

“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 – August 2020

1. **Pastor** / Pray that the Holy Spirit will aid our pastor in sermon preparation and delivery. Please also circle the day of your birthday as a second day each month that you pray for the men.
2. **An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for the children, and workers, who live at the Mae Pa Kinship Project in Thailand. 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
3. **Gratitude** / Praise God that 18 Christian families (107 people) in Vietnam got food aid they desperately needed during the COVID-19 crisis through. These folk were refused food provided by the government because they are Christians. Pray the Lord will continue to protect them and give them wisdom and courage. Source: Open doors
4. **Unreached People Groups** / Pray that God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 29,079,000 member Algerian, Arabic-speaking group of Algeria.
5. **Niger** / While the church has mostly enjoyed religious freedom in recent decades, the overwhelming Muslim majority and external extremist influences continue to push for Sharia Law to be adopted in Niger. Radical Islam is also on the rise. It is only recently that the church (62K – 0.3% of the population) has become a target of militant Islamist groups. The justice system in the country is threatened by corruption, and those in authority who engage in corrupt practices are not adequately prosecuted Source: Open Doors.
6. **Each Country’s Leader** / Pray that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the primary leader in the country of Israel (8.4 million), will be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that will help the gospel to spread in this country. Pray also for the witness of our Messianic Jewish brothers and sisters.
7. **Christian Ministries** / Christian Books Worldwide (CBW) is dedicated to advancing knowledge of God in the poorest segments of the majority world by publication, translation, and distribution of biblical, evangelical, and reformed literature. The objective is to empower preaching pastors, Bible teachers, and evangelical leaders serving the world’s most disadvantaged communities where many have received little or no theological training and have few resources.
8. **The Family** / Pray that many Christian mentoring couples would be raised up to help those just starting married life.
9. **Bibleless People Group** / Pray that the Barrai (160,000) people of South Asia will have the New Testament translated into their language. Source: Wycliffe
10. **Parliament** / Pray for Rt. Hon John Glen MP the Conservative Member of Parliament for Salisbury who is Parliamentary Chairman of the Conservative Christian Fellowship. John became a Christian while a student in Oxford. He believes his faith gives a right perspective on life. Source: Christians in Parliament
11. **The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 1/3 of the Worlds’ Population)** / Religious freedoms in India deteriorated sharply last year as the government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi allowed “campaigns of harassment and violence” against Muslims and other religious minorities to continue, according to a U.S. watchdog group. Pray for all persecuted people including relatives of Christians who have been killed because of their faith. Source: The Washington Post.
12. **Television** / Sally Magnusson is a Scottish broadcaster and writer. She is the presenter of Reporting Scotland for BBC Scotland as well as Tracing Your Roots on BBC Radio 4 and is one of the main presenters of the long-running religious television programme Songs of Praise. Pray for Sally, a believer who has written extensively on the life of Eric Liddell the famous Scottish runner and missionary.
13. **Medicine** / Pray for honesty and integrity to rule in our health care system in the UK and those overseas. Payments by pharmaceutical and infant formula companies to doctors, sponsorship of meetings and the expectation that bribes are sometimes key to passing exams, professional promotion and everyday life are just some of the challenges facing doctors globally. While all doctors worldwide need to practice with skill and integrity – they also need discernment. Conflicts of interest and corruption and the potential impact on a doctor’s practice and the availability of healthcare, especially for poor people, can be significant. Source: Christian Medical Fellowship
14. **Corona Virus / India** - The number of confirmed Covid-19 cases continues to grow - Christians in India continue to be at the back of the queue when it comes to official aid and food. Millions of people are unable to go out for work and their source of income is at a standstill. Many Christians have been denied help explicitly because of their faith. A disabled Christian man and his family of six were bypassed. The local people aren’t giving him or his family any food. They have been opposed in their Village since they came to faith in Jesus. Source: Open Doors
15. **Conversion Therapy**/ Facebook and Instagram have announced they will be banning any content that promotes so-called “conversion therapy.” As reported by *CNN Business*, Facebook said it would be updating its “hate speech” policies “to include posts that advertise or promote the practice.” Pray for all those who wrestle with and sincerely desire to change especially those who come to know the Saviour. Source: Family Watch Int.

16. **Abortion** / On March 30th, without public consultation or parliamentary scrutiny, the UK Government controversially announced a policy that would allow 'DIY' home abortions. The policy meant women can obtain and administer medical abortion pills at home before they reach 9 weeks and 6 days gestation. Prior to the change, women seeking a termination would have to visit a clinic where they would undergo a routine ultrasound scan to assess gestational age. Since 'DIY' home abortions were introduced, significant problems have arisen. In May, it was revealed UK police were investigating the death of an unborn baby after its mother took 'DIY' home abortion pills while 28 weeks pregnant. Source: Right to Life

17. **Addictions** / Pray the Lord will supernaturally work out circumstances to cause the closing of companies providing verbal pornography (phone-sex) in the United Kingdom and in the world.

18. **Important Legal or Relief Situation** / Pray for provision for the people of Pakistan and East Africa where swarms of locusts have been destroying crops (which in one day can consume the food of 35,000 people). Ask God to prevent the eggs from hatching that are expected at harvest time. Pray that needed pesticides are able to get to these areas and that acute hunger does not result in these regions.

19. **Legislator** / Pray for SNP MP Dr Lisa Cameron received a death threat following her voting against a Bill that would deny women practical and emotional support outside abortion clinics. Dr. Cameron's vote against was the only one of the SNP party. Dr Cameron's role as the SNP's spokesperson on mental health has also been called into question by the abortion lobby, despite working as a clinical psychologist in mental health for over 20 years prior.

20. **UK Supreme Court** / Pray God will draw Justice of The Supreme Court, Right Hon. Lord Sales to make decisions in keeping with the purity and character of the living God.

21. **The Nations** / Paraguay - Pray for the Spirit of Truth to renew the Church and break the power of superstition. Pray for government leaders to embrace God's righteousness in place of corruption. Pray for followers of Jesus to unite across denominational lines. Source: www.prayercast.com

22. **The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray the Lord Jesus Christ would supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders of Judaism 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)

23. **Education** / Pray for teachers, students and staff at Mechinoh School, an Orthodox Jewish, independent, all-boys secondary school in Salford. Earlier this year it was deemed 'not meeting standards' by Ofsted and they run the risk of being shut down. School leaders and parents are resolute to not "actively promote" gender reassignment or homosexuality to pupils. Source: Christian Institute

24. **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 supports 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 man will be drawn to the living God and come to know Christ personally if he has not already.

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. **Persecuted Christians** / Pray for Miraha, a Christian woman in Guinea, who faces on going difficulties since her husband's death. Her Muslim in-laws tried to persuade her to convert to Islam, but she refused to abandon her faith in Christ. After escaping to a larger city a Christian woman invited her to stay with her. Pray for her two young daughters and that Miraha will find suitable work. Source: Voice of the Martyrs

27. **The Lord's Day** / Thank the Lord for still having the freedom to preach and teach the gospel in our country. Think and pray for one country where this is not granted.

28. **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

29. **Power Players in Media** / Annette Thomas- Chief executive Guardian media group. Pray for God's impact on her life. Pray God will infuse her decisions with a strong moral dimension.

30. **Prime Ministers Cabinet** / Pray for Ben Wallace MP Secretary of defence

31. **Neighbour** _____ **Co-worker** _____

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