

The SPI™ 777 Prayer Guide Packet

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The Strategic Prayer Initiative has established, by independent research, that almost every sincere follower of Jesus Christ believes that the Lord wants them to have a good prayer life (as long as it is acknowledged that it will look different for different people).

SPI has labored over 20 years to develop tools, systems, methods, and approaches to make it easier for the Lord's people, who don't already have a good prayer life, to develop one more easily and subsequently maintain it once developed.

Following are seven (7) prayer guides that we want to encourage you to take advantage of in becoming more strategic in prayer, for the sake of the Lord's kingdom and areas of related importance.

The guides included with this **WINTER Triple 7 Packet** are as follows:

1. The January Strategic Prayer Data Sheet a.k.a. The Pink Sheet™
2. Pink Sheet EXPANDER™ - Unreached People Groups – Version “D”
3. Pink Sheet EXPANDER™ - Legal Issues
4. Unity In The Body Of Christ - Prayer Guide (One Cry)
5. Pink Sheet EXPANDER™ - Persecuted Christians (via China Aid)
6. SPI™ Spiritual Warfare Prayer Guide (4-page version w/ commentary)
7. Pink Sheet EXPANDER™ - Humanitarian Relief Situations

Following are four (4) different approaches for how you can use these guides. The first (A.) can add a much greater strategic component to your prayer life yet asking as little as one additional minute to your daily prayers. The second option (B.), far more demanding, is known as the Triple 7 Challenge.

- A. Our first suggested option is to print out this cover page and the seven different prayer guides, staple them together, and put them with your Bible. Each day chose one or two prayers from one or two of the different guides and then spend about one or two minutes to lift these prayers up to the Lord. Once completed, put a checkmark by the prayer you just prayed. You choose whether you want to pick just one prayer each day, or two prayers for each day. Although, if you choose to pray two of these a day, you can actually pray through the 210 strategic prayers three times in a year. That is a whole lot of strategic prayer for a small two minutes a day effort on your part. One way to free up two minutes for prayer is to mute a television commercial break, while you're watching TV. These strategic needs are real, can you please mute a commercial break a day, or find some other way to come up with the one or two minutes of time each day for strategic prayer?
- B. The second option we call the Triple 7 Challenge. It is a way for the average Christian to spend seven (7) minutes a day, for 31 days, and incredibly improve the strategic component of their prayer life. To accept this challenge, (if you don't already have printed copies in hand), print out this cover page and the seven guides, and then staple them together. [You will use all of the seven (7) different prayer guides, each focusing on a different area of prayer.] Then you pray 7 requests each day, one from each of these 7 prayer guides, for a total of 7 minutes i.e. the 777 Challenge. All you have to do is pray one item on the first Prayer Guide (about 1-minute), check it off, and then pray one request from the second guide, and check it off, then go to the third, and so on.

We would like to suggest you try taking **the Triple 7 Challenge for just one month** and see if you find it powerful, yet manageable. If you do this, you will have greatly ratcheted up the strategic prayer component of a good prayer life, and you can make this huge change in just seven minutes a day. After the month has ended, you can do it again, or you can shift to one of the less demanding options, while still helping to build the Lord's kingdom with your strategic prayers.

If you don't like one or more of these guides (or some prayers on them), please feel free not to use that, (or those), particular guide(s), or some specific prayers. Furthermore, if you don't like our suggested seven-minute-a-day approach, feel free to use the guides in such a way that you believe can be the most helpful for your schedule, as well as Christ's kingdom. Ultimately, what we are trying to facilitate is that everyone who thinks the Lord wants them to have "a good prayer life" would actually be able to get there – for the sake of the influence it will have, and all of the good it will do.

- C. If you use Approach C, you will pick a different guide to be used each of the next seven months, i.e. a different guide for each month. Then put just the one prayer guide with the materials you use during your time with the Lord each day, or in a location that will help you see and use the guide each day. You pray one item a day and then check it off, finishing a guide each month. Most days this approach will only add about one minute of prayer to your daily prayer life, while making most peoples' prayer lives significantly more targeted, or strategic.
- D. **A Triple 7 Prayer Meeting** - Once a week, bi-weekly, or once a month, get together (in person, on the phone, or electronically) with two friends or your small group, for a **Triple 7 Prayer Meeting**. Provide guide copies to each participant, then for at least 10 minutes (more, if desired), let one person at a time pray for one item of their choice, from any of the seven guides. During each prayer, the rest of the group stands in agreement with the person praying (Matthew 19:19). Each person will pray only for their one prayer item choice, then it moves on to next participant. People, when their turn comes around, can also choose to pray something important to them, instead of an item from one of the guides. However, each person needs to **limit their prayer to one minute, two at the most, but no more!** A leader should kindly step in and remind a person if they are going on and on (possibly by taping their shoulder, etc.) since they should already know that a Triple 7 Prayer Meeting keeps each prayer limited to a one or two minute maximum. This is a very important limitation that increases the effectiveness of this type of group prayer strategy). Additionally, if the group size gets to be seven (7) or more individuals, we recommend the group be divided into smaller groups (teams of three, four, or five are fine). These simple guidelines help the prayer meeting to move more quickly, and it **makes it less likely that people become "bored" and consequently not return.** Another benefit to this type of corporate prayer is that people who feel uncomfortable praying out loud can much more comfortably join in, since they don't have to formulate any prayers, instead they can just pray prayers based on the prayer information from one of the various guides. They can even pick some prayers in advance of the meeting if that is helpful. Furthermore, if someone prays a prayer based on one of the guides, **it is completely fine if the prayer is far shorter than one minute.** The preset guidelines of this approach help to remove some of the greatest impediments to corporate prayer meetings, meetings that have vanished from many churches, and are all too often weakly attended, if a church still has a corporate prayer meeting. **Church specific prayer lists can be added to this approach if so desired, but if you do include them with the other lists/guides, we recommend** that you do not alter the other guidelines for this approach, so that you don't reduce the meeting's chances of succeeding over time, as well as being highly strategic. Due to the spiritual warfare the world is being subjected to, at this moment in history, we really need all true Christians to become more effective in their prayer lives, for the sake of helping His kingdom to come and His will to be done!

We know from thousands of surveys done on Sunday mornings that approximately 96%, or more, of these self-identified Christians believe the Lord wants them to have a good prayer life, but only about 28% of them actually have one. Furthermore, we know from these surveys that peoples' prayers break down to the average person having only about 15% to 20% of their prayers being of a strategic nature (i.e. subjects or prayer targets that typically take some research to be aware of), while 80% to 85% of their prayers are of a more personal nature (i.e. prayers that are typically known to them, or become known to them, during the normal course of their lives, without them having to do some research to be aware of them). So, we would like to again encourage you to take on the Triple 7 Challenge, many of you could actually make a quantum leap forward towards having a good prayer life, and it will only take you seven (7) minutes a day. [A strategic component to a good prayer life is, of course, only one aspect of a good prayer life, your relationship with your Lord and savior is undeniably one of the highest priorities.] So, consider taking on the 777 Challenge for just one month - the next 31 days. If you typically have not had a strongly strategic component to your prayer life, you might find the strategic subject matter, and seven minutes a day, to be very meaningful and yet very manageable. Of course, after finishing your month-long Triple 7 Challenge, you can always change to one of the quicker approaches, such as Approach A or Approach C.

“Prayer is warfare. Just getting to prayer is half the battle; staying there is the other half.” Anonymous

“On the basis of the record of the whole Bible, I would say that prayer and fasting combined constitute the strongest single weapon that has been committed to God’s believing people.” Derek Prince

“The greatest impact any of us can have on Christ’s global cause is to be involved in consistent prayer for the whole world and to teach other Christians how to pray this way.” David Bryant

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- ❑ **1. Senior Pastor** / _____ -- Pray that your pastor will be kept from physical and emotional burnout. Please also circle the day of your birthday (for example the 1st) as a second day each month that you pray for the Senior Pastor.
- ❑ **2. Persecuted Christians** / Pray for children in Brunei where the sultan recently mandated that all 2nd - 5th-grade students in public or private schools, including Christian children, be required to attend one hour per day of Islamic instruction that includes practicing Islamic prayers and studying the Quran. The government is the main persecutor of Christians in Brunei where the population is 80% Muslim and 9% Christian (nearly all ethnically Chinese). Pray for Pastor Ivan of one of the few underground churches and that underground churches will grow in boldness as they share the gospel. Pray that believers from neighboring countries will find creative ways to engage with the Bruneians. (Source: www.icommittopray.org)
- ❑ **3. U.S. Supreme Court** / Pray for God to draw Justice Samuel Alito into a deeper relationship with Himself. Pray that the Lord will speak into Justice Alito's life in many ways, including through his dreams. Pray that God will help him to make decisions that will be in keeping with the purity and character of the living Judeo/Christian God. Pray 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 33,118,000 member Algerian, Arabic-speaking group of Algeria. (Source: www.joshuaproject.net)
- ❑ **5. Each Country's Leader** / Pray that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the primary leader of Israel (9 million), will be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that will help the gospel to spread freely in his country, and allow people to live in peace. A key source: Complimentary World Prayer Map via 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}" 1Timothy 2:1-4]
- ❑ **6. Bibleless People Groups** / Pray that the Kituba (2,913,000) people of Republic of the Congo will have the New Testament translated into their language. They currently do not have the Scripture in their heart language. (Source: www.wycliffe.org)
- ❑ **7. Additional Pastors &/or Staff** / _____, _____, _____, Pray for this person (or people) as you feel led by the Holy Spirit. When applicable, also pray the above prayer for your Senior Pastor for this/these individual(s) as well.
- ❑ **8. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for all of the children, and the workers, who live at the Kampong Cham 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. Ask the Lord to help your church to adopt an orphanage (see James 1:27).
- ❑ **9. Abortion Clinics & Alternatives** / Planned Parenthood - Rosenfield Center - 1000 East Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA ([Abortion Clinic](#)) - Pray that the Holy Spirit will compel all patients to insist on seeing an ultrasound of their fetus/baby. Pray that no fetus/baby with a beating heart will be aborted. Pray that the leaders of this center will seek God's will concerning these weighty matters.
Agape Pregnancy Resource Center - 2550 Martin Luther King Jr Pkwy, Des Moines, IA ([Alternative To Abortion](#)) - Pray that today, (the 9th of January 2024), God will compel one or more pregnant women considering abortion to come to this center via word-of-mouth, ads, or supernatural means. Pray that each will clearly know God led them and that they will choose not to abort.
- ❑ **10. Pornography and Other Addictions** / Pray for those struggling with alcohol addiction. Pray for humility to seek help. Pray for God to move mightily and give each individual victory and joy. Pray for any individuals you know struggling with alcoholism.
- ❑ **11. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World's Population)** / India - Pray for believers as politics affects the Church and mission in Tamil Nadu state. Hindu extremists threaten the Church with anti-conversion laws. Pray that the current religious freedom continues. The Church grows despite the social pressures, especially among Dalit and tribal peoples. Muslims and higher caste Hindus receive very little outreach. Tamils founded many of the Christian organizations throughout India. Pray that the Church of Tamil Nadu presses forward with its mission vision and outreach. (Source: www.operationworld.org)
- ❑ **12. The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders in the Mormon religion who are sincerely attempting to love 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)
- ❑ **13. Community Institutions** / Many communities contain businesses or organizations whose practices serve (some unknowingly) “the forces of evil” (tarot card readers/fortune tellers, zones of prostitution, churches or 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.

- ❑ **14. The Strategic Prayer Initiative** / If you are not familiar with the efforts of the Strategic Prayer Initiative (SPI™), here is a short summary. Our primary mission is to use research, Scripture (Psalm 119:105), prayers for guidance (Matthew 21:22), experimentation, and many counselors (Proverbs 15:22) to help develop and refine prayer methodologies. Our focus is to refine approaches that are “undeniably effective” in moving large numbers of Christians to develop and/or maintain “good prayer lives” and to focus those prayers as one critical element of becoming more effective in fighting the spiritual battle. This battle is against sin, evil, injustice, and for the eternal souls of hundreds of millions of women and men throughout the world. **Please pray for the Lord to raise up more laborers, prayers, and financial resources for this endeavor.** (See early SPI Workshop Video for background information at www.SPIprayer.org)
- ❑ **15. Christian Ministries** / Jesus Film Project - Jesus Film Project delivers the story of Jesus on film so all can hear Him speak in their language and see His love play out on screen. Ask God to guide this ministry and open new doors of ministry. (Source: www.ehc.org)
- ❑ **16. U.S. House Of Representatives** / Mike Johnson, LA, 4th - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- ❑ **17. U.S. Senate and President** / IL - Sen. Richard Durbin - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- ❑ **18. President and His Cabinet** / Pray for God to draw President Biden and Vice-President Harris to Himself and move them to make decisions that allow Christians “to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” (2 Timothy 2:2) Pray also for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption for cabinet member, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Denis McDonough.
- ❑ **19. The Nations** / Israel - Pray for the Body of Christ in Israel to be strong and unwavering amid persecution and hardship. Pray for the Jewish people to call on the name of Yeshua the Messiah. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. (Psalm 122:6) (Source: www.prayercast.com and www.operationworld.org)
- ❑ **20. The Poor** / Jesus taught that whatever you do for the thirsty, hungry, stranger, naked, sick and prisoner...you do for Him (Mt. 25:37). Pray that God would raise up more laborers to touch the lives of individuals or families in need due to poverty. (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 for those with unsaved family members. Ask the Lord for open doors, open hearts, and for wisdom.
- ❑ **23. The Education System** / Pray that more of our schools at every level would be allowed to teach that the hypothesis of macro evolution is not proven and is only one view of how we came to exist.
- ❑ **24. Cultural Influencers** / Brad Pitt - Producer (Moneyball, World War Z, The Big Short, Fury, Moonlight) 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.mastermediantl.com)
- ❑ **25. Power Players in Media** / Taylor Swift (Recording Artist) - Pray for God’s personal impact on her life, for guidance and wisdom, and for her to come to a deeper relationship with the living God. Pray that God will infuse her decisions with a strong moral dimension. (Source: www.mastermediantl.com)
- ❑ **26. Television** / Ask the Lord to bring men and women, excellent in knowledge, skills, and abilities, and with high morals, into favor at all levels of the NBC network, and cause the removal of dishonest employees. Additionally, continue to pray specifically that God would stop nudity from becoming part of broadcast television in the United States.
- ❑ **27. Important Legal or Humanitarian Relief Situation** / Pray for peace in the northern Ethiopian regions of Tigray, Afar, and Amhara, where children and families face severe challenges, including alarming rates of malnutrition and food insecurity, exacerbated by persistent issues like drought, armed conflict, violence, and disease outbreaks. Ask God to cause humanitarian aid workers to swiftly reach those who are hungry and malnourished and facing severe food insecurity. Pray that people will be able to return to their communities and for safety for children. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- ❑ **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). [The following is a spiritual growth resource for you to consider. *Jesus Calling - Enjoying Peace in His Presence* (A Daily Devotional) by Sarah Young. These resources are typically available through a local Christian bookstore or at www.ChristianBook.com / 800.247.4784]
- ❑ **29. National Revival** / Pray that the Holy Spirit will be poured out on the United States, 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.
- ❑ **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 to help more find the narrow path to heaven. [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** _____

¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:19, 20

Unreached People Groups Prayer Guide

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*Joshua Project website (joshuaproject.net) was the source of much of this information.

They use the following definition to describe “unreached” people groups:

“An unreached or least-reached people is a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group without outside assistance.”

Use the next 30 days to pray for the following “unreached people groups”. The chart below is set up to pray for one group a day. (Example on the 3rd of the month you would pray for the group next to 3— **Tai Man, Shan from Myanmar (Burma)**). The columns give the “unreached people group”, the nation in which most live, and the population of that group. The prayer below is a sample prayer to pray for each of the groups listed.

- *Pray that God would raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the group.*
- *Pray that the Holy Spirit will soften the hearts of leaders who can influence this people group toward Biblical truth.*
- *Ask God to pour out His Spirit among that group.*
- *Ask God to send workers who would be courageous and loving to these people.*

	“Unreached People Group”	Nation	Population
1	Jewish, English-speaking	United States	4,620,000
2	Brahmin Sawaria	India	4,585,000
3	Tai Man, Shan	Myanmar (Burma)	4,569,000
4	Dhanuk	India	4,537,000
5	Kuruba	India	4,488,000
6	Banjar	Indonesia	4,452,000
7	Arora (Hindu traditions)	India	4,340,000
8	Boya	India	4,325,000
9	Han Chinese, Hakka	Taiwan	4,323,000
10	Megh (Hindu traditions)	India	4,263,000
11	Balinese	Indonesia	4,234,000
12	Oromo, Jima	Ethiopia	4,112,000
13	Naikda	India	4,106,000
14	Moor	Mauritania	4,061,000
15	Acehnese	Indonesia	4,057,000
16	Kumhar (Muslim traditions)	Pakistan	4,008,000
17	Gaaliin	Sudan	3,945,000
18	Vaddar (Hindu traditions)	India	3,922,000
19	Kurd, Southern	Iran	3,895,000
20	Kapu Reddi	India	3,886,000
21	Bairagi (Hindu traditions)	India	3,883,000
22	South Asian, general	United Arab Emirates	3,849,000
23	Mallah (Hindu traditions)	India	3,802,000
24	Hazara	Afghanistan	3,728,000
25	Lingayat	India	3,704,000
26	Pashtun Yusafzai	Pakistan	3,663,000
27	Brahmin Hill	Nepal	3,637,000
28	Lao	Laos	3,614,000
29	Mochi (Muslim traditions)	Pakistan	3,599,000
30	Jogi (Hindu traditions)	India	3,592,000

The Strategic Prayer Initiative – **Pink Sheet Expander Legal Concerns**

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- ❑ 1. Pray that Christian messages are not silenced in our nation's public library. The American Library Association (ALA) instructed libraries nationwide to make public meeting rooms unavailable for Brave Books story hours events. In June, an American Library Association official... criticized First Liberty's (legal organization to defend religious liberty) clients for encouraging local community members to use libraries to read books with a religious perspective. The same official provided guidance on how to prevent story hours held by Brave Books, a Christian children's book publisher, from happening at libraries. First Liberty sent a letter calling for an investigation of religious discrimination, arguing that ALA officials are targeting their clients based on their religious beliefs. The letter explains that as federal grant recipients, the ALA may not utilize taxpayer funds to openly violate the First Amendment and federal regulations. But a Library in Huntsville, Alabama recently canceled a Brave Books story hour event citing "security concerns." First Liberty immediately responded and sent a letter asking the library to reschedule the book reading. Libraries must comply with federal law. They cannot discriminate against religious groups. First Liberty sent a letter this week asking the Madison Public Library in Huntsville, Alabama to reschedule a story hour event with client Kirk Cameron and Brave Books, a Christian children's book publisher. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 2. Pray that the rights of Christian professors would be upheld at colleges and universities. First Liberty Institute sent a letter to St. Philip's College in San Antonio, Texas on behalf of Dr. Johnson Varkey, demanding reinstatement to his position after the San Antonio public community college fired him for teaching standard principles about human biology and reproduction. In November 2022, a handful of Dr. Varkey's students walked out of his class when he stated, consistent with his study of human biology, that sex was determined by chromosomes X and Y. But on January 27, 2023, Dr. Varkey received a Notice of Discipline and Termination of Employment and Contract letter stating that the school "received numerous complaints" about his "religious preaching, discriminatory comments about homosexuals and transgender individuals, anti-abortion rhetoric, and misogynistic banter" and that his teaching "pushed beyond the bounds of academic freedom with [his] personal opinions that were offensive to many individuals in the classroom." Dr. Varkey taught from school-approved and science-based curriculum, but the college claims his teaching was religious. Dr. Varkey, a Christian and an associate minister says he has never discussed his religious view in class or with students. The slides he uses are from the textbook. In the letter, Dr. Varkey's attorneys state, "When St. Philip's College terminated Dr. Varkey, it violated the Free Speech Clause and Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Texas Religious Freedom Restoration Act, among multiple other statutory provisions." (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 3. Pray for a favorable outcome for Cambridge Christian School who was told they could not pray over the loudspeaker before the kickoff at their state championship football game against another Christian school. The case was argued in June at the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 4. Ask for God's will to be done in the 2024 presidential, congressional and state level elections. Ask God for truth to be revealed about candidates and for wisdom for Christians regarding who they select in these elections.
- ❑ 5. Continue to pray for Ron Hittle, a firechief from Stockton, California, who was fired after 24 years of service for attending a leadership conference that was held at a church. First Liberty Institute, Baker Botts, and the Church State Council announced that they will seek review of a decision by a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, which sided with the City of Stockton in firing former fire chief Ron Hittle. Pray that the religious rights of all people are preserved. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 6. Pray for a favorable outcome for Liam, a 7th grader at Nichols Middle School in Middleborough, Massachusetts, who was sent home from school for wearing a T-shirt that says, "There are only two genders." Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) says, "All students have the constitutional right to express their free speech without having to fear being punished by school officials. They can't be forced out of the classroom for exercising their rights." ADF and the Massachusetts Family Institute are suing the Town of Middleborough and school officials in federal court on Liam's behalf." Pray that everyone is able to exercise their right to free speech. (Source: www.adflegal.org)
- ❑ 7. Pray for religious liberty in the United States and elsewhere not to be eroded. According to Supreme Court Judge Samuel Alito, "The challenge for those who want to protect religious liberty in the United States, Europe, and other similar places is to convince people who are not religious that religious liberty is worth special protection...And that will not be easy to do." He said, "Polls show a significant increase in the percentage of the population that rejects religion or thinks it's just not all that important...And this has a very important impact on religious liberty because it is hard to convince people that religious liberty is worth defending if they don't think that religion is a good thing that deserves protection." Ask God to draw people to himself and keep those in power who are willing to defend religious liberty. (Source: www.faithwire.com and www.christianheadlines.com)
- ❑ 8. Christians Lawyers and Judges: Pray that God would raise up lawyers and judges who *Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute, Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.* (Psalm 82:3-4 NASB)
- ❑ 9. Praise the Lord, that religious accommodations are still available to Christians (and those of other religions) who need work-place accommodations to carry out their faith. Groff, a United States Postal Service worker firmly believes he must "[r]emember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." When the post office began delivering Amazon packages on Sundays, Groff's supervisor granted him an accommodation to observe Sunday Sabbath. A few years later, the post office withdrew the accommodation and scheduled him on Sundays. In June 2023, the United States Supreme Court issued a unanimous opinion in Gerald's favor. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 10. Judicial Branch (U. S. Supreme Court and Federal Courts): Pray that God would help each judge to make decisions that would be in keeping with the purity and character of the living Judeo/Christian God. Pray that the Lord would bring future justices of His choice onto the Court in His sovereign timing. Ask God to draw each justice to Himself. Pray that Supreme Court's decisions would line up with the word and will of God and that they would decide justly regardless of cost or consequence.

- ❑ 11. Pray that Christians will be able to peacefully share the gospel and evangelize. Matthew Meineke, intending to share the gospel and offer hope, attended a protest against the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*. While reading his bible, some protesters reacted by ripping Matthew's Bible from his hands and tearing it to pieces. When the police came, they ordered him to leave and ultimately arrested him (not those who assaulted him). Two days later he went to Seattle's PrideFest where an attendee dumped water on his Bible, others spat on him and squirted water on him. When 10 police officers arrived, they again, did not deal with the unruly attendees, but instead required Meineke to leave and then eventually arrested him. Although in April 2023, the Center for Religious Expression (CRE) filed a lawsuit in federal court seeking a preliminary injunction to protect the fundamental freedoms of Matthew, the request was denied in June 2023. The reasoning was that the police were protecting him by asking him to leave but he refused, so he was arrested. Continue to pray that Christians can openly read their bible in public places. (Source: www.crelaw.org, *Meinecke v. City of Seattle*, 23-cv-352 (W.D. Wash. June 22, 2023))
- ❑ 12. Executive Branch (President): Pray, petition and give thanks for "...all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity." (1Timothy 2:2). Pray that the Executive Branch would create policies that would allow Christians to live in peace and share their faith freely and that would be compassionate while protecting our nation. (Psalm 82:3-4 NASB)
- ❑ 13. Continue to pray for Robyn Strader, nurse practitioner with multiple degrees including a PhD in health education, and other Christian healthworkers not to face adverse consequences for choosing to practice medicine in accordance with their faith. Robyn was fired from CVS Pharmacy after CVS had accommodated her religious beliefs about prescribing contraception, without issue for six and a half years. Now CVS wants to force its employees to prescribe contraception even when it violates the employee's religious beliefs. First Liberty Institute filed a charge of discrimination at the EEOC, making it clear that Robyn should not be forced to choose between her faith and her livelihood. First Liberty sued CVS to ensure that Robyn and faithful workers like her are not discriminated against simply because of religion. Her case is still pending in federal court. Pray for a favorable outcome for Robyn. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 14. Legal Organizations: Pray for Christian legal agencies (Alliance Defending Freedom, ACLJ, Christian Legal Society, Center for Religious Expression, First Liberty and a host of others) that provide legal advocacy for issues surrounding freedom of speech and religion around the world. Pray that leaders nurture their walks with God and that they are open to the leading of the Spirit of God, not political ideology or expediency. Pray for wisdom as they choose, advocate, and litigate cases and effectiveness in their work.
- ❑ 15. Legislative Branch (Congress): Pray that "Congress...make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances". Pray that no law be passed that would infringe on freedom of religion or speech for any citizen and that the free sharing of the Gospel will always remain legal. Pray that all life would be protected by our nation's laws. Pray for your U.S. Senators and Congress person to be led by God in their legislative decisions. ." (Source: First Amendment U.S. Constitution)
- ❑ 16. Pray that parents continue to have the right to voice their opinion about their own children's education, even if they work for the school district. In August of last year, a substitute teacher learned that a school employee planned to read a picture book with pro-LGBT illustrations to all children at McAllister Elementary School. Speaking as a parent, she expressed concerns with her boys' teachers and the school principal and asked that her children not participate in the reading. The next day, when she, as a teacher, tried to log into her school e-mail account, she didn't have access. It was days later that she learned she had been fired. She filed a lawsuit against the school administrators who fired her because every parent has the right to speak out about what their children are learning in school. Every parent has the right to decide when, how, and where their children learn about complicated issues like sexuality. She, through her attorneys with Alliance Defending Freedom, filed and favorably settled a lawsuit against McAllister Elementary: because schools must respect true diversity, the diversity that comes from allowing parents to direct their children's education in controversial topics. (Source: www.adflegal.org)
- ❑ 17. Pray for Valerie Kloosterman, a physician assistant at The University of Michigan Health system who was fired because of her religious beliefs. She was terminated for seeking a religious accommodation from using biology-obscuring pronouns and from referring patients for "gender reassignment" drugs and surgeries. First Liberty is also fighting this case in federal court. . (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 18. Praise the Lord, for upheld right not to be forced to participate in activity contrary to one's religion in government hospitals. Stephanie Carter, a pro-life nurse practitioner, faced an impossible choice. Stephanie works at a Texas VA hospital. But when the Biden federal government adopted a new rule requiring VA facilities to perform abortions, Stephanie was forced between violating her conscience or keeping her job. First Liberty Institute (legal organization representing religious rights) filed a federal lawsuit to ensure that Stephanie won't be forced to participate in or counsel for abortion or work in a facility that provides abortion services in instances other than saving the life of a mother. As a result of the lawsuit, the VA issued a department wide accommodation process. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 19. Pray that employers won't be able to punish Christians who speak their views when asked. Pray for Lacy Smith and Marli Brown who were flight attendants before being fired by Alaska Airlines because of their Christian faith. Acting on their religious beliefs, Lacey and Marli politely asked about the company's support for the "Equality" Act, after the airline invited employees to discuss the topic in an employee-only forum. Both of them were concerned about the impact this bill could have on their freedoms. After posting their questions, both plaintiffs, who had exemplary records as employees, were subsequently investigated, questioned by airline authorities, and eventually fired from their jobs. Their case is currently in federal court, and fighting to make sure people like Lacey and Marli are not forced to choose between their faith and their livelihood. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 20. Praise the Lord that In June 2023, the Supreme Court vacated the lower court rulings against Melissa and Aaron Klein, owners of Sweet Cakes by Melissa, and return the case once again to the state. Because of their Christian convictions, the Kleins declined to design and create a custom cake to celebrate a same-sex wedding. As a result, the State of Oregon punished them with a \$135,000 penalty and a gag order. At the end of First Liberty Institute and Boyden Gray & Associates announced they will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to review the Kleins' case by the end of Summer 2022. " It's a win when the Supreme Court vacates a bad lower court decision like it did for Aaron and Melissa today, but the case is not over," said Kelly Shackelford, President, CEO, and Chief Counsel to First Liberty. "The Kleins have been fighting for the First Amendment for over a decade. Pray that Christians will not be forced to express views to which they disagree. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)

- ❑ 21. Pray for a just verdict for Judge Dianne Hensley in the Texas Supreme Court. Like many other Justices of the Peace around Texas, Judge Hensley found a way to reconcile her religious convictions after she received many requests for same-sex weddings. Despite her efforts to ensure that anyone who wants to get married can get married, she is being punished. She was brought before the Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct and issued a warning. First Liberty attorneys will argue her case at the Texas Supreme Court in October. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)

- ❑ 22. Frequent Legal Opponents: Many organizations (Freedom From Religion Foundation, American Civil Liberties Union, American Humanists Association, American Atheists, Military Religious Freedom Foundation and others) target Christian schools, ministries, churches, and individuals in court and in legislative initiatives with the purpose of silencing or punishing believers for behaving in accordance with their religious beliefs. Pray that believers would fight with spiritual weapons and seek and obey God as they combat these onslaughts. Pray that the leadership of many of these opposing organizations would come to know the love of Christ, forgiveness of sins and transformation of their lives. Pray that believers show love towards these people. Luke 6:27-28 "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. (Source: www.cpcfoundation.com)

- ❑ 23. States' Lawmakers: Pray for governors and state legislators to create no law that hinders the freedom of speech or religions for its citizens. Pray for your governor and state legislators to be led by God as they create bills, laws and policies.

- ❑ 24. Pray that Christian organizations like Fellowship of Christian Athletes will not be forced to leave school campuses because they require their leaders to agree with the tenets of the organization they lead. FCA is appealing rulings of San Jose Judges regarding the withdrawal of official recognition of FCA because it required club leaders to affirm its statement of faith meanwhile a Satanic Temple student club was given official recognition. After the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of FCA and required the district to recognize the FCA student groups, the defendants filed a petition requesting a rehearing or a rehearing en banc, which FCA opposed. The Ninth Circuit granted the defendants' request, and an en banc panel heard oral argument on March 23, 2023. Shortly thereafter, on April 3, the en banc panel voted to issue a preliminary injunction ruling protecting all FCA clubs on all campuses in the San Jose Unified School District pending resolution of the appeal. The injunction ordered the school district to immediately recognize student chapters affiliated with FCA as official "Associated Student Body" approved clubs. (Source: www.wng.org and www.firstliberty.org)

- ❑ 25. Praise the Lord that Lorie Smith prevailed in the Supreme Court when it decided that "The First Amendment prohibits Colorado from forcing a website designer to create expressive designs speaking messages with which the designer disagrees." Praise God for this ruling which was requested previously on this prayer list. Lorie Smith, an artist who runs her own design studio (303 Creative) to use her skills to promote causes consistent with her beliefs. She was excited to expand her portfolio to create websites that celebrate marriage between a man and a woman, but a Colorado law censoring what Lorie wants to say and requiring her to create designs that violate her beliefs about marriage, made clear she's not welcome in that space. Although the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit ruled against Lorie, holding that Colorado can force her to create websites promoting messages that contradict her beliefs about marriage, in her appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States she prevailed. Continue to pray that the Free Speech of Christians and that "the government can't force Americans to say things they don't believe..." and that "...the state will not be able to eliminate from the public square ideas it dislikes..." (source: www.supremecourt.gov/opinions and www.adflegal.org)

- ❑ 26. Rights of Public-School Students: Pray that students and parents know and exercise their rights to opt out of activities that violate religious beliefs; to bring a bible to school; to form bible clubs; and choose religious topics. (Source: www.christianlaw.org)

- ❑ 27. Continue to pray for Seattle's Union Gospel Mission who came under fire when the Washington Supreme Court said the mission can be sued under the state employment laws for declining to hire a lawyer for its legal-aid clinic who disagreed with the Mission's religious beliefs and even explicitly stated that he had applied for the position hoping to change those beliefs. If the Mission wants to continue sharing the Gospel message of new life in Christ with its homeless neighbors, it cannot hire people who disagree with its Christian beliefs—let alone those who seek to undermine them. If the government can bar the Mission from hiring co-believers, it can demand that other religious institutions violate their beliefs as well. It can demand a synagogue employ a Christian, or a Muslim ministry hire an employee who lives inconsistently with the Quran. Pray for an outcome to this case where the government will stay out of the internal faith matters of churches and religious ministries. (Source: adflegal.org)

- ❑ 28. Municipal Governments: Pray that local ordinances would not hinder the rights and activities of individual Christians or Bible believing Churches and that the free spread of the Gospel is not hampered.

- ❑ 29. Pray that the 1st Amendment of the U.S. Constitution would strongly protect all religious rights in the United States.

- ❑ 30. Involvement: Ask God to direct you and other believers to legal issues that concern Christians.

Churches split over personalities. Denominations divide over doctrine. Even believers once united by the gospel now avoid relationship based on politics, betrayal, or failure.

The Church - the body of Christ - is perhaps more characterized now by disunity than any time in her history. How did faith in Christ diffuse into so many divided expressions?

Yet, one of the most powerful prayers in all of Scripture, prayed by Jesus Himself, addresses this very issue: *"I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.... I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me - so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."*

There is no greater moment in history than now to seek God fervently for the awakening of His Church and the supernatural unity that speaks hope to a desperate world. It's time to be the answer to Jesus' prayer!

1 Jesus' prayer is for us today—"those who will believe" in Him! Praise God that His prayer for oneness transcends time and infuses our calling now as His unified and revived Church (John 17:20).

2 The world may hate the things of God, but praise Him that His people are sanctified in the truth through His Word and can together reveal that truth to the lost (John 17:17-19).

3 Join Jesus in His prayer for complete unity in His Church. Pray that believers "may be one," just as Jesus and the Father are one (John 17:21-22).

4 A revived Church reflects the glory of Christ through love and unity with each other. Pray that your church will be the answer to Jesus' prayer (John 17:23).

5 Pray that through the unity of believers, our lost world will know that Jesus is sent from God—and He loves them dearly. Pray they will be drawn to Jesus through this unified love (John 17:23b).

6 Pray that God will revive His Church with profound love, saturate it with His truth, and unite believers with a passion for the lost—just as Jesus prayed (John 17:17-26).

7 When believers are "one in heart and mind," they share out of a generous and grateful hearts. Pray that your church is unified in her love and compassion for others (Acts 4:32).

8 When the Church unifies in the Spirit, the people will "testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus," with God's grace "powerfully at work in them all." Pray that this characterizes all churches who love Jesus (Acts 4:33).

9 A unified church is a blessing to her community and those who are in need. Pray that your church will pool her resources in wise and discerning ways to bless others (Acts 4:34-35).

10 Praise God that it is "good and pleasant" when His people live in unity—and thank Him for His promise that "there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore" (Psalm 133:1-3).

11 Pray that the leadership of your church will be on the same page, "that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought" (1 Corinthians 1:10).

12 Disappointments, failures, and the need for repentance often happen in the church context. Pray for churches to be restored to unity as they “strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace.” Pray for your own church if there is any division (2 Corinthians 13:11).

13 Pray that the Church will embrace these truths of unity: “There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28).

14 Great joy comes from “being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.” Pray for a revived Church overflowing with unity in the Spirit (Philippians 2:2).

15 Humility—when you “value others above yourself”—leads to greater unity in the body of Christ. Pray for your church’s leadership to be characterized by honoring one another (Philippians 2:3).

16 How do you contribute to unity in your church? Pray that you will “make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification” (Romans 14:19).

17 Prayer in agreement moves God’s hand. Pray that your church will be sparked by a new, unified prayer movement that leads to spiritual awakening in your community (Matthew 18:19).

18 The Lord dwells with those who pray and worship in unity—even if it’s just two or three followers of Jesus! Ask God to show you how to be more intentional in gathering with others to seek Him for revival (Matthew 18:20).

19 It is Christ’s desire that His body—His Church—be built up “until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God.” Pray for increasing maturity in the Church that reflects “the whole measure of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-13).

20 Carrying a grudge is a fast track toward disunity in the church. Pray for a spirit of forgiveness to saturate your church, with healing that results in refreshing unity (Colossians 3:13).

21 Love is the greatest virtue in the body of Christ because it binds God’s people “all together in perfect unity.” Pray that the Church in America will be known for her extravagant love in Christ (Colossians 3:14).

22 God calls us to be “humble and gentle ... patient, bearing with one another in love.” Ask God to do an inventory in your heart. Commit to being a bearer of unity by being gracious with fellow believers (Ephesians 4:2-3).

23 Pray for unity among Jesus-following churches throughout our nation, with an emphasis on “one hope ... one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.” Pray that a unified Church impacts a darkened culture (Ephesians 4:5-6).

24 Jesus is our peace! He destroys barriers and walls of hostility. Pray for our nation to be brought together through healing of wounds and division by the power of the cross (Ephesians 2:14).

25 The Church must be an example to the world of unity and harmony across racial, economic, or social divides. Pray that believers will lead the way in bringing harmony and peace through Christ (Romans 12:16).

26 We are united with Christ in His death, and we are also united in His resurrection. Pray that the believers will have impact in their communities because they live in the power of the resurrection (Romans 6:5).

27 A natural outcome of seeking God for unity is that His people will be like-minded, sympathetic, love one another, and demonstrate compassion and humility. Pray this for yourself and your church (1 Peter 3:8).

28 Hezekiah invited the people of Judah to return to the Lord in humility, and “the hand of God was on the people to give them unity of mind ... following the Word of the Lord.” Pray for the Church in America to have that same devotion and unity of mind (2 Chronicles 30:12).

29 Pray that God will “grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 15:5-6).

30 Pray for a revived Church that lives in peace with everyone and is holy—so that others might see the wonder and power of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 12:14).

31 Evil always seeks to triumph and overpower the Church. But “a cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” Pray that a united Church in our nation will push back the darkness and shine brightly with the glory of Christ (Ecclesiastes 4:12).



ChinaAid* Prayer Requests for the Persecuted— Autumn 2023



****For more background on some of these requests, see the *Biographies for ChinaAid Prayer Requests Guide* following this guide.**

***ChinaAid (www.ChinaAid.org) is an international non-profit Christian human rights organization committed to promoting religious freedom and rule of law in China.**

1. **ChinaAid** - ChinaAid is an international non-profit Christian human rights organization committed to promoting religious freedom and the rule of law in China. ChinaAid believes that religious freedom is the first freedom, which lays the foundation for all other basic human rights. Pray for power through the Holy Spirit for ChinaAid to continue to:
 - Expose** the systematic persecution, harassment, torture and imprisonment of Chinese Christians and human rights lawyers in China.
 - Encourage** the Abused: ChinaAid financially supports Chinese Christians and their families who have experienced persecution by the Chinese government.
 - Equip** the Leaders: ChinaAid provides leadership and rule of law training for Christian and church leaders in China to defend their rights under both Chinese constitutional law and international law.
2. **Chinese Persecuted** - Pray for those who are being persecuted, imprisoned, or kept in "enforced disappearance" [but not forgotten] for their faith in Jesus Christ. Ask God to encourage and strengthen their faith. Ask God to use them (even in prison) to draw more people to himself.
3. **Pastor Ru Zongren** – Pray that Pastor Ru Zongren of Chengxi Christian Church can remain healthy amid persecution that included detainment while in need of and during kidney dialysis. In 2015, Zongren's church was demolished by the local government and Ru was strangled by the self-proclaimed urban management officers. He went into shock and the beating resulted in acute kidney failure and now needs dialysis to sustain his life. Pray that the harassment by the government will end.
4. **Sanqiang "John" Cao** - Pray for Pastor John Cao, who was sentenced to seven years in prison in March 2018 on the charge of "organizing illegal border crossings." His wife and 2 sons are U.S. Citizens, and he is a legal resident of North Carolina. Pray he would stand strong in his faith and find favor with authorities. Ask God to protect and encourage him.
5. **Alimujiang Yimiti, Hu Shigen, Qin Defu, Geng Zejun** – Praise God for the release of Alimujiang Yimiti (Released in 2023), Hu Shigen (Released in March 2023), Qin Defu (Released in Dec. 2022), Pastor Geng Zejun (Released March 2023). Pray for the continued safety of these men and their families. Ask God to heal them of any trauma they may have undergone.
6. **Pastor Li Juncai** - Pray for Yuanyang County Central House Church Pastor Li Juncai. He was sentenced to 5.5 years in prison in January 2021 for objecting to the CCP's forced cross removal from his church. He also refused to change a church proclamation of "Love God and people" to "Love the country." Ask God to encourage and use him.
7. **Gao Zhisheng and "the disappeared"** – Pray for the safety of Gao Zhisheng if he is still alive. Gao defended house church Christians, Falun Gong practitioners, and other minorities from the clutches of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Unfortunately, his activism put a target on his back. No one has seen or heard from him in six years. Pray for truth to be revealed. Pray for comfort and encouragement for his family. Pray for the many, many others throughout China that have "disappeared".
8. **New Hope House Church** - Pray for New Hope Church in Meizhou, Guangdong province. They were in the middle of their worship when local police stormed inside. Authorities took away two preachers, Lan Yi and Zeng Hu. Other Christians were taken for questioning, and the worship space was sealed off. In the afternoon, police released everyone except for the two preachers. According to ChinaAid sources, Lan Yi had been administratively detained for seven days, and Zeng Hu had been administratively detained for five days. Pray for the release of these pastors.
9. **Pastor Zhang Shaojie** - Pastor Zhang Shaojie of Nanle County Christian Church in Henan province, is currently serving a 12-year prison term for "gathering a crowd to disrupt the public order" and a fabricated fraud charge. Pray that he would be fruitful as he preaches to fellow-prisoners and that the prisoners caring for him in his cell would come to know Christ. Pray for spiritual encouragement and for improved physical and mental health (he has suffered much.) Also pray for encouragement and endurance of his daughter Esther Zhang, who fled to the US with her husband and daughter.
10. **Ju Dianhong** - Pray for our Christian sister Ju Dianhong who was sentenced to 13 years in prison in 2017 under false charges of 'cult activity.' ChinaAid tracked down her prison address in January 2021 after a long search. Pray for her strength, increased faith, and that God would encourage her.

11. **Liang Qin** - Pray for Sister Liang Qin who was sentenced to 10 years in prison in 2017 under the false charges of ‘cult activity.’ ChinaAid tracked down her prison address in January 2021 after a long search. Pray for her safety and encouragement while in prison.
12. **Great Grace Church** – Pray for Great Grace church, closed in August 2023 by authorities for operating “without proper registration”. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) established a nationwide “legally” registered social organization information inquiry system. Within the system is a section called Social Organization Updates in China. Any church not included in this inquiry system could be reported and categorized as an illegal social organization. Ask God to continue to grow this congregation spiritually and that God would miraculously allow them to meet, and that God would even bring members of the CCP to faith in Christ.
13. **Pastor Wan Changchun, Elder Xue Shaoqiang, and Wan Chunqin of Cornerstone Reformed Church** – Pray for the safety and release of Pastor Wan Changchun who was arrested on suspicion of “illegal business operations”. Also arrested one after the other were elder Xue Shaoqiang, co-worker Wan Chunqin and another Christian. A month later the charge was changed to fraud. His wife You Xiulin published a public prayer letter and revealed details about her husband’s arrest. She was arrested. She was forced into “residential surveillance at a designated location” and threaten not to post anything on the internet or to communicate with any fellow Christian in any way or face arrest. The church asks prayer for these Christians and for God to protect their body, mind and spirit and use them to bless those around them. Pray for comfort for their elderly parents and young children. Pray they would not be frightened. Ask God to raise more brothers and sisters to sacrifice for God and build churches according to God’s will. Pray for God to show mercy in the handling of this case.
14. **Pastor Wang Yi** - Pastor Wang Yi and his wife Jiang Rong were arrested along with 160 members of their church (Early Rain Covenant Church) in December 2018. In June 2019, Yi’s wife was released on bail and kept under surveillance without visitors. Pastor Wang Yi was sentenced to nine years in prison on December 30th, 2019, days after a sudden and secret trial on December 26th. Pastor Wang was found guilty of “inciting subversion of state power” and “illegal business operations.” He says of those holding him, “...May the Lord use me, and give me patience and wisdom, that I may bring the Gospel to them.” Ask God to protect, encourage and strengthen Pastor Yi’s faith and to broaden his ministry (even in prison).
15. **Deng Yanxiang, Wang Weicai, Zhu Longjiang, Zhu Qiaoling, and Zhu Longfei** – Pray for these Christians from Shengjia Church in Shunde Guangdong province. They were who were arrested for “illegal business operation”. Pray for their release and well-being. Pray their church grows in faith and impact.
16. **Elder You Guanhui, Pastor Zhang Xiaofeng, Jin Tianming and other members of Shouwang Church** - Pray the Lord’s blessing on Shouwang Church and that He sustain her in this time of testing, and grant her grace, wisdom, perseverance, and establish her like “a city on a hill” to manifest the glory of our Lord. Pray for the 3,000 members of the Shouwang Church, one of the largest house churches in Beijing. When they were kicked out of their church building, they began holding services outside, in public parks. Pray for Elder You Guanhui of Beijing Shouwang Church forbidden from leaving his house by local authorities Pray for sister Xiaojuan who was interrogated by police. Pray for two other church members, Huiyou Zhi and Yansong, who were taken into the Haidian Branch Law Enforcement Center and were also released. Pray for officials at the Haidian Ethnic Affairs Office, the Public Security Bureau, and several other departments who conducted joint law enforcement in the incident. Pray that Elder Guanhui would sense the presence of God and would be treated well by authorities and released soon. Ask God to stop the harassment of Christians by authorities.
17. **Sunshine Reformed Church** - Pray for members and leaders of Sunshine Reformed Church in Changchun which was raided by police during Sunday services in late August 2022. Pastor Guo Muyun and his wife Li Guoxiang as well as Elder Qu Hongliang, Zhang Liangliang, Li Chunyang, Cao Yunqiang, Hao Zheqiang, Xu Huaibin, and Li Lei were taken away. Pastor Guo Muyun is one of the first signers of the “Joint Statement by Pastors: A Declaration for the Sake of the Christian Faith” penned by Pastor Wang Yi in 2018. He has been summoned by national security officers multiple time because of his refusal to join government-sanctioned Three-Self Churches. Pray for encouragement for the church and for fair trials for those arrested. Ask God to heal the members from the trauma imposed upon them.
18. **Zhang Chunlei** - Pray for Zhang Chunlei, the imprisoned elder of Ren’ai Reformed Church, who was sent to Sanjiang hospital. No updates have been given. Pray for this elder who has been charged with “inciting subversion of state power” and “fraud.” He claimed he was not guilty due to his Christian belief and those fabricated charges were persecution against religious freedom. He sent greetings to churches and fellow Christians. His wife, Yang Aiqing asks fellow Christians to continue to pray for her husband. She cited several Bible verses in her prayer request letter: “I will witness how the evil people abuse their power and fabricate lies against elder Zhang. *Break the arm of the wicked man; call the evildoer to account for his wickedness that would not otherwise be found out.* (Psalm 10:15) God will reveal any injustice. *If He Whoever sows injustice reaps calamity, and the rod they wield in fury will be broken.* (Proverbs 22:8) *It is mine to avenge; I will repay, says the Lord.* (Romans 12:19). Pray for his health. Even though imprisoned, Elder Zhang Chunlei is in a very good spiritual state. He told his attorney that he had never slept so much, and that he had very good rest in the detention center. For a long time, Zhang has been healthy and optimistic, but this sudden bout of cholecystitis and hospitalization triggered his family’s concern about his life in prison.
19. **Beijing Zion Church** - Pray for the leaders and members of Beijing Zion Church in Mentougou district that was raided in August during Sunday service. They confiscated two computers and took away nine Christians and two children, including Pastor Yang Jun. Officials took some to Mentougou District Culture and Tourism Bureau and others to Yongding Police Station. Pray for safety for those taken away. Ask God to give this church wisdom and comfort.
20. **Huang Yizi** - Pray for Huang Yizi of Feng Wo Tang Church. He disclosed to independent media that he had been relentlessly harassed in the past 6 years since his release. Huang Yizi was imprisoned twice for fighting against the government’s forcible removal of crosses. Pray for our brother to have God’s peace and wisdom

- 21. Wenzhou Bowen Bible School and Wenzhou Bible School** - Pray for students and faculty members at Wenzhou Bowen Bible School and Wenzhou Bible School. On August 8, 2022, the Civil Affairs Bureau of Lucheng District, Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province issued an announcement on the banning of Wenzhou Bowen Bible School and Wenzhou Bible School. The official notice was dated as August 5, 2022 and cites the church's school as being unregistered and conducting illegal activities without authorization. Pray for encouragement and wisdom.
- 22. Wang Shunping** - Pray for Wang Shunping, a Christian of the Nu ethnic minority group who was criminally detained with unknown charges. A prayer request letter from Dashanli in Nuijiang, says, "Wang Shunping only wants to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is the duty of all Christians. I didn't expect it to be a crime! I urge brothers and sisters who are moved to pray for Brother Wang Shunping, Brother Nusang Deng, Brother Sanluobo, and their other 2 sisters. Pray that the Lord will help them."
- 23. Early Rain Church** - Ever since the infamous "129 Crackdown" in 2018, Early Rain has been mercilessly targeted by the authorities. Church leadership is monitored for long stretches of time. Officers beat them, and plainclothes police regularly raid their gatherings. However, they remain steadfast in their faith. Pray for safety of leaders and members. Police cancel rental leases of congregants, conduct raids on the church, etc. Pray for faith to increase and the even police will come to Christ.
- 24. Believers Who Use Social Media in China** - Pray for Christians in China who have faced increasing persecution for social media. Basically, Christian content is prohibited online (evangelism posting...counseling or educational materials...referencing the Bible). Under the new measures, only registered churches, religious schools, or groups can apply for the license. the last four years. Police arrested one Christian who posted online a call for seven days of prayer early in the pandemic. The new rules, first announced in December 2021, ban groups and individuals from sharing religious content without a license. That means unregistered house churches are now legally barred from having any online presence. But having a license doesn't mean churches can speak freely. Approved organizations cannot post anything that undermines the country's communist system or encourages minors to believe in religion. They also can't broadcast religious ceremonies, including worship services or baptisms. Pray for safety of Christians using social media. Pray for creative measures for Christians to communicate.
- 25. China's President Xi and Those in Chinese Government** - Please pray President Xi would come to know Christ and God would soften his heart. Pray that he would listen to the wisdom of the Lord and not lies of the enemy. Pray that those in the Chinese national and local governments would come to know Christ and that God would soften their hearts. Pray that they would seek truth. Pray for God to move them to make decisions that allow Christians "to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (2 Timothy 2:2)
- 26. China's Secret Police and Police Officers** - Please pray they will have encounters with Christ via people, dreams or scripture.
- 27. Writing Campaign** - Pray that people would write letters to prisoners of conscience to provide encouragement and send a signal to prison officials that there are people all over the world who are invested in the safety and well-being of these unjustly imprisoned Chinese citizens. (In some cases, these letters have improved the treatment of these prisoners—go to <http://www.chinaaid.org/p/write-letters.html> to get full biographies, addresses and suggestions to write prisoners.)
- 28. ChinaAid Board and Staff** - Pray for physical protection, unity, and growth in the Lord for the individual members of ChinaAid's board and staff. Pray for wisdom for each of their board members as they lead and advise the organization.
- 29. ChinaAid Partner Organizations** - Please pray for peace, protection, and power for each of ChinaAid's partner organizations as they work together to further the cause of Christ. Pray for current and future brothers and sisters in the faith of Jesus Christ as well as for prayer partners and supporters of ChinaAid.
- 30. Bob Fu** - Bob Fu, president of ChinaAid, was imprisoned in China in the 1990s for "illegal evangelism". After his release, he and his wife escaped to the U.S. as religious refugees where he founded ChinaAid. Pray for wisdom for Bob as he works with various governmental leaders and organizations and various persecution cases. Ask God for protection—he has had bomb threats, personal death warnings, been lied about in publications, and for a time was exiled from his home in the U.S. under FBI protection. Ask God to give him wisdom and strength and encouragement as he advocates for the persecuted in China.

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For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12

*The Strategic Prayer Initiative (four page) – **Spiritual Warfare** Prayer Guide With Commentary*
Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!

Once you are familiar with the background information given for various of the prayers numbered 1 to 30, you can just focus on the prayers themselves (see boldfaced areas), you will not need to keep referring to the additional information. Furthermore, we also make available a one page (two-sided) SPIRITUAL WARFARE Prayer Guide that only includes the 30 prayers, without the commentary.

*There is no doubt, that a conservative reading of the Judeo-Christian Bible shows the existence of a spiritual realm that overlaps with our physical realm. Angels and Demons (fallen Angels) exist and interface in various ways with all people, whether they accept this part of reality, or not. So, we are in a spiritual war, whether we like it or not. If all people who call themselves Christians would do three things, it would produce greater spiritual warfare victories, the furtherance of Jesus Christ's kingdom on earth, and aid people who are in deep spiritual need. **First**, test themselves to make sure they are really in the faith (2 Corinthians 13:5, and 2 Peter 1:10, 1 John 2:3-4). Then, if they are not, that they would become a real disciple through (Mt. 16:24-26 and 3:8), faith, repentance, and not being lukewarm (Rev. 3:15-19). Note: these scriptures about testing oneself, and making ones calling an election sure, apply to the people in the church, regardless of whether or not they feel they are sealed (Eph. 1:13). We can be deceived, just like the supposed Christians in Mt 7:21-23 ("not everyone who says to me Lord..."). Furthermore, let us not forget that the human heart is "deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?" Jeremiah 17:9*

- ❑ **1. Pray that all those purporting to be Christ followers in our country would test themselves on a regular basis, and make sure they are in the faith!** [Note: salvation can only come, by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-10) via the name and atonement of Jesus Christ - the Lamb of God. Nevertheless, true Christian disciples are clearly called to live a holy life (1st Peter 1:16, 1 John 2:3-4), to live a life of obedience (John 14:15) and ongoing repentance (Luke 24:45-47, i.e. keeping short accounts with God).]

Second, there are many lessons concerning physical warfare that have transference into spiritual warfare. One of the biggest ones can be seen illustrated from the Second World War, and the "Battle of the Atlantic." The principle involved here is the ever so salient one of "keeping the supply lines open." In the Battle of the Atlantic German U-Boats worked tirelessly to sink the supply ships sailing from North America to the United Kingdom. Without being resupplied with food, medical supplies, ammunition, weapons and reinforcements, the war could not be won. Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Adolf Hitler both knew that victory concerning the Battle of the Atlantic would most likely dictate who the ultimate victor would be in the war for Europe. The Supply Lines must be kept open in real war, and equally so in spiritual warfare. In the "Battle of the Church" the enemy has helped destroy many of these tactical necessities. We must restore and reinvigorate the Supply Lines!

- ❑ **2. [Supply Line Prayer – In General] Pray that the Lord would rebuild the supply lines concerning His people, His Church and His gospel. Pray that tens-of-millions of Christians would stop being lukewarm causing Jesus Christ to say He is about to spit (or vomit NKJV) them out of His mouth (See Rev. 3:15-19). Pray that fervent righteous and persistent prayer would exponentially expand, both in group prayer and individual prayer, and that the sacrifice of fasting from food (Mt. 9:16 and 6:16) would be restored in the rank-and-file of the church.** These are some of the supplies that are highly pertinent in the "Battle of the Church" such as were: food, ammunition, troops and weapons in the "Battle of the Atlantic." Certain knowledge, equipment, practices, and actions are necessary concerning more victories in the "Battle of the Church." This is truly warfare; may the Lord wake the multitudes sitting in the pews.

Third, one of the highest-level truths relative to spiritual warfare, is that the truly saved i.e. a genuine follower "who has the Son" (1 John 5:11-12, and 2:3-4), has been, and is, co-seated with Christ at the right hand of God, sharing His authority over every principality and power.

...His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all...[and God], made us alive together with Christ...⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together [seated us with Him] in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus... (Ephesians 1:19b-23a and 2:5b-6)

- ❑ **3. Pray that every follower of Jesus Christ would come to a deep knowledge of their position of being co-seated with Christ far above all principalities and powers. Moreover, pray that all true Christians would continue to learn about this titanic truth, and how it can be utilized in confronting principalities and powers. Finally, pray that millions of genuine Christ follows would acquire and study one, or both, of the following books by Mark I. Bubeck: The Adversary-The Christian Versus Demon Activity and Overcoming The Adversary-Warfare Praying Against Demon Activity.**

Jesus was very clear, He wanted His people to take the gospel, or aid in the taking of the gospel, to the whole world. He said He wanted people to be taught His story and His commandments, and then be baptized, if they wanted to become His genuine follower. Furthermore, in the Matthew 28 giving of the great commission, the operative word is the word "make." We have been clearly told to be real disciples (Matt. 16:24-26), and to make disciples. In Matthew 28:19 (see below), in the Greek, the word "make" is in the imperative, not the word "go." Note: in the New Testament the words Christian or Christians are used only three times total, while the words disciple or disciples are used over 260 Times. The late Charles Colson said that a huge problem in the church today is that we make Christians when we were told to "make" true disciples.

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

- ❑ 4. Supply Line Prayer – Spreading the word **Pray that the Lord would motivate and assist His people in spreading the gospel in our country and around the world. Ask Him to help us to be true disciples ourselves and ask Him to help each of us to be doing something on a regular basis to help others to become true disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.**
- ❑ 5. Some experts in spiritual warfare believe that there cannot be true revival in the United States unless we first have success in limiting the demonic activities taking place in the U.S. heavens first. **Pray in the name of Jesus and as one co-seated with Christ, that the Lord, and His angels, would diminish the effectiveness of demons working in your town, city, or in our nation.** (Daniel 10:12-14, & 20-21)

More often than it should be, spiritual warfare is associated with people doing strange or weird things. Some of this cannot be helped, for example we have to use the name of Jesus repeatedly as we come against demonic entities. However, we Christians must strive to keep our spiritual warfare as Scripture based as possible and be careful to not make unfounded leaps in the dark, nor to lose credibility needlessly.

- ❑ 6. Supply Line Prayer - Accurate Systems or Approaches **Pray that the Lord would help His church to take actions and pray prayers that are Biblically accurate, and that will have powerful impacts for His kingdom. Also, ask the Lord to redirect us if we have taken any wrong turns.**

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:10-12

- ❑ 7. Supply Line Prayer – Training in Weapons Usage **Pray that tens-of-millions of reasonable, rational individuals would learn more about how to fight the demonic forces that are hindering, harming, afflicting or tormenting men and woman, within and outside of the faith, and to help them to gain freedom from these dark forces, forces who true believers have authority over.**

See these three (3) books: 1). Spiritual Warfare – Christians, Demonization, and Deliverance by Dr. Karl I. Payne, 2). Demonology Past and Present – Identifying and Overcoming Demonic Strongholds by Dr. Kurt E. Koch, and 3). Demon Possession & the Christian – A New Perspective by Dr. C. Fred Dickason. Consider buying the highly essential **Course #2**, entitled **Spiritual Warfare**, from Deeper Walk International (8 DVD set) {They have four main courses, #2 is the one you want.} Also helpful is the video series entitled The Invisible War – What Every Believer Needs to Know About Satan, Demons & Spiritual Warfare (3 DVD set), by Chip Ingram.

Scripture warns us repeatedly to look out for and avoid false teachers. In addition, it also warns about following "deceiving spirits and things taught by demons." (1 Timothy 4:1) We don't know for sure all the ways doctrines of demons are derived and communicated, but we do know Satan's mission is to hurt God and destroy His people. We do know a lot of the unrighteous things that people do when they are walking in the flesh (Gal. 5:16-21) or will be doing in the last days (2 Tim. 3:1-5). Additionally, we also know that we are to take every thought captive for Christ (2 Corinthians 10:3-6). Experience shows that the enemy can put thoughts into our heads, and if a false teacher were to take some of those thought suggestions and run with them, they seem like they could be doctrines of demons. Also, some false teachers are Satanist or witches, and have intended and direct interaction with demons, which obviously would be a source of doctrines of demons. Consequently, many of the sins listed in the following Scriptures could well be a doctrine of demons and worthy to be prayed against, by name (Gal. 5:16-21, Eph. 5:3-18, 1 Cor. 6:9-7:6, 2 Tim. 3:1-5, 1 Thess. 4:2-8, Revelation 9:20-21). [We know from 2 Cor. 11:13-15 that there are false teachers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. We also know from this passage that Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light; therefore, we should always be on our guard if some spiritual being ever appears claiming to be someone special. We must test all spiritual beings, and doctrines, by the Word of God.]

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons (1 Timothy 4:1). The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, but Jesus came to give abundant life! (John 10:10)

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever¹⁶ you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Galatians 5:16-21)

- ❑ 8. Supply Line Prayer – Prayer Against Sin Take your authority over the demons trying to influence you, your church, your community, or your country concerning the sin of [_____] - you can insert sins here from the Scripture passages listed above (e.g. 1 Cor. 6:9f) and pray about them.] **Pray in the authority of the name of Jesus Christ and bind any demons from influencing hatred among people in your family, church and community (or city, or country), command the demons to go to where Jesus Christ is sending them.**
- ❑ 9. Supply Line Prayer – Prayer Against Sin **Pray in the authority of the name of Jesus Christ and bind any demons from influencing drunkenness - and the equivalent via being high on weed** [both lead to debauchery - Ephesians 5:18] **among people in your family, church, and community (or city, or country), command the demons to go to where Jesus Christ is sending them.**
- ❑ 10. Supply Line Prayer – Prayer Against suicide **Pray in the authority of the name of Jesus Christ and bind any demons trying to influence teenagers and adults to commit suicide.** Also, **pray multitudes of people will learn that when demons have a stronghold in someone's life, the thoughts they plant are often in the third person i.e. you will commit suicide vs. I will commit suicide.**

But there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality named among you, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. (Ephesians 5:3) "You say, 'Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.' The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body...Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body...you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies. (1 Corinthians 6:13, 18, and 20)

11. Supply Line Prayer – Obedience **Pray that those who want to honor God with their lives would realize that Scripture says the Lord created sexual activity to be exclusively part of the marriage relationship. Pray that people will want to see with their own eyes what the Scripture says about this.** Sex is beautiful and holy, but sex before marriage, multiple sex partners, extramarital sex, perverted sex, premarital sexual activity - even when it stops before intercourse, and the use of pornography, are unbiblical. (Heb. 13:4, 1 Cor. 6:12-20, Jn. 8:11, and Mt. 5:27-30) [Jesus told the women caught in sexual sin that He forgave her, but He also told her, in no uncertain terms, to “go and sin no more.”]

God can deliver unlimited pleasures and joys in heaven; however, He has created a world that tests whether or not people will handle the freedom of heaven responsibly (i.e. in accordance with God’s will). One way He has done that is by making human sexuality one of the greatest pleasures in all of life. In our sexuality He has one of the greatest indicators of whether someone can be trusted to obey their Creator with the eternal pleasures to be provided in heaven. If someone cannot act in obedience to God’s will with the use of one of the greatest pleasures on earth, how can they be trusted to not misuse the eternal pleasures of heaven. They can’t be. God further shows the profound importance He places on sex by giving it the dual functions of sexual pleasure as well as procreation, **both undeniably huge**. God, who thought up and created our sexuality, unequivocally has an opinion about it. People would be wise to actually see what God has said about our sexuality in His Scripture. It is not hateful to want to have an informed opinion, people who will not allow for any differing opinions run the risk of being heavenphobic, something that is truly unkind, at best, and horribly arrogant and intensely harmful at worst. For those willing to live for God, how to live sexually is one of the highest-level choices you will face. Do note that consensual sexual activity outside of marriage is not at all something the creator of sexuality recognizes as acceptable. (See Hebrews 13:4 “...God will judge the...sexually immoral”). [The great Super Bowl winning quarterback Roger Staubach (a genuine man of faith), once said of the flamboyant Super Bowl winning quarterback Joe Namath, I enjoy sex just as much as Joe Namath, however I only have it with one women.]

- ❑ 12. Supply Line Prayer – Holiness (1 Th. 4:2-8) 1 Peter 1:13-16, Lev. 11:44f, 19:2, and 20:7, Phil. 1:9-11, and Eph. 5:27) **Pray that in the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ that you bind the demonic forces that are trying to drive sexual immorality in the schools, the church, the nation and the world. Pray that the veil would be lifted that is blinding people from seeing that God, the maker of our sexuality, has a position concerning sexual sin, and its consequences. Moreover, that He clearly says He will judge us according to these actions.**

As an additional point of reference regarding demons having influence over certain aspects of sexual sin, you might find it shocking, and even bizarre, that the rock singer Kesha can be seen on video testifying to what it was like when she had sex with a demon. It appears that this type of activity is possible. Nevertheless, it also plays into the battle for the eternal souls of individuals (Col. 1:13). On a different note, for a perspective on living out the gay lifestyle, YouTube videos by Becket Cook can be useful to be aware of, concerning one informed perspective on these issues.

Based on the Gospels and the book of Acts, we know that people being influenced by demons was not, and is not, uncommon. Even if the western world thinks they don’t exist, facts show they do. If demons are a reality, it behooves us to be aware of them, and know how to deal with them.

- ❑ 13. Supply Line Prayer – Boot Camp **Pray God would raise up hundreds-of-millions of individuals and groups who would gain a strong proficiency in dealing with demonization, in their own lives, and in the lives of others.** See Neil T. Anderson’s 30-page booklet The Steps to Freedom in Christ – A Biblical Guide to Help You Resolve Personal and Spiritual Conflicts and Become a Fruitful Disciple of Jesus).

In the book of the prophet Daniel (10:12-14, 10:20-21), we see demonic activity concerning demons that have a high measure of authority related to countries. Furthermore, in Luke 4:5-13, we see clearly that Satan controls the kingdoms of this world, “it has been given to me and I can give it to you.” Let us use our co-seated authority to pray for the Lord and His angels to come against these truly evil principalities and powers.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places (Eph. 6:12). Therefore, we know demons have hierarchical structures. We know that certain demons are assigned to certain locations (Daniel 10). We know that righteous prayer has power in the spiritual realm (Ja. 5:16). We know that the accuser speaks to people, at times, in their thoughts. “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds” (2 Cor. 10:3-4). We know that demons are involved with mediums and fortune tellers. We know that demons are involved in the spells witches cast. We know that we have authority over demons since Jesus won this victory and has positionally co-seated us with Him concerning this authority (Ephesians 1:19b-23a and 2:5b-6). Consequentially, in the following prayers (especially #17) you will be using your authoritative position in Christ to come against demons who have assignments in the power structures in your community, town, or city. Furthermore, some people involved in these power structures are being influenced by demons, but don’t know it, while some others are secretly working for the Dark Lord, and have fully created a pact with him (Luke 4:5-8). Casting spells, mediums, witchcraft, etc. are only allowed for those who desire to serve Satan and not the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. ¹⁰ Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, ¹¹ or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. ¹² Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD; because of these same detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you. ¹³ You must be blameless before the LORD your God. ¹⁴ The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the LORD your God has not permitted you to do so (Deuteronomy 18:9-14).

- ❑ 14. **Pray that in the name of Jesus that the Lord would stop** the local demons involved in divination or sorcery from being able to have any effect. Pray that the Lord would rescue some of those doing such things and give them a testimony of how the Lord rescued and freed them.
- ❑ 15. **Pray that in the name of Jesus Christ that the Lord would remove** the power from the local demons responding to the casting of spells. Pray that the Lord would rescue some of those casting spells and give them a testimony of how the Lord delivered them from the occult.
- ❑ 16. **Pray that in the name of Jesus Christ that the Lord would reveal and stop any Satanic ritual abuse, animal sacrifices, or human sacrifices in your local area, and that demons involved would have no power. Furthermore, pray that the Lord would rescue many participants from such things, and have this evil brought into the light by their testimonies.** (You can insert other subjects from the Deuteronomy passage above into these prayers.) [Also, see Devil Worship – The Rise of Satanism DVD documentary – www.Jeremiahfilms.com]

- ❑ 17. Supply Line Prayer – Principalities and Powers. **Pray in the name of Jesus Christ, and as one co-seated with Him at the right hand of God the Father** (Ephesians 1:19b-23a -2:5b-6), **that the principalities and powers involved in the _____ Educational _____ systems, and hierarchies, in your community and the country, would be bound by the hand of God, and resisted by the angels of God, and would be prevented, or hindered, from advancing their evil causes.** Pick one of the following areas of focus and put it into the blank of the above prayer, and then rotate them monthly, or use this prayer more than once a month, with a different subject each time.
(Possible Subject areas -- **Educational**, Governmental, Business, Music Industry, Motion Pictures Industry, Television, General Media, Internet, Professional Sport, Actors Guild, Marketing, Pornography, Ecclesiastic, Denominational, Bible College, and Seminary Education)
- ❑ 18. Supply Line Prayer – Awareness of the Spiritual War Demons are taken for granted in a good number of countries (because of their experiences with them, and witch doctors, etc.), but assumed nonexistent in others. **Pray that hundreds-of-millions, especially within the Christian Church, would be shown by case studies, life experiences, and the Holy Scriptures, that demons and spiritual warfare do exist, and furthermore, can truly be resisted** by the genuine Christian, because of their delegated spiritual authority and power.
- ❑ 19. **Pray** in the authority of the name of Jesus Christ that those who are stealing from, or cheating people by deceit, in their business practices, would come to realize that they are breaking two of the Ten Commandments, and will have to be judged, and quite possibly condemned. **Pray** that these people cheating others would be found out and reap the negative fruit of their actions. (Proverbs 11:1, James 5:4)
- ❑ 20. **Pray** that the people of the United States, or in your country, who have made their material wealth into an idol would learn to put their confidence in the Lord, not their wealth. The rich trusts in his wealth (Jer. 9:23-24) but should be, generous and ready to share (1 Tim. 6:17-19).
- ❑ 21. Supply Line Prayer – Righteous and Strategic Prayer with Fasting **Pray that tens-of-millions of Americans would become members of a year-long, or nine-month long, smart phone based, On-line Yellow Sheet Prayer Team experiment.** [These On-line Teams are designed to help create huge quantities of powerful, strategic, persistent, and righteous prayer, (enhanced with fasting), for one highly important prayer request, and one key unsaved individual, for each member of the team, without putting a heavy burden on the team.]
- ❑ 22. **Pray** that the sincere atheists and agnostics in your community, who would like to know if God is actually there, or not, would start by telling God that they don't believe he or she is there, but that if there, that they would like this Creator to reveal him or herself to them. **Pray** that when they see the evidence has a high confidence that we were created, that they would be willing to live according to the Creator's will. (Note: Jesus Christ said that people being willing to do what He asks can be a precursor to God revealing Himself to them - John 14:21.)
- ❑ 23. **Pray** that the U.S. Courts would consistently uphold the Constitution of the United States and its profound protections for freedom in general, freedom of religion, the free practice of religion, and freedom of speech. Also, **pray** that the nation would start again to practice Constitution Day each September 17th as our founding fathers set up (by law) to be an ongoing practice. [One of the political parties removed protections based on religion from their draft party platform for the 2020 elections. **Pray** this will never happen again, and that prayers would be lifted up, daily if possible, against efforts to take away parts of our Constitutionally guaranteed freedoms of religion.]
- ❑ 24. Supply Line Prayer - The Sword of the Spirit - the Bible (Ephesians 6:17b) Jesus used the Word of God to fight Satan's temptations of Him in Matthew 4 and Luke 4. **Pray that all genuine Christians, if they are not already doing so, will begin opening (at least, the New Testament) each and every day. Pray that they will read at least one page a day for the rest of their lives, or if they can't do that, to read at least two sentences a day, as a way to get started** (See Heb. 4:12, 2 Tim. 3:16, Psalms. 119). [Note: a sword is also an offensive weapon.]
- ❑ 25. Supply Line Prayer – Fasting (Among other things, helps train a disciple to have greater ability to resist the flesh.) **Pray that every sincere Christian, who is medically able to, would begin to practice the spiritual discipline of fasting that Jesus expected of all of his genuine followers. Pray they would begin to use this discipline on at least a monthly basis, and to include an extra season of prayer during their regular fast.** Additionally, **pray large numbers of Christians would read** the excellent book, God's Chosen Fast – A Spiritual and Practical Guide to Fasting by Arthur Wallis, or other Biblical, and balanced, fasting material. (See www.christianbook.com)
- ❑ 26. Supply Line Prayer – Holiness **Pray** that those claiming the name of Jesus as their Messiah would constantly be asking the Holy Spirit to show them any hypocrisy in their lives and ask for the strength to repent of it. **Pray** that Christian leaders would not follow the example of the Pharisees (religious leaders at the time Jesus was on earth) and live in dishonorable hypocrisy! (Matthew 3:7-8, and Luke 16:14-15)
- ❑ 27. Supply Line Prayer – Evangelism **Pray** that the veil of spiritual blindness would be lifted from the eyes of hundreds-of-millions who will not be granted heaven without eyes to see, ears to hear, and sincere repentance. (2 Corinthians 4:3-4, Luke 24:45-47, and Matthew 3:5-12)
- ❑ 28. Supply Line Prayer – Credibility **Pray** that Christian leaders and Christ followers would try very hard to always be above reproach (1 Timothy 3:2). **Pray** that those who are living in serious compromise would put their houses in order and repent. (James 4:6b-8)
- ❑ 29. George Barna, famous for his decades of analysis of the American church said, there is almost no accountability in the American Church. People thought it would come through the small groups, but they have only been able to address the soft issues. **Pray that tens-of-millions of Americans would be helped to overcome this problem by getting into a SPI™ PrayerCord™, or a SPI Small Group.**
- ❑ 30. **Pray that all Christians in the country who long to see literal Revival would commit to watching the intense, highly informative, 12-part video series** made exclusively for the College of Revival. [Mr. Roberts is the man who took a pass on being Billy Graham's ghost writer, so he could stay focused on his lifetime work concerning revival. www.collegeofrevival.com brought to you by Richard Owen Roberts]

The Strategic Prayer Initiative - **Pink Sheet EXPANDER - HUMANITARIAN RELIEF** – Fall 2023

For those of you who regularly feel the pain of other human beings who are starving, needing clean water, being subjected to human trafficking, civil wars, unsafe homes, facing natural disasters, needing a surgery etc., and wish you could do more for them, this Pink Sheet Expander has been created for you.

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. - Isaiah 1:17

- ☐ **1. Hunger - Central African Republic** - Pray for children like Melvina, in Central African Republic who says, “I don’t eat every day because my mother has no money.” Displaced children are forced to weigh the odds of which life-threatening situation they will be subjected to. Sometimes the risk of going out to find food is too dangerous, but the risk of suffering malnutrition is just as worrying. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- ☐ **2. Refugees - Eritrea/Ethiopia** - Pray for the persecuted Eritrean Christian refugees who fled to Ethiopia. (Source: www.vomusa.org)
- ☐ **3. Safe Water - Tanzania** - Pray for families like Matthias’, rice farmers in Shimayu, Tanzania. Pray that safe water will be available to them and prevent the monthly hospital stays like Matthias’ family experienced because of unsafe drinking water. Pray for improved health and that safe-water agencies, like Life Water will have wisdom and resources to bring water to this area in Jesus name. (Source: www.lifewater.org)
- ☐ **4. Orphans - Bolivia** - Pray for Gael and 54 other orphans supported by Lifesong for Orphans in Bolivia. Pray Lifesong and agencies like them would be able to effectively meet the physical needs, work to heal past traumas, provide emotional and psychological support, seek to compassionately point children to Christ and demonstrate God’s love for them. Bolivia has one of the highest rates of femicide in all South America (resulting in many orphans) and 7 out of 10 women suffer physical aggression. Pray for the orphans here. (Source: www.lifesongfororphans.org)
- ☐ **5. Conflict - Chad/Sudan** - Pray for peace in Sudan and God’s comfort to the half million Darfurians, mostly women and children that fled into Chad. Pray that Christian relief agencies such as World Relief will be able to help in the months to come. (Source: www.worldrelief.org)
- ☐ **6. Natural Disasters - Morocco** - Pray for the families of the near 3,000 people killed in September’s earthquake in Morocco. Pray for the over 300 thousand people affected. Pray that Christian humanitarian aid agencies will be able to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the survivors and they go through the difficult weeks and months of rebuilding. (Source: www.wng.org, www.worldrelief.org)
- ☐ **7. Trafficking - United States** - Pray for children like Sandy who, while captive as a child sex slave, literally never saw sunlight, besides the other atrocities she experienced,. Ask God to rescue those children held captive by sex traffickers in the US and abroad. (Source: www.gozoe.org)
- ☐ **8. Hunger - South Sudan** - Pray for God to stop the ongoing civil conflict that contributes to food insecurity in South Sudan. Experts estimate that 7.7 million South Sudanese people are experiencing severe hunger. Since those estimates, conflict in Sudan has only increased the burden on resources in parts of South Sudan, as families fleeing conflict seek safety in South Sudan. (Source: www.worldrelief.org)
- ☐ **9. Refugees - Ukraine** - Pray for the nearly 5.1 million internally displaced people in Ukraine (as of May 2023) and the more than 6.2 million refugees from Ukraine have been recorded globally (as of July 2023). Pray that they will be welcomed and find safe homes. Pray for God to heal them of their trauma. (Source: www.unhcr.org)
- ☐ **10. Safe Water - Zambia** - Praise God with Maves’ family in Jembo, Zambia. She says, “Walking long distances and spending so much time drawing water is now a thing of the past because there is clean and safe water just at the doorstep of my home...I now grow vegetables and sell to community members, which has become a source of income for my family.” Pray that World Vision and similar agencies that help bring safe water to communities would have God’s wisdom and resources as they seek to help alleviate water-borne illnesses. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- ☐ **11. Orphans - Brazil** - Pray for orphans like Eduardo in Brazil who was abandoned by his prostitute mother. Ask God to help a previously abandoned child, Valdinar, who was 18 when he decided to raise Eduardo with his “own mother”, 69. Pray for others to help support other orphans and pray that humanitarian agencies like Compassion, who also helps Eduardo, to have the wisdom and resources to help. (Source: www.compassion.com)
- ☐ **12. Conflict - Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** - Pray for artists who paint murals for peace in DRC, women who are mobilizing their communities across eastern DRC, and humanitarian agencies such as World Relief who partners with churches—all to help build peace in DRC. Pray for the 6 million people the DRC conflict has displaced. Ask God to end the conflict here. (Source: www.worldrelief.org and www.worldvision.org)
- ☐ **13. Natural Disasters - Libya** - Pray for the families of the thousands killed or missing following the flooding that hit Libya in September. Pray that World Relief and other Christian humanitarian aid agencies will be effective as they work to identify partners in the region to provide for immediate needs, medical services, emergency shelter, food assistance, etc. to those impacted by this disaster. (Source: www.wng.org, www.worldrelief.org)
- ☐ **14. Trafficking - Haiti/Dominican Republic** - Pray that God would be with victims of trafficking like he was for 3 boys in the Dominican Republic whose courage resulted in 25 children being freed from enslavement and the conviction of 2 traffickers. The boys’ families in Haiti were asked to send their children with men who would offer better opportunities in Santo Domingo or Miami. Then the children were forced to beg every day, beginning at 5 a.m. If they did not bring back 300 pesos (almost U.S. \$8) they were beaten. When they were not on the streets, they were crowded into a one-room apartment with no kitchen and no bathroom, forced to sleep under the table and under the bed. Three brave young boys approached a woman on the street and told her their story. The woman took them straight to the National Children’s Council, and an investigation led to 25 children being set free and reunited with their families. Pray that God will protect vulnerable children world-wide. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- ☐ **15. Hunger - Ethiopia** - Pray for God to provide needed food to people of Ethiopia. U.S. and international aid agencies have suspended food deliveries amid a glut of stolen rations. The U.S. Agency for International Development and the United Nations World Food Program suspended aid to the war-hit northern Tigray region in March 2023 after reports that local officials and rebels diverted food from people in need then both agencies extended the halt nationwide. In one Tigray town, investigators found stolen wheat for sale in a local market—enough to feed 134,000 people for a month. Officials in Tigray have recorded more than 700 hunger-related deaths in the region since the aid suspension. Ask God to remove dishonest authorities and to stop criminals from diverting humanitarian aid from those in need. (Source: www.wng.org)

- ☐ **16. Refugees - Afghanistan** - Pray for refugees in Afghanistan to find homes and safety. Afghan refugees continue to make up one of the largest and most protracted displacement situations under UNHCR's mandate. With a record 28.3 million people—two-thirds of its population—in need of humanitarian and protection assistance in 2023, the severe humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan continues deteriorating. The prolonged nature of the crisis requires intensified efforts to support Afghan refugees and the host communities in Iran and Pakistan. Pray for these refugees to have their physical needs provided for and for them to come to know Jesus. (Source: www.unrefugees.org)
- ☐ **17. Safe Water - Yemen** - Pray for women like Arwa, a school principal in a remote village in Yemen, who must gather water and miss time and wages from work. Many of the students at Arwa's school also missed valuable time in the classroom because they had to help their families fetch water. Pray that others will be able to enjoy safe water close to home like Arwa did when Samaritan's Purse helped bring clean water to her community. Pray that agencies will have the resources and wisdom of God to help provide safe water in Jesus' name. (Source: www.samaritanspurse.org)
- ☐ **18. Orphans - Kenya** - Pray for orphans like Steven in Kenya, who was ostracized after his widowed mother died of Aids. He was forced to live on the streets until he crossed paths with someone from Kinship United Orphanage, who gave him food and eventually invited him to their Aruba Project in Kenya. Pray wisdom, love of God and resources for orphanages to minister to desperate orphans. (Source: www.kinshipunited.org)
- ☐ **19. Conflict - Ukraine** - Pray for people like Lyudmyla, a mother of 5, who has been impacted by the war in Ukraine. Pray for agencies like World Vision, (who provided coats, shoes, etc.) and Samaritan's Purse, (who has set up hospitals in the region) and the churches these agencies work with. Ask God for them to encourage with the love of Jesus and to end this conflict that has impacted so many. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- ☐ **20. Natural Disasters - Turkey Syria** - Pray for people like Mustafa affected by the February earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Praise God that Mustafa was rescued after being trapped under rubble for 7 days. Pray for the continued aftermath of the earthquake to be addressed. Over 50,000 buildings were destroyed—including apartment buildings, schools, and hospitals which are now in ruins or too damaged to enter. Pray for the renewed operation of the 600+ health centers that are not functioning. Pray for shelter for the 265,000 still in need of housing. High summer temperatures have exacerbated the situation triggering fires and more deaths and damage to tents. (Source: www.samaritanspurse.org, worldvision.org)
- ☐ **21. Trafficking - United States** - Pray that more services are available to care for victims of sex trafficking. It is estimated that 80% of victims go back to the life of exploitation and sex trafficking because of inadequate after-care services. (Source: www.naimoshouse.org)
- ☐ **22. Hunger - Globally** - Pray for the 828 million people who are unsure of where their next meal is coming from, according to the World Food Program. Conflict, economic shocks, climate extremes and soaring fertilizer prices are combining to create a food crisis of unprecedented proportions. Pray for solutions that secure food security, stability and peace for all. (www.wfp.org)
- ☐ **23. Refugees - Sudan** - Pray for the more than 5.4 million people of Sudan, who have been forced to flee their homes in search of safety (as of September 2023) and the 4.2 million people who have been internally displaced by the recent conflict in Sudan. Ask God to help the 1 million refugees who lived in Sudan prior to the current conflict — the second-highest refugee population in Africa. (Source: www.unrefugees.org)
- ☐ **24. Safe Water - Globally** - Pray for the health of the 2 billion people who use drinking-water sources contaminated with feces. Pray that half the world's population projected to be living in water-stressed areas will have intervention to give them access to safe drinking water. Ask God to help Christian humanitarian agencies to have His wisdom and resources to help provide safe water. Pray for the families of the 800 children who die daily from unsafe water. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- ☐ **25. Orphans - The Church** - Pray that Christians would consider adopting or being foster parents to an orphan and demonstrating God's love to the children. Pray for provisions and encouragement for potential adoptive/foster parent.
- ☐ **26. Conflict - Global** - Pray for the peaceful resolution of conflicts around the world. Conflict is the single biggest driver of hunger today. (Source: www.wfp.org)
- ☐ **27. Natural Disasters - Maui, HI, USA** - Pray for Paul and Maria and the other 2000 families that lost their homes in the Maui wildfires. Pray for humanitarian agencies like Samaritan's Purse to have the wisdom and resources to assist these people in the months ahead of rebuilding their lives as well as their property. Ask God to comfort each one. (Source: www.samaritanspurse.org)
- ☐ **28. Trafficking - Globally** - Continue to pray that world leaders would confront sexual trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation by dedicating their time and energy to the issue. Pray they would also commit their national resources toward eradicating trafficking. (Source: salvationarmy.org)
- ☐ **29. Health - Global** - Pray for those suffering from malaria. Pray that measures would prevent those at risk (nearly half the world's population) from contracting it. In 2017 there were approximately 219 million cases of malaria and 435,000 deaths. More than two thirds (70 percent) of all malaria deaths are to children under 5. Malaria remains a major killer of children under five years old, taking the life of a child every two minutes. (Source: www.compassion.com)
- ☐ **30. Health - Global** - Ask God to provide solutions to prevent the spread of tuberculosis which is a top infectious disease killer worldwide. Over 95 percent of tuberculosis cases and deaths are in low- and middle-income countries. Pray that people will know they are infected and be treated—those with active TB can infect 10-15 other people through close contact over the course of a year. In 2017, 10 million people fell ill with tuberculosis and 1.6 million died from the disease. About one-quarter of the world's population has latent TB (i.e., infected by TB bacteria but are not (yet) ill with the disease and cannot transmit the disease). (Source: www.compassion.org)