"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 2024

Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!

- I. 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 Khalida, her two sons, and a daughter who placed their trust in Christ years ago after having dreams about Him. Muslim extremists in their community who heard about their conversion, attacked the family, and tried to kill them would come to Christ. This family barely survived. The enraged Muslims then formed a mob that attacked and burned several churches that were helping Khalida's family. Because of the persecution, she and her family fled to another nation where their faith has grown but they have experienced financial and health struggles. Khalida recently received initial approval for her family to emigrate as refugees to a third country. Pray she makes it safely to her final destination and is welcomed in and finds a Christian community. (Source: www.icommittopray.org)
- 3. U.S. Supreme Court / Pray for God to draw Justice Amy Coney Barret into a deeper relationship with Himself. Pray that the Lord will speak into Justice Barret's life in many ways, including through her dreams. Pray that God will help her 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 31,273,000-member Burmese group of Myanmar (Burma). (Source: www.joshuaproject.net)
- 5. Each Country's Leader / Pray that President Vladimir Putin, the primary leader of Russia (142 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 <u>www.ehc.org</u> ["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]
- □ 6. Bibleless People Groups / Pray that the Mbeya Project Bena And Nyiha Languages (920,000) people of Tanzania 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.
- 8. 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 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 <u>www.kinshipunited.org</u>. Ask the Lord to help your church to adopt an orphanage (see James 1:27).
- 9. Abortion Clinics & Alternatives / Planned Parenthood Portland Health Center 443 Congress Street, Portland, ME (<u>Abortion</u> <u>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.

ABBA Women's Choice - 1250 Forest Ave, 2nd Floor, Portland, ME (<u>Alternative To Abortion</u>) - Pray that today, (the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 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 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 40% of the World's Population) / India Ask God to bring Hindus to Himself. Hinduism is the world's third-largest religious system. Hinduism, most broadly understood, is a civilizational dynamic incorporating every aspect of life, embracing those who live in or identify with India and its culture. As a religion, it is a pluralistic network of religious beliefs and systems ranging from the philosophical (self-realization), to Vedic-influenced rituals, to popular expression (idols), to village Hinduism (animism, occultism). It absorbs elements of any religion it encounters and is widely regarded as an inclusive religion, one of tolerance and peace. Its global influence is significant through movements such as yoga, Hare Krishna/ISKCON, New Age, Art of Living and others. Many concepts of Hinduism have become part of 21st Century postmodern culture yoga, gurus, karma, dharma, reincarnation and transcendental meditation. Pray that Christians take opportunities to love Hindus and point them to Christ. (Source: www.operationworld.org)
- 12. The Damascus Road Petition / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders of Shintoism 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 forces 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.

- 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 "<u>undeniably effective</u>" 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 early SPI Workshop Video for background information at www.SPIprayer.org)
- 15. Christian Ministries / Christian Missionary Fellowship Christian Missionary Fellowship endeavors to transform lives and communities by sending missionaries from everywhere to everywhere. Ask God to provide unity, provision and wisdom to the leaders of this organization (Source: www.ehc.org)
- **16.** U.S. House Of Representatives / Katherine Clark, MA 5th Pray for God's blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- **17. U.S. Senate and President** / SD Sen. John Thune Pray for God's blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- 18. The President and His 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)
  U.S. Trade Representative, Katherine Tai See Supplemental Prayer Guide for additional prayer suggestions.
- 19. The Nations / Saint Kitts and Nevis Pray for the Holy Spirit to embolden believers for maximum kingdom effectiveness. Pray for Godly fathers for the many families led by single mothers. Pray for personal purity and integrity in an economy increasingly dependent on offshore finance. (Source: www.prayercast.com and www.operationworld.org)
- 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 for the Holy Spirit to raise up prayer teams, at all Bible-believing churches, to pray for their pastor's protection from sin and demonic forces. (James 1:22-25, James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)
- 22. The Family / Pray for Christian fathers throughout our nation to rise up and become the servant leaders of their family. Pray that they would be a good example to their children and that Christ would help them to view their wife's needs equal or higher than their own. (Philippians 2:3 and Ephesians 5:28)
- 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 / James Pitaro \* Chairman ESPN & Sports Content 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)
- 25. Power Players in Media / Stephani Germanotta (Lady Gaga (recording artist) 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)
- 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 FOX 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 Humanitarian Relief Situation / Pray for the people of Haiti which is in a state of turmoil and one of the poorest countries in the Americas, Haiti faces political unrest, an upsurge in violence, fuel shortages, and high levels of food insecurity. Approximately 5.2 million people need humanitarian aid due to the mounting instability. In 2021 and 2010, deadly earthquakes devastated the Caribbean nation and deepened its dire humanitarian situation. Pray for Haiti's children and families who are suffering from disasters, natural and man-made. We ask that You comfort them with Your love, goodness, and strength. (Source: www.worldvision.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. *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey. These resources are typically available through a local Christian bookstore or at www.ChristianBook.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, 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.
- □ 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

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