

## This Cultural Moment

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*Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many  
generations;  
you shall be called the **repairer of the breach**  
the restorer of streets to live in.*

Isaiah 58:12

*The Word became flesh and made his  
dwelling among us. We have seen his  
glory, the glory as of the only Son from  
the Father, full of **grace and truth**.*

John 1:14

Stand in the breach.  
Listen. Reject tribalism, build relationship.  
Shift from charity-as-service to solidarity.  
Acts of repair. Grace and truth.

### Prompt Questions for Your Church/Context

1. Where are the “flags” in our area? What humiliation do they signal?
2. How are we currently relating to both host communities and migrant/refugee communities?
3. Where does our social action create dependency rather than dignity and agency?
4. What would one practical step of “standing in the breach” look like for us this month?

### About Together for the Common Good

Together for the Common Good is a UK charity dedicated to spiritual and civic renewal. Working across the churches, T4CG equips leaders, charities and schools to play their part for the common good amid today’s social and cultural upheaval. **Join our network** at [t4cg.substack.com](https://t4cg.substack.com)

The charity provides resources to help Christians respond with clarity and authenticity. This includes: the *Staying Human* series of talks by leading thinkers and practitioners addressing the big questions of our time; the *Common Good Schools* programme, training teachers to equip young people; the *Leaving Egypt* podcast - conversations with guests exploring what it means to be God’s people in times of unravelling; and the *Crossroads Initiative*, shaping the future of Christian social action.

### Explore

*Staying Human series* [togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/news/t4cg-talks-the-staying-human-series](https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/news/t4cg-talks-the-staying-human-series)  
*Leaving Egypt* podcast [LeavingEgypt.com](https://LeavingEgypt.com)  
*Common Good Schools* programme [commongoodschools.co.uk](https://commongoodschools.co.uk)  
*Crossroads Initiative* [togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/crossroads](https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/crossroads)  
*Common Good Thinking and Catholic Social Teaching* [togetherforthecommongood.co.uk](https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk)

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## The Together for the Common Good Prayer

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit +

Come Holy Spirit. We welcome you here in our midst.  
Govern our hearts and minds; govern every aspect of our meeting.  
Be in every thought and word; in every intention and motive.  
Thank you, for calling us through the Gospel to work together, and for each other.  
Bind us together across our traditions and move our heart's desire closer to the heart of your desire for us.  
Help us build the Common Good and discover what it means to be human.  
Lord, give us the grace to do your will, and make our mission a joy.

In the love of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

## Resources

*Whose Side is the Church On?* **Jenny Sinclair** [<https://tinyurl.com/4kse3avd>]  
*Christian Witness in the Unravelling* **Jenny Sinclair** (video) [<https://tinyurl.com/272bv9c9>]  
*UK must tackle extremism* **Jenny Sinclair** (interview) [<https://tinyurl.com/4dk4xupb>]  
*Immigration and the common good* **Jenny Sinclair** [<https://tinyurl.com/mryn3y2z>]  
*No repentance, no renewal* **Bishop Philip North** [<https://tinyurl.com/2rycp55a>]  
*With Christ in the Margins* **John Clifton** (podcast) [<https://tinyurl.com/2abbvhcv>]  
*I was angry and you called me gammon* – **John Clifton** [<https://tinyurl.com/hz9fx5fm>]  
*Challenging Power, Changing Practice and Deepening Spirituality: The Future of UK Christian Social Action* **Jenny Sinclair and Jon Kuhrt** (report) [<https://tinyurl.com/uruxptwm>]  
**The Crossroads Initiative** [<https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/crossroads>]

## Further resources

*The English church protects us all, yet is mute* **Maurice Glasman**  
[<https://tinyurl.com/587r9s2r>]  
*Flags, Division and the Call to Unity* **Lisa Mason** (Proximity) [<https://tinyurl.com/mvpdrdc2>]  
*Proclaiming Jesus, Engaging Islam, Equipping Christians* **Beth Peltola**  
[<https://www.onetruthproject.org/>]  
*Confronting Islam: The Church's Response* **NAPC Conference** [<https://tinyurl.com/3yn8prju>]  
*Truth: Essentials for Council Estate Ministry* Weekender conference **Medhurst Ministries**  
[<https://tinyurl.com/mr49r39a>]