

# Leeds Festival Daily Prayer SATURDAY

# Theme For Today THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Welcome / Introduction

Psalm 46:1-7 - A Promise Of Refuge

God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble. The earth may fall apart. The mountains may fall into the middle of the sea. But we will not be afraid. The waters of the sea may roar and foam. The mountains may shake when the waters rise. But we will not be afraid. God's blessings are like a river. They fill the city of God with joy. That city is the holy place where the Most High God lives. Because God is there, the city will not fall. God will help it at the beginning of the day. Nations are in disorder. Kingdoms fall. God speaks, and the people of the earth melt in fear. The Lord who rules over all is with us. The God of Jacob is like a fort to us. **AMEN.** 

#### We Pray Together

We give you thanks for the life and work of all those whose vision founded our National Health Service, and for those who serve others in care and compassion. We pray that their work and ministry to the sick may enrich and support the welfare of all people.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who provide leadership in healthcare, for those who exercise stewardship and allocate resources. We pray that, in these challenging times, support and compassion may be shown to those most in need.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

We thank you for the successful vaccination programme here in the UK. We ask that you guide and prosper all who are engaged in medical research – may they never lose heart they seek to discover the way of health and healing. Grant that by their vision and courage we may advance in our understanding of the world and be better able to help those in need.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who promote health and wellbeing in policy and practice; for all who care for the sick, in hospital, in care homes, and at home; for doctors, nurses, care assistants and cleaners.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for those who are terminally ill, elderly or frail; for all who live with a disability or in constant pain, and for the many who strive to bring comfort and healing to them.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

We pray all of these things in Jesus' precious name. **AMEN.** 

#### **Prayers & Reflection**

We will read prayers written by Leeds Festival attendees and then we will listen to a reflective piece of music as we each offer our own silent prayers to God.

## The Lord's Prayer

Gathering all of our prayers into one, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name;
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done; on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours,
Now and for ever. AMEN.

## A Blessing

May the Lord bless you and take good care of you. May the Lord smile on you and protect you. May the Lord watch over you and give you His peace. **AMEN.** 

Numbers 6:24-26