



SOUTHGATE SNIPPETS

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Do you believe in the 'power of prayer'?

If you enjoy watching films and looking out for the latest release you will be aware of one of the latest war films, 'Dunkirk'.

Just a few of our fellowship would have been alive when the evacuation of Dunkirk really took place. Britain was close to defeat during the Second World War, and the **entire** British Army was trapped at Dunkirk. In desperation George VI called for a National Day of Prayer. This was held on 26th May 1940. In a national broadcast he instructed the people of the UK to turn back to God in a spirit of repentance and plead for Divine help.

Millions of people across the British Isles flocked into churches praying for deliverance and there were extraordinary scenes outside Westminster Abbey as people queued for prayer.

Two events immediately followed. Firstly, a violent storm arose over the Dunkirk region grounding the Luftwaffe which had been trying to kill thousands of our troops on the beaches.

And then, secondly, a great calm descended on the English Channel, the like of which hadn't been seen for a generation, which allowed hundreds of tiny boats to sail across and rescue 335,000 soldiers, rather than the estimated 20-30,000. From then on people referred to what happened as "the miracle of Dunkirk".

How wonderful it would be if our nation would repent and seek divine help, through prayer again. In the meantime, you can be sure your prayers are important and be encouraged as 'The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective' James 5 v16. It would be great to see you at the next prayer meeting!

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