

“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. April 2020***

*Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!*

- 1. Pastor** / Pray our Pastor will grasp “how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.” Please also circle your birthday as a second day for Pastor you can pray for your pastor each month (for example if your birthday is the 7<sup>th</sup> then also pray on day seven).
- 2. The Church** / Pray the Holy Spirit will lead us individually and corporately to be a witness and a comfort to those around us at home and with whom we come in contact. Whether at school, work, visiting the shops, meeting visitors/neighbours at church or helping the sick or elderly. May we bring the hope of Christ and the gospel of good news to everyone in these challenging days.
- 3. Persecuted Christians** / Praise God that Khan, a Christian convert from Islam in Central Asia, has recovered from the vicious attack upon him by his family after his baptism. Pray for him and his wife, who, as a result of the attack, feel called to share the gospel with Muslims. Pray that Khan’s Muslim family members, who are angry, would soften their hearts and come to know Jesus. Pray the couple would have wisdom and safety as they travel and share their story. 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 31 million member Burmese group of Myanmar.
- 5. China** / The Chinese Communist Party passed a series of draconian administrative measures for religious groups, which went into effect on February 1, bringing them completely under government control. Every aspect of the life of seminaries and religious communities is now subject to approval by the government’s religious affairs department, including the formation of programmes, gatherings, and daily schedules. As one Chinese Catholic priest commented “In practice, your religion no longer matters, if you are Buddhist, or Taoist, or Muslim or Christian: the only religion allowed is faith in the Chinese Communist Party. Pray God will powerfully move in this the most populous nation. Source: AsiaNews.
- 6. Each Country’s Leader** / President Vladimir Putin, the primary leader in the country of Russia (142 million), will be moved by the hand of God to enable the gospel to spread freely in this country. May the people of Russia receive greater nourishment spiritually.
- 7. Abortion** / Pray for Julia Rynkiewicz, a 24-year-old midwife student at the University of Nottingham who was recently blocked from entering her hospital placement phase, after the university learned of her pro-life beliefs and her leadership as president for Nottingham Students for Life (NSFL). “I think it’s important to remember that being pro-life isn’t incompatible with being a midwife,” Rynkiewicz, who is a Catholic, told The Daily Telegraph. The Abortion Act of 1967 allows for conscientious objection to abortions for healthcare providers. Source: Catholic News Agency
- 8. Bibleless People Groups** / Pray the Kambaata and Suri people (600,000) of Ethiopia will have the New Testament translated into their language. Source: Wycliffe Bible Translators.
- 9. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for the children, and workers, who live at the Aruba Kinship Project in Kenya. 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](http://www.kinshipunited.org)
- 10. Parliament** / Pray for Kate Forbes, SNP MSP for Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch, who was recently promoted to Scottish Finance Secretary, At a public meeting at Perth Baptist Church, she explained how her faith in God is her “anchor and frame of reference”, and she has learned not to believe what people say about her. She said Christians should encourage and pray for politicians, “whether you vote for them or not” and “when making decisions, I recognise that I know the boss of all bosses, and he sees everything I do. Source: The Christian Institute
- 11. Belgium** / In early March, Belgium’s Euthanasia Commission announced 2,655 Belgians were killed by euthanasia in 2019, an increase of 12.5% compared to 2018. One child is confirmed to have been killed. Belgium has some of the world’s most lax euthanasia laws which are not restricted to the terminally ill or to adults and people with psychiatric conditions are also eligible to be killed. Assisted suicide has been debated this year in the British Parliament led by Christine Jardine MP. A seminar in Parliament entitled, ‘*Palliative Care Not Assisted Suicide*’ was attended by MPs across the political spectrum who were addressed by Dr Dominic Whitehouse, a palliative care specialist. Source: LifeSite News
- 12. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 1/3 of the Worlds’ Population) / Indonesia** - New believers from a Muslim background often face rejection and persecution (including violence and occasionally martyrdom) for following Jesus. They can also find it difficult to fit into the existing Christian culture and church structure they encounter. Pray for households to come to Christ as a unit and to find healthy expressions of faith within their communities and cultures. Source: Operation World
- 13. Medicine** / The Africa Mercy Ship is a state-of-the-art medical hospital ship that offers clean water, reliable electricity, and care centres at ports of various African countries. It has a crew of 400 volunteers which includes medical staff of various disciplines; surgeons, doctors, nurses etc. It’s mission is to provide access to safe, affordable medical care by following the model of Jesus bringing hope and healing to the forgotten poor. Pray for the crew, staff and that all patients will find both physical and eternal healing.

- ❑ **14. The Poor** / The lack of education is a direct crippler of the poor. Pray that God would help tutoring programmes across the nation to flourish and grow as one vehicle of help for many of our underprivileged youth. (Gal. 2:10 and Matt. 25:44-45)
- ❑ **15. The Fatherless** / Writer and broadcaster Melanie Phillips has spoken about the “devastating impact” fatherless families can have on young men and has urged the Government to acknowledge “the role played by family upbringing in crime” and to develop appropriate policies. Phillips said that while many factors contribute to crime, “studies show time and again the children most prone to crime, along with many other disorders, are fatherless boys”. “Deprived of the self-affirmation or affection they need from their absent father, such boys may turn to gangs to fill the gap.” Pray our church family maybe a harbour for such boys.
- ❑ **16. UK Supreme Court** / Pray God will draw Justice of The Supreme Court, the Right Hon. Lord Hamblen (appointed 1/2020) to make decisions in keeping with the purity and character of the living God.
- ❑ **17. Christian Ministries** / *Prison Fellowship* exists to serve all those affected by crime and incarceration, and to see lives restored in and out of prison—one transformed life at a time. Ask God to provide wisdom, love and patience to the leaders of this organisation
- ❑ **18. Important Legal or Relief Situation** / Continue to pray for wisdom and resources for Christian agencies, such as World Vision, as they serve those affected by the aftermath of the coronavirus outbreak. Pray for the safety of healthcare workers as they attempt to develop treatments and vaccines. Pray for those orphaned or widowed by the virus. Ask God to lead Christian agencies in serving the afflicted in this pandemic. Sources: World Health Organisation and World Vision.
- ❑ **19. The Lord’s Day** / Pray for the moving of the Holy Spirit in our church family today, if you are worshipping from home via live stream pray that you have and others still feel a sense of unity.
- ❑ **20. The Nations** / Russia - Pray for Russia to execute true religious freedom. Pray that the Russian people find hope in Jesus Christ alone--not in drugs, alcohol, or crime. Source: [www.prayercast.com](http://www.prayercast.com)
- ❑ **21. Truth** / The Christians’ concept of truth is neither formula nor doctrine — it is a person, Jesus Christ, who said that he himself is truth. Those to whom he has revealed himself must not, and cannot, ever betray him; they must bear witness to his simultaneous divinity and humanity The Christians’ truth ... is proved by their readiness to die for it. Pray we will remain truthful come what may.
- ❑ **22. Cultural Influencers** / Keneti James Fitzgerald Apa (23 y.o.) is a New Zealand actor who professes to be a Christian and played the lead role in the recent film, *I Still Believe*. Pray that God will infuse the decisions of this cultural influencer with a strong moral dimension. Pray for God’s continued impact on his life and witness.
- ❑ **23. Education** / Secularism is hostile to Christian beliefs and cannot provide a neutral basis for education. In 1944 when the Education Act was passed state ‘county’ schools were assumed to be non-denominational but Christian. This assumption was widely accepted until the late 1970s. Pray for a movement of godly parents, teachers, administrators and pupils that will reintroduce a Christian ethos into our schools.
- ❑ **24. Persecution** / Christian widows Doris, Victoria, Mariayamu and Kwate live in a small rural village called Dzangola in northern Nigeria. Their husbands were killed by the Boko Haram terrorist group. They live under continual threat as they could be attacked again at any time. The need for emergency aid, food relief, trauma care—and the rebuilding of homes and churches—is so critical to strengthening the church in Nigeria today. Pray for these ladies and all others afflicted by these atrocities. Source: Open Doors
- ❑ **25. The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ would supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders in the Mormon religion 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)
- ❑ **26. Censorship** / Pray for Päivi Räsänen, a Finnish MP and former Government Minister, who is facing police action over her mainstream Christian beliefs and now faces four separate investigations over her biblical view of sexuality. Last year, the long-serving MP shared Romans 1:24-27 online, and added: “How can the church’s doctrinal foundation, the Bible, be compatible with the lifting up of shame and sin as a subject of pride?” Despite the harassment the former Minister has spoken of her “wonderful privilege” in receiving support and the encouragement of prayers from around the world.
- ❑ **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** / Andrew Russell Garfield (37) is a British-American actor. 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. Local Government** / Pray for the members of your local county council and other leaders in your community that work on behalf of all citizens.
- ❑ **30. Neighbour** \_\_\_\_\_ **Co-worker** \_\_\_\_\_

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