

FEBRUARY 2026

Reading

Isaiah 35:1-7
& Luke 7:18-23

"So he replied to the messengers, 'Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.'"

(Luke 7:22-23 NIV)

Devotion

We rejoice this month in the Lord Jesus.... **Healer, Redeemer, and Saviour**. He is the hope of all the ages - past, present and future. He is the hope that the prophets of the Old Testament pointed towards. Isaiah 35 was written in the 8th Century BC, when the people of Judah were aware of the threat of Assyria's armies, as well as Isaiah's serious warnings about the consequences of their sins. In the middle of this, Isaiah points to the hope of the **coming of the Kingdom of God**. Centuries later, the people of Israel had a foretaste of the fullness of that Kingdom in the coming of **the Lord Jesus Christ** (Luke 7:22-23). He came **to heal, to restore, to resurrect and to set free**. The good news is this: the Lord Jesus continues to do those very things today! Are there areas where we need to repent for times when we have "stumbled" in our vision of who Jesus is? (Luke 7:23) Do we need to ask the Lord to open our eyes to see His Kingdom at work? As we do that, where is He inviting us to pray: "Let your Kingdom Come" in our own context?

Prayer Points



Monthly Prayer

Signs of Growth

- We give thanks for an increase in interest, **baptisms and children and young people** that many of our churches have seen over the 2025-26 period. We give thanks that these may be signs of the Kingdom at work.
- We pray that the Holy Spirit would work powerfully in the communities around us this year - that He would strengthen our **churches in their mission**, and that many would put their faith in the Lord for the first time this year.

New Regional CIOs

- We give thanks for the important work of establishing **charitable bodies** to support the Associations and their mission across Wales. We pray that this process will continue smoothly during 2026, and that the right people would come forward to help with this work.

Lord Jesus,

We come to you, remembering that you are our Saviour. We praise you that you are the hope of the ages, and our hope in Wales today (Matt 12:21).

We praise you that you came to open the eyes of the blind, to raise the dead, and to preach good news! Thank you that you did these things when you were on earth - and that you continue to do those things today.

In you is the restoration of all things. Lord, would you restore us? Forgive us when we have sometimes "stumbled" in our faith or our vision of who you are (Luke 7:23). Would you fill our hearts once again with the beauty and revelation of who you are?

Lord, may Your Kingdom come - in our hearts, in our midst as a Baptist family, and in our nation today.

In Jesus' Mighty Name, Amen.

More

specific prayer points, and regional prayer requests on our prayer calendar & at buw.wales