

The Strategic Prayer Initiative – UK January 2022

- 1. The Sovereignty of God** / As this New Year begins numerous problems face our nation and world. The covid pandemic, possible invasions of Ukraine and Taiwan, plights of refugees and displaced persons along with many others. God declares through Isaiah 43:1 "I am the Lord, and besides me there is no Saviour." Let us trust in the Lord God and remain faithful whatever events unfold this year as we await the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2. Pastor** / Pray your pastor will maintain moral accountability with a few close confidants. Also, circle the day of your birthday as a second day each month that you pray for your Pastor.
- 3. Conversion Therapy** / The Government Equalities Office has extended consultation to Friday 4 February 2022 on this controversial issue. If you haven't yet responded, you now have more time to do so. It is imperative the Government understands what it means to protect the religious freedom of good parents and faithful churches. Pray that many people will take action as encouraged by the Christian Institute info@christian.org.uk
- 4. Unreached People Groups** / Pray that God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 15,602,000 member Kumhar (Hindu traditions) group of India. Source: www.joshuaproject.net
- 5. Each Country's Leader** / Pray President Emmanuel Macron, the primary leader of France (67.4 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 KUPSAPIINY (250,000) people of Uganda 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. Instagram** / The company has announced plans to introduce a set of parental control features that will give parents and guardians more oversight and control over their teens' social media usage. The new parental controls are set to be introduced across the platform in March of 2022. Pray that these measures will be greatly effective. Source: Forbes
- 8. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for all of the children, and the workers, who live at the Nzoia 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** / Care Quality Commission inspectors ruled that abortion provider BPAS Doncaster scored 'inadequate' marks for safety. On the clinic's management, inspectors said there was 'non-compliance' of the service to notify the regulator (Care Quality Commission) regarding serious incidents, events that stop service and police involvement in line with provider registration. Pray that this and other abortion services will be investigated for violations of the law and closed. Source FWI
- 10. Nigeria** / Religious leaders and activists are particular targets of terrorist groups like ISWAP, Fulani militia and kidnappers. Pray for protection over religious leaders in the north and center of the country, including Reverend Yunusa Nmadu, the CSW team of staff and volunteers who often travel to very dangerous places in order to meet with victims. Source: Christian Solidarity Worldwide
- 11. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World's Population)** / China - Pray for the growth of believers from minority people groups that are from Muslim and Buddhist backgrounds. Pray for Chinese Christians to stand strong amidst tightening religious restrictions and to engage in cross-cultural missions effectively. Pray that teenage and young believers will enter a deeper walk with Jesus in the midst of their materialistic environments. Source: Open Doors
- 12. The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders of Jainism 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. Morocco** / There are no church buildings in Morocco. Bible distribution and missionary activity are not allowed in the country. Christians have difficulty finding fellowship, but networks of underground churches have developed. Several Christians have been imprisoned on charges of apostasy and proselytizing. Pray for believers here. With the rise of digital technology and social media, more Moroccans are coming to faith in Christ. Source: Voice of the Martyrs
- 14. Free Speech** / Michael Buerk, one of the BBC's most distinguished broadcasters has hit out at the pernicious effect of 'woke creep' at the corporation. In an article for the Radio Times, he argued that new and intolerant "orthodoxies" were increasingly shaping editorial choices at the BBC. Pray that the tide towards the restriction of free speech and honest dialogue will be reversed. Source: The Christian Institute
- 15. Christian Ministries** / Wycliff Bible Translators - Wycliff Bible Translators has helped people around the world translate the Bible into their own languages for over 70 years. Ask God to help the translators and to give them a love for the people they are working with. Source: www.ehc.org
- 16. Keir Starmer** / says he has seen first-hand the work of Christians during the pandemic and described churches as "a source of great inspiration for all of us". Writing in the Labour Party's 'Churches Update' he says the Christian values of "generosity, kindness and hope ... have shone

through these past two years." The Labour leader singles out the scaling up of foodbanks and the willingness of churches to offer their buildings to be used as vaccination centres. Pray that regardless of our individual political views the Christian Church will evolve to be a beacon of light and truth in a decaying society. Source: The Christian Institute

17. Persecuted Christians / Pray for the wife of a pastor in the Macomia district of Cabo Delgado, northern Mozambique. Her husband was brutally murdered by Islamist extremists on 15 December. The incident is the latest act of brutality in a region that has suffered much from shocking violence in recent years. Pray for protection of believers in Mozambique Source: Barnabus Fund

18. Politics / Pray for **Paul Givan** who has served as First Minister of Northern Ireland since 17 June 2021 and is a member of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP). Givan is a creationist who was responsible for schools in Lisburn teaching creationist alternatives to evolution. All post-primary schools have had to "develop teaching material in relation to creation, intelligent design and other theories of origin. Pray also for his wife Emma and his three children. Source: Wikipedia

19. The Nations / Djibouti - Pray for wisdom for Christian workers in Arab-focused ministries. Pray for the nomadic Afar, who are essentially unreached with the Gospel. Pray for encouragement and perseverance for those ministering in extremely difficult conditions. Source: www.prayercast.com

20. The Poor / Pray for the spiritual needs of the poor in the New Year. Pray they would find new hope through a sound, Bible-believing church that they could attend regularly. Consider inviting someone to yours. (Gal. 2:10 and Matt. 25:44-45)

21. Stonewall / Over 400 nurses and midwives have called upon the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) to quit Stonewall's 'Diversity Champions' scheme and its Workplace Equality Index. In an open letter to the regulatory body, healthcare professionals raised serious concerns about the damaging effect of the controversial LGBT lobby group's radical gender ideology on their daily duties. Pray the pressure influence of Stonewall will be defeated. Source: Christian Institute

22. The Family / Pray for Christian fathers throughout our nation to rise up and become the servant leaders of their family. Pray that they would be a good example to their children and that Christ would help them to view their wife's needs equal or higher than their own. (Phil. 2:3 & Eph. 5:28)

23. Covid / Pray the many non-believers who have viewed bible-based services throughout the pandemic will be drawn to the Lord through the Holy Spirits work be welcomed and join a professing congregation.

24. Cultural Influencers / Pray for Oscar-winning actor Denzel Washington who has expressed his desire to live a God-honouring life in a world where he says people are increasingly becoming 'lovers of self'. Washington has spoken about how important it is to remove himself from the many conflicting narratives of the world, which he says are leading people astray. Washington is the son of a Pentecostal minister and became a Christian himself at the age of 20. Source: Premier

25. Drugs / Please pray that the trafficking of illegal drugs in your community will come to a complete stop. Pray for the safety of your local police as they face danger protecting your neighbourhoods from the violence and dangers associated with drug use.

26. China / Please continue to pray for our Chinese Christian brothers and sisters as they work to advance the gospel despite growing opposition. Ask the Lord to grant them endurance for the days ahead and to make them "strong and very courageous" (Joshua 1:7) Source: Voice of the Martyrs.

27. Important Legal or Relief Situation / Pray for the more than seven million people in need of humanitarian aid in northern Ethiopia. Efforts to mobilize assistance in Tigray – where more than five million lack food and an estimated 400,000 now live in famine-like conditions – are made more difficult due to the inability to move cash, fuel and supplies into the region. Pray for God's peace to miraculously prevail in the ongoing Tigray crisis and for vulnerable people to be protected from the violence. Source: www.news.un.org and www.worldvision.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 book is a spiritual growth resource for you to consider. *Holiness* J. C. Ryle.

29. National Revival / Pray that 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 no effect.

30. Labourers / 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 "labourers" will be raised up to help more find the narrow path to heaven. [*The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord...to send out labourers. Mt. 9:37-38*]

31. Psalm 9:17 / declares that it is possible for an entire nation to forget God. Pray that God will not be lost or forgotten by the generations and leaders who will comprise the UK's future.

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