

ENDORSEMENTS

CHRISTIAN VOICES

Archbishop of Birmingham, Bernard Longley

"Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer promises to be an exciting project. I hope that all those who visit it will find some space and inspiration to consider the value of prayer in their lives. The local Catholic community looks forward to playing its part in supporting this work so that together we can leave a legacy of faith for generations to come."

The Right Reverend David Urguhart, Bishop of Birmingham

"I am excited about Eternal Wall and support it as an encouragement to personal and national prayer and to attract visitors for exploring the journey of faith."

The Right Reverend Dr Christopher Cocksworth, Bishop of Coventry

"Eternal Wall will stand as a wonderful, visible symbol of the magnitude and power of the prayer that we – all of us, the people of God – offer. What's most exciting about this project is the way it shows how, as each brick lies upon another to form the Wall, our prayers are not in isolation. They're prayed by 'the living stones' of Christ's people who are being 'built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood' (1 Peter 2.5). Each of our prayers keys us more truly into Jesus and one another. Eternal Wall will be a sign that through our prayers God's will is being done on earth as in heaven, and that the Kingdom of God is coming."

The Revd Yinka Oyekan, President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain

"Eternal Wall will be a permanent reminder of the power embedded in prayer, a power that produces an irrepressible hope enabling the scaling of any mountain. It will also be a lasting symbol of what faith can accomplish."

Dr John Kirkby CBE, Christians Against Poverty

"I am delighted and excited to see the launch of this monument of hope; this physical beacon of God's faithfulness to His people that will continue to stand for years to come and speak of the goodness of God. As Christians we all have stories of answered prayers ... Yet we so often fail to share them and even over time allow ourselves to forget them entirely. These stories are powerful and need to be shared and remembered! I pray that this wall will bring hope to all who need it, that the God who has answered a million prayers can answer for them as well. That for generations it will stand as a testimony to the living God."

Roy Crowne, Executive Director, Hope Together

"This is one of the most audacious, crazy dreams, that I think God's in. It's been amazing to get to this point. I'm praying that this structure will be around for the next 200 years, and it will transform lives because of the stories..."

ETERNAL WALL COUNCIL OF REFERENCE

Pastor Rasag Ibrahim, - RCCG Erdington, and Churches Together in Erdington:

"I love what I saw here today; it's brilliant, it's something that is inspiring, something that we need, something that will bring people to God, something that will display how God has manifested himself."

Rev. Sarah Whittleston - Elim Life Church, Birmingham, & Head of Elim Prayer:

"I'm really excited about the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer, because it helps us remember that God is a God who hears and heeds our prayers; who responds and that builds our faith for the now, and for the future."

Rev. Betty King - Betty King International Ministries:

Rev. Mark Ryan - Senior Pastor, Kensington Temple:

"I'm absolutely delighted to be on the Council of Reference for the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer. This project is a project for the nation, for the world; to bring us together, to understand that God is involved in our world today, in real and healing ways, but also when times are difficult."

Mgr Timothy Menezes - Dean of St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham:

"I'm really keen for the Catholic community to engage with this wonderful project ... It's going to be an amazing structure in the Midlands, in the heart of England, where we belong; and a Christian symbol of hope, for a country that needs it so much."

POLITICAL

Steve Maxey, Chief Exec, North Warwickshire Borough Council

"We are greatly excited by this project – I strongly believe it will come to be as loved by people locally and nationally as the Angel of the North, and brilliantly complements our work on improving mental health and wellbeing."

The Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP, Labour Faith Envoy, MP for East Ham

"I think it's an inspiring idea and it's a fantastic design. It's going to be visible from lots of motorways, railways, from the air, and I think it's going to inspire a lot of people. I really look forward to seeing it up and built...I think it will make a big impact on the national consciousness. It's a reflection of the fact that many, many people in Britain today, as well as in our history, have experienced answered prayer..."

Andy Street, Mayor of the West Midlands and Eternal Wall design judge panel

"It's an incredibly ambitious, stunning project... in terms of a real statement, a landmark for the Midlands, I think it's an incredibly progressive, ambitious piece of architecture."

Baroness Sal Brinton

"As a nation we are often quite shy about putting our faith in a public place, and it also seemed to me, as a politician, that we need to be able to say that prayer is absolutely important to Christians."

ETERNAL WALL DESIGN COMPETITION JUDGING PANEL

Major General (Rtd) Dickie Davis CB CBE

"I think the design is innovative, it's thought provoking, and it will really get people thinking about the value of prayer."

Lord Edmiston

"My initial reaction to looking at the designs for this Wall of Answered Prayer is it looks fantastic. It's a great design; the architects have clearly done a lot of in-depth work and studied every aspect of it and it looks visually very impactful. Also the internal workings of how the technology is going to work seems also appropriate so I was very happy to see it."

Deepak Mahtani, Social Entrepreneur

"Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer is a really incredible idea, concept, dream, and I think it's something that this nation needs. I don't know when the last time a national monument was made in this country, but this is a real iconic structure which we hope and pray will give back the glory to God in terms of all the prayers that He has answered up to now for individuals and for this nation, but also as people pray to Him for their prayers into the future."

Anna Pepperall, Freelance Public Art Consultant

"It's got a great simplicity about it, and I'm sure it'll be an iconic structure and certainly have a lot of visitor interest and involvement."

Pam Rhodes, Presenter, BBC Songs of Praise

"It seems worth sharing real, true life experiences of people who found that simply by praying, by opening their hearts to God, that changes comes; change for the better..."

PROJECT TEAM

Paul Bulkeley, Head Architect for Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer and Founder & Design Director, Snug Architects

"It's a structure of national significance and we are honoured to have played a part in the vision and the team that brings such a large-scale monument to the heart of the UK."

Renato Benedetti, Director of Benedetti Architects, and Chair of the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer RIBA judging panel

"It was clear to me from the beginning that this was the stand-out proposal. It's soaring sculptural form, meaningful elegant variety of spaces and clever use of the site, had the inspiring wow-factor to engage and enthral visitors. It's a privilege to be involved throughout and a joy to see the design mature and progress to the planning application. Well done everyone!"