

ENDORSEMENTS

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 compliments 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."

Lee Scott Former MP Ilford North, Former Government Special Advisor. Eternal Wall judging panel

"This great project is a wonderful idea to take forward prayer. To show belief is vital to the health and wellbeing of communities. There is so much that unites us. I wish this project much success and it has been an honour to be involved."

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."

Helen Nellis, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire

"I think it's incredibly exciting, it's a project that certainly touched my heart as soon as I read about it..."

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 Urquhart, 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."

Gavin Calver, CEO, Evangelical Alliance

"Incredible to think about how many answered prayers are held within this initiative."

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, of times God has heard our cries for change, for healing, for provision, for peace. 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."

Paul Manwaring, On Bethel Church's Senior Leadership Team

"Good news is about to become contagious. God is alive and He is good. This project to build a wall declaring the testimonies of Jesus, not in bible times or other countries but here in the UK is one of the most exciting, brave and adventurous building projects of our times. "If walls could talk," well this one will and it will tell of the wonders of our God!"

Tim & Sue Eldridge, Founders, Presence Ministries

"I feel that right now our nation needs hope! Our nation needs good news and our nation needs to have something positive to camp around.... and ETERNAL WALL is a fantastic way to bring hope, share positivity and to come together to celebrate all the stories that will be represented. It will be a beacon to our nation that we believe in the power of prayer and that faith really does change things."

Steve Botham, Director, World Prayer Centre

"World Prayer Centre are delighted to partner with Eternal Wall. Our passion is to mobilise and inspire prayer and what could be a better tool for that than a million stories of answered prayer. Prayer is shaped by our relationship with Jesus – we believe Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer will open up many people's eyes to our compassionate, forgiving, merciful Jesus in exciting new ways."

Ian Nicholson, International Director, 24/7 Prayer

"The history of these islands, and our impact on the world, have been shaped by praying communities over millennia. The idea of a lasting, symbolic celebration of the power of Christian prayer coupled with a living, permanent prayer community is fantastic - its time has come."

Andy Geers, Creator, PrayerMate

"Prayer is powerful because the God we pray to loves to *answer* those prayers. We love the vision behind Eternal Wall of celebrating the ways God has answered so many prayers in the past in order to build our trust in him for the future."

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..."

Terry Durose, Chairman, BACM

"The City Mission Movement U.K. is founded on and steeped in prayer and so we need no convincing of the importance of this project. This bold initiative will raise awareness of prayer and will make a clear statement to our nation that we can place our trust in God at all times."

Carl Brettle, CEO & Founder, 100M

"It is rare to come across a project which will capture the imagination of the whole Nation. Seeing a monument to Answered Prayer will be an inspiration to millions as they believe for their own miracle. This project will raise faith, turn heads, and challenge us all to recognise the faithfulness of God in our lifetime."

Tony Hodges, Founder, City Vision

"Eternal Wall is one of the most inspirational concepts in our generation. Given appropriate support from the Body of Christ it will bless generations to come."

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."

Jack Lovell, Founder & Director, Morgan Sindall

"I absolutely love Eternal Wall. I can't wait to go and visit and take my family and friends. I think it's that good, it's smashing."

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."

Carl Brookes, Director - Engineering Simulation at Ramboll

"It is not often that opportunities to work on such ground-breaking architecture occur, and so we are absolutely delighted to be working with Snug and the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer team on delivering this national monument. To develop the engineering required to make the truly radical and gravity defying form of the Möbius strip reality will be both challenging and thrilling. Undoubtedly this will be an inspirational, thought-provoking and iconic structure for generations to see and visit."

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!"