

Address to the Throne

12 September 2022

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty:

The Assembly Officers of the United Reformed Church, acting on behalf of its General Assembly, send our sincere condolences for the loss of your mother Her Majesty Elizabeth II and share with you in grief for the loss of our Queen.

Through seventy years including times of crisis, conflict, innovation and development, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's reign was marked as one of dignity, stability and servanthood. Both as a denomination and as local United Reformed Churches across Wales, Scotland and England, we have been sharing in our nations' grief for her passing and giving thanks for her most remarkable life of dedicated Christian service. As a devout Anglican and Presbyterian her faith shone from her words and deeds. Her contribution to the life of our nations, the commonwealth, and beyond will be remembered with gratitude for generations to come. She inspired respect from across political and ideological spectrums.

We are grateful for the care with which you and your family are responding to the global grief at Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's passing, whilst cradling your own more personal losses. Be assured of our prayers for you and your family in this fragile time.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's passing also shifts the heavy responsibility of the crown onto your brow. Throughout your public service you have already shown many years of concern and support for the health of our planet and the flourishing of all humanity. We pray that in the days and years ahead the passion, hope and faith which has shaped you will continue to strengthen you and shine through your reign.

In this time and throughout your reign, may the peace of Christ which passes all human understanding keep your heart and mind in the knowledge and the love of God.

May God strengthen, sustain and guide you always.

Yours in Christ,



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