

“Prayer is warfare. Just getting to prayer is half the battle; staying there is the other half.” Anonymous

“On the basis of the record of the whole Bible, I would say that prayer and fasting combined constitute the strongest single weapon that has been committed to God’s believing people.” Derek Prince

“The greatest impact any of us can have on Christ’s global cause is to be involved in consistent prayer for the whole world and to teach other Christians how to pray this way.” David Bryant

### ***The Strategic Prayer Initiative -- April 2020***

*Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!*

- 1. Senior Pastor** / \_\_\_\_\_ -- Pray that God will give your pastor divine guidance in daily scheduling and setting of priorities. Please also circle the day of your birthday (for example the 7th) as a second day each month that you pray for the Senior Pastor.
- 2. Persecuted Christians** / Pray for Esther and women like her who experience rape as part of persecution of Christians under Islamic extremists. Esther was 17 when the Islamic extremist group Boko Haram attacked her village in Nigeria and abducted her, taking her deep into the Sambisa Forest. In captivity, militants did everything they could to make the Christian girls renounce their faith. Determined to not give in, Esther was raped continually. In captivity, she conceived and had a daughter, Rebecca. When Esther was rescued and returned to her community, she says “They called my baby ‘Boko,’” People, even her own grandparents, were not so eager to welcome back the “Boko Haram women.” Ask God to give these women strength in Him and comfort. Ask God to draw the militants to himself. Ask God to protect Christian women in Nigeria. Ask God to give the Christian community love and wisdom in ministering to those who have experienced the trauma of persecution and rape. (Source: [opendoors.org](http://opendoors.org))
- 3. U.S. Supreme Court** / Pray for God to draw Justice Samuel Alito into a deeper relationship with Himself. Pray that the Lord will speak into Justice Alito's life in many ways, including through his dreams. Pray that God will help him to make decisions that will be in keeping with the purity and character of the living Judeo/Christian God. Pray that the Lord will bring future justices of His choice onto the Court 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 30,453,000 member Hausa group of Nigeria. (Source: [www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net))
- 5. Each Country’s Leader** / Pray that President Xi Jinping, the primary leader in the country of China (1.38 billion), will be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that will help the gospel to spread freely in country, and allow people to live in peace. A key source: World Prayer Map via [www.ehc.org](http://www.ehc.org) [“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]
- 6. Bibleless People Groups** / Pray that the Eastern Slovak Romani (500,000) people of Europe will have the New Testament translated into their language. They currently do not have the Scripture in their heart language. (Source: [www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org))
- 7. Additional Pastors &/or Staff** / \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Pray for this person (or people) as you feel led by the Holy Spirit. When applicable, also pray the above prayer for your Senior Pastor for this/these individual(s) as well.
- 8. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for all of the children, and the workers, who live at the Buloba Kinship Project in Uganda. 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). Ask the Lord to help your church to adopt an orphanage (see James 1:27).
- 9. Abortion Clinics & Alternatives** / Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, Inc. North Dallas Shelburne Health Center - 9100 N. Central Expwy, #169, Dallas, TX 75231 ([Abortion Clinic](#)). Pray that the Holy Spirit will compel all patients to insist on seeing an ultrasound of their fetus/baby. Pray that no fetus/baby with a beating heart will be aborted. Pray that the leaders of this center will seek God’s will concerning these weighty matters.  
  
Thrive Women's Clinic - 6500 Greenville Ave., Suite 600, Dallas, TX 75206 ([Alternative To Abortion](#)). Pray that today, (the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2020), God will compel one or more pregnant women considering abortion to come to this center via word-of-mouth, ads, or supernatural means. Pray that each will clearly know God led them and that they will choose not to abort.
- 10. Pornography and Other Addictions** / Pray for those addicted to gambling to come to a realization of their problem. Pray the Holy Spirit would help break the addictive cycle through accountability, spiritual strength, and/or a 12-Step Programs.
- 11. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 1/3 of the World’s Population)** / China - Ethnic unrest and internal strife remains at the forefront of both national and international attention, as conflict within Tibet and Xianjiang persists. Ultimately, reconciliation and the hope of peace lie only in the power of the gospel. Pray that China will administrate changes in a well-managed, peaceful and spiritually beneficial manner. (Source: Operation World)
- 12. The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders in the Jehovah's Witnesses who are sincerely attempting to love God with their whole heart. Ask Christ to speak to them directly, as He did for the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus. (Jeremiah 29:13)
- 13. 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.

- ❑ **14. The Strategic Prayer Initiative** / If you are not familiar with the efforts of the Strategic Prayer Initiative (SPI™), here is a short summary. Our primary mission is to use research, Scripture (Psalm 119:105), prayers for guidance (Matthew 21:22), experimentation, and many counselors (Proverbs 15:22) to help develop and refine prayer methodologies. Our focus is to refine approaches that are “undeniably effective” in moving large numbers of Christians to develop and/or maintain “good prayer lives” and to focus those prayers as one critical element of becoming more effective in fighting the spiritual battle. This battle is against sin, evil, injustice, and for the eternal souls of hundreds of millions of women and men throughout the world. **Please pray for the Lord to raise up more laborers, prayers, and financial resources for this endeavor.** (See SPI Workshop Video for background information at [www.SPIprayer.org](http://www.SPIprayer.org))
- ❑ **15. Christian Ministries** / The Romanian Missionary Society – RMS – has been called by the Lord to serve the Romanian people by reaching out to those in need, ministering to those who hurt, and sending messengers of the Gospel to those who need salvation. Ask God to guide this ministry and open new doors of ministry. (Source: [www.ehc.org](http://www.ehc.org))
- ❑ **16. U.S. House Of Representatives** / Kevin McCarthy, CA 23rd - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- ❑ **17. Top 7 Leaders From Each State** / CA - Sen. Kamala Harris - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- ❑ **18. President’s Cabinet** / Secretary of Commerce - Wilbur Ross, Jr. - See Supplemental Prayer Guide for additional prayer suggestions.
- ❑ **19. The Nations** / Chile - Pray for the culture of division within the Chilean church to be overcome by the unity of the Holy Spirit. Pray for those scarred by Pinochet’s reign to humbly forgive their abusers. Pray for zeal within the Church to evangelize the Mapuche people in the South. (Source: [www.prayercast.com](http://www.prayercast.com))
- ❑ **20. The Poor** / Pray that God would lead wealthy individuals to look for ways to give the poor opportunities. (Ezk.16:49) Pray the poor would be honest, responsible, and hard working with the opportunities that are made available to them. (2 Thes. 3:10) (Gal. 2:10 and Matt. 25:44-45)
- ❑ **21. The Church** / Pray that the Lord would raise up and train the next generation of leadership for the American church. (James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)
- ❑ **22. The Family** / Pray that God would help couples work through problems. Pray that they would take advantage of the wisdom of Christian marriage counselors.
- ❑ **23. The Education System** / Pray for God’s hand of favor, wisdom, and blessing to be on the Christian professors in our nation’s secular universities.
- ❑ **24. Cultural Influencers** / Trevor Noah (Comedian/Television Host) Pray that God will infuse the decisions of this cultural influencer with a strong moral dimension and that he will help move people toward our Holy Creator, not away from Him. Pray for God’s personal impact on his life. (Source:[www.mastermediaintl.com](http://www.mastermediaintl.com))
- ❑ **25. Power Players in Media** / Kevin Feige - President Marvel Studios (Iron Man 1-3, Avengers 1-4,Thor 1-3, Black Panther) 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. (Source:[www.mastermediaintl.com](http://www.mastermediaintl.com))
- ❑ **26. Television** / Ask the Lord to bring men and women, excellent in knowledge, skills, and abilities, and with high morals, into favor at all levels of the PBS network, and cause the removal of dishonest employees. Additionally, continue to pray specifically that God would stop nudity from becoming part of broadcast television in the United States.
- ❑ **27. Important Legal or Relief Situation** / Pray for Coach Kennedy, who was fired for his silent 15-second prayer alone on the field immediately after a football game. A lower court ruled the school lawfully terminated his employment and his silent prayers were not protected by the Constitution. The Supreme Court decided not to hear the appeal stating that certain questions must first be answered in the lower courts. Pray that either the lower courts would reverse their decision or the Supreme Court would hear and decide favorably for Coach Kennedy. Pray that no public school personnel would have their rights to freedom of religion disregarded. (Source: [firstliberty.org](http://firstliberty.org))
- ❑ **28. Personal Revival** / Pray that you will be shown any sin in your life and given the strength to resist it (1 Cor. 10:13). Pray that you will be led to 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. These resources are typically available through a local Christian bookstore or at [www.CBD.com](http://www.CBD.com) / 800.247.4784]
- ❑ **29. National Revival** / Pray that the Holy Spirit will be poured out on the United States, bringing deep conviction of sin, and ushering in an extended season of national repentance, conversion, pursuit of holiness, and social responsibility. Additionally, pray that 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.
- ❑ **30. Laborers** / Jesus Christ taught that the majority would see eternal destruction and only the minority would take the narrow path to eternal life (Mt. 7:13-14 & 7:21-23). Pray as He directed that “laborers” will be raised up to help more find the narrow path to heaven. [*The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord...to send out laborers. Mt. 9:37-38*]
- ❑ **31. Neighbor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Co-worker** \_\_\_\_\_