

"I would rather teach one man to pray than ten men to preach" C.H. Spurgeon

"We have to learn to discipline our minds and concentrate on willful, deliberate prayer" Oswald Chambers

Strategic Prayer Initiative – UK January 2025

- 1. Pastor** / Pray your pastor will maintain (or obtain) moral accountability with a few close confidants. Please also circle the day of your birthday as a second day each month that you pray for your 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 helped. A friend urged him to come to church where Marc heard the gospel, became a Christian and was healed. When he returned home from his baptismal service, he faced substantial persecution and his family tried to force him to return to pagan practices. He escaped and now lives with his 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.icommittoprayer.com
- 3. UK Supreme Court** / Pray for Lord Hamblen who has served on the highest court of the land since 2020. Pray he may be guided by God in the influential decisions he has to make.
- 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.
- 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: Wycliffe
- 7. English Church Buildings** / The "priceless heritage" of "historic and beautiful" churches in England is in danger "as never before", the chair of the National Churches Trust (NCT), Sir Philip Rutnam, recently warned. Pray those who worship in these structures will know the church is the people not the building. Pray for those churches where the gospel is still faithfully proclaimed. Source: Church Times
- 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.
- 9. Abortion** / Bishop John Keenan of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Paisley has condemned a "supposedly independent abortion law review" into Scotland's abortion law for excluding all pro-life representation. The panel was commissioned by the Scottish government to consider waiving future prosecutions of abortions past the current 24-week limit. The review's proposals will be subject to a public consultation next year. Pray that righteousness will prevail Source: Family Watch International
- 10. Pornography and Other Addictions** / Pray 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.
- 11. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World's Population)** / Indonesia - Pray for school children. 40% of kids never make it to middle school. Many Christian organisations work together to bring the gospel to the children of Indonesia but many are at risk. Nearly three million are child labourers, often in dangerous jobs and, every year, thousands of others are trafficked for evil purposes. Source: Operation World
- 12. The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders in the Mormon religion who are sincerely attempting to seek 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. Prime Ministers Cabinet** / Pray for the Rt Hon. Patrick McFadden Labour Party Member of Parliament for Wolverhampton South East since 2005 and who serves as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. Pray for Mr. McFadden in his role and for his family
- 14. Crisis in UK Farming** / Between 2010 and 2017, the average age of a farmer in the UK jumped from around 56 to 59, as many younger generations of farming families leave farming for more money, shorter hours and less physically demanding work. Pray for those farmers caught in a difficult circumstance with shrinking profit margins, strict regulations and lingering uncertainty around post-Brexit policies and who are often taken for granted. Source: The Telegraph
- 15. Christian Ministries** / Overland Missions - The purpose is to train people to bring the Gospel and build relationships with some of the most remote and neglected people on earth. Pray for a new outreach into the country of Senegal by invitation of government leaders.
- 16. British Aid** / The Catholic aid organisation CAFOD has welcomed a boost in financial support to Sudan, issued by the Foreign Secretary. David Lammy said, "the UK will never forget Sudan", as his department doubles funding to £110m. The country has been

ravaged by internal conflict since a failed transition of power in April 2023, with many villages displaced. At least 500,000 in the Darfur region are estimated to be living in famine conditions. Much funding is earmarked to provide food, shelter, and medical supplies to the country. Pray for all that suffer due to the civil war Source: Premier

17. Parliament / Pray for Peter Wishart, Scottish National Party politician and musician who serves as the Member of Parliament (MP) for Perth and Kinross-shire. Wishart is currently the SNP Shadow Leader of the House in the House of Commons and the chair of the Scottish Affairs Select Committee. He is the longest currently serving Scottish National Party MP. Source: Wikipedia

18. Staffordshire University Christian Union / Pray for the elected officers and students who attend. SUCC Vision is to give every student an opportunity to hear and respond to the good news of Jesus Christ

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. Burundi (East Africa) / Pray for the 200 pastors who have requested training in outdoor evangelism. They lack knowledge of open-air preaching. Please pray the Lord will guide and provide the resources so this will be accomplished in His time. Source Bible Open Air Mission

24. Cultural Influencers / George Timothy Clooney is an American actor and filmmaker, known for his work in both blockbuster and independent films - 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.

25. Power Players in Media / LeBron James (Basketball Player, 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.mastermediantl.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 BBC 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 Kingdom, 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 to intervene to heal and comfort those who are suffering.

28. Problem Gambling / has more than doubled among young people, a new report has revealed. The Gambling Commission's annual study explored gambling behaviours of 3,869 pupils aged 11 to 18. Of those surveyed, the number of those classed as problem gamblers has risen to approximately 85,000 young people nationwide. The report found almost one in ten of those "actively involved in gambling noted this had led to telling lies to family, friends or others within the past year". Source Christian Institute

29. National Revival / Pray that the Holy Spirit will be poured out on the United Kingdom, 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. Labourers / 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 "labourers" will be raised up to help more find the narrow path to heaven. [*The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray the Lord...to send out labourers. Mt. 9:37-38*]

31. Neighbour _____ Co-worker _____

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