

Weekly Prayer Theme: 27th Sep-4th Oct **Being Kingdom People**

THEME OVERVIEW: Bringing the Kingdom of God into our society requires us walking closely with God, listening to His voice and living in the power of the Holy Spirit. It has been said: "Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can." John Wesley

It is time to ensure that God's power and presence through us, is released in greater measure in society as a whole, particularly our workplaces. The church at large has often minimised the importance of having people engaged, directly involved and influencing every strata of society. Let's strongly encourage people to see that God's spirit and power in them is able to bring wisdom, truth and leadership into our world directly. Places of work and community, wherever they might be, can be transformed through the 'call of God' on all of us. God in us the hope of Glory, for our world.

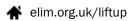
People are looking for belief systems that are authentic and believable. When people look at us they will get a measure of what God is like! Therefore, God can use us to bring that authenticity and help establish His Kingdom in the world of work, whatever form it takes. When people see us, talk to us, experience how we live, we want them to be touched by the power and Kingdom of God at work in us! Engaging directly and taking God's presence in us into life's spheres of influence is a 'Call' worth fulfilling and that will surely advance His Kingdom!

"Progress comes when we look into the eyes of another and see the face of God." Barack Obama

BIBLE VERSES: The following scriptures emphasise a) the importance of prayer in relation to the Kingdom b) How important it is to influence through what we say and c) The way we live determines whether we are truly 'Kingdom People'

And He said to them, when you pray, say: Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come. Your will be done [held holy and revered] on earth as it is in heaven. Luke 11:2 (Amplified Bible)

Asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He replied to them by saying, The kingdom of God does not come with signs to be observed or with visible display, Nor will people say, Look! Here [it is]! or, See, [it is] there! For behold, the kingdom of God is within you [in your hearts] and among you [surrounding you]. Luke 17:20-21 (Amplified Bible)



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[After all] the kingdom of God is not a matter of [getting the] food and drink [one likes], but instead it is righteousness (that state which makes a person acceptable to God) and [heart] peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17 (Amplified Bible)

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for a huge increase in confidence in God in our workplaces.
- Pray that more people will be called into influential roles in society.
- Pray for a greater boldness and assertiveness in all our Elim Family about bringing Kingdom Principles into society.
- Pray for an awakening in the hearts of people to be 'called' into key positions in their workplace.

CREATIVE IDEAS/PRAYER ROOM:

- Get groups of people who work in similar areas together to share their experiences and pray for one another.
- Why not use photos of different sectors of work to help people pray? Factories/Education/Health/Government/Hospitality/Industry/Emergency Services/Finance etc.
- Get everyone in the church to put their name and occupation on a list or a large canvas/ paper/card and use this in your prayer meetings to pray for these people and places of work.

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