

## 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 **SPRING Triple 7 Packet** are as follows:

1. The April Pink Sheet™ a.k.a. Strategic Prayer Data Sheet
2. Pink Sheet EXPANDER™ - Humanitarian Relief Situations
3. Pink Sheet EXPANDER™ - Unreached People Groups – Version “A”
4. Pink Sheet EXPANDER™ - RUF Guide (Rights Under Fire) Legal Issues
5. Pink Sheet EXPANDER™ - Persecuted Christians (Worldwide Version)
6. Pushing Back the Darkness – One Cry Prayer Guide
7. SPI™ Spiritual Warfare Prayer Guide (2-Page Version)

**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

### ***The Strategic Prayer Initiative -- April 2024***

*Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!*

- ☐ **1. Senior Pastor** / \_\_\_\_\_ -- Pray that God will give your pastor divine guidance in daily scheduling and setting of priorities. Please also circle the day of your birthday (for example the 7th) as a second day each month that you pray for the Senior Pastor.
- ☐ **2. Persecuted Christians** / Pray for Khalida, her two sons, and a daughter who placed their trust in Christ years ago after having dreams about Him. Muslim extremists in their community who heard about their conversion, attacked the family, and tried to kill them would come to Christ. This family barely survived. The enraged Muslims then formed a mob that attacked and burned several churches that were helping Khalida’s family. Because of the persecution, she and her family fled to another nation where their faith has grown but they have experienced financial and health struggles. Khalida recently received initial approval for her family to emigrate as refugees to a third country. Pray she makes it safely to her final destination and is welcomed in and finds a Christian community. (Source: [www.icommittoprayer.org](http://www.icommittoprayer.org))
- ☐ **3. U.S. Supreme Court** / Pray for God to draw Justice Amy Coney Barret into a deeper relationship with Himself. Pray that the Lord will speak into Justice Barret's life in many ways, including through her dreams. Pray that God will help her 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 31,273,000-member Burmese group of Myanmar (Burma). (Source: [www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net))
- ☐ **5. Each Country’s Leader** / Pray that President Vladimir Putin, the primary leader of Russia (142 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](http://www.ehc.org) [“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority... {so we can have peace and see people saved}” 1Timothy 2:1-4]
- ☐ **6. Bibleless People Groups** / Pray that the Mbeya Project — Bena And Nyiha Languages (920,000) people of Tanzania will have the New Testament translated into their language. They currently do not have the Scripture in their heart language. (Source: [www.wycliffe.org](http://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 House of Mercy Sorong in Indonesia. Pray the staff will have the Holy Spirit’s help in raising up genuine Christian disciples with each of the children. Pictures of the home can be seen at [www.kinshipunited.org](http://www.kinshipunited.org). Ask the Lord to help your church to adopt an orphanage (see James 1:27).
- ☐ **9. Abortion Clinics & Alternatives** / Planned Parenthood - Portland Health Center - 443 Congress Street, Portland, ME ([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.  
ABBA Women's Choice - 1250 Forest Ave, 2nd Floor, Portland, ME ([Alternative To Abortion](#)) - Pray that today, (the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 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 addicted to gambling to come to a realization of their problem. Pray the Holy Spirit would help break the addictive cycle through accountability, spiritual strength, and/or a 12-Step Programs.
- ☐ **11. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World’s Population)** / India – Ask God to bring Hindus to Himself. Hinduism is the world's third-largest religious system. Hinduism, most broadly understood, is a civilizational dynamic incorporating every aspect of life, embracing those who live in or identify with India and its culture. As a religion, it is a pluralistic network of religious beliefs and systems ranging from the philosophical (self-realization), to Vedic-influenced rituals, to popular expression (idols), to village Hinduism (animism, occultism). It absorbs elements of any religion it encounters and is widely regarded as an inclusive religion, one of tolerance and peace. Its global influence is significant through movements such as yoga, Hare Krishna/ISKCON, New Age, Art of Living and others. Many concepts of Hinduism have become part of 21st Century postmodern culture - yoga, gurus, karma, dharma, reincarnation and transcendental meditation. Pray that Christians take opportunities to love Hindus and point them to Christ. (Source: [www.operationworld.org](http://www.operationworld.org))
- ☐ **12. The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders of Shintoism 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](http://www.SPIprayer.org))
- ❑ **15. Christian Ministries** / Christian Missionary Fellowship - Christian Missionary Fellowship endeavors to transform lives and communities by sending missionaries from everywhere to everywhere. Ask God to provide unity, provision and wisdom to the leaders of this organization (Source: [www.ehc.org](http://www.ehc.org) )
- ❑ **16. U.S. House Of Representatives** / Katherine Clark, MA 5th - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- ❑ **17. U.S. Senate and President** / SD - Sen. John Thune - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- ❑ **18. The 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)  
U.S. Trade Representative, Katherine Tai - See Supplemental Prayer Guide for additional prayer suggestions.
- ❑ **19. The Nations** / Saint Kitts and Nevis - Pray for the Holy Spirit to embolden believers for maximum kingdom effectiveness. Pray for Godly fathers for the many families led by single mothers. Pray for personal purity and integrity in an economy increasingly dependent on offshore finance. (Source: [www.prayercast.com](http://www.prayercast.com) and [www.operationworld.org](http://www.operationworld.org))
- ❑ **20. The Poor** / Pray that God would lead wealthy individuals to look for ways to give the poor opportunities. (Ezk.16:49) Pray the poor would be honest, responsible, and hard working with the opportunities that are made available to them. (2 Thes. 3:10) (Gal. 2:10 and Matt. 25:44-45)
- ❑ **21. The Church** / Pray for the Holy Spirit to raise up prayer teams, at all Bible-believing churches, to pray for their pastor’s protection from sin and demonic forces. (James 1:22-25, James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)
- ❑ **22. The Family** / Pray for Christian fathers throughout our nation to rise up and become the servant leaders of their family. Pray that they would be a good example to their children and that Christ would help them to view their wife’s needs equal or higher than their own. (Philippians 2:3 and Ephesians 5:28)
- ❑ **23. The Education System** / Pray for God’s hand of favor, wisdom, and blessing to be on the Christian professors in our nation's secular universities.
- ❑ **24. Cultural Influencers** / James Pitaro \* - Chairman ESPN & Sports Content 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.mastermediaintl.com](http://www.mastermediaintl.com))
- ❑ **25. Power Players in Media** / Stephani Germanotta (Lady Gaga (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.mastermediaintl.com](http://www.mastermediaintl.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 FOX 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 the people of Haiti which is in a state of turmoil and one of the poorest countries in the Americas, Haiti faces political unrest, an upsurge in violence, fuel shortages, and high levels of food insecurity. Approximately 5.2 million people need humanitarian aid due to the mounting instability. In 2021 and 2010, deadly earthquakes devastated the Caribbean nation and deepened its dire humanitarian situation. Pray for Haiti’s children and families who are suffering from disasters, natural and man-made. We ask that You comfort them with Your love, goodness, and strength. (Source: [www.worldvision.org](http://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. *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey. These resources are typically available through a local Christian bookstore or at [www.ChristianBook.com](http://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** \_\_\_\_\_

## 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](http://www.worldvision.org))
- ☐ **2. Refugees - Eritrea/Ethiopia** - Pray for the persecuted Eritrean Christian refugees who fled to Ethiopia. (Source: [www.vomusa.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.wng.org), [www.worldrelief.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.worldrelief.org) and [www.worldvision.org](http://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](http://www.wng.org), [www.worldrelief.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.samaritanspurse.org), [worldvision.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.compassion.org))

<sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month you would pray for the group next to 3— **Shaikh Siddiqi from India**). 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	Kurd, Kurmanji	Türkiye (Turkey)	9,252,000
2	Mahratta Kunbi	India	9,087,000
3	Shaikh Siddiqi	India	9,019,000
4	Jat (Sikh traditions)	India	8,794,000
5	Adi Dravida	India	8,753,000
6	Gujar (Hindu traditions)	India	8,549,000
7	Sonar (Hindu traditions)	India	8,322,000
8	Somali	Ethiopia	8,012,000
9	Kashmiri (Muslim traditions)	India	8,008,000
10	Azerbaijani	Azerbaijan	7,962,000
11	Badhai (Hindu traditions)	India	7,815,000
12	Kanuri, Yerwa	Nigeria	7,802,000
13	Nair	India	7,779,000
14	Thai, Northern	Thailand	7,777,000
15	Oromo, Hararghe	Ethiopia	7,743,000
16	Arab, Yemeni	Yemen	7,764,000
17	Madura	Indonesia	7,681,000
18	Viswakarma unspecified	India	7,661,000
19	Tajik	Tajikistan	7,492,000
20	Pashtun, Northern	Afghanistan	7,292,000
21	Banjara (Hindu traditions)	India	7,234,000
22	Kayastha (Hindu traditions)	India	7,148,000
23	Minangkabau	Indonesia	6,915,000
24	Bambara	Mali	6,831,000
25	Mala (Hindu traditions)	India	6,764,000
26	Ilavan	India	6,754,000
27	Vakkaliga unspecified	India	6,713,000
28	Dusadh (Hindu traditions)	India	6,701,000
29	Sayyid	Pakistan	6,647,000

Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!

**1. University Students' Rights to Equal Access and Opportunity for Christian Groups:** Pray that all student groups have the same access to resources a university has made available such as funding, room usage, mail systems, etc. Pray that public universities, like the University of Houston, Clear Lake, do not discriminate against Christian Groups. At the University of Houston, Clear Lake, university-recognized student groups on campus were allowed to choose their requirements for their leadership. However, a Christian group Ratio Christi was refused university recognition because they required their leadership to be a Christian and follow Christian tenets. (Only university-recognized groups can advertise and announce freely on campus and can have access to student activity fees all students are required to pay.) After a lawsuit brought by Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), all university-recognized groups were allowed to choose their own leadership. Pray that Christian student leaders know their rights and are allowed to determine group leadership at all universities. (Source: [www.adflegal.org](http://www.adflegal.org))

**2. Freedom of Religion within One's Profession:** Pray that Christians can exercise the freedom to practice their religion/conscience, no matter what profession they choose. Thank God, New Mexico physicians are no longer compelled by law to participate actively in Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS) or passively by referring a patient to someone who would assist in their suicide. The law has a "membership requirement" that prohibits professional associations (like the Christian Medical and Dental Association) from ensuring its members do not participate in PAS. Shortly after ADF filed a lawsuit, the state passed a bill that allows medical professionals to decline such participation for reasons of conscience or religious beliefs. California's similar law was also challenged successfully by ADF. Pray that no physician anywhere in the U.S. would be compelled to participate in assisted suicide or anything else that violates their religious beliefs. (Source: [www.adflegal.org](http://www.adflegal.org))

**3. Freedom to Share the Gospel or Bible:** Pray that Christians and all others continue to have and exercise the right to share the gospel. Pray that students on college campuses will continue to be able to freely speak on campus (including sharing the gospel). Student Chike Uzuegbunam was told he could not share the gospel except in a "speech zone" that encompassed 0.0015 percent of his campus and was available only 10 percent of the time. After reserving "the speech zone" a policeman told Chike that someone complained and that Chike's peaceful speech was classified as "disorderly conduct," (defined as any speech "which disturbs the peace and/or comfort of person(s).") Praise God that Chike prevailed at the U.S. Supreme Court. Pray that students would know and defend their right to freely share the gospel. (Source: [adflegal.org](http://adflegal.org))

**4. Sanctity of Life:** Pray that our nation would value life and that the murder of the unborn, disabled, or elderly would not be tolerated or funded by our government. In June 2022, the Supreme Court overturned its 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision. Now, that each state must decide the question of the abortion issue, pray that unborn life would be preserved as states work out the details of their own statutes. (Source: [www.adflegal.org](http://www.adflegal.org))

**5. Religious Freedom in Public Schools:** Pray that students would not be hindered from exercising their religious rights while at public school. A letter from ADF resulted in a favorable response from a school district. A line from a first-grader's poem for a Veterans Day celebration was deleted because it described how her grandfather prayed while serving on the frontlines during the Vietnam War. Pray that the students and parents know and exercise their legal rights: to opt out of activities that violate their religious beliefs; to pray or bring their bible to school; to form bible clubs; to choose religious topics when students are free to choose topics. (Sources: [www.christianlaw.org](http://www.christianlaw.org) and [www.adflegal.org](http://www.adflegal.org))

**6. Freedom of Religion for Christian Ministries:** Pray that Christian ministries will continue to be able to set policy according to their religious beliefs. Pray that Christian adoption providers who help children find loving homes with married moms and dads be protected, and not shut down for their faith. New York Department of Children and Family Services and the New York Division of Human Rights tried to shut down New Hope Family Services (which takes no public funding) for placing children according to New Hope's religious mission. Praise God that New Hope prevailed in court and the state agencies had to pay \$275,000 in attorney fees in both cases. Pray for New Hope's right to continue placing children in permanent homes without government harassment. (Source: [adflegal.org](http://adflegal.org))

**7. Freedom of Religion in One's Own Home:** Pray that the constitutional right to engage in religious exercise within one's own home remains free from government burden and interference. Rabbi Illulian hosted gatherings for family members and friends (not the public) that included Shabbat prayers, dinner, and religious holiday celebrations. The city of Beverly Hills, after receiving complaints from a private citizen, invasively investigated (including drone surveillance) Rabbi Illulian's gatherings and issued a "Notice of Violation" prohibiting all religious activity at the home with non-residents. Praise the Lord that after receiving 2 letters from a law firm and First Liberty, the city withdrew their notices. Pray that everyone will continue to be allowed to exercise their right to exercise their religion within their own home. (Source: [www.firstliberty.org](http://www.firstliberty.org))

**8. Freedom from discrimination for Christian Universities:** Pray that Christian universities will have equal opportunities to work with local school districts as secular universities. An Arizona public school board canceled a university's student-teaching contract citing only the university's Christian beliefs. Praise the Lord the school district reinstated the contract with the university after ADF filed a lawsuit on the Christian university's behalf. Pray that no Christian University or entity will be treated differently because of their religious views. (Source: [adflegal.org](http://adflegal.org))

**9. Freedom of Religion for Religious Organizations to Hire Consistent with their Religious Beliefs:** Pray that religious organizations continue to be able to hire according to their religious beliefs. The Washington Supreme Court said Seattle's Union Gospel 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. Pray for a favorable outcome to the appeal. Pray that no Christian organization would be forced to hire those who do not agree with their mission. (Source: [adflegal.org](http://adflegal.org))

**10. Supreme Court:** Pray that each justice would be courageously impartial in every case. Pray that God would help each justice 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.

# Prayer for Christians to Exercise Rights in the Public School Arena

Current legally protected rights of religious expression: From Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation

(<http://cpcfoundation.com/religious/religious-freedom/>)



- 11. Discrimination**—School authorities may not discriminate against religious activity or speech. Pray that school administrators would uphold students' and teachers' religious and speech rights.
- 12. Bible Reading and Prayer**—Students may read their Bibles or other Scriptures, say a prayer before meals and pray before tests. Pray that Christian students would freely and courageously pray and read their Bibles at appropriate times during school.
- 13. Discussions**—Students may attempt to persuade their peers concerning religious topics, just as they may political topics. Harassment, however, (which is not defined) is not permissible. Pray that Christian students would lovingly share Jesus with their peers and have wisdom not to harass their classmates.
- 14. School Work**—Students may use religious themes in their homework, artwork, or other assignments, and such work should be judged (graded) by ordinary academic standards. Pray that students would seek God to creatively share Christian themes in their school assignments.
- 15. Literature**—Students have the right to distribute religious literature (tracts, etc.) to their schoolmates on the same terms as they are permitted to distribute other literature. Pray that students would discern how to best distribute religious literature to their peers.
- 16. Religious Objections**—Students may be excused from lessons that are objectionable on religious or other conscientious grounds. Pray the Christian parents would be made aware of any lessons presented to their child/ren that are religiously objectionable and that they would boldly have their child/ren excused from these lessons when deemed warranted.
- 17. Clothing**—Students may wear clothing depicting religious themes, and these messages may not be singled out for suppression. They are subject to the same rules as apply to comparable messages. Pray that Christian students feel free to wear clothing with a Christian message.
- 18. Christian Groups**—Students religious groups at public secondary schools have the same right of access to school facilities as is enjoyed by other comparable student groups. Pray that students are not hindered from access to school facilities and help these groups know and articulate these rights to authorities.
- 19. Student Meetings**—Student meetings may include a prayer service, Bible reading, or other worship exercise. Pray that students would confidently take advantage of opportunities to meet together for religious activities at school.
- 20. Access**—Students may use the public address system, the school newspaper, and the school bulletin board to announce their meetings, on the same terms as other student groups. (This only applies to schools receiving federal funds.) Pray that administrators allow student groups at your local schools equal access as other groups.
- 21. Teaching**—Schools may teach about religion, including the Bible or other scripture, the history of religion, the Bible-as-literature, and the role of religion in the United States and other countries. Schools are to be neutral with respect to religion. However, they may play an active role with respect to teaching civic values and virtue, and the moral code that holds us together as a community. Schools may not allow religious instruction by outsiders on school premises during the school day. However, school officials may dismiss students to off-premises religious instruction. Pray that Christian teachers seek God in how to neutrally incorporate religion in their lessons and that they may do so without censure.

*(Concerning the points below, pray in Jesus's name and bind any people or demons trying to remove, or limit, these rights.)*

## Student Rights at Public Schools:

22. ▶ Students can pray, read their Bibles or other religious material, and talk about their faith at school.
  - ▶ Students can organize prayer groups and religious clubs, and they can announce their meetings.
23. ▶ Students can express their faith in their classwork and homework.
  - ▶ Teachers can organize prayer groups with other teachers.
24. ▶ Students may be able to go off campus to have religious studies during school hours.
25. ▶ Students can express their faith at a school event.
  - Students can express their faith at their graduation ceremony.

## Student Rights at Public University:

26. **Freedom of Speech** - The U.S. Constitution protects your right to express personal religious and political beliefs in writing, speech, and visual or performing arts while at a public university. In class, professors may ask you to take positions you disagree with, so long as they do not require you to agree with those positions outside the classroom.
27. **Freedom of Association** - Christian and conservative student groups have the same right to associate on public university campuses as any other group.
28. **Free Exercise of Religious Beliefs** - Public universities cannot compel you to publicly advocate views and adopt values that are contrary to your beliefs.
29. **Equal Access** - All recognized student groups have the same right to access resources a university has made available. This includes funding, meeting rooms, mail systems, or other campus resources.
30. **Equal Opportunity** - As a student, you have the right to be free from censorship, reprisal, or punishment for your beliefs. Students with religious or conservative beliefs should have the same chance at academic success, employment, and promotion.

A summary of key points from *Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools* ([www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)) by Gateways to Better Education ([www.GoGateways.org](http://www.GoGateways.org))

## **The Strategic Prayer Initiative – Winter 2024** **Praying for the Persecuted**

- **1. North Korea** - Pray for long-term prisoner Zhang Wen Shi, also known by his Korean name, Deacon Jang, an ethnically Korean Chinese citizen who lived in Changbai, China, a town on the border between China and North Korea. He worked alongside martyred Korean-Chinese pastor Pastor Han Chung-Ryeol, ministering to the North Koreans who cross the border into Changbai. Deacon Jang was kidnapped from China and put in a North Korean prison and sentenced to 15 years in prison. Pray for safety, hope and encouragement for Deacon Jang. Pray that his ministry to fellow inmates would be fruitful. Pray that many would write to the North Korean Ambassador to the UN asking for Shi's release. (Because North Korea does not participate in the international postal system, it is not possible to send letters to North Korea.) (Source: [www.prisoneralert.com](http://www.prisoneralert.com))
  
- **2. Middle East** - Pray for God to protect and equip someone like Simco, who has survived five assassination attempts as he prints and smuggles the Word to secret house churches in the Middle East. Also pray for Azad, a former Islamic extremist who came to faith in Jesus Christ after he received a Bible. (Source: [Global Christian Relief](http://Global Christian Relief))
  
- **3. Egypt** - Pray for Najma, a believer in Egypt, who was kidnapped and tortured by Muslims in an effort to force her to renounce her Christian faith. Praise the Lord that Najma stood strong in her beliefs despite unimaginable pressure. Authorities in Egypt were able to obtain surveillance camera footage to determine Najma's whereabouts so she could be rescued from her Muslim captors. Kidnappings of Christian women and forced coercions are not uncommon in Egypt. Ask God to strengthen and heal believers like Najma of any trauma. (Source: [www.gcrelief.org](http://www.gcrelief.org))
  
- **4. Eritrea** - Pray for long-term prisoner, Rev. Dr. Tekleab Mengisteab, a medical doctor, ordained priest, and well-known theologian, who was abducted by security forces along with his colleague Dr. Fitsum. At the time of his arrest, he was working as a diabetes specialist in the National Referral Hospital. Despite being watched by the government, Dr. Tekleab continued to write and teach spiritual messages until his arrest. Since November 19, 2004, he has been in prison while his wife and children live in exile. (Source: [www.prisoneralert.com](http://www.prisoneralert.com))
  
- **5. Nigeria** - Pray for God to continue to comfort James and his daughters Melody and Marvelous who lost their wife and mother during an attack on their Christian village in central Nigeria. In addition to human loss, the attackers took his land which was his means of support and they lived in a refugee camp for 8 months. He now works in a mine to support his family instead of attending graduate school as he intended. Pray for safety. (Source: [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com))
  
- **6. North Korea** - Pray Deoksun and those like her who live (and will die) anonymously and courageously for Christ in North Korea. A government training video (about how to identify and silence those promoting religion) inadvertently documents Deoksun's conversion and ministry before she was martyred. The video says that during North Korea's "Great Famine" in the mid-1990s when an estimated 2.5 million starved, Deoksun was a "strong revolutionary whose faith in the government had wavered." After visiting a woman in the northwest to ask for help, she illegally crossed the border into China in search of her uncle. But instead of finding her uncle, Deoksun found the Seotap Church, where she heard the gospel for the first time. The video says she became a "fanatical believer" who was inspired to return to North Korea and form an underground network of Christians inside the country. When she returned to North Korea, Deoksun apparently turned herself in to authorities for crossing the border illegally. The video says that authorities were "lenient" and released her, but instead of praising the government, she praised the Lord. As she traveled, she shared the gospel and gave money to the poor and those suffering. In addition, she discovered the descendants of several prominent Christians who gathered every Sunday to worship, pray, sing hymns and study God's Word. Though she was faithful, compassionate and generous, the video describes her as a "spy seeking to recruit other spies" — a description of evangelists commonly used in North Korean propaganda. Eventually, according to the video, "a good and awakened North Korean citizen" reported her to authorities. It is unclear how Deoksun died, but it is possible that she was executed. Deoksun served the Lord without recognition, just as many North Korean Christians do today despite their government's attempts to eradicate Christianity. Pray for the authorities in North Korea to allow Christians to live peaceful lives. Pray for courage, strength and safety for those Christians in North Korea under constant threat. Pray that God would allow them to be strong and effective in sharing the love of God. (Source: [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com))
  
- **7. China** - Pray for Pastor Zhang Shaojie, of Nanle County Christian Church in Henan Province, who is currently serving a 12-year prison term for "gathering a crowd to disrupt the public order" and a fabricated fraud charge. Pastor Zhang was initially detained on November 16, 2013, when authorities asked to meet with him at his church. Instead, authorities bound Zhang, who served as the local head of the China Christian Council and Three-Self Patriotic Movement, and took him into custody. In the week around Zhang's detention, authorities detained more than 20 church members. Zhang's daughter, her husband and their baby fled the area to avoid arrest, and she later told China Aid that she'd received more than 10 threatening phone calls. Zhang was sentenced to 12 years in prison and his appeal to a higher court was rejected. Zhang was 49 when he was arrested. Zhang Shaojie has five years left in his sentence. Pray that he can sense God's presence with him and that God will protect him. Pray that he can be a light for other prisoners. (Source: [www.prisoneralert.com](http://www.prisoneralert.com))

- **8. Eritrea** - Pray for Mussie Ezaz who was arrested in September 2007 when Eritrean authorities came after him for his work as a youth minister with the Kale Hiwot (Word of Life) Church. He worked as an evangelist for 14 years and served with Youth for Christ for a number of years before developing a ministry to youth at the Kale Hiwot Church. Other believers described him as a kind, generous and gifted leader. Mussie was taken to a small village prison staffed by young soldiers. He managed to escape and tried to flee the country with the aid of fellow Christians. Authorities caught up with him and he was rearrested. For a long time, his family had no idea where he was and had no information about his health. Eritrean believers feared he'd been killed or left alone in a remote prison cell somewhere in the desert. Recent reports indicate Mussie is located at the maximum-security crime investigation unit (Wenjel Mermera) in the capital city of Asmara. Many other pastors and church leaders are and were imprisoned there. As with other Christians imprisoned in Eritrea, Mussie has never been tried or charged. His family has no idea whether he will ever be released. Mussie is married and has three children waiting for him to come home. (Source: [www.prisoneralert.com](http://www.prisoneralert.com))
  
- **9. India** - Pray for Pastor Ramesh Verma, arrested and accused of breaking anti-conversion laws. For the first 15 days, Ramesh asked God why he allowed this to happen. But when his son brought him a Bible and other prisoners became interested in what it had to say, Ramesh's perspective changed: he began to minister to his fellow prisoners and lead them to Christ. He and his younger son distributed 60 New Testaments in the prison. After three months in jail, Ramesh was released on bail, but the church has been forcibly closed and his evangelism efforts are restricted while the case is pending. Pray for provisions and a just verdict for this pastor. (Source: [www.icommittoprayer.com](http://www.icommittoprayer.com))
  
- **10. Brunei** - Pray for the children of Christians in Brunei to be able to withstand the onslaught of teachings contrary to God. The government of the Islamic sultanate of Brunei announced changes requiring all 2nd to 5th grade students, including Christian children, to attend 1 hour of Islamic instruction (including Islamic prayers and Quran study) daily. This decree applies to public and private schools. Pray that the children of Christians in Brunei will be properly disciplined at home and at church so that they will be grounded in God's Word. (Source: [www.icommittoprayer.com](http://www.icommittoprayer.com))
  
- **11. Eritrea** - Pray for long-term prisoner since 2004, Rev. Gebremedhin Gebregergis, Head of Sunday School in the Orthodox Church, known for his humility and devotion and impact on Eritrean Orthodox youth. He taught the New Testament in the local language, which opened the door to the gospel, and thousands of young people came to Christ. Pray for his 6 children (his wife passed away in 2022). (Source: [www.prisoneralert.com](http://www.prisoneralert.com))
  
- **12. Sudan** - Pray for Ahmed, a Sudanese Christian, who left Islam to follow Jesus and start a home church. His family disapproved and hired men to murder him. He and his wife fled to safety in a refugee camp. Pray for the Lord's protection and provision. While living in the refugee camp, Ahmed has had new opportunities to spread the gospel and start Bible studies. Ask the Lord to bless these discipleship endeavors so that he leads many Muslims in the camp to salvation in Jesus Christ. Ahmed desires to study theology and pursue missions work. Pray for peace from warring factions so Ahmed and others can pursue their higher education endeavors for Christ. (Source: [www.gcrelief.org](http://www.gcrelief.org))
  
- **13. China** - Pray for Pastor Cao Sangian (John Cao), a Chinese pastor known for his work among Myanmar's poor. Authorities charged Pastor Cao with "organizing illegal crossings of national borders" and, one year later, sentenced him to seven years in prison. After he married an American citizen, attended seminary and settled in the U.S., he felt led to return as a missionary to his home country of China. He worked for many years establishing schools in China before turning his attention to neighboring Myanmar in 2014. According to his son, his work in Myanmar was much more humanitarian than his previous work with the house churches in China. The pastor had been crossing the border between China and Myanmar for three years without incident and with the knowledge of Chinese officials. In the Wa State of northern Myanmar, Pastor Cao helped build 16 schools that serve 2,000 impoverished children. He also established educational projects to help alleviate poverty among local minority groups. Experts believe his arrest and sentencing are related to the ruling Communist Party's attempts to control the house church movement. Pray for the pastor's wife, Jamie Powell, and their sons, Benjamin and Amos. (Source: [www.prisoneralert.com](http://www.prisoneralert.com))
  
- **14. Indonesia** - Pray for Valeri and those victims of persecution like her. Although she survived a terrorist bombing at her church, Valeri experienced arm burns and skin grafts as a result of the church bombing. More than a dozen individuals were wounded, miraculously, no churchgoers were killed. We thank the Lord for thwarting the plans of the enemy and showing Himself strong in the face of evil. Today, Valeri feels at peace and faithfully attends church. We praise the Lord for sparing her life and healing her wounds. Pray for the healing of those violently persecuted for their faith and for those who live under the threat of violence daily. (Source: [www.gcrelief.org](http://www.gcrelief.org))
  
- **15. Eritrea** - Pray for Haile Nayzgi, who was arrested in 2004. He was the leader of Eritrea's Full Gospel Church, which is comprised of 120 to 150 house meeting groups. The church groups were closed by government decree at a meeting with a government official on May 15, 2002. At that time the church groups were given an application form for government registration. The Full Gospel Church filled out the form and returned it to the appropriate offices, but no reply was ever received. Haile is married and has three children. He was previously an accountant with World Evangelical Alliance. During his incarceration, Haile has been refused any personal contact with his family. When family and friends went to take food and clothing to the prison for Haile on August 24, 2004, they were told that he was no longer there. Mr. Nayzgi has been moved to various locations since his arrest, but the actual charges against him have not been released. After Haile Nayzgi's wife was warned she might also be arrested, she and the children decided to flee. After an arduous journey, they reached another country, where they have been safely living for the past several years. Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) has been supporting them and visiting regularly. Some months ago, in a message from Haile smuggled out of Eritrea, he thanked VOM for support of his family. It was encouraging for him to know they were well while he remains in prison. (Source: [www.prisoneralert.com](http://www.prisoneralert.com))

- **16. Nepal** - Pray for safety and wisdom for Pastor Bhim Tamang of Nepal, 63. He was visiting a new believer in Christ and sharing the Word of God with him when a group of Hindu radicals burst into the home. They hit Bhim, broke his hearing aid, burned his Bible and warned him to stop preaching. Police officers arrived to protect Bhim and his colleagues, but the radicals pushed through and smeared black paint on Bhim's face. The police believed that, due to the aggressiveness of the radicals, Bhim and his colleagues would not be safe at the local station, so they took the Christians to district headquarters. Pastor Bhim's son reported that the Hindu radicals were well organized and ready to escalate the attack if any other Christians had stepped in. Pastor Bhim, who has been imprisoned for his Christian faith in the past, said he was glad about the incident because he becomes more courageous during seasons of persecution. Ask God to give Christians of Nepal courage and that they would be fruitful in sharing the gospel to unbelievers. (Source: [www.icommittoprayer.com](http://www.icommittoprayer.com))
- **17. Middle East** - Pray for Omar, a Bible smuggler in the Middle East and an underground church leader. He came to faith after seeing a sermon on social media and then reading the Word. Omar greatly enjoys discipling former Muslims in the ways of Jesus Christ. Omar earns an income by driving a taxicab. He risks his life by playing audio gospel messages out loud inside his vehicle. After Omar accepted Christ, his wife, Shackla, was initially very angry. Shackla chose to follow Jesus Christ two years after her husband. Omar and Shackla oversee approximately 40 underground house churches in their community. They continue to look for opportunities to plant new churches. Ask God to help Omar draw Muslims to the Christian faith. Pray for an outpouring of boldness. Pray for his ministry to multiply more disciple makers. Pray that his passengers would be overcome by the Word of God and desire to know Him more. Pray for his protection from those who would report him to the authorities. Ask God to soften the hearts of husbands and wives as they come to Christ in their own timing. Ask the Lord to draw them to receptive homes where new converts can be shepherded. (Source: [www.gcrelief.org](http://www.gcrelief.org))
- **18. Kenya** - Pray for Grace, her 4 children and others in Kenya who live under constant threat from radical Islamic groups based in Somalia. Al-Shabab terrorists from Somalia broke into a house, pulled out Grace's husband Joseph, and questioned him about his religion. When Joseph declared that he was a Christian, he was beheaded and Grace was threatened and their home burned. Later, terrorists returned to the village and destroyed Grace's rebuilt home and killed her neighbor and burned five more homes and threatened a pastor. Ask God to comfort the fearful and the grieving. Pray for safety for this town and that some of the radicals would come to know Jesus. (Source: [www.icommittoprayer.com](http://www.icommittoprayer.com))
- **19. Pakistan** - Pray for 2 Christian brothers, Raju and Rocky, who were arrested and framed for blasphemy after pages of the Quran were found on the street outside their home. An angry Muslim mob attacked and set fire to 26 churches in Jaranwala as retaliation for Raju and Rocky's supposed crimes. Pray for the acquittal of these innocent believers. Ask God to deliver them from the lies of the enemy. Ask the Lord to comfort the members of these congregations as they continue to meet and worship. Pray for God's protection over them. Pray also for Ehsaan, an illiterate Christian man, who has also been arrested by Pakistani police—for sharing a video related to the mob violence on social media. He faces life in prison if convicted. Pray the outrageous charges will be dropped and that he'll be set free. Pray for the over 200 Christian families who fled Muslim mob violence in Jaranwala by seeking shelter in nearby fields under the scorching sun. Ask the Lord to meet their needs and provide access to clean water, food and shelter. Pray for Pastor Jay, a local Christian leader, who initially met with a Muslim cleric in an effort to bring the unruly situation in Jaranwala to a peaceful resolution. Talks fell through and Pastor Jay's house was burned down by the mobs. Pray that God will provide a new home for Pastor Jay. Pray that our brothers and sisters will remain steadfast in their faith and not be intimidated by violence. (Source: [www.gcrelief.org](http://www.gcrelief.org))
- **20. India** - Pray for Pastor Santosh of India who has been harassed and pressured by members of the Hindu nationalist group RSS. His church has been vandalized, he has been threatened and struck, and the group has repeatedly pressured the police to file charges against him for conversion of Hindus. Pastor Santosh was jailed for a month without bail. In the aftermath of his arrest, Santosh's church has not been able to reopen, but he continues to visit congregants at home to pray with and encourage them. His case is still pending. Pray for a just resolution and that he will experience God's provision. (Source: [www.icommittoprayer.com](http://www.icommittoprayer.com))
- **21. China** - Pray for Pastor Li Juncai of the Yuanyang County Central House Church in Xinxiang, Henan Province. He is currently serving a prison sentence of 5 ½ years after protesting the government's attempts to remove the cross atop his church building. Mass removals of crosses from church buildings began in Henan Province in 2018, with police removing at least 4,000 crosses over the course of a year. Even the crosses of government-run churches were removed, and smaller churches were completely shut down. When authorities brought a crane to remove the cross on February 20, 2019, a group of Christian senior citizens, mostly women, met the plainclothes policemen and their crane while singing hymns and praying and attempting to keep the authorities from taking the cross. Police beat and arrested the protestors before forcing the church gate open and removing the cross. Pastor Li Juncai told the workers they should proceed according to the law and that he opposed the removal of the crosses. He was arrested and accusing of disrupting public service. Religious Affairs authorities also removed signs from inside the church building and forced church members to fly China's national flag from the front of the church. Many churches are now required to do the same, along with hanging an image of President Hu Jintao in the sanctuary and installing security cameras facing the congregation. Pastor Li Juncai was charged with embezzlement and obstructing government administration. Yuanyang County Central House Church was a government-run Three-Self church until 2013, when it merged with a local house church. Each week, they served approximately 700-800 people. Pray for the safety and well-being of Pastor Li. (Source: [www.prisoneralert.com](http://www.prisoneralert.com))
- **22. Eritrea** - Pray for Pastor Kidane Weldou who disappeared and is presumably detained by Eritrean security forces. He is a senior pastor of the Full Gospel Church and has been a leader in the church for many years. Weldou is married and has four daughters. Pastor Weldou is also a member of the executive committee of Gideons International in Eritrea. (Source: [www.prisoneralert.com](http://www.prisoneralert.com))

- **23. Nigeria** - Pray for Sarah and others like her who have experienced great loss at the hands of militant Fulani Muslims in Nigeria. Islamic extremists killed Sarah's husband during an attack on their village, leaving her children fatherless. Years later, they attacked the village again, killing one of her sons. Displaced from her home, Sarah now provides for her family by farming on borrowed land. She also leads a women's ministry at her church, encouraging women to put their faith in God. Despite all she has lost, "In all the difficulties, in all the problems I have been through, God has been faithful to me," she says. Pray for Christian villages to experience relief from attacks and encouragement from God. (Source: Voice of the Martyrs)
  
- **24. Eritrea** - Pray for long-term prisoner, Dr. Fitsum-Berhan Gebrenegus, an Eritrean pastor and psychiatrist, who was arrested on November 18, 2004 due to his involvement in the Mekanehiwet Medhane Alem Church, a renewal movement in the Eritrean Orthodox Church. Before his arrest, he served as the most senior doctor at St. Mary Psychiatric Hospital in Asmara and was the only psychiatrist in Eritrea. He is believed to be held with other Christian leaders at the Wenjel Mermera Central Criminal Investigation interrogation center, a notorious maximum-security prison in Asmara. He cannot communicate with the outside world. Dr. Fitsum was widowed while in prison and has one child. (Source: [www.prisoneralert.com](http://www.prisoneralert.com))
  
- **25. India** - Pray for the thousands of Christians who were left homeless after attacks by Hindu extremists. Christians in Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh lost their homes, pastors were arrested, and churches closed. (Source: [www.persecution.org](http://www.persecution.org))
  
- **26. Eritrea** - Pray for Dr. Kiflu Gebremeskel, a leader in the Full Gospel Church of Eritrea, founder and senior pastor of Southwest Full Gospel Church. He was arrested on May 23, 2004 and taken from his home in Asmara Gejeret. Dr. Gebremeskel was a mathematics lecturer, department and faculty head at the University of Asmara until 1999, when he became a full-time pastor at the Southwest Full Gospel Church. He has a Ph.D. in mathematics from Chicago University. His wife and four children have not been able to visit him. About 2,000 Eritrean Christians are believed to be under arrest because of their religious beliefs, held in police stations, military camps and prisons in 12 known locations across Eritrea. Jailed Protestants are routinely subjected to physical beatings and severe psychological pressure to deny their religious beliefs. But even the legally recognized denominations—the nation's historic Orthodox, Catholic and Lutheran churches—have come under government disfavor, incurring threats and even jailing by security police officials. (Source: [www.prisoneralert.com](http://www.prisoneralert.com))
  
- **27. Indonesia** - Pray for Pastor Fadhlan and his church in Indonesia, After the government unjustly denied him a building permit, congregants continued to meet for worship. They experienced a powerful miracle when a video of their unlawful church closure unexpectedly went viral, forcing authorities to reopen it. Praise the Lord! It's not uncommon for governments around the world to withhold building permits from churches as a form of Christian persecution. Please pray for all vulnerable houses of worship and ask the Lord to make a way where there is none, just as He did for Pastor Fadhlan. Praise God for their church's unshakeable faith. (Source: [www.gcrelief.org](http://www.gcrelief.org))
  
- **28. China** - Pray for Pastor Wang Yi, the leader of the well-known Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu, Sichuan province. He and his wife, Jiang Rong, were detained in December 2018 and charged with "inciting subversion of state power" and "illegal business operations." A former law professor, Pastor Wang has been vocal in calling on the state to uphold religious liberties. Police raided church members' homes and arrested them. By the end of the week, about 150 church leaders and seminary students were in police custody, and the church had been forcibly closed. Most of those arrested have been released, including Pastor Wang's wife, Jiang, and church elder Li Yingqiang. Several others including Pastor Wang and Deacon Tan Defu, remain incarcerated. Those who have been released remain under surveillance. The defense lawyer for Pastor Wang Yi was barred from meeting with his client and officials assigned different lawyers to his case, even though Pastor Yi specifically chose his own lawyers prior to his arrest. Since the crackdown, some Early Rain church members have been sent back to their hometowns and banned from Chengdu. Others have lost jobs or been evicted. Some of those who were released say they were abused and deprived of food and water. Early Rain may have been targeted because of its open approach to church mission, which included posting sermons online and street evangelism. The church also ran a Bible school for about 100 students and had a primary school. A source says prison authorities are holding Pastor Wang Yi in "closed" imprisonment. He is not allowed to meet or speak with other inmates, except for two criminal offenders who are charged with watching him. In addition, Pastor Wang is fed moldy rice. (Source: [www.prisoneralert.com](http://www.prisoneralert.com))
  
- **29. Eritrea** - Pray for Pastor Meron Gebreselasie, arrested on June 3, 2004. He was the pastor of Massawa Rhema Evangelical Church in Massawa. He was also an anesthetist at Massawa Hospital. He was held for two months at Asmara's 2nd Police Station before being moved to the maximum-security Wenjel Mermera Central Criminal Investigation Interrogation Center, where many of Eritrea's prominent Christian leaders arrested after the 2002 religious crackdown are believed to be held. None have been charged, tried or given prison sentences. (Source: [www.prisoneralert.com](http://www.prisoneralert.com))
  
- **30. World-wide** – Pray for the more than 360 million Christians suffer high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith. (Source: [opendoors.org](http://opendoors.org))

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*“This is the judgment, that **the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.***

*For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light  
for fear that his deeds will be exposed.*

*But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as  
having been wrought [formed, bent, or fashioned] in God” (John 3:19-21 NASB).*

1) Jesus burst into the realm of mankind as the Light of the world. Please pray that men and women across the country will see their need for Jesus by realizing that loving darkness leads to judgment and eternal separation from God.

2) Not wanting to have our sinful ways exposed, our American culture often paints sin as good and righteousness as evil. Pray that in your community, people will begin to see the darkness of sin like God sees it.

3) Pray for those in your church family who practice the truth, to do so in such a way as to declare to those living in darkness that Jesus can truly change their lives.

4) Please lift up before God the name of someone you know who is walking in darkness. Pray that this person will be drawn to the light of Jesus in order to be saved.

5) In John 8:12, Jesus said, “He who follows Me will not walk in the darkness.” Pray that as followers of Jesus, Christians in every community will live lives that no longer reflect the characteristics and ways of darkness, but the holy nature of Jesus.

6) Satan loves to entrap Christians in circumstances where they are tempted to walk in darkness. In Romans 13:12, Paul encourages Christ’s followers to “lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.” Pray that believers in your church family will purpose to walk through each day clothed in the armor of Jesus.

7) In Acts 26:17-18, Paul shares how Jesus sent him to the Gentiles in order to “open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God.” Ask God to give us understanding in our roles as we continue to help people turn from darkness to the light of Jesus.

8) Pray that your church family and staff will stand firm in Jesus and will resist all the worldly influences that come their way from “the world forces of this [current] darkness” (Ephesians 6:12).

9) Paul told the Thessalonians that they were not of night or darkness, but were all “sons of light and sons of day” (1 Thessalonians 5:5). Pray that we too will walk as sons of light, being sober and alert to all the spiritual temptations found in the darkness.

10) According to 1 John 2:9-10, the one who “hates his brother is in the darkness,” while “the one who loves his brother abides in the Light.” Pray that as brothers and sisters in Jesus, we will repent of hating other believers and will genuinely love one another through the power of Christ.

11) Jesus used God’s Word to powerfully resist the devil when He was tempted in the wilderness. Pray that your church family will become so grounded in the Word that they too can use it in resisting the devil and his dark schemes.

12) In Ephesians 5:11, Paul exhorted believers to “not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them.” Ask God to give us wisdom in exposing the realities of darkness in order to protect those under our spiritual care.

13) American movies are continually depicting scenes filled with spiritual darkness. Pray that Christians will lose their appetite for films promoting extreme violence, sexual immorality, and ungodliness. Pray that those who control and influence this industry will pursue God’s holiness.

14) Over the years in America, secular television has become a major tool in the promotion of darkness. Pray that Christians will no longer choose to expose themselves and their families to unrighteous programming, vulgar language (Ephesians 4:29), and that which so often grieves the heart of God.

15) For decades, America's music industry—repeatedly promoting rebellion, violence, paganism, and sexual immorality—has contributed to the spiritual decline of countless teens and adults. Pray for the kind of revival that will cause healthy change in America's music and those influenced by it.

16) Christians are often tempted to view pornographic websites on their private computers, tablets and cell phones. Ask God to protect the members of your congregation from the destructive and imprisoning influence of pornography.

17) A very large portion of the internet is filled with Godless pornography. Pray that individuals and companies, who have the power and ability to do so, would remove huge portions of pornography from the internet, and work to keep it off, on an ongoing basis.

18) A flood of printed resources promoting humanism, New Age living, eastern mysticism, false religions, and a multitude of vain philosophies has spread across the country. Please pray that God will minimize the influence of these resources as He brings us back to a greater knowledge of His Son.

19) In almost every community in America, you will find private clubs and bars where drunkenness and immorality are promoted. Pray that the owners of these businesses [ungodly bars and clubs] will have radical encounters with Jesus and be led by God to remove these kinds of influences from our cities.

20) Intoxication among high school students is a major concern in many American communities. Pray that Christian parents, local law enforcement agencies, and public-school officials will work together to curb this life-endangering practice.

21) Please pray that the trafficking of illegal drugs in your community will come to a complete stop. Pray for the safety of your local law enforcement agents as they face danger protecting your city's neighborhoods from the violence and dangers associated with drug use.

22) Almost all of the southern states bordering Mexico deal with drug cartels that are very powerful and dangerous. Pray that the influence of these cartels will be greatly diminished and that their leaders will be radically transformed by the gospel. Pray that the influence of the demonic powers that work in connection with these cartels would be stayed by the hand of God and His angels.

23) Domestic violence seems to be on the rise in many parts of the country. Pray that husbands and wives, along with their children and extended family members, will learn to live in peace and harmony, daily demonstrating the love of Jesus to one another.

24) Divorce, though declining nationally as many young couples choose to live together outside the bonds of marriage, continues to be widely practiced both inside and outside of the church. Please pray biblical standards of marriage will be sought out and practiced among Christians throughout our nation.

25) Pray that our country will experience the kind of revival that removes the idea that abortion is always a legitimate choice. Pray that no fetus with a beating heart would be aborted, except in the rare instances of rape, incest, or a legitimate threat to the mother's life.

26) Criminal behaviors have been so glamorized by the entertainment industry, and the importance of the Ten Commandments has been so minimized by our culture, that people are having a hard time getting along with each other. Pray that the darkness of crime, in movies and in real life, will be seen from God's perspective. Additionally, pray that peoples' love for each other would not grow cold (Mt. 24:12).

27) In some communities, racial and ethnic prejudices are still very predominant. Please pray that Christians will genuinely love one another and those around them, regardless of ethnicity, nationality, or skin color, and have compassion towards all individuals, as having been made in the image of God.

28) Many church members in the United States live no differently than they did before professing to know Jesus. Their ways still reflect the darkness of the world system around them. Pray God would send the a revival that will make all Christians authentic, and their walk with Him to be truly biblical (1 John 2:3-4).

29) Please pray that today's church will not function under the dark cloud of legalism, but in the light of God's grace, truth, and love, as we pursue holiness.

30) Pray that all genuine Christians in the United States would develop or maintain good prayer lives and become more effective in fighting the spiritual battle that we are all embroiled in (a battle against sin, evil, injustice, and for the eternal souls of hundreds of millions of women and men throughout the world).

**Pray that SPI PrayerCords, SPI Triads, and SPI Battle Cords would be raised up in this country in vast numbers, helping to fuel the 5y80 Objective.**

*[The 5y80 Objective is the objective of working to have 80% of the actual Christians in the United States develop or maintain a good prayer life, and do so for five (5) years.]*

*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12*

## ***The Strategic Prayer Initiative – Spiritual Warfare Prayer Guide***

*Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!*

- ❑ 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! (2 Corinthians 13:5, and 2 Peter 1:10, 1 John 2:3-4)
- ❑ 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 (Matthew 9:16 and 6:16) would be restored in the rank-and-file of the church.
- ❑ 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 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...
- ❑ 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. (See Matthew 28:18-20 <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples...)
- ❑ 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. heavenlies 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. (See Daniel 10:12-14 and 10:20-21)
- ❑ 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. Ask the Lord to redirect us if we have taken any wrong turns.
- ❑ 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 delegated authority over (Ephesians 1:19b-23a, and 2:5b-6).  
[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.]
- ❑ 8. Supply Line Prayer – Prayer Against Sin 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. [Take your authority over the demons trying to influence you, your church, community, or your country concerning the sin of \_\_\_\_\_ (you can also insert various areas of sin from Galatians 5:19f and other Scripture passages), and pray against 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 is sending them. (1 Pt. 5:8-9 and 1:13, 1 Cor. 6:10)
- ❑ 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. Additionally, 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 [the first person].
- ❑ 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. (Hebrews 13:4, Ephesians 5:3, 1 Corinthians 6:13-20 and 9-12, John. 8:11, Matthew 5:27-30, and Galatians 5:19-25a)
- ❑ 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 (Revelation 9:20-21).
- ❑ 13. Supply Line Prayer – Boot Camp Pray God would raise up hundreds-of-millions of balanced individuals and groups, who would gain a strong proficiency in dealing with any demonic activity, in their own life, and in the lives of other individuals. 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).
- ❑ 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, so that people are freed, and that this evil will be brought into the light by their testimonies. [See Devil Worship – The Rise of Satanism DVD documentary – [www.Jeremiahfilms.com](http://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 to 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. Also, pick one of the following areas of focus and put it into the blank of the above prayer.  
(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. (*Ephesians 1:19-2:6*)
- ❑ 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 {chosen by each member of the team}, without putting a heavy burden on the team members.]
- ❑ 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 himself 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Hebrews 4:12, 2 Tim. 3:16, and Psalm 119*). [Note: a sword is also an offensive weapon.]
- ❑ 25. Supply Line Prayer – Fasting (Among other things, fasting 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 from food that Jesus expected of all his genuine followers (*Mt. 9:16, 6:16*). Pray they would begin to use this discipline on at least a monthly basis and include prayer with it.
- ❑ 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 Tim. 3:2*). Pray that those who are living in serious compromise would put their houses in order and repent (*1 Pt. 4:17-18, Ja. 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](http://www.collegeofrevival.com) brought to you by Richard Owen Roberts]