

"Prayer is the slender nerve that moveth the muscle of Omnipotence" **Charles Spurgeon**

"Lord, let me make a difference for you that is utterly disproportionate to who I am. **David Brainerd**

The Strategic Prayer Initiative – U.K. February 2020

- 1. Pastor** / Pray your pastor will be kept from physical and emotional burnout. Please also pray on the day that has the same date as your birthday as a second day that you pray for your Pastor this month.
- 2. The Church** / Pray for a spirit of unity and cooperation to reign within our nation's Bible-believing churches. Pray our actions and speech would reflect Christ to each other. (James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)
- 3. Persecuted Christians** / The Chinese government sentenced Pastor Wang Yi of the Early Rain Church to 9 years in prison in January. The government stated that the charges relate to subverting state power and illegal business operations. Pastor Wang Yi posted a message: "I hope God uses me, to tell those who have deprived me of my personal freedom that there is an authority higher than their authority, there is a freedom they cannot restrain, a freedom that fills the church of the crucified and risen Jesus Christ." Pray for Pastor Wang Yi in prison and his family outside, may he be soon released. 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 134 million member Bangladesh group of Shaikh. These are people of pure Arab descent and those who have converted from Hinduism to Islam.
- 5. China** / Today, billions of people across China will celebrate the Chinese New Year. For Christians the New Year will bring increased scrutiny and persecution. The Chinese church is known for caring for marginalised groups in society such as orphans, the homeless and the underprivileged. The church is 97 million strong and growing and the government is worried. In order to stop a new generation of passionate Christians, children's church, youth groups and camps are forbidden. Pray for our Chinese brothers and sisters also other religious groups particularly Uygher Muslims facing severe persecution and even genocide. Source: Open Doors UK
- 6. Each Country's Leader** / Pray that Prime Minister Dean Oliver Barrow who is the primary leader in the country of Belize in Central America(400,000), will be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that will help the gospel spread freely in his country, and allow his people to live in peace.
- 7. Abortion** / The UK spends millions of taxpayer funds on abortion provision to third world countries via the Department for International Development to one of the world's biggest abortion providers, Marie Stopes International. Pray for this to end. Taxpayer money should be spent helping transition towards low maternal mortality rates in developing countries, improving women's literacy, maternal healthcare, water, sanitation, fertility rates and ending violence against women. Source: Christian Medical Fellowship
- 8. Bibleless People Groups** / Pray the Fuliru (400,000) people of Democratic Republic of the Congo will have the New Testament translated into their language. They currently do not have the Scripture in their heart language. Source: Wycliffe Bible Translators
- 9. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for all of the children, and the workers, who live at the House of Mercy Sorong in Indonesia. Pray the staff would 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
- 10. Parliament** / In December, Prime Minister Boris Johnson used his Christmas address to highlight Christian persecution around the world. He said that for millions, Christmas Day would be marked "in private, in secret, perhaps even in a prison cell". He continued: "As Prime Minister, that's something I want to change. We stand with Christians everywhere, in solidarity, and we will defend your right to practise your faith." Pray our Government will come through on their promise. Source: Chrisitan Institute
- 11. Praise** / 50 churches were allowed to reopen recently in the Wa Special Region in Myanmar (Burma), bordering China. Local church leaders issued a plea for prayer when a China-backed, communist influenced separatist group closed 100 + churches in 2018, demolishing some and banning the construction of new church buildings. At least 200 Christian leaders and workers were "investigated" and detained. All have since been released. Pray that this freedom will continue. Source: Barnabus Fund
- 12. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 1/3 of the Worlds' Population) / China** - Authorities have dramatically stepped up repression and systematic abuses against the 13 million Turkic Muslims, including Uyghurs and ethnic Kazakhs, in China's northwestern Xinjiang region. Authorities have carried out mass arbitrary detention, torture, and mistreatment of some of them in various detention facilities, and increasingly imposed pervasive controls on daily life. Pray against the stranglehold on religious freedom in China against Christianity and other faiths.
- 13. Medicine** / Pray for Myanmar Christian Health Workers Association (MCHWA) as they continue to start and strengthen student ministry in the country. Thank God for the strong discipleship groups in Yangon and Mandalay and pray that groups in Magway and Taunggyi would be built up. Source: The International Christian and Dental Association UK
- 14. The Church** / Ask God to empower believers to live a life of separation from the immoral practices of British culture. (Ja. 4:4 & 1 Pt. 2:11)

15. Gratitude / Thank God for the Christian foundation that has undergirded our nation in the past. Pray that as it cracks and crumbles we will do our part in remaining faithful and obedient to our Lord.

16. U.K. Supreme Court / Pray God will draw Justice of The Supreme Court, the Right Hon. Lord Lloyd Jones to make decisions in keeping with the purity and character of the living God.

17. Christian Ministries / Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a Christian charitable company founded in 1996. It is a national organisation specialising in debt counselling for people in financial difficulty, including those in need of bankruptcy or insolvency. It also provides Job Clubs for those seeking employment and Fresh Start Courses for people looking to overcome addictions and dependencies.

18. Important Legal or Relief Situation / Children are unable to give informed consent to medical interventions for gender dysphoria, says a former psychiatric nurse as she launches a landmark legal challenge to the High Court. Susan Evans says she is concerned that gender-confused children are being offered “experimental treatment.” “Children as young as perhaps nine or ten are being asked to give informed consent to a completely experimental treatment for which the long-term consequences are not known.” Pray the issues with these types of treatments would be revealed accurately and as soon as possible to would be consumers. Pray permanent decisions would be avoided by those still growing up.

19. Cultural Influencers / Letitia Michelle Wright 26 y.o. is a Guyanese-English actress who strongly professes her Christian faith and has played roles in several British TV series. Pray that God will infuse the decisions of this cultural influencer with a strong moral dimension and that she will help move people toward our Holy Creator. Pray for God’s continued impact on her life. Source: Wikipedia

20. The Nations / Mexico - Pray for the love and forgiveness of Jesus to overpower the power of drug cartels and the strongholds of crime, violence, and corruption. Pray for government leaders to repent of corruption and seek God's righteousness. Pray for empty religious traditions to be replaced by radical Christian discipleship.

21. Television and Radio / Pray for Premier Christian Radio which broadcasts 24 hours a day offering a wide and varied range of entertaining and informative programming based on the beliefs and values of the Christian faith. The major emphasis is on news, current concerns and lifestyle issues and there are also programmes that explain and commend Christian belief.

22. The Lord’s Day / Pray for the moving of the Holy Spirit in our church family tomorrow. Pray that visitors will be made very welcome and everyone especially our pastor will be encouraged.

23. Education / The Navigators exists to share the gospel and disciple people in all places. The Navigators includes a wide variety of ministries and a broad family of missionaries, supporters, and volunteers. The Navigators reaches and disciples people in need of the gospel where they work, live, worship, and play: on university/college campuses, military bases, inner cities, workplaces, churches, and local communities.

24. Christian Persecution / Pray for Christians in Iran, who continue to experience a wide range of violations of their right to freedom of religion or belief on a daily basis as the Iranian government effectively criminalises a faith it claims to recognise. Source: Christian Solidarity Worldwide.

25. The Damascus Road Petition / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ would supernaturally intervene on behalf of Jainism leaders who are sincerely attempting to love God with their whole heart. Jainism is one of the three most ancient Indian religious traditions. Ask Christ to speak to them directly, as He did for Paul on the road to Damascus. (Jeremiah 29:13)

26. Health / Cannabis remains illegal to possess, distribute, sell or grow in the UK currently. Medical marijuana is allowed but is highly restricted. With many Western Countries now legalizing this drug for recreational use it will inevitably causes problems such as increases in traffic fatalities, homelessness, school suspensions, A and E visits, crime etc. As one researcher concluded in Colorado USA “there is one and only one conclusion: the legalization of marijuana in the state is terrible public policy.” Pray for honesty and irrefutable evidence be brought forward regarding legalizing this drug in the UK.

27. 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).

28. Power Players in Film and Television / Mark Zuckerberg - (internet entrepreneur, founder and CEO of Facebook) Pray for God’s personal impact on his life 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.

29. International / Islamist militants in the Sahel region of West Africa (a semi-arid stretch of land just south of the Sahara Desert), are attacking army positions and civilians across the region with increasing regularity, despite the presence of thousands of troops from the countries affected and France. It is increasingly clear the problems facing Chad, Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso and Mauritania is not just the presence and activity of armed groups, but action is urgently needed to address a worsening humanitarian crisis, climate change and development challenges. Pray for West Africa. Source: BBC

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