

"The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God's realm where everything is possible. Nothing is too great for His almighty power. Nothing is too small for His love." Corrie ten Boom:

Strategic Prayer Initiative – UK March 2024

- 1. Pastor** / Pray the Lord will open doors of opportunity for your Pastor to engage with people in your community and be an encouragement and testament to them. Also circle the day of your birthday as a second day you pray for your Pastor.
- 2. Persecuted Christians** / Pray for Sed, the headman of his village in Laos and a faithful Christian, who lost his position after he hosted a worship service in his home. Pray for God to draw to Himself the district officials who reprimanded him and gave him an ultimatum: stop believing in Christ. Ask God to strengthen and encourage Sed, who chose to follow Christ. and relinquish his position. Pray for provision for Sed and his family as villagers have begun to mock him and threaten his family. Source: www.icommittoprayer.org
- 3. Parliament** / Pray for Rt. Hon. Caroline Dinenage, Baroness Lancaster of Kimbolton Conservative Party Member of Parliament for Gosport since 2010. Pray for Caroline, her husband and two children Source: Wikipedia.
- 4. Unreached People Groups** / Pray that God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 31,574,000 member Mahratta unspecified group of India. Source: www.joshuaproject.net
- 5. Cannabis** / Police and Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez has warned police can no longer ignore the damage caused by cannabis. Speaking at a Police Chiefs 'conference she warned the "enforcement of drugs and drug-dealing in this country has been pathetically weak on class B drugs". In 2022/23, the proportion charged for possession of cannabis dropped to a record low of 14.5 per cent. Pray strong remedial legislation will be adopted. Source: The Christian Institute
- 6. Orphanage** / Pray for all the children, and the workers, who live at the Buwanda 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.
- 7. Surgical Abortion** / At least 3,900 women were admitted to hospital in England during 2021 due to complications following a surgical abortion. Office for Health Improvement & Disparities statistics report the rate of complications arising from abortions. Abortion can be carried out using vacuum aspiration up to the 14th week of pregnancy. Pray that woman considering this horrific procedure will determine to spare their child from this evil practice. Source: Life News
- 8. Each Country's Leader** / Pray for Supreme Leader Ali Hoseini-Khamenei, the primary leader of Iran (87 million), will be moved by the hand of God to see the positive impact Christians have in his country and be moved to stop the severe persecution in Iran allowing people to live in peace.
- 9. Bibleless People Groups** / Pray that the 'Bwatiye (1,200,000) people of Nigeria will have the New Testament translated into their language. They currently do not have the Scripture in their heart language. Source: Wycliffe
- 10. Kemi Badenoch** / Prayer is urged for the Minister for Women and Equalities who courageously gave a clear stance on gender self-ID. Ms. Badenoch told the House of Commons that despite LGBT groups pushing the UK Government to introduce gender self-ID: "Stonewall does not decide the law in this country." "The Minister emphasised the importance of protecting single-sex spaces for women's safety. She warned although "girls often fear being physically injured by biological males", they remain silent because "they are scared of being called bigots". Source: The Christian Institute
- 11. Pornography and Other Addictions** / Pray for the protection of the children whose parents are addicted to drugs. Ask the Lord to bring stability and godly influences into the children's lives.
- 12. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World's Population)** / Indonesia – Pray for a unified Indonesian prayer movement with a prayer group in every neighbourhood, linked into prayer networks in every province. This is becoming a reality as God blesses the national prayer network now spread to over 450 cities. www.operationworld.org
- 13. Local Christian Councillor** / King Lawal, 31 was recently reinstated after being removed from his post last June. The local Conservative Group at North Northamptonshire Unitary Council reinstated Mr. Lawal after his suspension for messages on X condemning "pride" events. Mr. Lawal asked "When did Pride become a thing to celebrate - Because of Pride Satan fell as an arch Angel. Pride is not a virtue but a Sin." The Christian Legal Centre represented Mr. Lawal in his fight to be reinstated. Pray other Christian politicians will stand up when called upon Source: CBN News
- 14. Pakistan** / On September 22, 2013, two suicide bombers carried out an attack outside All Saints Church in the city of Peshawar Pakistan killing 127 people (including 37 children) and injuring 170. Pray for all impacted by this atrocity that despite the pain they may know the peace of God which passes all understanding and deep-rooted joy. May many come to a personal knowledge of Jesus as they witness the love of God demonstrated by those who have suffered so deeply.
- 15. Gambling** / Employing a more "robust" methodology the Gambling Commission, the industry regulator, now estimates problem gamblers make up 2.5 per cent of the British population. Responding to the findings Gambling Minister Stuart Andrew said: "This new survey

presents a higher quality picture of gambling participation and harm". Pray for anyone who struggles with this addiction and for government leaders seeking to curtail this craving, Source: The Christian Institute

16. **Prime Minister Rishi Sunak** / thanked Christians and churches for a campaign called Shine Your Light bringing hope to communities across the country at Christmas. Over 54,000 Christians from more than 440 churches took part in events in high streets, villages, shopping centres and town halls among other public places. Dr Jonathan Oloyede, Convenor of the National Day of Prayer and Worship stated the campaigns' goal was to bring Christ back into Christmas and for people outside of the church to understand the true meaning of the festival. Pray for our Prime Minister and that all those impacted by the campaign will find a solid doctrinal, joyful church. Source: Premier

17. **Christian Ministries** / 24-7 Prayer – "24-7 Prayer is an international, interdenominational prayer movement, with a vision to revive the church and rewire the culture through non-stop night and day prayer. The ministry is currently based in 78 countries. Pray for God to grant highly effective strategies for work.

18. **Eric Liddell** / The renown Scottish athlete won the 400m at the Paris Olympics 100 years ago. During World War 2 Eric was interned in a Japanese prison camp in China where he had served as a missionary. After the war it was discovered, he had given up the opportunity to be released to a pregnant woman. A fellow internee, Stephen Metcalfe, later wrote of Liddell: "He gave me two things. One was his worn-out running shoes, but the best thing he gave me was his baton of forgiveness. He taught me to love my enemies, the Japanese, and to pray for them." Pray that Eric's Christian testimony will continue to have a powerful impact throughout this year.

19. **The Family** / Pray that divisions, strife, and disharmony in marriages and families would be healed through the power of forgiveness, sought through Christ. Pray for a spirit of humility to reign. For help see www.HisPeace.org.

20. **Argentina** / In December Pastor Hooft of the Christian Alliance of Evangelical Churches prayed for the newly inaugurated President of Argentina Javier Milei at an interfaith event. Pastor Hooft expressed the churches' commitment to pray for the president and his entire cabinet of ministers, and for the well-being of all Argentines. He continued by praying for wisdom, temperance and prudence as they carry out the necessary changes and implement essential policies Pray for President Milei who is of Jewish descent and his whole team. Source: Christian Post

21. **Nations** / Azerbaijan - Pray for a stable national government rooted in righteousness. Pray for followers of Jesus to be ambassadors of spiritual and national reconciliation. Pray for the Prince of Peace to heal those traumatized by widespread violence. Source: www.prayercast.com and www.operationworld.org

22. **Church of England** / Evangelicals in the Church of England say problems caused by the introduction of same-sex blessings have been ignored by bishops. John Dunnett, National Director of the C of E's Evangelical Council said an enormous burden has been exported down to every single parish. Pray Anglican congregants who hold to the biblical definition of marriage will know the Lord's wisdom for the best path forward. Source: Premier

23. **Important Legal or Humanitarian Relief Situation** / Pray for peace in Sudan as the ongoing unrest has displaced over 5 million people since mid-April 2023. Since December, the conflict has intensified putting over 6 million people on the brink of famine. The ongoing violence has exacerbated the hunger crisis and disrupted farming and livelihoods. Ask God to help aid workers reach people who are hungry and starving. Ask God to provide immediate nutrition to restore the health of malnourished children. Source: www.worldvision.org

24. **The Lord's Day** / Pray that as you worship your God today that you will "consider how to stir up one another to love and good works"; ask Him to bless you as you don't neglect "to meet together, as is the habit of some" Hebrews 10.

25. **UK Supreme Court** / Pray God will draw Justice of the Supreme Court, Rt Hon Lord Hamblen of Kersey to make decisions in keeping with the purity of the living God. Pray for Lord Hamblen and his family.

26. **Exiled to the UK** / 5 different family groups of asylum-seekers were recently granted permission to stay in the UK. They have been waiting 2 years and have left Home Office accommodation. Pray these folk will recognise Jesus' role in bringing them to the UK and for follow-up with Christians wherever they are placed. Source: London City Mission

27. **Power Players in Media** / Fiona Bruce (BBC presenter). Pray for God's personal impact on her life, for guidance and wisdom, and for her to come to a relationship with the living God. Pray that God will infuse her decisions with a strong moral dimension. Source: www.mastermediaintl.com

28. **Refugees and Asylum seekers** / According to UNHCR (the United Nations Refugee Agency), as of November 2022 there were 231,597 refugees, 127,421 pending asylum cases and 5,483 stateless persons in the UK. Pray that churches and individual Christians will seize any opportunity God provides to demonstrate Jesus' kind heart to those in need. What if Jesus came disguised as a desperate immigrant? Praise God where His love is demonstrated.

29. **University Christian Unions** / Many Cos have vision statements committing to offer students the opportunity to hear and respond to the good news of Jesus Christ." Praise God for this fervent desire and for the leadership of these unions.

30. **The Church** / Ask God to empower believers to live a life of separation from the immoral practices within British culture. (James 1:22-25, James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)

31. **Neighbour** _____

Co-worker _____