

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 – May 2021*

- ❑ **1. Pastors** / Pray the Lord will grant good health to your pastor and enable him to take time and engage in sufficient physical exercise.
- ❑ **2. Persecuted Christians** / Pray for Mohamed, his wife Hamdi and their newborn baby who were arrested on January 21 on suspicion of spreading Christianity in Somaliland. Also arrested were two women named Hamdi and Aster. Their lawyer first reported they were in good health but since then has been denied access to them. Pray Mohamed, Hamdi, Aster, Hamdi and the baby experience God's closeness and strength and are released soon. Pray for the Christian community who are feeling vulnerable with these arrests coming after similar events last year. Source: Open doors
- ❑ **3. UK Supreme Court** / Pray God will draw recently appointed Justice of The Supreme Court, Right Hon Lady Rose into a deeper relationship with Himself. Pray God will help her to make decisions that will be in keeping with the purity and character of the living God. Pray also that the Lord will bring future justices of His choice onto the Court in His sovereign timing
- ❑ **4. Unreached People Groups** / Pray that God will raise up the people, resources and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 18,883,000 member Kurmi (Hindu traditions) group of India.
- ❑ **5. Each Country's Leader** / Pray that King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud and his son Mohammed bin Salman, the primary leaders of Saudi Arabia (35 million), will be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that will allow the gospel to be disseminated in this country, the geographic centre of Islam. A key source: World Prayer Map via [www.ehc.org](http://www.ehc.org) ["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}" [1 Timothy 2:1-4]
- ❑ **6. Bibleless People Groups** / Pray that the BANDA-LINDA (183,000) people of the Central African Republic will have the New Testament translated into their language. They currently do not have the Scripture in their heart language. Source: Wycliffe
- ❑ **7. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for all the children and workers, who live at the Wiang Pa Pao Kinship Project in Thailand. Pray the staff will have the Holy Spirit's help in raising genuine Christian disciples with each of the children. Pictures of the home can be seen at [www.kinshipunited.org](http://www.kinshipunited.org)
- ❑ **8. Abortion** The Faroe Islands (pop. 50,000) has strict laws regarding abortion. The UN Convention on the Rights of Women has said the Faroe Islands "is not living up to its obligations regarding Faroese women's access to abortion" and recommended that abortion legislation be amended." Pray this recommendation fails. 85% of the population belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church and 13% are Plymouth Brethren. Source: the Christian Institute.
- ❑ **9. Prime Minister's Cabinet** / Pray for Alok Sharma, President of the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, and Conservative MP for Reading West. Also pray for his wife and two daughters.
- ❑ **10. Parliament** / Pray for Arlene Isabel Foster serving as First Minister of Northern Ireland. She has served as Leader of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) since 2015. Arlene has issued a strong statement on marriage being the union of a man and a woman. She has stated "Yes, I take the traditional view," Please pray for Ms Foster as a politician, wife and mother, also her husband and 2 children. Source: Wikipedia
- ❑ **11. World Leaders** / Pray for Samia Suluhu Hassan the new President of Tanzania following the death of President John Magufuli 61 y.o. to covid in March. Hassan makes history as the first woman to hold the top job in the East African country. She is a practicing Muslim.
- ❑ **12. The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ would supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders in the Shintoism religion who are sincerely attempting to love God. Ask Jesus Christ to speak to them directly, as He did for the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus. (Jeremiah 29:13)
- ❑ **13. Christian Ministries** / The Armed Forces' Christian Union is a British military fellowship for all three Services that serves and supports all members of the UK Armed Forces, particularly in prayer. Pray for the Lord's favor and protection for this work.
- ❑ **14. The Nations** / Iran - Pray as the church rapidly expands that it becomes solid theologically and mature despite intense persecution. May the present opportunities to spread the Gospel and the scripture through Internet, TV and media continue and be enhanced. Source: [www.prayercast.com](http://www.prayercast.com)
- ❑ **15. The Poor** / Pray that every church in the UK would either create, or participate in, some type of ministry to the poor. (Galatians 2:10, Matthew 25:44-45)
- ❑ **16. The Church** / Pray for those struggling with guilt/conviction in your church today whether they are believers or not. That surrender to the Lord Jesus will bring peace through obedience.

- ❑ **17. True Discipline** / Pray that pastors, church leaders and believers will lovingly confront those who profess Christ but are engaged in some obvious sin. The purpose of church discipline is the spiritual restoration of fallen members and the consequent strengthening of the church and glorifying of the Lord.
- ❑ **18. The Family** / Pray God would help families to reduce their debt and become better stewards. Pray that people would get help through good organisations such as Christians Against Poverty (CAP).
- ❑ **19. The Education System** / Pray for the extensive work of UCCF, Navigators, Scripture Union, Be Me Project and Young Life in schools and universities throughout the UK. Ask the Lord to draw the students of His choosing to these ministries. Pray that many come to know Christ personally and mature in their faith.
- ❑ **20. Important Legal or Relief Situation** / Pray for the suffering children in the Tigray region of northern Ethiopia, that peace will come to this region. Pray for housing and protection for the thousands of families that have fled their homes due to violent conflict. Pray for children who are at risk for severe malnutrition. Pray for perseverance and strength for those enduring armed conflict, COVID-19 and swarms of locusts that have devastated crops. Pray for Samaritans Purse and other Christian aid organisations as they serve those in need.
- ❑ **21. Gender Reassignment** / A NHS gender clinic in Scotland is under fire for misleading young people over the effects of experimental puberty-blocking drugs. Officials at NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, which manages Sandyford Sexual Health Clinic, were not publicly acknowledging that puberty blockers had long term effects on bone density, growth and brain development. The clinic only withdrew a leaflet claiming the drugs were “fully reversible” in June last year, despite being aware of research stating the opposite much earlier.
- ❑ **22. Drug legalisation** / Legal cannabis in the US has been linked to an increase in fatal car accidents since 2012. Research by McGill University in Canada found that, since legalisation, there was an increase of 15 per cent in fatal collisions and a 16 per cent increase in associated fatalities. Pray the decriminalisation of drugs continues to be opposed by Parliament
- ❑ **23. Stirling Free Church** / Legal action has been taken against the owners of a conference centre in Scotland which has cancelled the bookings of this church. The Robertson Trust cancelled the lease because of the church’s belief that marriage should be for one man and one woman. Minister Rev Iain Macaskill explained: “We are a thriving church that welcomes all people and preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ”. Pray for this church that God will clearly direct His way. Source: Premier News
- ❑ **24. Covid** / In April multiple Christian leaders urged Prime Minister Boris Johnson and the heads of the UK’s devolved administrations not to impose vaccine passports on society. 934 signed an open letter expressing “serious concern” at what they describe as an “unethical form of coercion and violation of the principle of informed consent.” Pray for wisdom in this controversial matter. Source: LifeSite News
- ❑ **25. Cultural Influencers** / Olivia Coleman (Actor) 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.
- ❑ **26. Power Players in Film and Television** / Pray for a mighty movement of the Holy Spirit through the media industry, that those seeking God may find him, the wounded healed, the weary comforted, the lost be found and those dwelling in darkness will find the Light of the World. Source : [www.mastermediaintl.com](http://www.mastermediaintl.com)
- ❑ **27. British Youth** / A recent poll conducted by Savanta ComRes found a rise in spiritual openness among young people during the pandemic. The survey found more than two in five 18-34 year olds in the UK have prayed more since the start of the pandemic and one third have read the Bible more often. Pray Christians and Churches will take heart, pray and reach out to the younger generation. Source:Premier News
- ❑ **28. Personal Revival** / Pray that you will be shown any sin in your life and given the strength to resist it (1 Cor. 10:13). Pray that you will be led to **an ever-deepening personal relationship with the Lord** (Luke 10:27).
- ❑ **29. National Revival** / Pray that the Holy Spirit will be poured out on the UK, bringing deep conviction of sin, and ushering in an extended season of national repentance, conversion, pursuit of holiness, and social responsibility. Additionally, pray that any schemes of the enemy to thwart God’s plans and truth in the commonwealth, the nation, your church, or in your home, will have no effect.
- ❑ **30. Laborers** / 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 “laborers” will be raised up for the kingdom. [*The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord...to send out laborers.* Mt. 9:37-38]
- ❑ **31 Neighbor \_\_\_\_\_ Co-worker \_\_\_\_\_**

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