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QUESTIONS

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"Labour MPs face furious backlash after voting down national grooming gang inquiry"

– The Telegraph

"I've always been pro-choice but this is too far."

– The Times

"Ministers have been accused of a cover-up"

– The Guardian

"Assisted dying safeguards unworkable"

– The Times

"MP apologises for 17 breaches of code of conduct"

– The Guardian

"Colchester church appeals ban"

– The Independent

Constantine the Great (272 – 337)

- In 313 AD, he decriminalized Christianity.
- He joined church and state.
- He poured imperial wealth into building church buildings.
- He also convened the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD to resolve theological divides.

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Empress Pulcheria (399-453)

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- She rejected the wealth of her office living in austerity and used the imperial wealth instead to set up:
 - Free hospitals.
 - Orphanages.
 - Care homes.
- On her death she instructed that her wealth be distributed to the poor.



William Wilberforce (1759-1833)

- In 1807 he successfully pass the Slave Trade Act laying the groundwork for abolishing slavery across the British Empire.

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Eliza Wigham (1820 – 1899)

- A Quaker and leading pioneer of the early, peaceful church league suffragist movement.
- Campaign for the abolitionist of the slave trade.
- And for women's voting rights.

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Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)

- Stood against the rise Nazi's tyranny.
- Ran an underground seminary.
- Stood up for the Jewish people.

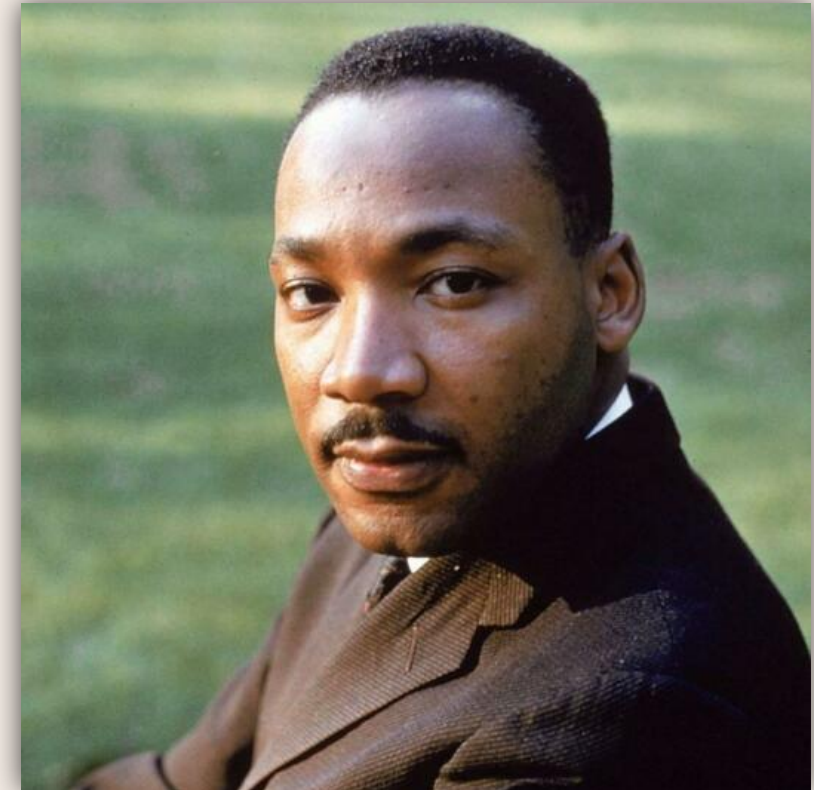
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Martin Luther King Jr (1929-1968)

- Led the civil rights movement.
- With nonviolent protest he helped rewrite the national laws of the USA

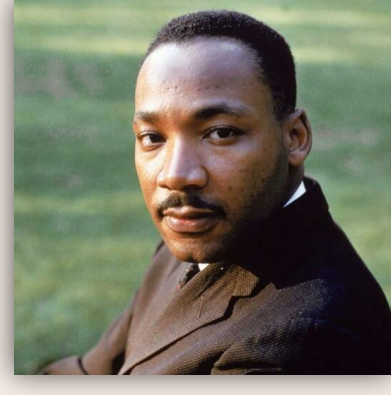
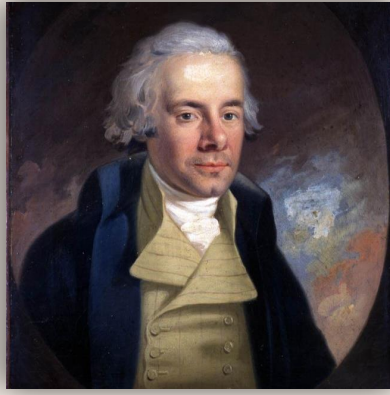
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This is what the Yahweh Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to Yahweh for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Jeremiah 29:4-7



I urge then first of all that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor.

1 Peter 2:13-17

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Pray for Political and Civic Leader

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Ppractice Respect and Submission

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority

Petition for the Nation's Prosperity

Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.



Sir Keir Starmer
Prime Minister



Chris Webb
MP Blackpool South



Lorraine Beavers
MP for Blackpool North & Fleetwood



Andrew Snowden
MP for Fylde



Cat Smith
MP for Lancaster & Wyre



Lynn Williams MBE
Blackpool Council



Karen Buckley
Fylde Council



Michael Vincent
Wyre Council



Danny Scott
Mayor

Wisdom to make godly decisions

Give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.

1 Kings 3:9

A Commitment to Justice

May he [The King] defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.

Psalms 72:4

Peace and Prosperity

Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.

Jeremiah 29:7

The Spread of the Gospel

Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honoured, wherever it goes,

2 Thessalonians 3:1