"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 -- March 2024

Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!

1. Senior Pastor / Pray that your pastor will grasp "how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." Please also circle the day of your birthday (for example the 5th) as a second day each month that you pray for the Senior 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 or lose his position in the village. Ask God to strengthen and encourage Sed, who chose to follow Christ, telling the authorities, "I will not recant my faith. I love God because he brings peace to my family. I rejoice in my God." Pray for provision because Sed was immediately forced to sign a resignation letter, losing the post he had held for 18 years and the income he received from that position. Pray that Sed has endurance and safety as villagers have begun to mock him and threaten his family with being shunned in the community. Despite this, Sed told a front-line worker that he felt stronger in his faith and still loves God very much. "I do not regret losing this income," he said. "I want to follow my God and have eternal life." (Source: www.icommittopray.org) (Source: www.icommittopray.org)
3. U.S. Supreme Court / Pray for God to draw Justice Clarence Thomas into a deeper relationship with Himself. Pray that the Lord will speak into Justice Thomas'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.
<b>4.</b> 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. Each Country's Leader / Pray that Supreme Leader Ali Hoseini-Khamenei, the primary leader of Iran (87 million), will be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that will help the gospel to spread freely in his country, and allow people to live in peace. A key source: Complimentary World Prayer Map via <a href="www.ehc.org">www.ehc.org</a> ["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}" 1Timothy 2:1-4]
<b>6. Bibleless People Groups</b> / 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: 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.
<b>8.</b> An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers / Pray for all of 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 <a href="https://www.kinshipunited.org">www.kinshipunited.org</a> . Ask the Lord to help your church to adopt an orphanage (see James 1:27).
9. Abortion Clinics & Alternatives / Planned Parenthood - Honolulu Health Center - 839 S Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI ( <u>Abortion Clinic</u> ) - 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.
Pearson Place Pregnancy Resource Center - 1145 Bishop St, Honolulu, HI ( <u>Alternative To Abortion</u> ) - Pray that today, (the 9 <sup>th</sup> of March 2024), 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 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.
11. 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 neighborhood, linked into prayer networks in every city and province. This is quickly becoming a reality as God blesses the burgeoning national prayer network, formed in 1990 and now spread to over 450 cities. (Source: www.operationworld.org)
12. The Damascus Road Petition / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders of the Sikh religion 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 or organizations whose practices serve (some unknowingly) "the force of evil" (tarot card readers/fortune tellers, zones of prostitution, churches or temples of false religions, etc.). Choose one from your community and pray in the authoritative name of Jesus Christ that the Lord and his angels will diminish its effectiveness.

31. Neighbor Co-worker
<b>30.</b> Laborers / Jesus Christ taught that the majority would see eternal destruction and only the minority would take the narrow path to eternal life (Matthew 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 Lordto send out laborers. Matthew 9:37-38]
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, the pursuit of holiness, social responsibility, and the coming of God's Manifest Presence. 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.
<b>28. Personal Revival</b> / 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 <b>an ever-deepening personal relationship with the Lord</b> (Luke 10:27). [The following is a spiritual growth resource for you to consider: <i>Hinds' Feet On High Places</i> by Hannah Hurnard. These resources are typically available through a local Christian bookstore or at www.ChristianBook.com / 800.247.4784]
27. 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)
<b>26. Television</b> / 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 WGN 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.
<b>25. Power Players in Media</b> / Jennifer Lopez (Actor) Pray for God's personal impact on her life, for guidance and wisdom, and for her to come to a deeper relationship with the living God. Pray that God will infuse her decisions with a strong moral dimension. (Source:www.mastermediaintl.com)
<b>24.</b> Cultural Influencers / Christopher Nolan - Director ( <i>The Dark Knight Trilogy, Inception, Interstellar, Tenet</i> ) Pray that God will influe 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)
23. The Education System / Pray for the extensive work of Navigators, CRU, InterVarsity, and Young Life. Ask the Lord to draw the students of His choosing to these ministries. Pray that many would come to know Christ personally and mature in their faith.
22. The Family / Pray that divisions, strife, and disharmony in marriages and families could be healed through the power of forgiveness, sought through Christ. Pray for a spirit of humility to reign. (For help see www.HisPeace.org)
21. The Church / Ask God to empower believers to live a life of separation from the immoral practices of the American culture. (James 1:22-25, James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)
<b>20.</b> The Poor / The lack of education is a direct crippler of the poor. Pray that God would help tutoring programs 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)
19. The 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)
18. The President, Vice-President, and the President's Cabinet / Pray for God to draw President Biden and Vice-President Harris to Himself and move them to make decisions that allow Christians "to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (2 Timothy 2:2) Also pray for White House Chief of Staff, Jeff Zients - See Supplemental Prayer Guide for additional prayer suggestions.
17. U.S. Senate and President / NY- Sen. Chuck Schumer - Pray for God's blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
16. U.S. House Of Representatives / Steve Scalise, LA 1st - Pray for God's blessing and divine revelation if there is any corruption.
15. 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. Pray for God to grant highly effective strategies for work. (Source: www.ehc.org)
14. The Strategic Prayer Initiative / If you are not familiar with the efforts of the Strategic Prayer Initiative (SPI <sup>TM</sup> ), 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, and 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 early SPI Workshop Video for background information at www.SPIprayer.org)