

#### WE STAND FOR MANCHESTER



A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS



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# WELCOME

What a thrill it is to us to have you respond to this invitation to make your house a House Fire. The LORD has called us in this ministry to surround Manchester with prayer so that we can effect radical changes in the spiritual atmosphere. It's about time!

God needs us to stand on the wall and pray effectively for our City. That is why you have this manual; we are arming you with the Word of God so you can effectively pray and release the plan and power of God that is necessary to see Manchester become "A praise on the earth".

Our vision is simple: we see people:

SAVED AND INSPIRED #KNOW GOD

SET FREE AND EQUIPPED #FIND FREEDOM

POSITIONED AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE #DISCOVER PURPOSE

#### STRONG, IN CHURCHES SENDING PEOPLE TO REACH THE WORLD #MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Prayer is the work of God and it is foundational to everything that we do. Read this manual with your Bible next to you, following along with the Scriptures that we reference. Following this, consecrate and fully yield yourself and your house to be a house of prayer, a House Fire.

Love and Blessings, Pastors Joel and Evangeline Taller

## #KNOWGOD #FINDFREEDOM #DISCOVERPURPOSE #MAKEADIFFERENCE



### HOUSE FIRES



#### WHY SHOULD THE HOUSE FIRES PRAY?

In Isaiah 56:7, Matthew 21:13 and Mark 11:17, the Bible says, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for the nations". If we see something once in the Bible, we should take it seriously but three times means, "Pay attention!" So, if we want to be like our Lord (and we do), our houses should also be houses of prayer for the nations.

Why should we pray? Let's look at 1st Timothy 2:1-4 to find the answer. The Lord, our Saviour is pleased when we pray for all men because it is His desire, His wish that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. When we pray for the nations, for all people, for those in authority, we pray out the desire and the wish of our God.

In Genesis 18:19 we see that sin cries out to God. The sin in Sodom and Gomorrah had a voice and the sound of their sin provoked the Judgment of God. However, when Abraham cried out to God for Sodom and Gomorrah, he invoked the Mercy of God. In Ezekiel 22:30-31 we see the same train of thought. God sought out one watchman to pray so that He could show mercy; finding none, judgment came. And in Numbers 14:11, 19-20, God found one man who prayed when He wanted to unleash judgment; because of him, mercy came.

Now, look at Isaiah 62:6–7 and think about this: if one watchman on a wall (as above) could make a difference, how much more many watchmen on the walls?

#### WHO DO THE HOUSE FIRES PRAY FOR?

In Genesis 6:12, the Bible describes the lives of the people of that day, who lived before the Flood. In the Amplified Classic, it says, "...all humanity had corrupted their way upon the earth and lost their true direction" (emphasis added). We, as the House Fires are called to pray for those who have lost their true direction. Jesus said He came to seek and save the lost. These are the ones we pray for. In Isaiah 53:6, we are informed that the Lord laid upon Jesus the guilt and sin of us all; there is no one exempt from our prayers for there is no one exempt from the promise of salvation. Furthermore, 1st Timothy 2:1-2 clearly states that we should pray for all men and, in particular, kings and all in positions of authority. We see then, that we are required to pray for everyone. Together, we can get this done!



#### WHEN SHOULD THE HOUSE FIRES PRAY?

In Ephesians 6:18, Paul, by the Holy Spirit, instructs us to pray at all times and on every occasion. The Lord, in Isaiah 62:6 requires the watchmen to remain vocal day and night, taking no rest from their prayers to the Lord for their City. It is our vision that we will have so many committed House Fires across Manchester that day and night, there will always be someone making mention of this City and its people before the Lord.

### WHAT DOES THE HOUSE FIRE'S PRAYER ACCOMPLISH?

The word "intercession" (standing in the gap for someone else) sounds quite similar to the word, "intersection". Once, when we were out for a drive, I took a wrong road and Evie was next to me saying, "You're going the wrong way!" I knew that! And she said, "You've got to turn around!" I said, "I can't turn around!" You know, we were on the road and there was no side road to be able to make the turn. We had to go the wrong way until we met that intersection and got that opportunity to turn around and make the adjustment to go the right way.

So here is the thing: When we see lives, people, nations, regions that are going the wrong way, we know it, they've made wrong decisions; when we intercede for them, it is as if we create in the Spirit an intersection for them, an opportunity for them to make an adjustment and turn around. We can't manipulate anybody or cause them through our prayers to change. But we can make tremendous power available. We can make that intersection available. It's up to them to take it. And the prompting of the Spirit will become real strong and it will challenge them and convict them to turn around and see the opportunity to go in the right direction.



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#### HOW DO THE HOUSE FIRES PRAY?

In Matthew 18:19, Jesus emphasized to us the power of the prayer of agreement. When we agree as touching anything, the Father will make it happen. So, we have prepared a prayer guide for the House Fires (found at the end of this manual). This way, every House Fire will be praying the same thing for the City all across this land. How powerful that will be!

However, looking back at Ephesians 6:18 again, we see an important point: we must pray "in the Spirit". Romans 8:26–27 says that the Holy Spirit helps us to pray when we do not know how we ought to pray; He "searches the hearts of men" and is able to direct our prayers in the best and most effective way. So even though we have a written guide for our prayers and the Scriptures to back it up, we cannot pray effectively for this land and its people without the help and leading of the Holy Spirit.

Another key to effective prayer is our heart. James 5:16 says that earnest and heartfelt prayer is powerful and effective. And so we see three ways we must pray, in agreement, in the Spirit and with our whole hearts.



### HOUSE FIRES PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for this opportunity to pray for Manchester. I take my place of authority, bestowed on me by the privilege to use the name of Jesus, and make this declaration of faith from (say your street name) over Manchester.

Isaiah 60:18 says that violence shall no more be heard in our land, nor destruction in our borders but we will call our walls Salvation and our gates Praise. And so I lift up praise to you, O God, for salvation in this City. Let the sound of my praise go out in the spirit realm beyond what I see or hear and reverberate through this City (pause to praise the Lord in your own way).

Lord Jesus, when you walked this earth, you asked us, in Matthew 9:38, to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into the harvest. So I pray, O Lord of the harvest that you will raise up more labourers for this harvest.

My Lord Jesus prayed in John 17 that we would be sent out, hidden in His Name, united as one, so that the world may know that He was sent by you, Father. So I pray, Father, that you guide us supernaturally as the labourers to arise and advance into this City. Let the wells within us be unlocked and poured out in this City. Awaken your love within us so we reach this City in greater ways. Grant unto your servants everywhere in this City that with all boldness we may speak your Word. I pray for a mighty outpouring of your Spirit with signs, wonders and miracles in Jesus name.

Manchester is ours! The souls are flooding to you O Lord. "I need a Saviour" is awakened in this land. For we are your witnesses, that there is no other Saviour, no other God and you are the Saviour of this nation. I pray for those who have gone the wrong way, that they will come to their senses and make a turn. Through these prayers I pray, let intersections be built so they can see ahead and know, "this is my opportunity" and make that turn. Yes, the scales fall off their eyes and they see the right way, the way of Salvation. They hear the word of your witnesses and reply, "it is truth!"

Father, I also pray, according to your Word, for those in authority in our City. I lift up the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham and the ten district council leaders (Allen Brett, Sean Anstee, Rishi Shori, Alex Ganotis, Paul Dennett, Lord Peter Smith, Jean Stretton, Sir Richard Leese, Linda Thomas and Brenda Warrington) as well as all their staff members. Let your Word cling to them and let them not depart from your plan for Manchester. Guide the Mayor's decisions and all the local council leaders and show them the path of reversal for every evil way. Cause the way of the wicked to be set to confusion and come to nothing. I take authority over the plots and plans of the enemy against this City in the name of Jesus.

I declare these words over our City, sending them out as seeds that will produce results: Redemption! Grace! Freedom! Healing! Righteousness! Salvation! Light! Peace! God reigns! Manchester is a City of faith! Manchester is a stronghold for the Word of God and the move of God!

This is your land, Father, and no attack of the enemy, no scheme of hell, no design of man, no limitation, no mindset, no cultural stronghold, and no political stronghold can hold us back in Jesus name. I declare: Manchester is open for the Gospel and we are coming for you!

Amen!





...My house will be called a house of prayer... Matthew 21:13