

Time spent in **prayer** will yield more than that given to work. Let our chief work as God's messengers be intercession; in it we secure the presence and power of God to go with us. Andrew Murray

The Strategic Prayer Initiative – UK January 2021

- ❑ **1. Pastors** / Pray for the Holy Spirit to raise up prayer teams, at all Bible-believing churches, to pray for their pastor's protection from sin and demonic forces. James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11
- ❑ **2. Persecuted Christians** / Pray for Pastor Polycarp Zong (abducted by an Islamic group) and pray for Favina Alia and 4 other Christian women (abducted by Boko Haram) in Nigeria. Pray for a quick release of these Christians. Pray for wisdom and safety for Christians as they travel in the New Year. Pray for peace and comfort for these victims and their families. Pray that God would thwart the plans of the enemy for believers in Nigeria. Source: Open Doors
- ❑ **3. U.K. Supreme Court** / Pray God will draw Justice of The Supreme Court, Right Hon. Lord Lloyd-Jones to make decisions in keeping with the purity and character of the living God. Also pray for his family.
- ❑ **4. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for all the children and workers, who live at the Geta Kinship Project in Kenya. 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
- ❑ **5. Unreached People Groups** / Pray that God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 11,000,000 member Saudi Arabia group of Arab, Saudi - Hijazi. Source: www.joshuaproject.net
- ❑ **6. Each Country's Leader** / Pray that Prime Minister Scott Morrison (an evangelical Christian), the primary leader in Australia (23 million), will be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that will help the gospel spread freely in his country.
- ❑ **7. North Korea** / The owner of a North Korean fishing fleet was publicly executed for listening to a banned radio station while at sea. The captain — a man in his 40s identified only by his last name Choi — was gunned down by a firing squad in mid-October for regularly listening to Radio Free Asia over a “long period of time,” a law enforcement source said in North Korea. Pray for all citizens of this nation that live under such brutal conditions. Source: New York Post
- ❑ **8. Christian Ministries** / Every Home for Christ - An international missions organisation focused on the Great Commission that systematically seeks to reach the lost by going home to home with the Gospel in over 130 nations and disciple all new believers. Pray that workers will continually abide in Christ and that God will continue to use them to produce lasting fruit. Source: www.ehc.org
- ❑ **9. Bible-less People Groups** / Pray for the project working with languages on the Ndop plain in Cameroon. When complete this will have translated the New Testament into at least 10 languages. Source: Wycliffe
- ❑ **10. Abortion** / In a joint statement, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Royal College of Midwives, and the Society and College of Radiographers advised medical professionals how to behave when carrying out prenatal tests for chromosome disorders such as Down's syndrome, Edwards' syndrome and Patau's syndrome. Thank God for this statement and pray that parents will not be pressured to have an abortion after a test indicates their child may have a disability. Source: Christian Institute
- ❑ **11. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World's Population)** / Indonesia - The challenges within the Church are serious. While praising God for Christian growth, pray also for overcoming theological error in the Church. Beyond forms and structures that encourage nominalism, inadequate teaching has led to many errors, to syncretistic Christianity loaded with occultism and animistic thought patterns, and to controversy over “prosperity” theology. Source: Operation World
- ❑ **12. Those impacted by Covid** / Pray for those in our community that have need for a job, shelter/housing, friendship and support – medically, socially, physically, financially, spiritually etc.
- ❑ **13. Medicine** / Pray for the equipping of Master Trainers in church and mission hospitals throughout Africa and Asia as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Source: International Christian Medical and Dental Association
- ❑ **14. Community Institutions** / Many communities contain businesses/organisations whose practices serve (some unknowingly) “the forces of evil” (adult bookstores, tarot card readers, churches of false religions, etc.). Choose one from your community and pray in the authoritative name of Jesus Christ that the Lord will diminish its effectiveness.
- ❑ **15. Parliament** / Pray for John Mason, SNP Member of the Scottish Parliament for Glasgow Shettleston. John trained as an accountant and later spent 3 years in Nepal with a development organisation representing churches all over the world. He is keen Christian and is involved with his church; Easterhouse Baptist Church. Pray for John as he navigates the political world and seeks to be a witness for Christ.
- ❑ **16. Local Politics** / Pray for those leaders on your local council and their families. Thank God for their willingness to serve and that Christians and local churches would engage and encourage them and confront any proposed legislation that will draw people away from the living God.

- ❑ **17. Prime Minister's Cabinet** / Pray for Rt. Hon Robert Buckland MP for South Swindon and Secretary of State for Justice and Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain. Source: Wikipedia
- ❑ **18. Church leadership** / Pray that leaders in our churches will be committed to prayer and establish and/or maintain weekly times of corporate prayer. May they not be side tracked from this critical need. "We will give our attention to prayer and ministry of the word." Acts 6:4
- ❑ **19. The Family** / Pray for those in your family, immediate or extended, who wrestle with some form of addiction eg. gambling, alcohol, pornography, spending, computer/video games etc Ask the Lord that these habits be broken and replaced with good and meaningful activity
- ❑ **20. Education** / Home Education is increasingly popular in the UK especially with the advent of the coronavirus. It means parents take responsibility for their children's education rather than delegating it to a school. Pray for parents considering this option and for their enablement and dedication to this big responsibility.
- ❑ **21. The Nations** / New Zealand - Pray for the Holy Spirit to draw people to the Lord in this secular society. Pray for committed Christian leaders to be raised up from the Maori. Pray for immigrant believers to be bold proclaimers of the faith. Source: www.prayercast.com
- ❑ **22. Men** / Pray that each man in our congregation will maintain (or obtain) moral accountability with close confidants, preferably two or more.
- ❑ **23. Cultural Influencers** / Jennifer Garner (actor- *Pearl Harbor*, *Catch me if you can*) Pray that God will infuse the decisions of this cultural influencer with a strong moral dimension and that she will help move people toward our Holy Creator, not away from Him. Pray for God's personal impact on her life. Source: www.mastermediaintl.com
- ❑ **24. 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 they each may be a testimony to their spouse. Pray the Lord will bring deep conviction of sin to stubborn, rebellious and/or unbelieving hearts.
- ❑ **25. Important Legal or Relief Situation** / Schools in England must not use gender stereotypes to confuse children into thinking they might be transgender, the Department for Education (DfE) has warned. The new guidance on how schools plan their Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum will help check the spread of transgender ideology. Praise God for this warning. Source: Christian Institute
- ❑ **26. Praise** / A team of national evangelists are working in the interior of Ivory Coast reaching into idol-infested areas. Churches have been planted despite some persecution. One church was attacked and burnt down, and some people were beaten. However, believers have become stronger in Christ and have rebuilt their church. Source: Bible Open Air Mission
- ❑ **27. Conversion Therapy** / Psychotherapists have admitted they are afraid to challenge children who say they want to 'change sex' in case they are accused of 'conversion therapy'. One, a former governor of the Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust's Gender Identity Development Service in London, said "politicisation" of the issue had "interfered with good clinical care". It comes as the Government considers a ban on the practice. LGBT activists Steve Chalke and Jayne Ozanne want the Government to take action against any prayer, private conversation and preaching which does not affirm homosexual or transgender lifestyles. They claimed that, in the future, churches could be prosecuted. Source: The Christian Institute
- ❑ **28. Outreach** / Pray for all believers to have the desire and drive to find a way to share the good news of the gospel to family, friends and contacts that we all have each day.
- ❑ **29. Genocide** / MPs continue to ask the Government to pressure China into ending the abuses of forced abortion and sterilisation against the Uyghur population in China. In an 'Urgent Question' to the Foreign Secretary, Sir Iain Duncan-Smith MP said: "[It has been] shown that the Chinese Government forced Uyghur women into sterilisation. As a result, the Uyghur population in those regions fell by as much as 84% between 2015 and 2018. That is action verging, I believe, on genocide". Pray this evil be thwarted in part by the UK and other Governments confronting the Chinese Communist Party. Source: Right to Life News
- ❑ **30. Personal Revival** / Pray you would be shown any sin in your life and be given the strength to resist it (1 Cor. 10:13). Pray for holiness and an ever-deepening personal relationship with the Lord (Luke 10:27). The following is a spiritual growth resource for you to consider. Knowledge Of The Holy by A.W. Tozer
- ❑ **31. Abundant Living** / Despite all the problems and evils of the world may we remember that God is still Sovereign and that one day "every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" Isaiah 45: 23, Philippians 2: 10,11. In this light commit your way to the Lord for the coming year.

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