

## The Strategic Prayer Initiative – UK June 2025

**1. Pastor** / If your pastor is married, pray his marriage will be strengthened, protected, and unified. 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 the safety and courage of several pastors in the north of Togo who have been persecuted by Islamists. In April 2024, Islamists attacked a village where Pastor Gbendja Félidja was serving, killing five people. This February armed militants came to his house and killed him. He left behind seven married adult children. In the same region of Togo, Pastor Patrice Kokouvi continues to minister despite ongoing threats for sharing the gospel with Muslims. For three years, villagers have continuously destroyed his crops, limiting his income and source of food. When asked if he had reported the destruction to the police, he said, "If I go to the court system, perhaps the villagers will never want to know Jesus." Pray that Muslims here would come to know Jesus. Source: [www.icommittopray.com](http://www.icommittopray.com)

**3. Unreached People Groups** / Pray God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 51,679,000 member Chamar (Hindu traditions) group of India.

**4. 250,000 SEND pupils** / with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in mainstream schools could lose their legal guarantees of extra support under a Government shake up. A key Department for Education advisor is reported to suggest the department is considering restricting education, health and care plans (EHCPs) to children in special schools. Pray for parents and their special needs children. Source: I Paper

**5. Bibleless People Groups** / Pray the Akébu people of Togo will have the New Testament translated into their language. They currently do not have the Scripture in their heart language. Source: Wycliffe.

**6. Rising food prices and high energy bills** / MPs, economists and industry insiders recently said food and energy were likely to remain big costs for households. Butter, chocolate and red meat have seen the highest price rises over the past year – butter is 20 per cent more expensive, with inflation for chocolate and lamb running at more than 10 per cent. Other food and drink experiencing inflation of more than 5 per cent include coffee, potatoes and fruit juice and dried fruit and nuts. Pray as believers we will be careful with our spending and look out for those we can help who are truly struggling financially. Source: I Paper

**7. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World's Population)** / China - Pray for wisdom for leaders in China as political and economic reforms are instituted. Resistance to substantial political change is irreconcilable with the juggernaut of capitalism (and its results: crass materialism and personal greed). Issues surrounding property ownership, banking, the widening gap between rich and poor, private versus state-provided social services - beset policy-makers and must be addressed. Source: Operation World

**8. Abortion** / Labour MP, Tonia Antoniazzi, has tabled an extreme "abortion up to birth" amendment ahead of Report Stage of the Crime and Policing Bill. This would change the law so it would no longer be illegal for women to perform their own abortions, and at any point up to and during birth. The change to the law would not exclude sex-selective abortions. Pray for a complete rejection of this amendment Source: UK Right to Life

**9. Community Institutions** / Many communities contain businesses or organisations whose practices serve (some unknowingly) "the forces of evil" (tarot card readers/fortune tellers, zones of prostitution, churches 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.

**10. The Nations / El Salvador** - Pray for God's comfort and healing among families who have been affected by the gang crisis. Pray for wisdom and truth to prevail in cases of imprisoned individuals. Pray for believers to grow in spiritual fervor and passion for reaching the lost. Source: [www.prayercast.com](http://www.prayercast.com)

**11. Marks & Spencer** / recently revealed a "highly sophisticated and targeted cyberattack" would cost it about \$400 million in operating profit, with disruption set to run into July. Pray for increased cyber safety for our national institutions and the apprehension of those who cause such harm and negative consequences. Source: Reuters

**12. The Education System** / Pray that godly men and women would be raised up as instructors in medical establishments in the United Kingdom and across the world. Pray the blinders (2 Corinthians 4:4) would be removed from the eyes of countless non-Christian medical students, that they might be able to see the incredible evidence for creation in human physiology.

**13. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for the children, and care givers, who live at the Love Kinship Project in India. 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](http://www.kinshipunited.org).

**14. The Ministry of Defence** / has banned electric vehicles (EVs) with Chinese components from sensitive sites and military training bases. Senior officials were recently alarmed on realising EVs driven by personnel might be being tracked, and sensors in the cars could be used to collect intelligence and send it back to Beijing. Pray for safety and security of our military installations from all foreign threats. Source: I Paper.

**15. Prime Minister Keir Starmer** / highlighted the persecuted church in his Easter message, He stated "This Easter, as churches hold special services across the UK, and gather to celebrate with friends and family, we remember those Christians facing hardship, persecution or conflict around the world who cannot celebrate freely." He also acknowledged the community work of church groups, saying: "I want to thank you for the ways in which you follow Christ's example of love and compassion in serving your communities. Thank the Lord for these recognitions and pray the Lord will draw our Prime Minister to Himself. Source: Premier

**16. Jennifer Melle** / a Christian nurse has faced disciplinary action for declining to use a patient's preferred gender identity during an incident at St. Helier Hospital in South London. The transgender patient is a convicted pedophile. Christian Concern is legally supporting Melle. This is one of several recent controversial cases involving NHS nurses facing disciplinary actions over gender identity-related issues. Pray that justice will be served, and righteousness will prevail. Source: Christian Post

**17. Bible Society commissioned poll** / recently revealed 36% of respondents in Western countries believed the Bible was relevant to them personally. About one third (32 per cent) reported using the Bible at least once a month. Most interviews were conducted face-to-face, asking questions about attitudes to the Bible and to religion, church attendance, Bible use, the influence of the Bible, and people's confidence about the Bible. Be encouraged and pray for changed lives. Source: Church Times

**18. Proposed Death Penalty** / has been made by the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh, a state in central India for those who violate his state's laws that forbid the forced conversion of young girls. The vague definition of "forced conversion" is exploited by Hindu nationalists to harass and attack Christian activity. Anti-conversion laws are already being used in India to target Christian pastors and evangelists. Pray for the Christians of India who are often wrongly accused and persecuted for their faith. Source: Voice of the Martyrs

**19. Home Education Register** / Plans to introduce a register are "intrusive", "bureaucratic" and should be dropped, Peers have told the Government. During a wide-ranging debate on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill in the House of Lords, Peers questioned the need for a register, saying it risked encroaching on normal family life, and raised concerns about its compatibility with human rights legislation. Under the Bill, parents must provide not only their names and addresses, but the amount of time each child spends "receiving education from each parent" – and provide the same information for anyone else who educates the child, updating it within 15 days of any change. Pray for continued freedom of those who homeschool and the defeat of burdensome and intrusive bureaucracy. Source: Christina Institute

**20. Each Country's Leader** / Pray that Supreme Leader Ali Hoseini-Khamenei, the primary leader of Iran (88.4 million), will be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that will help the gospel to spread freely in his country. Pray for the vast network of house church leaders and their congregants who live under the constant threat of persecution and imprisonment. "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

**21. Key Ruling** / In April UK Supreme Court Judges unanimously ruled that a woman is defined by biological sex under equalities law. It marks the culmination of a long-running legal battle which could have major implications for how sex-based rights apply across Scotland, England and Wales. Judge Lord Hodge told the court: "The unanimous decision of this court is that the terms woman and sex in the Equality Act 2010 refer to a biological woman and biological sex. Praise God for this decision. Pray that Christians will show care and concern towards those that wrestle with gender dysphoria. Source: BBC.

**22. Lord's Day** / Pray for those who teach children, teenagers and young adults today that God's word, wisdom and principles will be clearly taught and demonstrated. Pray for those who come from a troubled or dysfunctional family situation that they will find a place of solace and comfort among God's people.

**23. Army Chief** / General Sir Patrick Sanders, has been a vocal critic of cuts to troop numbers, said the UK should "train and equip" a "citizen army" to prepare for a potential land war with Russia. In the 12 months to September the army's total strength fell from 79,139 to 75,983, an annual drop of 4 per cent and the lowest level in 200 years. Pray for wisdom for the military leaders and planners of our nation. Source: I Paper

**24. The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of Shiite Muslim leaders 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)

**25. The Family** / Pray that divisions, strife, and disharmony in marriages and families would be healed through the power of forgiveness, sought through Christ. Pray for a spirit of humility to reign.

**26. Societal Disconnection** / A poll of over 13,000 people by More in Common, in partnership with Citizens UK and UCL Policy Lab, revealed many Britons reported feeling unease about the state of community and belonging. 50 per cent of those surveyed said they feel disconnected from society. 43 per cent said they sometimes feel like a stranger in their own country. Pray the local church will be more prominent in addressing this dilemma. Source: I Paper

**27. Alpha** / the internationally recognised Christian course designed for exploring faith, has reported its most successful year since its inception in 1977. In 2024, more than two million people participated in Alpha courses around the world – the highest annual uptake in the movement's history. Notably, over a third of all Alpha participants last year were under the age of 25, reflecting the growing appeal of Alpha among younger generations. Praise God for this report and for the work of its sister organisation, Christianity Explored, that many souls will be brought into God's kingdom. Source: Premier

**28. Cultural Influencers** / - Joe Wicks, fitness instructor, TV host and writer. 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: Social Shepherd

**29. Lord's Day** / Pray for all those who are carrying a heavy burden; physically, emotionally, psychologically etc. that they will find comfort and direction as they meet among believers today.

**30. Neighbour** / \_\_\_\_\_ **Friend** / \_\_\_\_\_

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