

There are ideas in our hearts, there are aspirations, there are groaning, there are sighings that the world knows nothing about; but God knows them. God knows exactly what is happening. Martyn Lloyd Jones

The Strategic Prayer Initiative – UK December 2021

1. **Pastor** / Pray that your pastor will have a solid amount of quality time with his family.
2. **Persecuted Christians** / Pray for Shanti in India, who was harassed after converting to Christianity. Her family moved to a new village where her son Sanjiv shared their testimony. Many became Christians, inciting Hindu extremists to grab Sanjiv and beat him and have the family taken to the police station on charges of forcefully converting villagers. The police beat them even more. Shanti says: "Christ Himself was rejected by His own; what are we?" Pray that this family perseveres in face of opposition. Pray for God's protection and that they will be able to share their testimony wherever they go. Source: Open Doors
3. **UK. Supreme Court** / Pray that God will draw Justice of The Supreme Court, Right Hon Lord David Kitchen into a deeper relationship with Himself. Pray the Lord will speak into Justice Kitchen's life in many ways. Pray God will help him make decisions in keeping with the purity and character of the living God.
4. **Unreached People Groups** / Pray God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 16,045,000 member Arab, Iraqi group of Iraq. Source: www.joshuaproject.net
5. **Each Country's Leader** / Pray that President Jair Bolsonaro, the primary leader of Brazil (212.6 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.
6. **Bibleless People Groups** / Pray that the Khoekhoegowab (251,200) people of Namibia will have the New Testament translated into their language. Source: Wycliffe
7. **Technical Ministry** / Pray for all those in your church who are involved with the running of visual and audio equipment and their ministry to the church body and those that benefit from broadcast services.
8. **An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for all of the children and workers, who live at the Nyasi 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.
9. **Abortion** / Almost 1,500 women did not go through with their abortion newly released data in Ireland has revealed. Current legislation requires a three-day waiting period, which must elapse between the first consultation and proceeding with an abortion. Thank the Lord for saved lives, for strong action to change laws and greater awareness of the horrors of abortion. Source: Right to Life
10. **Addictions** / Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of members of your church that have spending addictions. Pray they seek first the Kingdom of God in their financial responsibilities and put their financial house in order, joining a financial planning ministry for overspending if necessary.
11. **The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World's Population)** / Indonesia - Pray for Christian converts from Islam who are heavily pressured to renounce their faith in this, the world's most populous Muslim country. Pray they would have access to Bibles and community. Pray that churches who are trying to obtain locations for worship would find favour with the government and be granted freedom to gather and worship in peace. Source: Open Doors
12. **The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders of Bahaiism 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. **Her Majesty the Queen** / has encouraged the Church of England to continue in its 'supreme task': "to bring the people of this country to the knowledge and the love of God". Her Majesty has called on the church to focus on the unchanging Gospel of Christ. The Queen has often spoken of her deep Christian faith. Last year, in her first Easter message, she asked the country to 'take heart from the risen Christ'. Thank God and pray for our Monarch. Source: Christian Institute
14. **Durham University** / has promoted prostitution and pornography to its students. The 'Students involved in the Adult Sex Industry' course says it addresses "the challenges that student sex workers can face", but fails to mention any dangers or organisations that help women leave the sex trade. Durham follows the universities of Newcastle, Manchester, and Leicester in offering similar courses. Student outrage was joined by Government concern, with the Minister for Higher and Further Education, Michelle Donelan, warning that Durham's approach was legitimising a dangerous industry. Pray these courses will be eliminated and students involved in prostitution would be freed. Source: Christian Institute
15. **Christian Ministries** / The Evangelical Alliance is the oldest evangelical unity movement in the UK (1846), made up of organisations, churches and individuals, joined together for the sake of the gospel. EA works to resource Christians so that they are able to act upon their faith in Jesus, to speak up for the gospel, justice and freedom in their areas of influence.

16. **Evangelicals in the UK** / There are an estimated 2 million Evangelicals in the UK. According to research performed by the Evangelical Alliance, 87% of UK evangelicals attend Sunday morning church services every week and 63% attend weekly or fortnightly small groups. Pray for the purity of the church in the UK and a greater move of God amongst us and society at large.
17. **David Moyes** / is currently the manager of Premier League Club West Ham United. He left London during the pandemic and worked in his home village in Lancashire delivering fruit and vegetables to those in need. Moyes is said to be a devout Christian. Pray for David to be salt and light in the cutthroat world of professional football. Source: Wikipedia
18. **Prime Ministers Cabinet** / Nadhim Zahawi serves as Secretary of State for Education. A member of the Conservative Party, he has been Member of Parliament for Stratford-on-Avon since 2010. Pray of him, his important role in Education and his wife Lana.
19. **The Nations** / Nicaragua - Pray for the Church to both proclaim the Gospel and seek justice for the oppressed. Pray the government seeks the good of its impoverished people. Pray for Gospel-centred unity among the various Christian denominations. Source: www.prayercast.com
20. **Pornography** / Last month, the High Court granted Loannis Dekas, 52, and student Ava Vakil permission for a judicial review after the Government announced it would not be implementing a 2017 law to require pornographers to introduce strict online age verification checks. The High Court judge has now ruled that the Government's failure is arguably an abuse of power and violation of the human rights of parents and children. The case will now proceed to trial." Pray for this case to result in stricter controls of this societal curse. Source; Christian Institute
21. **The Church** / Pray that families within our evangelical community will become more involved in extending hospitality to their homes in caring for church visitors, students, the hurting and the lonely.
22. **The Family** / Pray that divisions, strife, and disharmony in marriages and families could be healed through the power of forgiveness sought through Christ. Pray for a spirit of humility to reign.
23. **The Education System** / Pray for stronger Christian fellowships to be raised up in high schools across the country. Ask the Lord to bless relationships in these fellowships giving students strength to live lives pleasing to Christ.
24. **Christmas Eve** / Pray for our Queen as the nation plans to listen to her Christmas message tomorrow. Pray that many throughout the UK will seek and be drawn to Jesus, the incarnation of God and His revelation to man.
25. **Christmas Day** / *Joy to the world, The Lord is Come.* What a wonderful day to praise your Heavenly Father for sending His Son. In your prayers confess any sin that you have been struggling with and seek His help to grow closer to Him.
26. **Boxing Day** / Pray that believers across the UK will have a joyful Spirit filled day as they worship the Lord today.
27. **Important Legal or Relief Situation** / Pray for the safety of the people of Afghanistan, including 300,000 civilians who worked alongside Americans during the 20-year conflict (police and judges who previously convicted Taliban members). Pray for the wisdom and effectiveness of volunteers and evacuation groups around the world (military veterans, former diplomats, human rights monitors, churches and other religious affiliates, and attorneys). Pray for the 1,600 Afghan Christians desperate to flee the country. Pray for the estimated 12,000 believers, who are largely Muslim converts and face dire risks under a Taliban government. Pray that the Christians remaining will experience God's comfort and that they will be used by God to be lights to their neighbours and the Taliban. Source: www.wng.org
28. **US evangelist Franklin Graham** / is scheduled to tour the UK in May next year. Graham intends to share and explain what it means to be a Christian and why Jesus came to earth. So far venues have been arranged for Liverpool, South Wales, Sheffield and London with others to follow. Pray for this forthcoming Gospel presentation. Source: Premier
29. **Reverend Michael D Parker** / will be taking over as Chaplain General of the British Army in 2022. He was commissioned into the Royal Army Chaplains' Department in 2000. Operational service has taken him to Northern Ireland, Iraq and Afghanistan. He stated "the words of Charles Wesley have been a constant – Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work, and speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the holy fire, and still stir up thy gift in me" Source: Premier
30. **National Revival** / Pray the Holy Spirit will be poured out on the United Kingdom, 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 be defeated
31. **The New Year** / Pray that with all the besetting struggles, may many souls afraid and longing for peace and relief find it in the one who said "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

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