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Grieving Muslim father calls for calm amidst racial tensions

A Muslim father whose son was one of three Pakistani men run down and killed during the riots in Birmingham has been praised after calling upon his community to stay calm and refrain from engaging in violent reprisals.

Dudley Road, Birmingham where three men were killed during riots

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British politicians and church leaders concerned over nation's moral decline

As Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron announced this week , tackling the "broken society" is back at the top of his agenda following the recent riots.

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Firefighters douse a shop and flats destroyed by arson during the initial rioting in Tottenham, London
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Christians take action after London riots

Churches across London have taken action following the recent riots that caused destruction in many of the capital's suburbs.

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Hundreds of local people help in the post-riot clear-up at Clapham Junction, London

Village church ransacked as vandals attack on day of riots

A village church in Northampton was ransacked by vandals on the day riots swept through the nation.

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Church of St Peter and St Paul, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England
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Christian bookshop at centre of riots saved

A Christian bookshop threatened in the riots in London last week has been miraculously protected.

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The Cornerstone Bookshop, Lavender Hill, London, after the riots

Operation Nehemiah Prayer

- In response to the riots in London and other locations across England last week, please pray for peace to be restored and maintained on the streets.
- Street Pastors founder Les Isaac called upon churches to pray strategically during these difficult times. He said: “Pray for the police to maintain law and order; for parents to take greater responsibility over their children; for the young people out late at night not to be drawn into further lawless behaviour; for young people within the church to join together in praying for their generation; for young people of other faiths and no faith, who are law abiding; and for God to help us all to be a part of the solution.”
- Pray for the Christian bookshop in Clapham Junction that had windows destroyed during the riots. Praise God that the shop was saved from being set on fire and that all the items were not touched. Pray that they will be able to get back to normal as soon as possible and that the shop will continue to be a witness in the Lavender Hill area.
- Pray that the church that has been ransacked by vandals in Northamptonshire this week will be encouraged by the support and commitment of the village in helping them clear the damage. Pray that the church will feel a sense of hope during this time and be effective in the Nether Heyford community.