"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 -- October 2021

Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!

1. Senior Pastor / Pray that your pastor will be kept safe from the enemy's attacks and temptations. Please also circle the day of your birthday (for example the 31st) as a second day each month that you pray for the Senior Pastor.
2. Persecuted Christians / Pray for God's protection for an infant (and others like her) born to Christian parents in Afghanistan as Kabul fell to the Taliban. Pray for her safety and the safety of believers and their children as they face great danger. Ask God to strengthen and give wisdom and courage to leaders. Pray that the faith of believers would stir the worldwide Church to their defense and support. Pray that God would give wisdom to international leaders to stand for the most vulnerable. Pray that individuals within the Taliban would come to know Christ and that God would speak to them miraculously, even in their dreams. Pray for Afghan believers (who often must keep their faith a secret even from family) to connect and fellowship with at least one other believer in person, by phone or through some other technology. Pray that God will remind them that they are not alone, but are part of the global body of Christ. As Muslims in Afghanistan see this cruel face of Islam, pray that they will be drawn to Jesus Christ, the shepherd Savior who doesn't oppress but instead chose to lay down His life for His sheep. Pray for the wisdom of front-line workers, and pray that God will open new pathways for them to continue their work under Taliban control. (Source: www.opendoorsusa.org and www.persecution.com)
3. U.S. Supreme Court / Pray for God to draw Justice Samuel Alito into a deeper relationship with Himself. Pray that the Lord will speak into Justice Alito's 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.
<b>4.</b> Unreached People Groups / Pray that God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 16,384,000 member Fulani group of Nigeria. (Source: www.joshuaproject.net)
5. Each Country's Leader / Pray that President Laurentino Cortizo Cohen, the primary leader of Panama (4.3 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 <a href="www.ehc.org">www.ehc.org</a> ["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]
<b>6. Bibleless People Groups</b> / Pray that the KAAKYE (80,000) people of Ghana 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 /,,,,
<b>8.</b> An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers / Pray for all of the children, and the workers, who live at the Matibo Kinship Project in Uganda. 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 <a href="https://www.kinshipunited.org">www.kinshipunited.org</a> . Ask the Lord to help your church to adopt an orphanage (see James 1:27).
<b>9. Abortion Clinics &amp; Alternatives</b> / Jackson Women's Health Organization - 2903 North State Street, Jackson, MS ( <u>Abortion Clinic</u> ) - 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.
Center for Pregnancy Choices - 114 Office Park Plaza, Jackson, MS ( <u>Alternative To Abortion</u> ) - Pray that today, (the 9 <sup>th</sup> of October 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 / Pray that Christian individuals and families would be sensitive to the Holy Spirit concerning the purchasing and viewing of movie channels (such as HBO, etc.). These channels often bring soft-core pornography into their homes. Pray they would cancel these services and consider a more God-honoring alternative. (Ephesians 4:30).
11. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World's Population) / India - The work of Christian non-profits has suffered from the fact that it has been made very difficult to receive financial support from abroad. Pray for changes in rules and regulations. Almost everyone in the country now has Internet access and as a result Christians and others have more access to Christian materials. However, Hindu hard-liners are attacking the Christian media, accusing them of evangelism. Pray people have freedom to access Christian materials online. (Source: www.opendoorsusa.org)
12. The Damascus Road Petition / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of Hinayana (Southern) Buddhist 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.

31. Neighbor Co-worker
<b>30.</b> 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 Lordto send out laborers. Mt. 9:37-38]
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.
<b>28. Personal Revival</b> / 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 <b>an ever-deepening personal relationship with the Lord</b> (Luke 10:27). [The following is a spiritual growth resource for you to consider. <i>Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret</i> by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor (Biography). These resources are typically available through a local Christian bookstore or at www.ChristianBook.com / 800.247.4784]
27. Important Legal or Relief Situation / Pray for the people who are still experiencing the havoc created by Hurricane Ida. Pray for God's provision and presence. Pray for Christian aid agencies to have wisdom, resources to help the people still suffering from the aftermath. Pray that people draw closer to God and that His presence would be felt amid their turmoil.
<b>26. Television</b> / Continue to pray specifically that God would stop nudity from becoming part of broadcast television in the US. This is now normal in France and the enemy of righteousness would like it to be normal over US airwaves as well. Additionally, ask the Lord to bring men and women with high morals into favor at all levels of CBS, and to cause the removal of dishonest ones.
<b>25. Power Players in Media</b> / Mark Pedowitz - President The CW Network (Arrow, The Flash, Supergirl) 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.mastermediaintl.com)
<b>24.</b> Cultural Influencers / Drake (Rapper) 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.mastermediaintl.com)
23. The Education System / Pray additional high profile scientific discoveries will take place that will illustrate the improbability of unassisted macro evolution and highlight the likelihood of a Creator.
22. The Family / Pray that God would help parents set right priorities to establish consistent devotional time in their own lives as well as seriously consider having regular devotions with their children.
21. The Church / Pray for the Holy Spirit to raise up prayer teams, at all Bible-believing churches, to pray for their pastor's protection from sin and demonic forces. (James 1:22-25, James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)
20. The Poor / Pray that God would open up job opportunities this month for those underemployed or unemployed. (Gal. 2:10 and Matt. 25:44-45)
19. The Nations / Honduras - Pray for unity and cooperation among various denominations within the growing evangelical community. Pray for an end to extreme poverty, homelessness, and drug addiction among urban children. Pray for truth and justice to prevail over government corruption. (Source: www.prayercast.com)
18. President's Cabinet / Secretary of Health and Human Services - Xavier Bacerra - See Supplemental Prayer Guide for additional prayer suggestions.
17. U.S. Senate and President / MA -Sen. Elizabeth Warren - 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 that they would make decisions that allow Christians "to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:2)
16. U.S. House Of Representatives / Jerrold Nadler, NY 10th - Pray for God's blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
15. Christian Ministries / Lausanne Movement - The Lausanne Movement's unique calling is to connect influencers and ideas for global mission. Ask God to provide wisdom to the leaders of this organization. (Source: www.ehc.org)
14. The Strategic Prayer Initiative / If you are not familiar with the efforts of the Strategic Prayer Initiative (SPI <sup>TM</sup> ), 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)