"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 -- <u>December 2024</u>

Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!

1. Senior Pastor / Pray that your pastor will maintain (or obtain) moral accountability with a few close confidants. Please also circle the day of your birthday (for example the 14th) as a second day each month that you pray for the Senior Pastor.
2. Persecuted Christians / Pray for Marc, 21, who is persecuted by his family in Benin. He battled a chronic illness and visited doctors and voodoo practitioners, but nothing seemed to help. Then a friend urged him to come to church where Marc heard the gospel, became a follower of Christ and was physically healed. When he returned home from his baptismal service, his voodooist father asked Marc to leave and hired people to beat Marc for forsaking his duties to the family's voodoo rituals. Marc stayed at a relative's house, but some family members locked him in a room and tried to force him to return to pagan practices. Eventually he escaped through a window and now lives with a pastor's family. He is trying to find a job, and hopes someday to preach the gospel. Marc said, "What made me to have courage is Jesus says in the Bible, 'I will never abandon you.'" (Source: www.icommittopray.com)
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.
4. Unreached People Groups / Pray that God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 21,091,000 member Java Mancanegari group of Indonesia. (Source: www.joshuaproject.net)
5. Each Country's Leader / Pray that President Alexander Stubb, the primary leader of Finland (5.6 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}." ITimothy 2:1-4]
6. Bibleless People Groups / Pray that the Gurbet Romani (300,000) people of Serbia & Croatia 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 Cayacoa Kinship Project in Dominican Republic. 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 - Providence Health Center - 175 Broad Street, Providence, RI (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.
Mother of Life Pregnancy Center (HB - Medical) - 400 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI (<u>Alternative To Abortion</u>) - Pray that today (the 9 th of December 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 hearts of the individuals who create pornographic websites would be changed. Pray for conviction, unrest, and ultimately salvation in Christ. Pray that God would cause their websites to close down (without violence).
11. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World's Population) / Indonesia - Pray for school children. Forty percent of kids never make it to middle school. Children at Risk, Compassion International, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Awana, and Kids' EE as well as denominations such as CMA work together to bring the gospel to the children of Indonesia. Many are at risk. Nearly three million are child laborers, often in dangerous jobs and, every year, thousands of others are trafficked for more nefarious purposes. (Source: www.operationworld.org)
12. The Damascus Road Petition / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders in the Mormon 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 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 TM), 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 / Frontier Fellowship - Frontier Fellowship invites believing communities to engage people groups where the Good News of Jesus and His Kingdom is not yet known. Pray that the workers draw upon God for strength and love for all they reach out to. (Source: www.ehc.org)
16. U.S. House Of Representatives / Suzan DelBene, WA 1st - Pray for God's blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
17. U.S. Senate / MT - Sen. Steve Daines - Pray for God's blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
18. 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) Pray also for Secretary of State, Antony Blinken - See Supplemental Prayer Guide for additional prayer suggestions.
19. The Nations / Jamaica - Pray for repentance and deeper commitment from the predominantly Christian population. Pray for professing Rastafarians to come to a full knowledge of Jesus Christ. Pray for effective cooperation among the many Christian organizations already established in country. (Source: www.prayercast.com)
20. The Poor / Pray for the spiritual needs of the poor in the New Year. Pray they would find new hope through a sound, Bible-believing church that they could attend regularly. Consider inviting someone to yours. (Gal. 2:10 and Matt. 25:44-45)
21. The Church / Pray for a fresh hunger and thirst for the Word of God. Pray that every believer, whether young or old, would cling to the Scriptures for guidance, sustenance, and hope for everyday living. (James 1:22-25, James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)
22. The Family / Pray that husbands and wives will maintain their marriage commitment and not give in to the pressure to divorce. Pray for the children and the adults affected by divorce. (See Malachi 2:16a)
23. The Education System / Pray that tens-of-millions of students and teachers would be able to view the incredible video, Unlocking The Mystery Of Life - The Scientific Case For Intelligent Design. Ask the Holy Spirit to aid in the proliferation of this video.
24. Cultural Influencers / Steven Soderbergh * - Director (Ocean's 11-13, Magic Mike, Logan Lucky) - 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 him. (Source:www.mastermediaintl.com)
25. Power Players in Media / LeBron James (Sport, 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 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, and diminish it on streaming services.
27. Important Legal or Humanitarian Relief Situation / Continue to pray for the innocent victims (on both sides) of the Israel-Hamas war. Ask God in intervene to heal and comfort those who are suffering. www.worldvison.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. <i>Holiness</i> J. C. Ryle. 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. [<i>The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lordto send out laborers. Mt. 9:37-38]</i>
31. Neighbor Co-worker