

## A Prayer in Response to the announcement of the Insolvency of British Steel

God of all care and wisdom,

We pray for those affected by the news at British Steel;

Workers and their families,

those in related businesses,

the community around them.

We pray at this time of uncertainty and worry that you will help them find support and care, help and understanding.

*Pause*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those in government and business who are charged with the task of looking to the future.

Give them compassion and insight, wisdom and skill in their handling of every aspect of this situation.

*Pause*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for a positive outcome, that jobs might be saved, and minds put at rest.

*Pause*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those involved already in providing help and support for those in need, praying particularly for the work done by The Forge and local foodbanks.

Be with them as they anticipate and plan for what may be needed from them in the future.

*Pause*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

And we pray for ourselves, our sisters and brothers in other chapels, churches and other places of worship.

Inspire and empower us, in the words of John Wesley, to:

Do all the good we can,  
By all the means we can,  
In all the ways we can,  
In all the places we can,  
At all the times we can,  
To all the people we can,  
As long as ever we can.

*Pause*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**