

Prayer Movement Exploding in UK as Brits Turn to God

A new survey has found that one third of UK adults pray and attend church at least once a month.

The poll, conducted by Savanta ComRes and commissioned by The Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer, found that 31% attend church and take part in a service, and that 36% pray, either alone, with a small group or at church.

The findings, which sampled 2075 UK adults aged 18 and over, found that young people are particularly engaged spiritually with half (51%) of 18 to 34-year-olds praying at least once a month, compared to a quarter (24%) of those aged 55 and over. Meanwhile, half (49%) of 18 to 34-year-olds attend church at least once a month, compared to under a fifth (16%) of those aged 55 and over.

Despite many churches having been closed for months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many places of worship have moved their services online and seen an uplift in numbers.

Richard Gamble, founder of the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer, says, "Despite the narrative that the UK is a growing secular society, it is becoming increasingly clear that there is actually a growing spirituality in the nation.

"Many are now discovering that prayer is not a response of last resort but a conversation with God. Different faiths have different perspectives of God as a higher being, but Christianity teaches that God is a relational being who listens to our prayers and answers those prayers, sometimes in ways we could never have anticipated. Prayer without some expectation and hope of an answer is akin to talking in an empty room."

The Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer is new national landmark which will be double the size of the White House and aims to profile a million answered prayers in Birmingham. The public art piece will stand at 169 feet and is expected to attract 300,000 visitors each with half a million vehicles passing every day. {eoa}

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