

Shropshire Hope Prophetic Prayer Declaration

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Working together to see
the Kingdom extended across
Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin

*"Some of you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities.
Then you will be known as a rebuilder of walls
and a restorer of homes"
Isaiah 58:12 (NLT)*

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Father, we declare that You are great...and most worthy of our praise.

Your only Son is the Lord Jesus, the Saviour of all who will believe in Him...and most worthy of our praise.

Your Spirit has come to glorify Jesus, empower the Church to witness to Him, and enable the Church to function as You have determined it should...and most worthy of our praise.

Lord Jesus, there are...

...No boundaries to Your children's blessing when they walk in obedience to You

...No fences separating us from Your salvation

...No guardrails holding back Your compassion

...No limits to Your love

...No locked gates keeping out Your faithfulness

...No restrictions on receiving righteousness as we walk step by step with Your Spirit

...No walls stopping Your grace.



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'It is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase gratitude to the glory of God'.¹

Thank You God, gratitude is the proper response to grace.

Our expressions of gratitude to You flow with deep humility because You are the Lord our Provider.

When we say, 'Thank You,' we are humbling ourselves as a people who have great needs, and exalting You as the only One who can truly meet those needs.

Father, so many struggle with the desire to do something meaningful, to do something that makes a difference and, yet, are seemingly trapped by the burdens of everyday responsibilities and the unexpected trials of life.

Augustine's words, 'You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You,' are so true; yet You are able to give purpose and take our burdens so that we are truly free in Christ.

¹ 2 Corinthians 4:15, John Piper



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We declare that ‘no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what You have prepared for those who love You’.²

We surrender all to You, Lord. You can do so much more with us – if we will commit our way to You each new day.

You are able to take our potential and develop it as we walk hand in hand with You so that we are in the centre of Your good and perfect will for us.

When we do our best by being Spirit-filled and led in every area of our lives, including in our vocations, we are doing Your work by providing something for all people, ‘for the just and the unjust.’

Fill Your people with a sense of the worth of work and of its place in our daily worship.

God, if You able to do more than we can imagine

...what could You do with our lives fully surrendered to You?

...what could You do with all of our hearts?

...with hands wholly available and trained by You for the work to which You call us?

...with the talents You have placed within us finding their full expression under the direction of Your Spirit?

...with the spiritual gifts that Your Spirit sovereignly distributes being used as You give opportunity to do so?

² 1 Corinthians 2:9, NIV



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Lord Jesus, You strengthen us to fulfil Your works through us.

These include living out the Christian faith in such a way that we bring honour to You and Your name;

Walking in step with Your Spirit so that we are available to You to be used as You wish in any place at anytime.

It says that Your joy is our strength! May our joy overflow. We know that You said that it is Your eternal words to us, and in us, that mean that Your joy remains in us, and that makes our joy overflow! ³

We love Your Word and therefore receive Your promise, ‘Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go’. ⁴

Lord, we cannot say that Your strength is not for us! You are commanding us to be strong – we need to seek Your face to find Your strength.

You are also commanding us to have courage as we look to see this County of Shropshire, and Borough of Telford and Wrekin, spiritually transformed so that they resound with Your praise, and become an encouragement to many!

However, unless we are walking in Your light secure in You as our Abba Father, our courage will evaporate in the day of testing.

Abba! We accept Your Fatherhood and commission for this County and Borough!

³John 15

⁴Joshua 1:9



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Lord, we confess that many have dropped, and are dropping, out of the local church for many reasons including disappointment, discouragement or a failure to discover what the local church is designed to be. We declare our belief that it is to be a spiritual home encouraging, equipping and energising the spiritual lives of all who come which in turn positively affects every facet of their lives.

Forgive us that we have not taken seriously Your call to remain at a local church which, in time, can become a wonderful spiritual home. We ask for real breakthroughs in our understanding of the importance of the local church. Forgive us, as Your Church, that we have not always been all that we should have been as Discipleship centres in our communities – we throw ourselves on Your mercy! While recognising all this, we still dare to ask for growing churches, new church plants and flourishing churches. May faith grow, thankfulness abound, discipleship happen, and spiritual power and vitality overflow.

Lord God, we seek Your face and Spirit's strength so that we may...

...tell of Your salvation, how You can save anyone who will come to Your Son - our declaration of faith

...proclaim all that You have done for us - our testimonies

...make known the mighty acts that You perform - our confidence in Your miraculous power

...proclaim the truth that You answer prayer - our assurance because of amazing answers to prayer

...tell through our manner of living and words, when necessary, of our deep, daily joy which satisfies our souls, our witness to our living Lord Jesus.



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Father, we commit our County and Borough to You. Glorify Your Son greatly through Shropshire Hope, we pray.

Your Son came to destroy Satan's works and rescue all who will believe in Him from them. You have also given Your Church here in Telford and Wrekin and Shropshire the authority to trample on and crush injustice, evil, and antichrist mindsets, so that the in-breaking of Your Kingdom may extend further in every community which then transforms more and more people and causes many more to genuinely explore faith.

May we be creative and Spirit-led in engaging with those exploring faith so that many will ultimately be led to a saving, living faith in Your Son.

May the revelation of Your love and saving ways, Your concern and care, through Your Word, Spirit and Church lead to the rescue of many.

Touch hearts and save lives, breakout in great power in, through and continuing after Shropshire Hope Explosion. Father, as this event is happening, an event that we believe is from and off You, steady us, and reassure us with Your presence.

We choose to remember that its success does not depend on us alone, that You are the One who gives the increase.

Lord, we cast the burden of winning this County and Borough for You – to You.

We choose to take Your yoke upon us, seek to learn from You, and lift our eyes up to heaven. Your Kingdom come – Your will be done in Shropshire Hope Explosion and all that proceeds from it!



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Father, thank You for every single person who serves You in this County and Borough.

As each person steps out and follows Your Son's steps, may the fear of You, which is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge, help overcome and replace any fear they may have about serving You.

Use the band of volunteers who have served at One Bright Day, and are serving here today, as Kingdom Ambassadors, and may their service and offering be acceptable to You. Grant many divine appointments and use them as spiritual warriors in Your Son's army of Light and Love.

May there be a great spiritual awakening that touches industry, the workplaces, places of learning, health services, civic and civil services, social services, law and order, marketplaces, leisure spaces, homes, neighbourhoods, hamlets, villages, towns and Churches in our County and Borough.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



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'God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause Your face to shine upon us.

That Your way may be known in Shropshire, Your salvation in Telford and Wrekin.

Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

Oh, let the County and Borough be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

Then the County & Borough shall yield their increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us, and all the ends of our country shall fear Him.' ⁵

⁵ Adaption of Psalm 107:1-7



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