

“Our praying needs to be pressed and pursued with an energy that never tires, a persistency which will not be denied, and a courage that never fails.” E.M. Bounds

The Strategic Prayer Initiative – UK March 2025

1. Pastor / Pray the Lord will bring into your pastor’s life only the people and information of His choice and keep him from unnecessary rabbit trails. Please circle the day of your birthday as a second day you pray for your Pastor.

2. Persecuted Christians / Pray for Christians and churches in the country Bhutan (between India and China). A Christian youth conference was disrupted when authorities came and demanded organisers show permits, which are unattainable as Christian events are not allowed by the Buddhist government. Authorities summoned the organisers for interrogation. Pray for Christians in Bhutan who are reaching and discipling young people to have wisdom and courage as they plan and lead. May many come to know and follow Jesus Christ in Bhutan. Source: www.icommittoprayer.com

3. Home Schooling / Recently, serious concerns have been raised in Parliament over Government proposals to force parents who educate their children at home to register with their local council. Under the Bill, registers of children not in school must record names and addresses of parents and children, amount of time a child spends “receiving education from each parent”, and details of any education received from other people. Pray that all intrusive and extravagant regulation be defeated and home educating parents will have freedom to teach their children without excessive state requirements

4. Unreached People Groups / Pray that God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 117,205,000-member Japanese group of Japan. Source: www.joshuaproject.net

5. Each Country’s Leader / Pray that President Vladimir Putin, the primary leader of Russia (141 million over 11 time zones), will be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that will help the gospel spread more freely in his country, and allow people to live in peace

6. Drug and Drunk driving / National policing campaign Operation Limit has highlighted the issue of drug and drink driving in the UK. During the 2024 campaign, 508 arrests were made in Merseyside, over two thirds of which were for drug driving. In West Yorkshire, a third of the 279 people arrested for driving offences were under suspicion of using drugs. Ean Lewin, Managing Director of D.tec International, a company that provides drug detection equipment, explained: “Last year’s Operation Limit campaign exposed a sobering truth: drug driving is on the rise, and in some areas, it has overtaken drink driving as the primary concern. Pray for appropriate legislation and action to curb this serious development. Source: Christian Institute.

7. Church Staff and Volunteers / Pray for each one in your church to be encouraged as they use their time and talents to serve the church body.

8. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers / Pray for all the children, and 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.

9. Abortion / Catherine Robinson, a spokesperson for Right to Life UK, has called on the government to end the ability to obtain abortion pills by post in light of the horrific case of a man who was able to obtain pills from an abortion provider and administer them to a woman he sexually assaulted resulting in a miscarriage. Pray for the recall of this system.

10. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World’s Population) / China - Pray for the effects on people impacted by the biggest human migration in history happening in China today. Millions of rural dwellers have relocated to China’s urban centers in just a couple of generations. Many cannot support their families through farming. Migrants to cities end up without basic social services or educational opportunities, which creates overcrowding and unemployment. Migrants can easily become vulnerable and problematic. These problems were exacerbated in 2020 by the lockdown and economic consequences of Covid-19’s emergence in China. Pray for Christians in the cities to reach out with compassion to these millions of desperate people. Source: www.operationworld.org

11. Pornography and Other Addictions / Pray for the drug rehab centers across the country. Ask the Lord to grant the staff wisdom, compassion, and perseverance needed to help those with serious addictions.

12. The Damascus Road Petition / Pray the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders of the Sikh religion who are sincerely attempting to seek God in their confusion. Ask Christ to speak to them directly, as He did for the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus. (Jeremiah 29:13)

13. VAT on Private Schools / The High Court has ruled to “fast-track” a legal challenge to the Government’s decision to impose VAT on private school fees, The Independent Schools Council has announced. The ISC – a lobby group representing more than 1,400 private schools – filed a judicial review claiming Labour’s flagship education policy is discriminatory. Plans to introduce 20 per cent on fees came into force on 1 January, with critics warning of school closures and an exodus of private school pupils to the state sector. The case, is being brought against Chancellor Rachel Reeves as head of the Treasury. Pray for justice to prevail. Source: The I Paper

14. UK Supreme Court / Pray for God to draw Lord Hodge, Deputy President of the Court into a deeper relationship with Himself. Pray the Lord will speak into Justice Hodges life in many ways. Pray God will help him make decisions in keeping with the purity and character of the living God. Pray the Lord will bring future justices of His choice onto the Court in His sovereign timing.

15. Christian Ministries / Open Air Campaigners use a huge range of creative methods to capture people's attention. These include sketch boarding, escapology, gospel magic, photography, street preaching, puppetry, one-to-one conversations, and more. One core method is open-air evangelism – simply finding people where they are and sharing the gospel creatively. They operate an attractive approach to street evangelism that encourages people to stop, listen to a presentation. Pray for the various evangelists and their work scattered throughout various British cities.

16. Bibleless People Groups / Pray that the Talapatra Cluster Project — Obika* Language (180,000) people of South Asia will have the New Testament translated into their language. They currently do not have the Scripture in their heart language. Source: Wycliffe

17. Prime Ministers Cabinet / Pray for Shabana Mahmood who holds the Government post of Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice. Ms. Mahmood has been Labour MP for Birmingham Ladywood since May 2010. She is the first Muslim and second female Lord Chancellor in history.

18. World Watch List / 102 MPs came to the parliamentary launch of the World Watch List 2025 in January to hear how crucial it is to respond to escalating religious persecution. About half the MPs who attended were newly elected last year. At the launch, co-hosted by Bishop Philip Mounstephen and the Rt Hon. Sir Stephen Timms MP, parliamentarians and others heard first-hand accounts of persecution from Christians from Nigeria, Bangladesh and East Africa. Praise God for this turnout and pray that Holy Spirit led unction and action will result from this gathering.

19. Metropolitan Police / Currently there is consternation within the force regarding the sacking of police officers who have been accused of serious misbehavior. Met Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley said it was "absolutely absurd" the force could not lawfully sack officers who were not fit to keep their vetted status. Pray that fair and just mechanisms will be put in place to dismiss those officers in the force who warrant such and thereby protect the public. Source: BBC

20. The Poor / Pray that God would grant greater wisdom, and more effective strategies to World Vision, Samaritan's Purse, Compassion International, and World Relief as they help bring material aid and spiritual truth to the poor of our world. (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 church family and 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 that many mentoring couples would be raised up to help those just starting married life. Pray for any young married couples in your congregation.

23. The Lords Day / Pray for those engaged in teaching children and young people biblical truth today, for receptive hearts and minds and that many will come to a knowledge of the truth.

24. Cultural Influencers / J J Abrams - Producer (Alias, Star Trek 1-3, Star Wars VII-IX) 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 / Naomi Scott (British Actress) Pray for God's personal impact on her life, for guidance and wisdom, and for her to come to a deeper relationship with God. Pray God will infuse her decisions with a strong moral dimension. Source: www.mastermediaintl.com

26. Important Legal or Humanitarian Relief Situation / Pray for Ola (17) and refugees like her and her family who have been forced to flee their home in Syria and live in refugee camps. Ola has been a refugee since age 12. About 7.2 million people are internally displaced within Syria, and 6.3 million have fled to neighboring countries as refugees. Syrians are enduring escalated violence in their 13th year of conflict and displacement. Pray for assistance for the Syrian refugees. Pray for the continued faith of the believers. Pray for the health, safety, and education of children who are living as refugees or are displaced within Syria. Source: World Vision

27. The Nations / Honduras - Pray for unity and cooperation among various denominations within the growing evangelical community. Pray for an end to extreme poverty, homelessness, and drug addiction among urban children. Pray for truth and justice to prevail over government corruption. Source: www.prayercast.com and www.operationworld.org

28. British Steel / Following President's Trump recent 25% tariff on steel imported into America pray the impact on the industry in Britain will be minimised. Pray that industry leaders and unions in this critical field be wise in making any necessary adjustments and limit the impact on the workforce centered in Scunthorpe and Teeside. BBC

29. Isabel Vaughan-Spruce / was recently arrested in Birmingham for praying silently outside an abortion business and approached by police for standing still. The Police Officer who arrested her said she was causing people harassment and stress," while acknowledging that she wasn't "saying anything." Pray for all charge against Ms. Spruce will be overturned and pray for all who seek to oppose the murder of innocent human beings in such a manner. Source: LifeSite News

30. National Revival / Pray 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.

31. Neighbor _____ **Friend** _____

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