

“All good is born in prayer, and all good springs from it.” C.H. Spurgeon

UK Strategic Prayer Initiative – August 2026

1. Pastor / Pray the Holy Spirit will aid your pastor in sermon preparation and delivery. 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 Marie, 18, and Rosaline, 17, in a voodooist family in Benin. The girls placed their trust in Christ after a soap-seller came to their home and shared the gospel. This angered their family, who stopped giving them food. “We read the Bible and look for verses to encourage us” said Marie. “The same way he repaired the life of Job, he will give solutions to our problems.” Rosaline asks for prayer: “I want God to give me such faith whenever I face any problem or difficult situation, my faith will not shake.” Source: [icommittoprayer](#)

3. Violence in Belfast / reports of criminal elements encouraging young people to engage in disorder in west Belfast circulated last month. A police officer was assaulted, 11 police vehicles damaged and a man attacked with iron bars after a crowd of about 100 people gathered on the Stewartstown Road. Bins were set on fire, and masonry thrown at police in scenes a community worker has described as “absolute chaos”. Jim Donnelly, from the West Belfast Partnership Board, said youth workers who had been trying to help young people during the disorder had since received threats. Pray for those engaged in youth work and for the church to be used of God to bring peace to the City. Source: BBC

4. A Russian warship / fired live artillery rounds in the English Channel as Andy Burnham was becoming Prime Minister. At least five British and French military aircraft scrambled to the area. Senior defence figures suggest the incident was a deliberate move by Vladimir Putin to present a “challenge” to the UK on the day Burnham was assuming office. Pray for a consistent and forceful challenge to Russian aggression. Source: I Paper

5. Christians Against Poverty / The organization has called on Prime Minister Andy Burnham to commit to addressing the nation’s poverty crisis. Christian conservatives have long emphasised effective poverty relief must balance compassion with policies that encourage self-sufficiency and personal responsibility. Pray CAP’s engagement presents an opportunity to advance solutions rooted in these time-tested values. Source: Faith and Freedom

6. Bibleless People Groups / Pray the Komo (614,000) people of the Democratic Republic of Congo will have the New Testament translated into their language. Source: Wycliffe

7. Protection of MP’s / Following the horrendous murder of Ann Widdecombe 78, pray for the protection of all those serving in public office. Consider taking time to pray for your local MP and writing a short note thanking them for their service and say you are praying for them.

8. An Orphan-Care Project / Pray for the children and workers who live at the Kampong Chhnang Kinship Family in Cambodia. Pray the staff will have the Holy Spirit’s help raising genuine Christian disciples with each of the children. Pictures of the project can be seen at www.kinshipunited.org.

9. Abortion / Sarah Morse, originally from the US taught at Arbroath High School when she was asked her opinion on abortion during a discussion on life in the US. Morse responded, “I am a faithful Roman Catholic and am against abortion.” Students further asked about abortion if a woman had been raped, to which Morse replied, the preborn child should “not be punished but understood that people would disagree with her.” The same day, she was fired. Pray for pro-life teachers to be able to voice their opinions and for Sarah as her termination is challenged by Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). Source: FWI

10. Young Army Recruits / are exploring Christianity, according to new figures gathered by the Royal Army Chaplains’ Department (RACD). Data shows around a fifth of new recruits at the Army Foundation College in Harrogate attend Sunday services during their initial six-week training, with an increasing interest in learning about Christianity among young soldiers at the Infantry Training Centre in Catterick. Baptisms among recruits increased by 37% between 2024 and 2025 at the Army Training Centre Pirbright. Eleven young officers were baptised in one month last year at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Praise and pray for all our military personnel. Source: Premier

11. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World’s Population) / India - Pray the church renounces the remnants of the caste system, a major issue in India. The Dalits/Bahujans/Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes together are 25% of the population. Others oppressed these groups for generations, and used the caste system (and Hinduism) to justify harmful actions. The UN, the Indian government, and international NGOs have all taken action to address the situation. Churches also work to establish human rights, education, health, and employment, as well as for the salvation of the Dalits. The Church has an opportunity to show the love of Christ extends to all people, regardless of caste, race, language, gender, and economic status. Pray Christians remove all caste discrimination from the Church, where it exists. Source: Operation World

12. Parliament / Pray for Sarah Olney Liberal Democrat politician who has served as the Member of Parliament for Richmond Park. Pray also for her husband Ben and their two children Source: Wikipedia

13. Conversion Therapy / The Government has published draft legislation to ban so-called ‘conversion therapy’, despite concerns from legal experts that previous attempts threatened fundamental freedoms of speech, religion and family life. The move comes as ministers prepare to restart a controversial puberty blocker trial longstanding involving children as young as 11. Pray this draft legislation will fail and righteousness prevail. Source: Christian Institute

14. Wellington Chapel (FIEC) - Hereford / Pray for this faithful group of believers who are currently seeking the appointment of a new Pastor. The Chapel has been in existence since the early 1800's. Their mission statement is "Making wholehearted followers of Jesus Christ." Matthew 28:19. Their aim is to seek to live for and make Jesus known in their community.

15. Christian Ministries / Gideons International - Their purpose is to win young and old to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ through personal testimony and distributing the Bible. Pray God would sovereignly place Gideons' New Testaments in the hands of the seeking and would open their hearts. Ask God to guide this ministry.

16. The Lord's Day / Pray for those in marriages where the husband or wife has rejected the gospel. Pray the believing spouse will feel comforted and supported by their church family as they worship today. Pray each may be a testimony to their partner and pray the Lord will bring deep conviction of sin to stubborn and rebellious hearts.

17. University of Exeter Christian Union / Pray for the leadership Committee of ECU which exists to spread the message of the Gospel on campus, to give every student the opportunity to hear and respond to the good news of Jesus.

18. Encroaching Persecution /The Christian Institute along with many pro-life groups, gender-critical organisations and Christian charities have been branded an 'anti-rights actor' by Amnesty International UK. Amnesty accused the Institute of "fostering moral panic" and posing a threat to "human rights protections" in the UK. Pray for all who stand in the public square for biblical truth to remain strong among the evils of our day. Source: Christian Institute

19. The Nations / Zambia - Pray for ongoing commitment by Zambians to see their nation flourish as a Christian one, which honours the Lord. Pray for the development of training programmes that will raise up educationally and spiritually equipped leaders. Pray for wisdom in tackling extreme poverty and the devastating HIV/AIDS crisis. Source: www.prayercast.com

20. The Poor / Casinos and lotteries are very crippling to the poor. Pray the lure of gambling away one's pay 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 for a spirit of unity to reign within our nation's Bible-believing churches. Pray that our actions and speech would reflect Christ to each other. (James 1:22-25, James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)

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

23. The Education System / Pray the Holy Spirit would clearly guide Christian students entering our universities this autumn to degrees of His choice, or areas of study that will be the most beneficial for future challenges the church will face.

24. Cultural Influencers / Emma Thompson – Actress and screenwriter (*Sense and Sensibility*, *Primary Colours*, *Love Actually* *Saving Mr. Banks*, *Leo Grande*) Pray God will reveal Himself to this cultural influencer who claims to be an atheist. Pray for God's personal impact on her life. Source: Wikipedia

25. Power Players in Media / Sir Christopher Nolan - filmmaker (*The Dark Knight* trilogy *The Prestige*, *Inception*, *Dunkirk*, *Odyssey*) - Pray for God's personal impact on his life and for him to come to a relationship with the living God. Pray God will infuse his decisions with a strong moral dimension. Source: Wikipedia

26. Each Country's Leader / Pray Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, the primary leader of Israel, will be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that will help the gospel to spread freely in his country. Pray for all Jewish ministries that seek to share the true Messiah with God's ancient people.

27. Important Humanitarian Relief Situation / Pray for continued recovery and rebuilding following June's 7.8 earthquake on June 8th in the southern Philippines. Source: CNN

28. Assisted Suicide / A revised Bill brought back by Lauren Edwards MP is due for a second reading on 11th September. This Bill would put vulnerable people at risk, as outlined by numerous Royal Colleges and Institutions that would be responsible for implementing the Bill. Please pray for the Bill's defeat and ask your MP to vote No on 11th September. Source: Right to Life UK

29. Commitment to Inerrancy / Pray all Bible believing churches remain steadfast in holding to this doctrine. May we ever be grateful to those in past history who gave much, even their lives that we may have free access to the scriptures in our day.

30. The Lord's Day / Pray for those teaching Sunday School today, may they realise the responsibility and privilege upon them. Pray teachers will be well prepared and know the joy of leading children or adults in the way of truth.

31. Neighbour _____ **Relative** _____

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