

“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 -- July 2024

Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!

- ❑ **1. Senior Pastor** / _____ -- Pray that the Holy Spirit will aid your pastor in sermon preparation and delivery. Please also circle the day of your birthday (for example the 4th) as a second day each month that you pray for the Senior Pastor.
- ❑ **2. Persecuted Christians** / Pray for Pastor Anooshavan Avedian (61) who was arrested by Iranian security agents in August 2020, at his home, where he and some Christian friends had gathered for prayer and worship. The group was meeting in his home because Iranian officials had closed their church several years earlier. The government agents confiscated Bibles and cellphones before taking Pastor Avedian and two other Christians to Tehran's notorious Evin Prison and harshly interrogated them. On April 11, 2022, an Iranian judge sentenced Pastor Avedian to 10 years in prison for engaging in "propaganda contrary to and disturbing to the holy religion of Islam." In addition to his current prison term, Pastor Avedian faces an additional 10 years for "deprivation of social rights" upon his release. The pastor’s appeal to Iran’s Supreme Court for a retrial was denied. Pray also for Pastor Avedian's wife and two children. (Source: www.prisoneralert.org)
- ❑ **3. U.S. Supreme Court** / Pray for God to draw Justice Sonia Sotomayor into a deeper relationship with Himself. Pray that the Lord will speak into Justice Sotomayor'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 25,582,000-member Korean group of Korea (North). (Source: www.joshuaproject.net)
- ❑ **5. Each Country’s Leader** / Pray that President Abdelfattah ELSISI, the primary leader of Egypt (109.5 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 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 Timothy 2:1-4]
- ❑ **6. Bibleless People Groups** / Pray that the Komo (614,000) people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo 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 Svay Rieng Kinship Project in Cambodia. 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. Ask the Lord to help your church to adopt an orphanage (see James 1:27).
- ❑ **9. Abortion Clinics & Alternatives** / Planned Parenthood - Manchester Health Center - 24 Pennacook Street, Manchester, NH (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.

Real Options Pregnancy Help Services - 340 Granit Street Suite 202, Manchester, NH (Alternative To Abortion) - Pray that today, (the 9th of July 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 that the Lord would supernaturally work out circumstances (without violence) to cause the closing of companies that are providing verbal pornography (phone-sex) in the United States and in the world.
- ❑ **11. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World’s Population)** / India – Pray for large cities, with rapid growth and a mix of great wealth and abject poverty. The great cities, where the very rich live close to the very poor. Millions come from rural areas to cities every year, and most end up in slums. Mumbai and Hyderabad have significant Christian populations, while Kolkata, Delhi, Varanasi, and Lucknow have little Christian witness. Ask God to draw believers to minister in these cities. (Source: www.operationworld.org)
- ❑ **12. The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of Hindu leaders 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™), 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 early SPI Workshop Video for background information at www.SPIprayer.org)
- ❑ **15. Christian Ministries** / Aglow International - Aglow is an international organization of women and men in more than 170 nations of the world, presenting Biblical principles as solutions to the challenging issues of our time. Ask God to guide this ministry and open new doors of ministry. (Source: www.ehc.org)
- ❑ **16. U.S. House Of Representatives** / Elise Stefanik, NY 21st - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- ❑ **17. U.S. Senate** / VA - Sen. Mark Warner - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- ❑ **18. President and 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) Pray for U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Linda Thomas-Greenfield - See Supplemental Prayer Guide for additional prayer suggestions.
- ❑ **19. The Nations** / Costa Rica - Pray for churches to effectively disciple their congregants and to see biblical lifestyle changes as a result. Pray for dynamic ministries aimed at reaching the youth, which comprise two-thirds of the nation’s population. Pray for Christ-like cooperation amongst foreign missions agencies as they begin to transfer authority to indigenous leadership. (Source: www.prayercast.com and www.operationworld.org)
- ❑ **20. The Poor** / Casinos and lotteries are very crippling to the poor. Pray that the lure of gambling away ones's paycheck or welfare check to hit the “big jackpot” would be replaced with a passion for hard work, responsible spending, and helping those less fortunate. (Gal. 2:10 and Matt. 25:44-45)
- ❑ **21. The Church** / Pray that millions of God-revering Americans would begin to see a greater revelation of who Jesus Christ really is. Pray that this greater revelation of Christ would help them in all areas of their life. (James 1:22-25, James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)
- ❑ **22. The Family** / Pray for those who have lost a spouse through death. Pray for God to bring continual encouragement, comfort, and hope.
- ❑ **23. The Education System** / Pray that the Holy Spirit would clearly guide Christian students entering our universities this fall to majors of His choice, or areas of study that will be the most beneficial for future challenges the church will face.
- ❑ **24. Cultural Influencers** / Martin Scorsese - Director (Taxi Driver, The Wolf of Wall Street, Silence) 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** / Vin Diesel (Actor) - 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)
- ❑ **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 CBS 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, and diminish it on streaming services.
- ❑ **27. Important Legal or Humanitarian Relief Situation** / Pray for the 5,000 Christians displaced from their homes in Niger due to terrorist violence against them. Pray they find safe places to live and are welcomed. Ask God to halt the violence here. Pray these people have food and shelter and that Christian Aid agencies will have wisdom and resources to help.
- ❑ **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 Joy of Prayer* (A 40-Day Devotional) by Dr. Alvin VanderGriend. 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, 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.
- ❑ **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** _____