

Letter from the Chaplain to the All-Party Parliamentary Group, Christians in Parliament regarding this year's National Prayer Breakfast.

The prayer breakfast is online this year, which gives us a unique opportunity for as many church leaders and Christians across the UK to participate in the prayer breakfast and to encourage them to attend in future years with their MP. The general aims of the event each year are to:

- Pray for Parliament and Government
- Be a Christian witness to all Members of Parliament
- Commend the goodness and relevance of the Christian faith to our public life

The theme of the breakfast is *'Hope and peace in a time of fear and suffering'* and the event will include prayers led by parliamentarians, 'Amazing Grace' performed by singers all over the country and a keynote address by the Bishop of Kensington, the Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin. The Speaker will introduce the event and the Chair this year is Marsha de Cordova MP. We also expect there to be messages from the PM and the Leader of the Opposition.

In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, our aim is to bring together parliamentarians, church leaders and Christians from across the UK to pray for our country, the NHS and other key workers, Parliament and the Government, as well as reflect upon the message of hope, peace and loving service that the Christian faith brings to our society in this moment. There have been many voices calling for a national prayer event since the crisis began in early March and this represents an ideal opportunity to pray for our country and leaders.

Our aim is for as many church leaders and Christians to watch the event and to invite their local MP to watch it too. We are also encouraging church leaders to use the event as a catalyst to arrange an online meeting afterwards with their MP and other local church leaders, to discuss how they can support and partner with their MP in serving people in their local communities.

Would you be able to send this information and invitation to your dioceses for them to disseminate to parishes? We would be so grateful for your support and would love to encourage as much participation as possible in the event from Catholic clergy and laity.

Please find attached an invitation with further details and other communications materials to help publicise the event.

To book:

The event is free, but you need to register via Eventbrite in order to gain access:

tinyurl.com/nppb2020online

More information is available on our website: www.christiansinparliament.org.uk/prayer-breakfast/

Best wishes,

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