

“The true church lives and moves and has its being in prayer”  
“The only power that God will yield to is that of prayer” Leonard Ravenhill

## ***The Strategic Prayer Initiative – UK July 2020***

*Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!*

- ❑ **1. Pastor** / Pray that your Pastor will maintain a strong prayer life especially with the responsibilities he carries. Please also circle the day of your birthday as a second day each month that you pray for your Pastor e.g. birthday on the 11<sup>th</sup>, circle and pray on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ❑ **2. Persecuted Christians** / Pray for the church in China which has many restrictions. Many are forbidden from having church online, others are ordered not to evangelize, link to outside sources, or contact anyone not registered in that particular church congregation. Pray that authorities don't retaliate further because they feel threatened by Christians, who have demonstrated courage and generosity over the past few months. Source: Open Doors
- ❑ **3. U.K. Supreme Court** / Pray God will draw Justice of The Supreme Court, Right Hon. Lord Burrows (appointed June 2020) to make decisions in keeping with the purity and character of the living God.
- ❑ **4. Unreached People Groups** / Pray that God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 29,416,000 member Bania group of India.
- ❑ **5. Central African Republic** / Embroiled in bloody conflict since 2013, most of the Central African Republic remains occupied by armed militia groups, with numerous rebel splinter groups targeting Christians specifically. Over the last year, fighting and attacks have intensified, forcing an increase in the displacement of tens of thousands of people from their homes—the highest numbers since 2014. Christian leaders who publicly denounce the violence endure threats on their lives. Source: Open Doors
- ❑ **6. Each Country's Leader** / Pray President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the primary leader in the country of Turkey (81 million), will be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that will help the gospel to spread in this Muslim country, and allow all people to live in peace.
- ❑ **7. Christian Ministries** / Teen Challenge UK - Teen Challenge's mission is to provide teens and adults freedom from addiction and other life-controlling issues through Christ-centered solutions. Pray for unity, provision and wisdom for leaders.
- ❑ **8. The Family** / Pray that husbands and wives will make adequate time for each other. If married, pray this for your marriage.
- ❑ **9. Bibleless People Group** / Pray that the Lobiri (220,000) people of Burkina Faso will have the New Testament translated into their language. Source: Wycliffe
- ❑ **10. Parliament** / Pray for Rt. Hon Desmond Swayne MP, Conservative Member of Parliament for New Forest West. Raised in a Christian family he made a commitment to Christ at a Crusader Camp in Swanage as a young man and believes his work like any other should reflect the Christian Faith every day in some measure. Source: Christians in Parliament
- ❑ **11. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World's Population)** / Indonesia - Nominalism has blighted the Church in areas that have been Christian for centuries: Manado in North Sulawesi, North Sumatra, West Timor and Maluku. Many denominations are spiritually lifeless and riddled with carnality, internal politics and active practice of indigenous occultism. Pray that these bodies experience renewal and revival with many having a true conversion experience. Source: Operation World
- ❑ **12. Television** / BBC presenter Dan Walker in a recent interview explained that having real faith makes a difference to your behaviour. The BBC Breakfast and Football Focus presenter also said it gives him a greater awareness of his role in society and the impact he has on others. Walker said: “I would like to think it reduces pride and self-obsession and makes you think more carefully about the people around you, and the impact you're having. Thank God for Dan and pray for his witness. Source: The Christian Institute
- ❑ **13. Medicine** / Pray for Christian healthcare workers at this time of crisis, to shine like stars in the sky as they hold firmly to the word of life (Philippians 2:15). Pray for boldness to make the most of the many opportunities to share the hope and love of Christ with patients and colleagues. Source: CMF
- ❑ **14. Corona Virus** / Pray for retired NHS workers who have returned to assist with the pandemic such as Maria Caulfield, the Conservative MP for Lewes. Caulfield returned to the NHS in March as a cancer nurse treating patients with Covid-19 at the Royal Marsden Hospital in Brompton. She answered the appeal by Health Secretary Matt Hancock for former doctors and nurses to help support medical efforts during the coronavirus outbreak. She is a member of the Conservative Christian Fellowship. Source: The Irish News
- ❑ **15. Divorce** / MPs recently approved the no-fault divorce Bill for England and Wales. Under pre-existing law, a divorcing spouse had to prove the ‘irretrievable breakdown’ of the marriage, but the Government wanted to remove this need, and brought forward a Bill to allow people to divorce in just six months, without having to give a reason. Pray that many couples including Christians who seek a divorce will seriously ponder their proposed course of action and seek honest and biblical counseling.

- ❑ **16. Abortion** / The British Pregnancy Advisory Service claims abortion by pill is safe, however their website lists as possible complications a 2% chance of retaining some fetal tissue, a 2 in 1,000 chance of infection or haemorrhaging, and a 1 in 100,000 chance of death for the mother. Those risks are on top of the drugs' common side effects, which include vomiting and diarrhoea. Pray for Pro life organizations such as Life Charity, a pro-life organization that offers supplies and housing to pregnant and new mothers and provides counseling to post-abortive women over the phone. Source: World
- ❑ **17. Addictions** / Drug addiction knows no boundaries, but it is often most devastating among those in the cycle of poverty. Pray the Lord would grant Christians the wisdom and motivation to help those incarcerated in this lifestyle. Pray for Rehabilitation Facilities such as Teen Challenge UK.
- ❑ **18. Important Legal or Relief Situation** / Pray food-supply chains remain unhindered due to COVID-19 regulations. Pray that food, seeds, aid, etc. reaches those in need. Pray for the nearly one billion people worldwide who currently go to bed hungry each night and the 135 million who suffer acute food insecurity where lack of food is of a severity that threatens lives and livelihoods. COVID-19 restrictions are predicted to almost double the number to 265 million people who will suffer acute hunger by December 2020
- ❑ **19. The Lord's Day** / Senior Government Ministers have warned PM Boris Johnson against lifting existing restrictions on Sunday trading warning strong" opposition if the Government pushes ahead with the plans.
- ❑ **20.** The Labour Party has publicly opposed the move. John Barstow, Chief Executive of shopworkers' union USDAW, said: "The Government's proposals to extend supermarket Sunday trading hours are unnecessary and disrespectful to retail workers and to Sunday as a day of rest." Source: The Christian Institute
- ❑ **21. The Nations** / Denmark - Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring revival to the Church where many have become disillusioned. Pray for biblical thinking to replace the secular, postmodern worldview prevalent among the youth. Pray for financial support for full-time pastors and teachers who are anchored in the truths of the Bible. Source: www.prayercast.com
- ❑ **22. The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray the Lord Jesus Christ would supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders of Shintoism who are sincerely attempting to love God with their whole heart. Ask Christ to even speak to them directly, as He did for Paul on the road to Damascus. (Jeremiah 29:13 and Acts 17:24-32)
- ❑ **23. Education** / Schools will be allowed to delay teaching sex and relationships lessons until next year, the Department for Education (DfE) has said. Relationships Education is set to become compulsory in primary schools from September, along with Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) in secondary schools, but the DfE has now said schools may postpone teaching it until the summer term begins in April 2021. Pray for parents and teachers involved and concerned about this legislation. Source: Christian Institute
- ❑ **24. Cultural Influencers** / Orlando Bloom - English actor age 39. (*The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Hobbit* trilogy, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Troy*, *Kingdom of Heaven*.) Pray God would infuse the decisions of this cultural influencer with a strong moral dimension. That he would help move people toward not away from our Holy Creator, Pray for God's impact on his life. Source: mastermediaintl.com
- ❑ **25. 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 during and following the Corona Virus. Pray 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.
- ❑ **26. The Lord's Day** / Pray for the moving of the Holy Spirit in our church family and those observing our worship service via the internet today.
- ❑ **27. The Church** / Pray that all believers in our church family will maintain or develop strong prayer lives individually and together corporately and witness the impact that faithful prayer has.
- ❑ **28. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for the children, and workers, who live at the Kampong Chnang Kinship Project in Cambodia. 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](http://www.kinshipunited.org).
- ❑ **29. Power Players in Media** / Brian Grazer - Producer (Apollo 13, Curious George franchise, 24 franchise, Empire, American Made) Pray for God's personal impact on his life, for guidance and wisdom. Pray that God will infuse his decisions with a strong moral dimension.
- ❑ **30. Personal Revival** / Pray you would be shown any sin in your life and be given the strength to resist it (1 Cor. 10:13). Pray for holiness and an ever-deepening personal relationship with the Lord (Luke 10:27). The following is a spiritual growth resource for you to consider. *Knowledge Of The Holy* by A.W. Tozer
- ❑ **31. Neighbour** \_\_\_\_\_ **Co-worker** \_\_\_\_\_

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