

Trumpet Call III



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The third trumpet Call event at the National Exhibition Centre Arena in Birmingham was hosted by the World Prayer Centre with the support of many organisations from across the UK. Approximately 4,000 Christians gathered to pray, worship and respond to God's call to His Church to rise up, to stand and become a willing army in this day of battle for our nations.

After a time of worship led by Laurence Sharman, in which Jesus was highly exalted, Paul Miller from Birmingham put the event into context by explaining what had happened during the two previous Trumpet Calls. He then exhorted us to recognise the time we are in from Romans 13 v 11: *The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber.*

Lloyd Cooke from Stoke-on-Trent exhorted us to be like Elisha the prophet, who recognised that if he wanted a double portion of anointing, he had to leave behind the old, even though that included places of glory, of meeting with God, and of victory.

We consecrated ourselves for the new day, and prayed for a double portion on every denomination in the land.

We heard wonderful testimonies from Sue Sinclair about what God is doing in Liverpool through Community Watchmen Ministries, as the church has taken prayer into the community, resulting in a reduction in crime and unemployment. Debra Green from Manchester also shared how the community is being transformed by the partnerships of secular organisations and Christians. Prayer is changing things!

The encouragement and faith that we received in the morning was built upon in the afternoon through strong declaratory worship of Jesus, led by Godfrey Birtill. Ian Cole from Birmingham then challenged us all to hear God's call to the nation – **"It's time to move on!"** Just as for Israel in the wilderness, and the man by the pool of Bethesda who'd been lame for 38 years, it was time to receive the word of faith and step out of the old into the new.

God has declared that today is a new day, and there are victories to be won. In response, we then physically took a step to the right as a sign of our acceptance of God's call. A second step was taken for the church to move on, and a third step was taken for the nation to come back to our heavenly Father. In that place we stood in the gap for the children, for the elderly, for the raising up of evangelists and preachers and refused intimidation and fear which would seek to silence the voice of the gospel.

During the last session we had encouragement from Joel Edwards of the Evangelical Alliance to recognise that God's purpose is to advance His Kingdom in the UK, and leave a Godly heritage to our children. After watching a video of the Global Day of Prayer 2005 we prayed for other nations and boldly declared that Jesus is Lord!

God is giving us all a trumpet to blow, to make a new sound in this nation.
May God give us the breath to blow the trumpet wherever we go!

Already we are hearing of new beginnings around the nation as a result of the encouragement received on this day. God wants us to keep on standing together to see full breakthrough. So the next Trumpet Call is planned for May 13 2006 at the NEC Arena and WILL BE A TICKETED EVENT. Please contact WPC for details.