

“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 September 2020***

- ❑ **1. Pastors** / Pray for the physical health of your pastor and his family. Pray he finds time for physical exercise to help keep limber. Please also circle the day of your birthday as a second day each month that you pray for him.
- ❑ **2. Persecuted Christians** / Pray for Bindu and her children in India. Her husband Kande was dragged from home, beaten and murdered by villagers (including Kande’s brothers) because their family chose to follow Christ. Pray for Bindu as she mourns her husband and cares for her 2 children. Pray for other believers in India, who risk everything to follow Jesus—ask God to protect them and to help them remain faithful and grant rest and peace to weary souls. Source: Open Doors
- ❑ **3. U.K. Supreme Court** / Pray God will draw Justice of The Supreme Court, Right Hon. Lord Kitchen to make decisions in keeping with the purity and character of the living God, and bring the future Justices of His choice in His sovereign timing.
- ❑ **4. Unreached People Groups** / Pray that God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 31,028,000 member Pashtun group of Pakistan.
- ❑ **5. Prime Ministers Cabinet** / Pray for Rt. Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons. Rees-Mogg, a Catholic, has stated he will not shy away from his religiously-informed views on abortion and same-sex marriage.
- ❑ **6. Bibleless People Group** / Pray the Gabri Maja (73,000) people of Chad will have the New Testament translated into their language. Source: Wycliffe
- ❑ **7. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the Worlds’ Population)** / India - The world’s least-evangelized peoples are concentrated in India. Of 159 people groups of over 1 million people, 133 are unreached. Hundreds more groups of fewer than 1 million are unreached. Also, 953 ethnic groups have populations greater than 10,000; of these, 205 have no church and little to no outreach from Christians. They can be found in every state, although they tend to be more in the north. Pray God would send and enable workers to reach these unevangelized people. Source: Operation World
- ❑ **8. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for the children, and workers, who live at the Stafford Center 2 Kinship Project in Burkina Faso, Africa. 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)
- ❑ **9. Gratitude** / Thank the Lord for health during this pandemic season. Pray for those you know who are ill or sick and are in need of comfort.
- ❑ **10. Mali** / The recent military coup in Mali West Africa -- the latest upheaval in a cycle of turmoil lasting a decade -- follows months of mass anti-government protests and a worsening insurgency from Islamist militants north of the capital, Bamako. Along with Burkina Faso and Niger all three countries have struggled with the growing presence of Islamist groups. Unhappiness, particularly among young people, has been fueled by poverty, lack of employment and frustration over corruption. Around half of the country’s 19 million people are under the age of 18, and 43% of Malians live in extreme poverty. Pray for the citizens of this country, especially believers some of whom have been martyred this year.
- ❑ **11. Health Crisis** / Pray for the North Korean people. Together with the corona virus, major food shortages are yet another concern plaguing the minds of citizens. The country’s food situation is never good, but things are far worse this year. Food rations have dwindled over the months and food insecurity is once again one of the top problems throughout the country Source: The Diplomat
- ❑ **12. Open Air Mission** / Since 1853 OAM has gone out to the streets where people are and share the good news that there is a Saviour who loves them. “How shall they hear without a preacher?” (Romans 10:14b). There is always a need to take the gospel to people, where they are. It is arguably more urgent today than it has been for many generations. Pray for our church as we obey and go “outside the camp”
- ❑ **13. Youth** / Pray for the young people in our congregation and those that are reached through the church. Pray those that profess the Lord will grow deeper in their Christian walk. For those who have not surrendered to the Lord pray they may understand the gospel clearly and know God’s calling on their life.
- ❑ **14. The Nations** / Iceland - Pray for wise decisions concerning the best use of the abundant renewable energy resources in this land. Pray for youth to have hearts inflamed by Christ's love. Pray for a firm and thriving faith for Icelanders who have grown lukewarm. Source: [www.prayercast.com](http://www.prayercast.com).
- ❑ **15. The Church** / Pray there will be a greater witness of prayer in our homes and churches. Pray that church meetings will be full of praise, exciting and focused on others locally and globally aside from ourselves. Pray those in charge will be an example of leading holy and God honouring lives.
- ❑ **16. 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.
- ❑ **17. Education** / A report by the think tank, Policy Exchange said Parliament should make current legislation clearer and impress upon universities and colleges their duty to ensure academic freedom and freedom of speech. In recent years, students’ unions in England have denied pro-life and Christian student groups access to funding, and facilities such as stalls at freshers’ fairs. Education Secretary Gavin

Williamson indicated in February that the Government is ready to defend students' rights to freedom of speech. Pray that freedom of speech in the UK remains unrestricted. Source: Christian Institute

- ❑ **18. Parliament** / Pray for Alex Cunningham MP, Labour Member of Parliament for Stockton North. Alex came to faith in Christ in his early 30's and was baptized soon after. Entering politics after 40 Alex believes his Christian faith is his foundation when facing difficult issues that arise. Source: Christians in Parliament
- ❑ **19. Community Institutions** / Many communities contain businesses/organizations 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.
- ❑ **20. Medical Miracle** / The Parents of Laurel Phizacklea were advised to have an abortion. They have shared how their disabled daughter has defied doctors' expectations. Laurel was born with exomphalos major – a condition that means her stomach, bowel and liver are outside her body. Doctors said she would not survive birth and advised her parents Kelly and Sean to abort. They refused and say she has been a "true inspiration" and continues to amaze them every day. Pray for this family and the testimony they share to preserve life over selfish expediency. Source: Christian Institute
- ❑ **21. Sporting Witness** / In an interview with Premier Radio, England rugby union star Billy Vunipola recently shared how his faith in Jesus Christ helps him deal with the highs and lows of rugby and the pressures of competing at the highest level. Vunipola, has more than 50 England caps, and explained that despite the current restrictions preventing him playing, he is "most content" because of his faith in God and says he will continue using his position of influence to share Christ with others. Source: Christian Institute
- ❑ **22. Abortion** / 'After-birth abortion' or infanticide for babies with a disability is supported by more than 9 in 10 Belgian physicians shown in a recent survey. A poll of physicians surveyed "agree that in the event of a serious (non-lethal) neonatal condition, administering drugs with the explicit intention to end neonatal life is acceptable." While the term 'serious (non-lethal) neonatal condition' is not defined in the paper, similar unrestrictive wording in the UK Abortion Act has in practice allowed for abortion right up to birth for babies prenatally diagnosed with a disability – including Down's syndrome, cleft lip and club foot. Pray for Gods intervention and restraining hand in this human holocaust. Source: Right to Life
- ❑ **23. Important Legal or Relief Situation - Scottish Hate Crime Bill** The Scottish Police Federation, representing rank and file officers, has warned against new government hate crime legislation. The SPF argues the new law could lead to police "determining free speech and thereby devastate the legitimacy of the police service." Policing what people think or feel and the criminalisation of what is said in private is a frightening possibility. Pray this sort of legislation will not be signed into law anywhere in the UK
- ❑ **24. The Chinese Church** / Christians across China continue to be persecuted by Communist officials in the ongoing crackdown against houses of worship. A recent report states at least 400 Three-Self and house churches were either demolished, shut down or repurposed in Shangrao City of Jiangxi Province. Reports also circulate that the church in China is being honed and deepened by persecution. Continue to pray.
- ❑ **25. Ageing population** / Britain is experiencing a rapidly ageing population due to low / declining fertility rate - women in Britain are having fewer children. Also people are living longer, through improvements in health, diet and preventative care. These produce challenges including. *Gaps in the job market*, with businesses and public services lacking workforce and skills, *Pressure on healthcare and social services* and *Funding* public services and social housing: particularly in time of recession. Pray for legislators to address what could become a titanic problem requiring draconian measures in the future. Source: UK Government
- ❑ **26. The Lord's Day** / Pray that tomorrow one or more unconverted souls will be drawn to the Saviour through the ministry and witness of our church.
- ❑ **27. Cultural Influencers** / Lionel Messi is arguably the greatest footballer that has ever lived. He has an immense impact on millions who watch him play. He is a credit to sport in general not just football. He married his childhood sweetheart and regularly visits and interacts with children with severe disabilities. He has stated "I am more worried about being a good person than being the best football player in the world. When all this is over, what are you left with?" Pray this highly respected individual will be drawn to the living God and come to know Christ personally if he has not already.
- ❑ **28. Praise** / Thank God for the gift of life and the use of our faculties and the opportunity we are given to serve him and lay up treasures in heaven, which far exceed earthly investments
- ❑ **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 [You might want to visit the College of Revival at [www.collegeofrevival.org](http://www.collegeofrevival.org).]
- ❑ **30. Power Players in Media** / Reed Hastings - Co-founder & CEO Netflix (Breaking Bad, Orange is the New Black, Godless) 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.
- ❑ **31. Neighbor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Co-worker** \_\_\_\_\_

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