

“Prayer is warfare. Just getting to prayer is half the battle; staying there is the other half.” Anonymous

“On the basis of the record of the whole Bible, I would say that prayer and fasting combined constitute the strongest single weapon that has been committed to God’s believing people.” Derek Prince

“The greatest impact any of us can have on Christ’s global cause is to be involved in consistent prayer for the whole world and to teach other Christians how to pray this way.” David Bryant

The Strategic Prayer Initiative -- August 2018

Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!

- ❑ 1. **Senior Pastor** / _____ -- Pray that your pastor would maintain a life of personal holiness (1 Peter 1:16). Please also circle the day of your birthday (for example the 6th) as a second day each month that you pray for the Senior Pastor.
- ❑ 2. **Persecuted Christians** / “[T]he Christian Association of Nigeria...urged Christians not to relent in praying for their leaders and the country...” Christians in the northern regions of Nigeria are being targeted by Fulani militants and Bok Haram militants. More than 350 people were killed in June and International Christian Concern reports “the deaths of more than 1,350 Christians in Nigeria’s Middle Belt in 2018.” Christian Association of Nigeria reports as high as 6,000 killed. Pray for the Pastors of the Church in Nigeria to preach hope and continue to boldly proclaim the Gospel. Ask God to comfort and meet the physical needs of the thousands of refugees displaced by this violence. Pray that the persecutors come to Christ and that believers would grow in their faith. Pray for protection of women at risk of being abducted and forced to marry Muslim men. Source: www.persecution.org
- ❑ 3. **U.S. Supreme Court** / Pray for God to draw Chief Justice John G. Roberts into a deeper relationship with Himself. Pray that the Lord would speak into Chief Justice Roberts' life in many ways, including through his dreams. Pray that God would help him to make decisions that would be in keeping with the purity and character of the living Judeo/Christian God.
- ❑ 4. **Unreached People Groups** / Pray that God would raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 2,050,000 member Somali people group of Ethiopia (BRAJ).
- ❑ 5. **Each Country’s Leader** / President Mokgweetsi Masisi, the primary leader in the country of Botswana, Africa (2,038,587): Pray that this leader would be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that would help the gospel to spread freely in his country, and allow his people to live in peace. A key source: World Prayer Map via www.ehc.org [“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority...{so we can have peace and see people saved}” 1st Timothy 2:1-4]
- ❑ 6. **Bibleless People Groups** / Pray that the Sika people from Indonesia would have the New Testament translated into their language. They currently do not have the Scriptures in their heart language. Source: www.wycliffe.org/
- ❑ 7. **Additional Pastors &/or Staff** / _____, _____, _____, Pray for this person (or people) as you feel led by the Holy Spirit. When applicable, also pray the above prayer for your Senior Pastor for this/these individual(s) as well.
- ❑ 8. **An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for all of the children, and the workers, who live at the Stafford Centre #2, Burkina Faso (Africa). Pray the staff would have the Holy Spirit’s help in raising up genuine Christian disciples with each of the children. Pictures of the home can be seen at www.kinshipunited.org. Ask the Lord to help your church to adopt an orphanage (see James 1:27).
- ❑ 9. **Abortion Clinics & Alternatives** / Capital Care Women's Center - 4818 Indianola Ave, Columbus, OH ([Abortion Clinic](#)). Pray the Holy Spirit would compel all patients to insist on seeing an ultrasound of their fetus/baby. Pray that no fetus/baby with a beating heart would be aborted. Pray the leaders of this center would be seeking God’s will concerning these weighty matters.

Ohio Right to Life - 88 East Broad Street, Suite 620, Columbus, OH ([Alternative To Abortion](#)). Pray that today, (the 9th of August 2018), God would compel one or more pregnant women considering abortion to come to this center via word-of-mouth, ads, or supernatural means. Pray that each would clearly know God led them and that they would choose not to abort.
- ❑ 10. **Pornography and Other Addictions** / Surveys indicate that many individuals in your church are struggling with pornography. Pray that they would be moved by the Holy Spirit to seek help. Ask God to provide them with two trusted friends to prayerfully support them in gaining victory over this area of sin.
- ❑ 11. **The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 1/3 of the Worlds’ Population)** / India - Training Christian workers is an important need that is immediately urgent and essential in the long term. Pray for degree level seminaries and an increased stream of well trained, spiritually passionate workers with a burden for effective ministry in their nation. Source: Operation World
- ❑ 12. **The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ would supernaturally intervene on behalf of Shiite Muslim leaders who are sincerely attempting to love God with their whole heart. Ask Christ to speak to them directly, as He did for the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus. (Jeremiah 29:13)
- ❑ 13. **Community Institutions** / Many communities contain businesses/organizations whose practices serve (some unknowingly) “the forces of evil” (adult bookstores, tarot card readers, churches of false religions, etc.). Choose one from your community and pray in the authoritative name of Jesus Christ that the Lord would diminish its effectiveness.

- ❑ 14. **The Strategic Prayer Initiative** / If you are not familiar with the efforts of the Strategic Prayer Initiative™ (SPI™), here is a short summary. Our primary mission is to use research, Scripture (Psalm 119:105), prayers for guidance (Matthew 21:22), experimentation, and many counselors (Proverbs 15:22) to help develop and refine prayer methodologies. Our focus is to refine approaches that are “undeniably effective” in moving large numbers of Christians to develop and/or maintain “good prayer lives” and to focus those prayers as one critical element of becoming more effective in fighting the spiritual battle. This battle is against sin, evil, injustice, and for the eternal souls of hundreds of millions of women and men throughout the world. **Please pray for the Lord to raise up more laborers, prayers, and financial resources for this endeavor.** (See SPI Workshop Video for background information at PrayerCords.org)
- ❑ 15. **Christian Ministries** / Gospel Recordings - GRN seeks to effectively communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ, through audio recordings, to all peoples in their own language. Pray for wisdom for the leadership as they strive to use their finite resources in the most effective fashion. (Source: www.ehc.org)
- ❑ 16. **U.S. House Of Representatives** / Sam Graves MO, 6th - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- ❑ 17. **Top 7 Leaders From Each State** / NJ - Sen. Bob Menendez - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- ❑ 18. **President’s Cabinet** / Sec. of Housing and Urban Development - Ben Carson - See Supplemental Prayer Guide for additional prayer suggestions.
- ❑ 19. **The Nations** / Israel - Pray for the Church in Israel to be bold in witness, perseverant in faith in that proselytism is increasingly opposed and seen as a threat to Judaism. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6). Ask God to pour out a spirit of unity between Messianic Jews and Arab Christians.
- ❑ 20. **The Poor** / Pray for God to raise up Christian ministries and resources to meet the needs of over 12 million orphans in Africa. A major cause of the growing orphan crisis in the world is the AIDS epidemic. These children are often alone and vulnerable. (Gal. 2:10 and Matthew 25:45-45)
- ❑ 21. **The Church** / Pray that the Lord would raise up and train the next generation of leadership for the American church. (James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)
- ❑ 22. **The Family** / Pray that God would protect marriages from sexual temptation and adultery. Pray this specifically for two couples you know.
- ❑ 23. **The Education System** / Pray that this fall, at colleges and universities all over the country, the Holy Spirit would lead students (especially freshman) to churches, campus ministries, and friendships that would help them to maintain or grow a strong faith.
- ❑ 24. **Cultural Influencers** / John Travolta (Actor) Pray that God would infuse the decisions of this cultural influencer with a strong moral dimension and that he would help move people toward our Holy Creator, not away from Him. Pray for God’s personal impact on his life. Source: mastermediaintl.com
- ❑ 25. **Power Players in Film and Television** / Jenno Topping (Producer: Planet of the Apes, Hidden Figures, The Greatest Showman) Pray for God’s personal impact on her life, for guidance and wisdom, and for this individual to come to a deeper relationship with the living God. Pray that God would infuse the decisions of this individual with a strong moral dimension. Source: mastermediaintl.com
- ❑ 26. **Television** / Ask the Lord to bring men and women, excellent in knowledge, skills, and abilities, and with high morals, into favor at all levels of the ABC network, and cause the removal of dishonest employees. Additionally, continue to pray specifically that God would stop nudity from becoming part of broadcast television in the United States.
- ❑ 27. **Important Legal or Relief Situation** / Ask God to fill the vacant Supreme Court Justice seat with a person who would be courageously impartial in every case. Pray this person would be beholden only to God and not beholden to any person, ideology or group. As God draws this person to Himself, pray that this person would render decisions that are right and just before God and in accordance to our nation’s constitution and laws. Pray that the Senate would quickly approve any such candidate.
- ❑ 28. **Personal Revival** / Pray that you would be shown any sin in your life and given the strength to resist it (1 Cor. 10:13). Pray that you would be led to **an ever-deepening personal relationship with the Lord** (Luke 10:27). [Following is a spiritual growth resource for you to consider. *Streams In The Desert* (A Daily Devotional) by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman. These resources are typically available through a local Christian bookstore or at www.CBD.com / 800.247.4784]
- ❑ 29. **National Revival** / Pray that the Holy Spirit would be poured out on the United States, bringing deep conviction of sin, and ushering in an extended season of national repentance, conversion, pursuit of holiness, and social responsibility. Additionally, pray that any schemes of the Enemy to thwart God’s plans and truth, in the nation, your church, or in your home, would have no effect.
- ❑ 30. **Laborers** / Jesus Christ taught that the majority would see eternal destruction and only the minority would take the narrow path to eternal life (Mt. 7:13-14 & 7:21-23). Pray as He directed that “laborers” would be raised up to help more find the narrow path to heaven. [The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord...to send out laborers. Mt. 9:37-38]
- ❑ 31. **Neighbor** _____ **Co-worker** _____