

Time spent in **prayer** will yield more than that given to work. Let our chief work as God's messengers be intercession; in it we secure the presence and power of God to go with us. **Andrew Murray**

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

- ❑ **1. Pastor** / Pray our pastor will be kept safe from the enemy's attacks and temptations. Please consider circling the day of your birthday (for example the 21<sup>st</sup>) as a second day each month that you pray for your pastor or priest.
- ❑ **2. Persecuted Christians** / Pray for Nasir, a 65-year-old convert to Christianity in Bangladesh. His wife and children called other family and nearby villagers to force him to return to Islam. When he refused he was beaten, tortured and kicked out of his home. His family members took the deed to his land, his money and cell phone. The family has also threatened Selim another Christian, for allowing Nasir to stay with him. Pray that Nasir remains steadfast in his faith. Ask God to give wisdom to Selim in dealing with this threat and pray Nasir's family would find Christ and be reunited. Source: Open Doors
- ❑ **3. U.K. Supreme Court** / Pray God will draw Justice of The Supreme Court, Right Hon. Lord Stephens to make decisions in keeping with the purity and character of the living God. Also pray for his family. Lord Stephens hails from Northern Ireland and was appointed to the Court on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.
- ❑ **4. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for all the children and workers, who live at the Bosnia 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](http://www.kinshipunited.org).
- ❑ **5. Unreached People Groups** / Pray that God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the population (25,098,000) of North Korea.
- ❑ **6. Each Country's Leader** / Pray that President Jair Bolsonaro, the primary leader in the country of Brazil (208 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 Christians and other minorities to live without persecution. ["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}" 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:1-4]
- ❑ **7. The Strategic Prayer Initiative** / Recently there has been new interest shown in this ministry of which the prayer guide (pink sheet) is part. Pray there will be serious interest and implementation by other churches in helping their members develop and maintain "good prayer lives" using this ministry or another.
- ❑ **8. Christian Ministries** / Youth for Christ - is about spreading the message of Jesus to various age groups in rural and urban areas. YFC staff and volunteers meet with young people who need Christ, focusing on multiplying fruitful and sustainable ministry sites across the nation and around the world. Pray the workers draw upon God for strength and love for the children.
- ❑ **9. Local Politics** / Mr Richard Bacon, MP for South Norfolk since 2001 is a member of the Public Accounts Committee, investigating overspending, delays and failures with Government schemes and projects. He is also a member of the International Development Committee which monitors the policy, administration and spending of the Department for International Development. Pray the Lord will guide and give wisdom and discernment to Mr Bacon as he serves his constituency and the country at large.
- ❑ **10. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World's Population)** China - holds astounding influence on world economics and politics. Countless billions of pounds have been invested in Asia, Africa and Latin America to develop trade and goodwill and to exert influence. China itself remains politically oppressive and is wracked with corruption. Pray for God's sovereign hand at work in and through the Chinese government; that wickedness be exposed and the oppressed and persecuted be given justice and freedom.
- ❑ **11. The Church in Syria** / Syria is mentioned in the Bible approximately 300 times. Damascus is mentioned about 60 times. Today the country's years-long civil war has left it in turmoil. Christians are caught in the crossfire between government troops and rebel forces, especially at the frontlines. Additionally, Christians are at risk if forces antagonistic to Christianity rule their home regions. Pray for the people of Syria that internal and external strife will cease and Christ's church will be rebuilt.
- ❑ **12. Parliament** / Pray for Ian Paisley MP, the DUP Member of Parliament for Antrim North. Mr. Paisley trusted the Lord Jesus at an early age having been raised in a Christian home. He states that his changed life gives him inner peace and an indescribable foundation. He believes his faith mandates his political duty to improve society and that politics is primarily about loving people. Source: Christians in Parliament
- ❑ **13. House of Lords** / Members of the Lords (the upper house of Parliament of the United Kingdom) help make and shape laws and hold the government to account. Pray the 797 members will work cohesively with honesty and integrity and help protect our nation from unjust or excessive legislation.
- ❑ **14. Prime Minister's Cabinet** / Pray for Rt. Hon Priti Patel MP and Secretary of the State for the Home Department. Also, pray for her family.
- ❑ **15. Community Institutions** / Many communities contain businesses/organisations whose practices serve (some unknowingly) "the forces of evil" (adult bookstores, tarot card readers, churches of false religions, etc.). Choose one from your community and pray in the authoritative name of Jesus Christ that the Lord will diminish its effectiveness.

- 16. The Poor** / Pray that God would open up job opportunities this month for those underemployed or unemployed (Galatians 2:10 and Matthew 25:44-45).
- 17. 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, hope for everyday living and for becoming proficient in sharing the Word with those who do not know the Lord.
- 18. The Family** / Pray for Christian fathers throughout our nation to rise up and become the servant leaders of their family. Pray 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.
- 19. The Nations** / Lesotho is (an independent country totally surrounded by its neighbour, the Republic of South Africa. It gained independence from the UK in 1966.) Pray for believers working in HIV/AIDS related ministry to spread hope through Christ. Pray for the mighty hand of God to banish animistic traditions in the church. Pray for more Christian workers with adequate resources for ministering to IV drug users. Source: [www.prayercast.com](http://www.prayercast.com)
- 20. Important Legal or Relief Situation** / Pray for the problem of food insecurity in the Democratic Republic of Congo. One in six of its residents are facing hunger every day. Armed groups hiding in the dense tropical forests wreak havoc on local civilians and farmers are prevented from accessing their fields. Sometimes whole villages are raided and burnt to the ground. There are mass internal displacements that disrupt food supply chains. Also there are unceasing waves of Ebola, measles and now COVID-19 to add to food insecurity. Source: World Relief
- 21. Praise** / The Christian medical ministry, Mercy ships has recently announced the completion of the *Global Mercy* — the world's largest civilian hospital ship. This 174-metre, 37,000-ton ship is outfitted with state-of-the-art technology, 6 operating theatres and 199 hospital beds. Medical training is a critical part of the in-country engagement programme, therefore the ship is equipped with a training centre that includes a simulation lab, classrooms, and more. Each year, over 16.9 million people die because they cannot access safe surgery with a large percentage of these deaths occurring in Africa, where the fragile and limited healthcare systems cannot support the overwhelming need for safe surgical procedures. Thank the Lord for this wonderful tool for modern day "Good Samaritans."
- 22. The Lord's Day** / Pray you may be refreshed and invigorated by the Lord today. Pray you'll hear something which aids you in worship and gives new insight into the glorious love of Christ.
- 23. Medicine** / NHS England's only gender identity clinic has defended prescribing hormone blockers to children as young as ten. However detransitioner Keira Bell is taking action to make it illegal for children to be prescribed hormone treatments. Counsel for Bell, Jeremy Hyam QC, said: "There is evidence that hormone blockers can have significant side-effects, including loss of fertility and sexual function and decreased bone density." Pray for all children caught up in this issue. Source the Christian Institute
- 24. Abortion** / In 2019, France registered a record number of abortions since the beginning of the 1990s, with over 232,000 abortions, 8,000 more than the previous year. The majority of these abortions are now being performed by chemical means. A law aiming to extend the period of legal abortion without conditions in France was adopted recently by the National Assembly. The law has yet to be ratified by the Senate. Pray that this legislation will be defeated and that many of those women pained by abortion and its consequences will come to know the Lord of life. Source: Family Watch International
- 25. Television/Radio** / Pray the Lord will stay the hand of all who purposely use this medium to promote evil. Pray that more Godly content would be aired and pray for all those who are believers in broadcasting.
- 26. Traditional Marriage** / In October last year, Reverend Harry Coulter was forced to stop an event at Balmoral Hotel in Belfast for his biblical beliefs about marriage after a member of the public complained. The hotel has now apologised unconditionally and refunded Harry's booking fee and paid his legal costs. Its letter to Revd Coulter expressed "sincere regret" at the actions of its staff to Harry and his guests. Pray for the Lords restraining hand as more cases like this continue to occur. Source: The Christian Institute
- 27. Covid 19** / As uncertainty climbs over the length of time and the impact of this virus, pray our church family will be a light to our community. Pray for the practical outreach efforts and that many will find the hope that is in Christ alone.
- 28. Missionary work** / Pray for a missionary that you support, if you don't have one in mind there are many good websites that will help you find someone. Why not make an decision today to read a biography of a famous missionary such as Gladys Aylward, C.T Studd, Amy Carmichael, Hudson Taylor, Jim Elliot etc. and let your soul be invigorated and challenged.
- 29. 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.
- 30. Being a witness** / Pray for a neighbour, friend or work colleague the Lord would impress on you to speak of Christ and the gospel.
- 31. Neighbor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Co-worker** \_\_\_\_\_

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