

“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 2021

Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!

- ❑ **1. Senior Pastor** / _____ -- Pray that your pastor will maintain a life of personal holiness (1 Peter 1:16). Please also circle the day of your birthday (for example the 19th) as a second day each month that you pray for the Senior Pastor.
- ❑ **2. Persecuted Christians** / Praise God for answering the prayers of Christians in Mali, where 5 men were abducted by Al Qaeda-linked jihadists. Less than 72 hours after their abduction, the men were dropped off on the side of a the road near a villiage because their car had broken down. With the mediation of local leaders, the kidnappers decided to abandon the vehicle and free the five hostages who had become a burden to them. Praise God for broken-down vehicles and answered prayers. Pray for the Christians of Mali, who are under constant threat of abduction and persecution. Pray that the kidnappers change their hearts toward the Lord as a result of the time with the Christians. (Source: www.opendoorsusa.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 will speak into Chief Justice Roberts' life in many ways, including through his dreams. Pray that God will help him to make decisions that will be in keeping with the purity and character of the living Judeo/Christian God. Pray that the Lord will bring future justices of His choice onto the Court in His sovereign timing.
- ❑ **4. Unreached People Groups** / Pray that God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 16,680,000 member Rajput (Muslim traditions) group of Pakistan. (Source: www.joshuaproject.net)
- ❑ **5. Each Country’s Leader** / Pray that Daniel Ortega Saavedra, the primary leader of Nicaragua (6.6 million), will be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that will help the gospel to spread freely in his country, and allow people to live in peace. A key source: Complimentary 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;}” 1Timothy 2:1-4]
- ❑ **6. Bibleless People Groups** / Pray that the HUICHOL (20,000) people of Mexico will have the New Testament translated into their language. They currently do not have the Scripture 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 Manasseh Kinship Project in Kenya. Pray the staff will 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** / Hope Medical Group for Women - 210 Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA ([Abortion Clinic](#)) - Pray that the Holy Spirit will compel all patients to insist on seeing an ultrasound of their fetus/baby. Pray that no fetus/baby with a beating heart will be aborted. Pray that the leaders of this center will seek God’s will concerning these weighty matters.
CARE Pregnancy Center - 921 Shreveport-Barksdale Hwy, Shreveport, LA ([Alternative To Abortion](#)) - Pray that today, (the 9th of August 2021), God will compel one or more pregnant women considering abortion to come to this center via word-of-mouth, ads, or supernatural means. Pray that each will clearly know God led them and that they will 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. Ask your church to consider "Conquer Series Videos."
- ❑ **11. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World’s Population)** / Indonesia - Just 76% of boys and 78% of girls in Indonesia attend secondary school. Pray that the children will stay in school — that they and their families will prioritize education for a future free from poverty. (Source: www.compassion.org)
- ❑ **12. The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of Hindu 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 or organizations whose practices serve (some unknowingly) “the forces of evil” (tarot card readers/fortune tellers, zones of prostitution, churches or temples of false religions, etc.). Choose one from your community and pray in the authoritative name of Jesus Christ that the Lord and his angels will 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 early SPI Workshop Video for background information at www.SPIprayer.org)
- ❑ **15. Christian Ministries** / CRU - CRU's (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) purpose is helping to fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit by winning people to faith in Jesus Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to win and build others. Pray that the workers draw upon God for strength and love for all they reach out to. (Source: www.ehc.org)
- ❑ **16. U.S. House Of Representatives** / Gary Palmer, AL 6th - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- ❑ **17. U.S. Senate and President** / MI - Sen. Debbie Stabenow - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption. Pray for God to draw President Biden and Vice-President Harris to Himself and make decisions that allow Christians “to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” Pray for Godly wisdom and divine revelation if any corruption. (2 Timothy 2:2)
- ❑ **18. President’s Cabinet** / Secretary of Commerce - Gina Raimondo - See Supplemental Prayer Guide for additional prayer suggestions.
- ❑ **19. The Nations** / Yemen - Pray for the Gospel to go forth in power despite current legal restrictions. Pray for freedom from the narcotic qat that holds 80% of Yemeni adults captive. Pray for the desperate economic situation to ignite a longing for lasting hope and security. Pray for provisions for so many who suffer hunger in this nation where famine is prevalent. (Source: www.prayercast.com)
- ❑ **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 Matt. 25:44-45)
- ❑ **21. The Church** / Pray for a fresh hunger and thirst for the Word of God. Pray that every believer, whether young or old, would cling to the Scriptures for guidance, sustenance, and hope for everyday living. (James 1:22-25, James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)
- ❑ **22. The Family** / Pray that husbands and wives will make adequate time for each other. If married, pray this for your marriage.
- ❑ **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** / Tim Allen (Actor) Pray that God will infuse the decisions of this cultural influencer with a strong moral dimension and that he will help move people toward our Holy Creator, not away from Him. Pray for God’s personal impact on his life. (Source:www.mastermediantl.com)
- ❑ **25. Power Players in Media** / Lachlan Murdoch - Chairman & CEO, Fox Corp./Executive Chairman, NOVA Entertainment Pray for God’s personal impact on his life, for guidance and wisdom, and for him to come to a deeper relationship with the living God. Pray that God will infuse his decisions with a strong moral dimension. (Source:www.mastermediantl.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 CBS 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** / Pray that schools will not try to impede free speech of students during graduations like they did to valedictorian Elizabeth Turner of Michigan. Praise God that after receiving a letter from First Liberty Institute saying that the actions were unconstitutional, the school allowed Elizabeth to say, “For me, my future hope is found in my relationship with Christ.” in her valedictory speech. (Source: www.wng.org)
- ❑ **28. Personal Revival** / Pray that you will be shown any sin in your life and given the strength to resist it (1 Cor. 10:13). Pray that you will be led to **an ever-deepening personal relationship with the Lord** (Luke 10:27). [The following is a spiritual growth resource for you to consider. *The Joy of Prayer* (A 40-Day Devotional) by Dr. Alvin VanderGriend. These resources are typically available through a local Christian bookstore or at www.ChristianBook.com / 800.247.4784]
- ❑ **29. National Revival** / Pray that the Holy Spirit will 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, will 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” will 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** _____