3. Praying for One Another



Praying for One Another

- That each of us would increasingly grow in our faith in Jesus and our love for one another, even if we face opposition.
- For those we know who face opposition for their faith
- Cheerfulness and generosity around town and among the locals
- Looking out for and befriending one another
- For the Keswick stewards, loving us practically and keeping us safe
- For any needs or concerns you wish to share





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