

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 **FALL Triple 7 Packet** are as follows:

1. The October Pink Sheet™ a.k.a. Strategic Prayer Data Sheet
2. Pink Sheet EXPANDER™ - Unreached People Groups – Version “C”
3. SPI™ Spiritual Warfare 2-Page Prayer Guide
4. Pink Sheet EXPANDER™ - Humanitarian Relief Situations
5. Seeking God During Times of Judgment – One Cry Prayer Guide (from 2015)
6. Pink Sheet EXPANDER™ - Persecuted Christians (Worldwide Version)
7. Pink Sheet EXPANDER™ - RUF Guide (Rights Under Fire) Legal Issues

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 -- October 2024

Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!

- ☐ **1. Senior Pastor** / _____ -- Pray that your pastor will be kept safe from the enemy's attacks and temptations. Please also circle the day of your birthday (for example the 10th) as a second day each month that you pray for the Senior Pastor.
- ☐ **2. Persecuted Christians** / Pray for a Jordanian Christian who has received death threats since coming to faith in Christ. While undergoing training to become an imam [an Islamic religious leader], the man placed his trust in Christ. His conversion angered members of his family, who have threatened his life if he doesn't successfully complete his training and move to a Gulf state to take up an Islamic post. "Your head will be on the street," one of his family members told him. (www.icommittoprayer.org)
- ☐ **3. U.S. Supreme Court** / Pray for God to draw Justice Samuel Alito into a deeper relationship with Himself. Pray that the Lord will speak into Justice Alito's life in many ways, including through his dreams. Pray that God will help him to make decisions that will be in keeping with the purity and character of the living Judeo/Christian God. Pray that the Lord will bring future justices of His choice onto the Court in His sovereign timing.
- ☐ **4. Unreached People Groups** / Pray that God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 22,664,000 member Kurmi (Hindu traditions) group of India. (Source: www.joshuaproject.net)
- ☐ **5. Each Country's Leader** / Pray that President Droupadi MURMU, the primary leader of India (1.4 billion), 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.ewc.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 Erzya Mordvin (432,000) people of Russia will have the New Testament translated into their language. They currently do not have the Scripture in their heart language. (Source: www.wycliffe.org)
- ☐ **7. Additional Pastors &/or Staff** / _____, _____, _____, Pray for this person (or people) as you feel led by the Holy Spirit. When applicable, also pray the above prayer for your Senior Pastor for this/these individual(s) as well.
- ☐ **8. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for all of the children, and the workers, who live at the Lahore Kinship Project in Pakistan. Pray the staff will have the Holy Spirit's help in raising up genuine Christian disciples with each of the children. Pictures of the home can be seen at www.kinshipunited.org. Ask the Lord to help your church to adopt an orphanage (see James 1:27).
- ☐ **9. Abortion Clinics & Alternatives** / Planned Parenthood - East Columbus Surgical Center - 3255 East Main Street, Columbus, OH ([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. Pregnancy Decision Health Centers - 665 E Dublin Granville Rd, Columbus, OH ([Alternative To Abortion](#)) - Pray that today, (the 9th of October 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 that Christian individuals and families would be sensitive to the Holy Spirit concerning the purchasing and viewing of movie channels (such as HBO, etc.). These channels often bring soft-core pornography into their homes. Pray they would cancel these services and consider a more God-honoring alternative. (Ephesians 4:30).
- ☐ **11. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World's Population)** / India – Pray for the continued growth of missions amongst Indian believers. The growth of Indian cross-cultural outreach agencies - in number, size, and maturity - is remarkable and has occurred despite increasingly intense opposition in many cases. In 1973, there were 420 missionaries. In 2009, India Missions Association (IMA) alone represented over 235 organizations and 40,000 missionaries. Encouraging progress has also been made in upgrading training, improving the quality of ministry, planning strategically, setting goals, initializing research, and partnering with others. Ask God to help Indian missionaries be fruitful and effective. (Source: www.operationworld.org)
- ☐ **12. The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders of Jainism who are sincerely attempting to love God with their whole heart. Ask Christ to speak to them directly, as He did for the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus. (Jeremiah 29:13)
- ☐ **13. Community Institutions** / Many communities contain businesses or organizations whose practices serve (some unknowingly) “the forces of evil” (tarot card readers/fortune tellers, zones of prostitution, churches or temples of false religions, etc.). Choose one from your community and pray in the authoritative name of Jesus Christ that the Lord and his angels will diminish its effectiveness.

- ❑ **14. The Strategic Prayer Initiative** / If you are not familiar with the efforts of the Strategic Prayer Initiative (SPI™), here is a short summary. Our primary mission is to use research, Scripture (Psalm 119:105), prayers for guidance (Matthew 21:22), experimentation, and many counselors (Proverbs 15:22) to help develop and refine prayer methodologies. Our focus is to refine approaches that are “undeniably effective” in moving large numbers of Christians to develop and/or maintain “good prayer lives” and to focus those prayers as one critical element of becoming more effective in fighting the spiritual battle. This battle is against sin, evil, injustice, and for the eternal souls of hundreds of millions of women and men throughout the world. **Please pray for the Lord to raise up more laborers, prayers, and financial resources for this endeavor.** (See early SPI Workshop Video for background information at www.SPIprayer.org)
- ❑ **15. Christian Ministries** / Power to Change - Power to Change helps students take their next step towards Jesus. Ask God to provide unity, provision and wisdom to the leaders of this organization (Source: www.ehc.org)
- ❑ **16. U.S. House Of Representatives** / Ted Lieu, CA 36th - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- ❑ **17. U.S. Senate** / WV - Sen. Shelly Capito - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- ❑ **18. President and President’s Cabinet** / Pray for God to draw President Biden and Vice-President Harris to Himself and move them to make decisions that allow Christians “to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” (2 Timothy 2:2) Pray for the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Shalanda Young - See Supplemental Prayer Guide for additional prayer suggestions.
- ❑ **19. The Nations** / Togo - Pray for the church to be refined by rooting out syncretism, false teaching, and idolatry. Pray for indigenous mission agencies to establish bases which send workers to an increasingly Muslim population. Pray for an end to the evils of rampant child trafficking, prostitution, and exploitation of the poor. (Source: www.prayercast.com and www.operationworld.org)
- ❑ **20. The Poor** / Pray that God would open up job opportunities this month for those underemployed or unemployed. (Gal. 2:10 and Matt. 25:44-45)
- ❑ **21. The Church** / Pray that the American church would realize its calling to be separate from the ways of the world. “So be holy in all you do...live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.” (James 1:22-25, James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)
- ❑ **22. The Family** / Pray that God would grant husbands and wives the wisdom to not let any small flirtations begin at their place of employment or elsewhere. Pray for the Lord’s direct intervention to help reverse the breakdown of marriage in our country.
- ❑ **23. The Education System** / Pray additional high profile scientific discoveries will take place that will illustrate the improbability of unassisted macro evolution and highlight the likelihood of a Creator.
- ❑ **24. Cultural Influencers** / Ridley Scott * - Producer (Black Hawk Down, Gladiator, Blade Runner) 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)
- ❑ **25. Power Players in Media** / Felix "PewDiePie" Kjellberg (YouTube content creator) Pray for God’s personal impact on his life, for guidance and wisdom, and for him to come to a deeper relationship with the living God. Pray that God will infuse his decisions with a strong moral dimension. (Source: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 WGN 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, and diminish it on streaming services.
- ❑ **27. Important Legal or Humanitarian Relief Situation** / Pray for a safe and fair presidential election. Ask God to remove those who might try to unjustly or illegally change the outcome and to thwart any influence of Satan, over the elections. Pray that Christians seek God (not party, media, tradition, economics, etc.) in their voting.
- ❑ **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. *Secrets Of The Vine* by Bruce Wilkinson. These resources are typically available through a local Christian bookstore or at www.ChristianBook.com / 800.247.4784]
- ❑ **29. National Revival** / Pray that the Holy Spirit will be poured out on the United States, bringing deep conviction of sin, and ushering in an extended season of national repentance, conversion, pursuit of holiness, social responsibility, and the coming of God’s Manifest Presence. . Pray that any schemes of the enemy to thwart God’s plans and truth in the nation, your church, or in your home, will have no effect.
- ❑ **30. Laborers** / Jesus Christ taught that the majority would see eternal destruction and only the minority would take the narrow path to eternal life (Mt. 7:13-14 & 7:21-23). Pray as He directed that “laborers” will be raised up to help more find the narrow path to heaven. [The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord...to send out laborers. Mt. 9:37-38]
- ❑ **31. Neighbor** _____ **Co-worker** _____

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

Unreached People Groups Prayer Guide

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Website only C

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

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

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

Use the next 30 days to pray for the following “unreached people groups”. The chart below is set up to pray for one group a day. (Example on the 3rd of the month you would pray for the group next to 3— **Awan from Pakistan**). 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	Betawi	Indonesia	5,796,000
2	Bugis	Indonesia	5,796,000
3	Awan	Pakistan	5,786,000
4	Mongolian, Peripheral	China	5,581,000
5	Rajput (Muslim traditions)	Pakistan	5,548,000
6	Tanti (Hindu traditions)	India	5,389,000
7	Thai, Southern	Thailand	5,355,000
8	Bania Agarwal	India	5,307,000
9	Valmiki (Hindu traditions)	India	5,278,000
10	Java Pesisir Kulon	Indonesia	5,269,000
11	Yadav Gola	India	5,264,000
12	Gujar (Muslim traditions)	Pakistan	5,260,000
13	Yadav Gaoli	India	5,257,000
14	Arab, Tihami	Yemen	5,252,000
15	Yadav Gualbans (Hindu traditions)	India	5,212,000
16	Zarma	Niger	5,124,000
17	Jewish, Israeli	Israel	5,082,000
18	Turkmen	Turkmenistan	5,007,000
19	Ansari	Pakistan	5,003,000
20	Meena	India	4,988,000
21	Chhetri	Nepal	4,968,000
22	Kyrgyz	Kyrgyzstan	4,897,000
23	Uzbek, Southern	Afghanistan	4,889,000
24	Arab, Palestinian	West Bank / Gaza	4,863,000
25	Fulbe	Guinea	4,790,000
26	Pashtun, Southern	Afghanistan	4,746,000
27	Arab, Jordanian	Jordan	4,737,000
28	Namassej (Hindu traditions)	India	4,719,000
29	Tatar	Russia	4,698,000
30	Brahmin Kanaujia	India	4,661,000

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 ¹⁹ 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]
- ❑ 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 17th as our founding fathers set up (by law) to be an ongoing practice. [One of the political parties removed protections based on religion from their draft party platform for the 2020 elections. Pray this will never happen again, and that prayers would be lifted up, daily if possible, against efforts to take away parts of our Constitutionally guaranteed freedoms of religion.]
- ❑ 24. Supply Line Prayer - The Sword of the Spirit - the Bible (*Ephesians 6:17b*) Jesus used the Word of God to fight Satan's temptations of Him in *Matthew 4* and *Luke 4*. Pray that all genuine Christians, if they are not already doing so, will begin opening (at least, the New Testament) each and every day. Pray that they will read at least one page a day for the rest of their lives, or if they can't do that, to read at least two sentences a day, as a way to get started (*See 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 brought to you by Richard Owen Roberts]

The Strategic Prayer Initiative - **Pink Sheet EXPANDER - HUMANITARIAN RELIEF** – Summer 2024

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. Trafficking** – Children - Pray for the over 10 million children who are victims of trafficking. Pray for the 72% of trafficked girls who are exploited for sexual purposes and the 21% of trafficked girls who are exploited for labor purposes. Pray also for the 66% of trafficked boys who are exploited for forced labor purposes and the 23% of trafficked boys who are exploited for sexual purposes. (Source: www.compassion.com and www.worldvision.org)
- 2. Trafficking** – India - Pray for "Laksmi," trafficked at age 15 and living in the "red-light district." Pray that World Vision will be successful in helping vulnerable children like "Laksmi's" daughter enroll in school and be safe. (www.worldvision.org)
- 3. Trafficking** – Globally - Pray for an abrupt end to human trafficking (the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of a person, by means of the threat of use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation (sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, servitude, or the removal of organs). Pray that God would protect and restore those who are victims of this \$150 billion-a-year global industry. (Source: www.gozoe.org)
- 4. Trafficking** – South East Asia - Pray that children, like Natlada, in Southeast Asia, would have a safe place to land when tragedy hits their family. Natlada was 9 when her addicted dad walked 25 hours with his children to try to find relatives to keep them safe. A staff member from aid agency Compassion International found them on the road and realized that the children were vulnerable to sexual exploitation or forced labor and offered a ride. He enrolled the children in a church program. The father soon died and the church has cared for the children ever since. Pray that vulnerable children would find safety in Christian homes and that Christian aid agencies would be able to help more children. (Source: www.compassion.com)
- 5. 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)
- 6. Safe Water** – Ghana - Pray that Missionary Jacob and his family, the only Christians in their village, would be able to get a specialized water filter at their home and that he would not have to travel every few days to buy water for his family. Also pray Jacob's community would be able to access clean water. When wells are dug, the composition of the water is not safe to drink. The community resorts to fetching water from unclean sources.
- 7. Safe Water** – Cambodia - Pray with Pastor Sophanarith and his family in Cambodia as he prays for church members who don't have their own latrine and have poor understanding of hygiene and sanitation. He says, "Through water and sanitation programs with Lifewater, more people may come to Christ as they improve water access, sanitation, and hygiene in the community. This could be light to them." Ask God in His name to provide safe water to this community and many similar places in Cambodia and around the world. (Source: www.lifewater.org)
- 8. Safe Water** – Ukraine - Pray for people like Ivanna in south Ukraine. She says, "Since war broke out ..shelling has decimated water systems across the country." Pray for resources for Samaritan's Purse and other relief agencies to help those without safe water. (Source: www.samaritanspurse.org)
- 9. Safe Water** – Uganda - Pray for children like Benjamin, 12, from Uganda. He must fetch water for his family from a nearby swamp. He is unable to attend school on wash day because he spends the entire day at the swamp. His family often must spend Benjamin's school fees on hospital fees for family members made ill by the water. Pray for his village and school to have safe water and latrines. (Source: www.lifewater.org)
- 10. Safe Water** – Globally - Pray for the families of the 1,000 children who die daily from diseases from contaminated water and unsafe hygiene. Pray for the 703 million people who lack basic access to safe water. Pray for women and girls who must haul water every day interfering with economic tasks, preventing schooling, exposing girls to assault, etc. Ask God to bring safe water to those in need. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- 11. Hunger** – Syria - Pray for children in Syria like Zaid, who is among the hundreds of thousands of children who suffered the devastating effects of malnutrition. Pray that other children will get the nutritional care Zaid did, from World Vision or other Christian aid agencies. Pray for the 600,000 children under 5 who are stunted due to malnutrition. Hunger has been a consequence of the ongoing conflict in Syria. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- 12. Hunger** – Haiti - Pray for the 8.2 million people in Haiti (nearly 3 in 4 of its 11.4 million inhabitants) who are experiencing food insecurity. Gang violence of gangs caused a rise in the cost of basic goods (a basket of common food items costs 1.5 hours of wages in the US, but costs 5.5 days of wages in Haiti). The restriction of free mobility, the closure of businesses, and the difficulties in the supply of products are exacerbating hunger in a country where food insecurity and malnutrition are already chronic. Ask God to provide food for the hungry here and provide solutions to the causes of hunger here. (Source: www.worldvision.org and www.worldrelief.org)
- 13. Hunger** – Afghanistan - Pray for the starving in Afghanistan. Pray for solutions for parents who are having to face the unimaginable choice of selling a child for food for the family. Pray for the 15.3 million children in need of life-saving aid. Pray that God intervenes and helps the 36% of Afghan children with stunting growth due to malnutrition. Pray for peace so humanitarian access can help the starving. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- 14. Hunger** – Regions in Africa - Pray for the millions in the Horn of Africa who face acute hunger due to severe drought, intensified armed conflict, and soaring food prices due to the war in Ukraine. Sudan's escalating conflict in 2023 added 8.6 million to those facing extreme hunger. In Somalia, between October and December 2023, 4.3 million people experienced acute food insecurity, and 1 million were threatened by starvation. In West Africa and Central Africa, 49.5 million people may go hungry by August 2024 with the coastal areas hardest hit. Eighty-two percent of Niger's population faces insufficient food consumption due to recent price surges, with 1.9 million children under 5 expected to be acutely malnourished. Ask God to end the drivers of food insecurity—conflict, high prices, drought, and famine. Ask God to comfort and provide. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- 15. Hunger** – Globally - Pray for the 258 million people across 58 countries experiencing crisis-level (so little food that their lives or livelihoods are in immediate danger) food insecurity. Pray for an end to major drivers of hunger—severe weather-related events, conflicts, and economic shocks. Pray for prices to go down relative to wages. (A small food basket costs 1.5 hours of wages in the US but in Burundi 36 days; in CAR 25.5 days; DRC 16 days; Sudan, Mozambique, and Malawi, Ethiopia 12 days; Burkina Faso 11 days; Niger and Guatemala 9 days.) (Source: www.worldvision.org)

- 16. Refugees** - Democratic Republic of the Congo - Pray for the nearly 6 million people who are internally displaced in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) as a result of continuing insecurity and resurgence of violence generated by non-state armed groups in the past two years. Ask God to provide for people experiencing worsening availability of daily basis as resources. (Source: www.unhcr.org)
- 17. Refugees** - Armenia/Azerbaijan - Pray for the 100,000 people displaced since mid-September 2023 due to the recent escalation of armed conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh—a disputed region between Armenia and Azerbaijan. Pray that God would continue to provide through Christian relief agencies such as World Vision and that these displaced people would be welcomed or able to return home. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- 18. Refugees** - Haiti - Pray for the 362,000 (15,000 from February 29 to March 20, 2024) Haitians internally displaced due to political unrest and gang-related violence. Half of the health facilities are non-functional and 4.97 million people are experiencing, or are expected to experience acute food insecurity. Ask God to intervene in the unrest and give comfort and provisions. (Source: www.worldrelief.org and www.worldvision.org)
- 19. Refugees** - Central America - Pray for the more than 1 million people who were uprooted from their homes in Central America by the end of 2022 due to violence, insecurity, and persecution, mainly by criminal organizations. El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras have some of the highest rates of violence in the world. Gang violence, political turmoil, threats, extortion, persecution, and sexual violence have forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee their homes in search of safety and a better life. Approximately 665,200 people are seeking refuge in neighboring countries and more than 318,000 are internally displaced within the region. Mexico ranks among the top receiving countries of asylum applications in the world. Pray for humanitarian agencies like World Vision who are working to relieve suffering both at the U.S. border and in the home countries of the migrants. Ask God to bring peace, strength, and integrity to leaders, and economic stability to families. (Source: www.worldvision.org and www.unrefugees.org)
- 20. Refugees** - Globally - Pray for the 108 million displaced people (41% children) who have been forced to flee their homes—34.5 million are refugees (those who fled to other countries because they feared persecution, conflict violence, or other circumstances that place them in need of international protection); 5.4 million are asylum-seekers (those who fled to other countries and are seeking refugee status); 62.5 million internally displaced (those who were forced to flee their homes but remained within their own country's borders). Ask God to provide for basic needs, and they will be welcomed. Pray for healing from trauma experienced during these abrupt and difficult transitions. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- 21. Orphans** - Globally - Pray for the over 150 million orphans worldwide (17.6 million double orphans—lost both parents). (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- 22. Orphans** - Pakistan - Pray for Emmanuel and Uzma who oversee the Lahore (Pakistan) Kinship Project that includes 24/7 orphan care. Pray that this orphanage will care well for orphans and even build a bridge between the Muslim and Christian communities and share the Gospel. Pray for wisdom, love, and compassion for Emmanuel, Uzma, and staff as they endeavor to disciple orphans at this ministry. (Source: www.kinshipunited.org)
- 23. Orphans** - Zimbabwe - Pray that Pastor Nyarenda, a pastor in Zimbabwe will continue to be fruitful as he encourages his church and community to adopt orphans. As an orphan himself who was taken in by people who helped him see Jesus was seeking the lost, he encourages his church to live out James 1:27 (*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.*) Pray that churches in Zimbabwe and the rest of the world would encourage Christians to "look after orphans..." (Source: www.cafop.org/purereligion)
- 24. Orphans** - Romania - Pray for orphans like Alina in Romania who received a gift box from Samaritan's purse. Pray that they are encouraged and that like Alina, can say, "My shoebox gift meant I was special. I was loved. It meant someone cared for me." (Source: www.samaritanaspurse.org)
- 25. Orphans** - The Church - Pray that Christians would consider adopting or being foster parents to an orphan and demonstrating God's love for the children. Pray for provisions and encouragement for potential adoptive/foster parents. Pray that the church would practice James 1:27.
- 26. Conflict** - Haiti - Pray for the end of the violence in Haiti which has caused 5.5 million people, including 3 million children to be in urgent need of humanitarian aid. An estimated 80% of the capital city is under the control of gangs, including the international airport. There is looting of Haiti's main port which has depleted critical fuel, water, and food supplies. This conflict has exacerbated the country's poverty, food insecurity, displacement, healthcare crisis, gender-based violence, etc. Pray for an end to the unrest and for God to protect and provide. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- 27. Conflict** - Ukraine - Pray for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. Pray that God would comfort and provide for those affected by the conflict in that region and the world—Ukraine is a major exporter of cereal grains and sunflower oil causing rising food prices, climbing energy prices, growing financial constraints, and increased hunger risks for one-fifth of the global population (around 1.7 billion people). The war has disrupted fertilizer production and exports globally, threatening supply, spiking costs, and jeopardizing future harvests. Ask God to intervene. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- 28. Conflict** - Sudan - Pray for God to provide care for the tens of millions of children in Sudan who are gravely impacted by the violent conflict that began in April 2023. Pray for the 8 million displaced and the 24.8 million (half the population) who need humanitarian assistance due to extreme food shortages and lack of access to healthcare. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- 29. Conflict** - Israel/Hamas - Pray for peace in Israel and Gaza. Ask God to protect and provide for His people in this region.
- 30. Conflict** - Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) - Pray for the distressed and panicked women arriving in Goma DRC as the non-state armed group M23 advances toward Goma (a hub for aid agencies). Goma's population has risen from 600,000 to 2 million as people have fled violence in nearby towns and villages. With roads closed, pray that humanitarian routes will be opened and aid received by the hundreds of thousands. Pray that children separated from families in the chaos would be reunited with their families and for those who arrive at overcrowded camps after fleeing without anything and walking for days. (Source: www.worldvision.org)

“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, weeping and mourning; and rend your heart and not your garments.”

*Now return to the LORD your God,
for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in
lovingkindness and relenting of evil. Who knows whether He will not turn and
relent [concede or yield] and leave a blessing behind Him. (Joel 2:12-14 NASB)*

Sensing that our nation is under the judgment of God, please pray that the church in America will return to God with her whole heart, with fasting, weeping and mourning, and genuine repentance.

Please pray that we will become heart-broken over our personal and corporate sins—those acts of rebellion and self-centeredness that are offensive to God. Pray that our external acts of repentance will be sincere and not for the purpose of making us look good in the eyes of men.

Please pray that your pastor, along with other pastors in your city, will make the connection between God’s judgments and our sins. Pray that they will be broken to the point of weeping together over their personal sins and the sins of their people (Joel 2:17).

Pray that during these days of judgment, God will take pity on His repentant children and be zealous in restoring His manifest presence throughout the various cities and towns of this land (Joel 2:18).

When Christians continuously fail to repent and return to God, it is not unusual for their land to become “a reproach among the nations” (Joel 2:19). As reports of other nations looking down on America’s ways seem to be escalating, pray that we will be moved by this international reproach and will begin to take repentance seriously.

When Nehemiah heard of God’s judgment against Jerusalem, he “sat down and wept and mourned for days” (Nehemiah 1:4). Please pray that Christians in America will have Nehemiah’s passionate kind of heart and will not rush through these days simply looking for some new church programs to fix our problems.

Nehemiah did not blame others for God’s judgment, but saw himself as a part of a nation that had sinned against God (Nehemiah 1:6). Please pray that we too will see ourselves responsible before God for the sins of our churches and nation.

God was so gracious in that when Israel sinned, He promised to have compassion on them and bless them as a nation if they would return to Him and obey His commands (Deuteronomy 30:2-3). Please pray that the church in America will repent and that God will be just as gracious to us.

In order to avoid God’s remedial judgments, please pray that your Christian friends will turn away from loving the world. James tells us that this type of hostile, sinful behavior makes those who are disloyal to Christ enemies of God (James 4:4).

Jeremiah declared that God’s judgments would fall on those who did not listen to His words (Jeremiah 29:17-19). Pray that your church family will be committed to seeking God, listening to His words, and obeying His commands.

Please pray that God will revive us again, show us His lovingkindness, and grant us the blessing of seeing another great spiritual awakening take place in our land (Psalm 85:6-7).

After Nathan the prophet approached David regarding his sin with Bathsheba, David wrote, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise” (Psalm 51:17). Please pray that the members of your church family will always come before God with this type of humility and brokenness regarding sin.

Knowing that Christians have been called to walk in the righteousness of Christ, please pray that believers in your city will draw near to God, cleanse their hands, and purify their hearts (James 4:8).

Jesus denounced “the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not repent” (Matthew 11:20). Please pray that your congregation will experience the manifest presence of Christ in miraculous, tangible ways. Also pray that the lost of your city will see and hear of Christ working powerfully at your church and will want to repent and be saved.

According to Romans, it would appear that being given over to impurity, degrading passions, and depraved thinking are severe judgments of God. Please pray that as these attitudes are becoming more rampant in our country, we will turn back to acknowledging that there is only one God, and sinful man is not His equal.

When Jeremiah pronounced judgment against the inhabitants of Jerusalem, he mentioned that the people were not ashamed of their sins and did not even know how to blush (Jeremiah 6:15). Please pray that the people of America will not lose the moral compass found in knowing Christ and the Word of God.

Knowing that final judgment is a reality for all, please pray for the salvation of those who have not received God’s gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23). Pray that during these challenging days, more and more people will be open to respond to the truths of the gospel.

Pray for Christians living in your community to cease doing evil and learn to do good. Pray that they will “seek justice, reprove the ruthless, defend the orphan, [and] plead for the widow” (Isaiah 1:16-17).

In Isaiah 5:3-5, God spoke through Isaiah telling the people that judgment was coming because there had been no response to all that God had done for His “vineyard.” Please pray that God will continue to be patient toward us as we seek His heart and His will for our lives. Pray that we will acknowledge His goodness and repent of all our evil ways.

Please pray that God will protect us today from false prophets, pastors, and church leaders who fail to turn us back from our evil and disobedient ways (Jeremiah 23:21-22).

Knowing that “it is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God,” pray that Christians across the country will be sensitive to not trample underfoot the Son of God by continuing to sin when God disciplines us (Hebrews 10:29-31).

Many believers are facing trials today. Please pray that those around you who are having their faith tested will endure and will in the end become “perfect and complete, lacking in nothing” (James 1:2-4).

Please pray that those in your church family who are facing hardships will remember today that “God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28).

Many Christians today seem to be downcast, struggling under the pressures of life. Please pray that those in your friendship network or work environment who meet this description will submit their lives anew to Christ, trusting Him to use life’s pressures to conform them even more to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29).

Please pray that those in your church family who currently are being pruned by God will be able to bear up spiritually and physically under the weight of God’s activity in their lives. Pray that they will be comforted by the thought of God using the pruning to produce more fruit in their lives (John 15:2).

As we watch others fall under God’s loving judgment, pray that we will not judge our brothers and sisters, but will learn ourselves how to walk humbly and obediently before God in all of our ways (Romans 2:1-3).

When the righteous judgments of God fall on our lives, pray that we will not be stubborn and unrepentant, but will turn away from evil to seek God’s glory, honor, and peace (Romans 2:8-10).

Knowing that “mercy triumphs over judgment,” pray that your church family will excel in showing mercy to others. Pray that your Christian friends will understand that “judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy” (James 2:13).

As we conclude this month of seeking God in the midst of judgment, let’s take a few moments to thank God for being loving and just. Let’s praise Him as the only One who truly “knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment” (2 Peter 2:9).

With each passing second, pray that we will “fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters” (Revelation 14:7).

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The Strategic Prayer Initiative – Summer 2024 **Praying for the Persecuted**

- ☐ **1. World - Pray** for Christians persecuted worldwide and the conditions that foster the persecution (hostility experienced as a result of identification with Jesus Christ) as well as healing from persecution's traumatic aftermath. **Pray** for the 200 million Christians who suffered some level of persecution in 2023. **Pray** for the sources of persecution to lose their power: evil (everywhere); authoritarian governments who view Christianity as a threat to their power (Eritrea, Cuba, China, Vietnam, Laos, North Korea...); radical Muslim and other extremist groups (Nigeria, Egypt, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Indonesia, Maldives...); cultural and social suspicion (Niger, India...). **Pray** that God would be with and protect those suffering direct persecution from imprisonment and torture; church and bible restrictions; attacks on life and property; assassination; forced conversions; and crimes against women. **Pray** that those who suffer from indirect persecution through education discrimination, denial of rights, job discrimination, and legal restrictions. **Pray** for changes in the over 60 nations described as restricted to Christians, or hostile to Christians. **Pray** for the families of the 4,998 Christians who were murdered for their faith in 2023 (13 per day). **Pray** for Christians in Nigeria (the deadliest place to follow Jesus) where 82% of murdered Christians lived. **Pray** for the members of the 14,766 churches and Christian properties attacked in 2023. **Pray** for the 295,120 Christians displaced. **Pray** for congregants of the 10,000 churches closed in China. **Pray** for those attacked and raided by increased violent mobs against Christians in India. **Pray** for Christians in Algeria where there are only 4 churches that remain open (previously there were 47 official churches). **Pray** for organizations dedicated to helping the persecuted including International Christian Concern (www.persecution.org), ChinaAid (www.chinaaid.org), Voice of the Martyrs (www.persecution.com, www.prisoner.org, www.icommittoprayer.org), Global Christian Relief (www.globalchristianrelief.org), Open Doors (www.opendoors.org).
- ☐ **2. 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". Zhang, 49 when he was arrested, served as the local head of the China Christian Council and Three-Self Patriotic Movement. Twenty church members were also detained. Zhang's daughter, with her husband, and baby fled the area to avoid arrest, and she later told China Aid that she'd received more than 10 phone calls threatening to "wipe out her entire family" if she continued to speak out about the church. Zhang was sentenced to 12 years in prison on July 4, 2014, and his appeal was denied. 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.org)
- ☐ **3. Pakistan - Pray** for the family of Nazir Masih, a 71-year-old businessman, in Pakistan who was killed by mob violence. When local mosques publicized that burned pages of the Quran were found, Muslim extremists proclaimed that Christians disrespected the Quran inciting and directing mobs to Nazir Masih's street. Without verifying the claims, hundreds formed and brutally assaulted Nazir with bricks and burned down his house and shoe factory. The 200 Christian families in Nazir's neighborhood fled, fearing further violence. Pray for Fayyaz, an employee at the shoe factory, who has taken up temporary shelter in another village, now jobless and afraid to return home. Ask God to provide for those who lost their homes and livelihoods. (Source: www.globalchristianrelief.org)
- ☐ **4. Nigeria - Pray** for Christians in northern Nigeria where many have undergone persecution from Islamic extremists. Although Nigeria is 51% Christian, nearly all Christians in the mostly Muslim northeast have lost family members or friends in attacks by Boko Haram or militant Fulani Muslims (both groups seek the eradication of Christianity from the northern states). At least 52,250 persecuted Christians have been killed in the past fourteen years, simply for the crime of being Christian. This violence has resulted in 4 million refugees, mostly Christian farmers. Thousands of Christians remain in camps designated for internally displaced people. Entire congregations have been displaced, and many pastors have been forced to leave the region. Few schools function, due to the violence. It is difficult for Christians to find food in some places. Many villages and farmlands have been taken over by the Islamist militias. The government of Nigeria has proved unwilling to condemn the levels of violence which some call genocidal or is inept in its attempts to engage and neutralize extremist movements. It now takes great courage and faith to openly worship and serve Christ. (Source: www.persecution.com)
- ☐ **5. Mozambique - Pray** that the church in Mozambique is strengthened in their faith and provided for and encouraged by God. In February 2024, Islamic insurgents with the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS) in Mozambique destroyed 18 churches and killed many people in a sustained attack against Christians in the northern part of the country. The Islamists recorded videos of themselves destroying Christian symbols, including crosses. Pray for the more than 700,000 people, most of them Christians, who have been displaced by radical Islamic militants in the Cabo Delgado province of northern Mozambique. (Source: www.icommittoprayer.org)
- ☐ **6. China - Pray** for Pastor Li Juncai of the Yuanyang County Central House Church in Xinxiang, Henan Province was charged with embezzlement and obstructing government administration and is serving a prison sentence of 5.5 years with a \$7,000(USD) fine after protesting the government's attempts to remove the cross atop his church building in 2019. Pastor Li Juncai told the workers they should proceed according to the law and that he opposed the removal of the crosses. The Christians sang hymns and prayed while attempting to keep the authorities from taking the cross. Pastor Li and other Christians were beaten and arrested. Religious Affairs authorities removed signs from inside the church building and forced church members to fly China's national flag from the front of the church. Police removed at least 4,000 crosses from churches (including government-run) within a year. Smaller churches were completely shut down. Each week, this church served approximately 700-800 people. Pray for the safety and well-being of Pastor Li. (Source: www.prisoneralert.org)

- ☐ **7. Niger** - Pray for Pastor Moussa Bagwari and his family to have safety and provision. Pastor Moussa Bagwari was “falsely accused and imprisoned in what seems to be an effort to destroy his reputation and Christian influence.” Due to his imprisonment, his wife, Lariya, and their 4 children had no financial support and returned to Pastor Moussa’s home village. Although cultural norms required Moussa’s family (Muslim) to care for Moussa’s wife and children, they would not. Nonetheless, Lariya is strong in her faith and is a worship leader in her church. She asks that Christians pray for her husband to be released and for strength as she cares for their family without him. (Source: www.icommittoprayer.org)

- ☐ **8. India** - Pray for Shailesh, a pastor persecuted in India, who has been victimized by mob violence. Shailesh was hospitalized in critical care for 10 days and his family did not expect recovery. God used the injuries to bring 2 friends to Christ. Shailesh has not returned to the village where he was attacked because of the tense situation but says he will go back one day. Pray that God will protect Shailesh and his family as he spreads the gospel. (Source: www.globalchristianrelief.org)

- ☐ **9. China** - Pray for Pastor Wang Yi, influential leader of Early Rain Covenant Church (one of the best-known house churches in China), who has been imprisoned since his 2018 arrest and serving a 9-year sentence, charged with instigating subversion of state power” and “illegal business management”. Before leading his house church network, Lawyer Yi was a well-known intellectual who abandoned his old life to become a pastor. Wang Yi was vocal about how the church should be separate from the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and regularly called upon Xi Jinping and his regime to repent. In 2018, he wrote a declaration signed by hundreds of Chinese pastors, which includes a statement of Christian beliefs and a call for an end to persecution; it also recognizes the Chinese government’s authority. It is suspected that he is held in a cell by himself and he could not meet or talk to any other prisoners, except two heavily sentenced criminals. Prison guards have given him 10-year-old moldy rice to eat. The hospital inside the prison uses expired medicines to treat prisoners and has medical staff without any certification. Early Rain Church leaders continue to face relentless persecution from the CCP—interrogations, harassment, surveillance, and detentions. However, they remain resolute in their faith. Pray for his wife and children. (Sources: www.prisoneralert.org, www.chinaaid.org)

- ☐ **10. Nepal** - Pray for freedom from persecution for Elder Omakar as he leads 250 believers in 3 fellowships. During a worship service, members of Hindu radical groups and Hindu media outlets aggressively disrupted the service and blamed elder Omkar Lohoni for promoting Christianity in the area. Police arrested Omkar and held him in custody for six hours. Front-line VOM workers report that Hindu radicals are strategically undermining Christianity in the province where Omkar works, closely observing pastors’ activities and their connections so they can bring additional charges against Christians. Their intimidation campaigns often include posting photos identifying Christians and making claims about them on social media to encourage the Hindu community to oppose Christianity. (Source: www.icommittoprayer.com)

- ☐ **11. 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 on November 19, 2004. At the time of his arrest, he was working as a diabetes specialist in the National Referral Hospital, which was close to the church where he served. Dr. Tekleab was known for his theological teaching written in the appealing Tigrigna language that made them desirable to read. Dr. Tekleab wrote many books and articles in various magazines, including Mekane Hiwot magazine, of which he was the editor-in-chief. Despite being watched by the government, Dr. Tekleab continued to write and teach spiritual messages until his arrest. Pray for his wife and children who must live in exile. (Source: www.prisoneralert.org)

- ☐ **12. Nepal** - Pray for Pastor Mahesh Mukiya and the 70 in his congregation who were evicted from the church building they had rented for 15 years because Hindu extremists threatened the owner of their rental. Pray that these Christians will be able to find a suitable place to meet. The extremists issued warnings throughout the village and no one will rent. Ask God for wisdom for this church as they consider options such as splitting into smaller groups or renovating and reinforcing the pastor’s house so that the church can meet on the roof. (Source: www.icommittoprayer.org)

- ☐ **13. 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)

- ☐ **14. Sri Lanka** - Pray for safety and wisdom for Anura and Ayesha who lead a church in western Sri Lanka that has been repeatedly attacked in recent years. Some of the perpetrators of these attacks are facing charges in court. However, Ayesha reported, that every time the court dates near, groups in the village try to stir up trouble by breaking Buddha statues or throwing human feces on them and then blaming the church for dishonoring Buddhism. In 2023, attackers threatened new converts from the villages and pelted stones at their houses. Police have interfered with services and even directly threatened Pastor Anura to stop church services. Pray for Anura, Ayesha, and their church to be bold and courageous as they bear suffering and continue to take the gospel to more villages. (Source: www.icommittoprayer.org)

- ☐ **15. 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. Described as a kind, generous and gifted leader, he worked as an evangelist for 14 years and served with Youth for Christ before developing a ministry to youth at the Kale Hiwot Church. 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)

- ☐ **16. Colombia** - Pray for the safety of Javier and Katherine who lead a church in Buenaventura, considered to be the most dangerous city in Colombia. The couple ministers by caring for the needs of the community, which has drawn negative attention from the guerrillas who control the area. Through Javier and Katherine's ministry, many have placed their faith in Christ and lives have been transformed, which has brought further opposition. Their lives have been threatened, and they have been forced to move several times, but they remain committed to sharing the hope of Christ. Earlier this year, Katherine was held at gunpoint by her brother-in-law, a guerrilla commander, while Javier was trapped, unable to help her. Though her brother-in-law was initially arrested, officials released him. He has threatened Katherine again, and she and her children have not been able to leave their house since his release. She and the children have also suffered significant chronic health issues. (Source: www.icommittoprayer.org)

- ☐ **17. Eritrea** - Pray for Pastor Meron Gebreselasie who was arrested on June 3, 2004, and was the pastor of Massawa Rhema Evangelical Church in Massawa, a Red Sea port city. He was also an anesthetist at Massawa Hospital. Meron was arrested shortly after Pastor Tesfatsion Hagos of Asmara, who was arrested on May 27, 2004, while visiting Meron. On his way to return Tesfatsion's belongings to his home in Asmara, Meron was detained at a checkpoint. He has been in prison ever since. He was held for two months at Asmara's 2nd Police Station before being moved to the maximum-security Wengel 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)

- ☐ **18. Indonesia** - Pray for an Indonesian student, Caleb, who converted to Christianity from Islam. His father tried exorcism to get Caleb to return to Islam. Then he physically abused him. Ask God to grow his faith and bless him with biblical knowledge, wisdom, and understanding—so that he might be able to make other disciples in Indonesia. Thank God for strengthening Caleb to remain true to Jesus, even when his family members and school teachers threatened and pressured him to return to Islam. Pray that God would soften the hearts of his family members to the gospel. May his whole family repent and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. (Source: www.globalchristianrelief.org)

- ☐ **19. 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 the 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 the support of his family. It was encouraging for him to know they were well while he remained in prison. (Source: www.prisoneralert.com)

- ☐ **20. Mexico** - Pray for those like Javier García Villafaña, a persecuted Christian in Mexico, who was shot and killed in Michoacan. In that area alone, he's the ninth church leader murdered in the last four years. Pray that the rise of persecution against Christian leaders and believers in Mexico would halt. Pray that gang members and those targeting Christian leaders would find faith in Christ (in areas of Mexico, cartels and gangs run rampant). Pray for the protection, strength, and courage of believers in Mexico so that they directly speak out against the violence and crime that follows. Pray they would be safe even though speaking out immediately puts a target on their backs where they can be kidnapped, beaten, and murdered. Pray for Javier's congregation and family to have peace in their hearts in this difficult time and surround them with Your embrace. Ask God to protect His followers and lead those who killed Javier to repentance. Ask God to put an end to these brutal attacks and bring sweeping revival. (Source: www.globalchristianrelief.org)

- ☐ **21. 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 significantly impacted the Eritrean Orthodox youth. He departed from tradition and taught the New Testament in the local language resulting in thousands of young people coming to Christ. Pray for his 6 children (his wife passed away in 2022). (Source: www.prisoneralert.com)

- ☐ **22. Nigeria** - Pray for the safe return of the more than 300 people abducted in early March 2024 from boarding schools in northern Nigeria by Islamic militants. It is reported that pastors and evangelists in the region are committed to serve. "These realities are not new to them," he said. "They have already counted the cost of serving Christ in such areas and remain faithful to their calling." (www.icommittoprayer.com)

- ☐ **23. Kenya/Somalia** - Pray for Rufinah, whose husband Boniface was killed by al-Shabab along with 3 friends and 4 other Christians while they were at a drilling site, helping to bring safe drinking water to people in Somalia. Pregnant at the time, Rufinah had no way to provide for herself or their baby. Praise God that International Christian Concern (ICC) provided Rufinah with materials to open a shop to sell household goods and can provide for herself and her son. (Source: www.persecution.org)

- ☐ **24. Eritrea** - Pray for Dr. Kiflu Gebremeskel, a leading figure of Full Gospel Church of Eritrea, founder and senior pastor of Southwest Full Gospel Church and member of the executive committee to the Full Gospel Church of Eritrea, who was arrested on May 23, 2004. He was taken from his home in Asmara Gejeret, at approximately 5 a.m. 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. Dr. Gebremeskel is one of the 28 clergymen being held. Jailed Protestants are routinely subjected to physical beatings and severe psychological pressure to deny their religious beliefs. Police and military authorities continue to demand the prisoners return to one of the three “official” Christian denominations recognized by the government. 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)
- ☐ **25. Sudan/South Sudan** - Pray for Fatima, a Sudanese woman who was forced to flee to South Sudan to avoid violence, but found Jesus in a refugee camp. After hearing the Gospel, Fatima chose Jesus knowing the consequences could be social isolation, physical abuse and even death. Her husband beat her with a metal rod for going with her children to a church. Next time, I will kill you if you do not stop attending this church of your Jesus,” her husband threatened. But Fatima was not intimidated. “Even if you kill me, my spirit will go to God, because you have only killed the physical body.” (Source: www.globalchristianrelief.org)
- ☐ **26. Eritrea** - Pray for long-term prisoner, Dr. Fitsum-Berhan Gebrenegus, an Eritrean pastor and psychiatrist, who was arrested on 18 November 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 remains incarcerated and cannot communicate with the outside world. Dr. Fitsum is married and has one child. His wife went home to be with the Lord while he remained imprisoned. (Source: www.prisoneralert.com)
- ☐ **27. Jordan** - Pray for Muhammad in Jordan, who placed his trust in Christ two years ago. When his employer recently learned of Muhammad’s decision to follow Christ, he began to harass him. After Muhammad asked his employer to stop the harassment, Muhammad’s boss forced him to work 14-hour shifts and ultimately fired him. Pray that Muhammad is able to find a new job. Pray for employers, family, and friends who regularly persecute Jordanian Christian converts. (Source: www.icommittoprayer.org)
- ☐ **28. Iran** - Pray for Pastor Anooshavan Avedian (61) who was arrested by Iranian security agents in August 2020, at his home, where he and some Christian friends had gathered for prayer and worship. The group was meeting in his home because Iranian officials had closed their church several years earlier. The government agents confiscated Bibles and cellphones before taking Pastor Avedian and two other Christians to Tehran's notorious Evin Prison and harshly interrogated them. On April 11, 2022, an Iranian judge sentenced Pastor Avedian to 10 years in prison for engaging in "propaganda contrary to and disturbing to the holy religion of Islam." In addition to his current prison term, Pastor Avedian faces an additional 10 years for "deprivation of social rights" upon his release. The pastor’s appeal to Iran's Supreme Court for a retrial was denied. Pray also for Pastor Avedian's wife and two children. (Source: www.prisoneralert.com)
- ☐ **29. 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 Korean-Chinese pastor Pastor Han Chung-Ryeol, ministering to the North Koreans who cross the border into Changbai. In November 2014, Deacon Jang was kidnapped from China and put in a North Korean prison. Fifteen months later, Pastor Han was lured from his home and brutally stabbed to death in Changbai. Deacon Jang was sentenced to 15 years in prison for his ministry to the North Korean people. 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)
- ☐ **30. Nigeria** - Pray for Christian widows like Deborah and their children in the aftermath of attacks by Boko Haram Islamic terrorist groups. Deborah and her 2 young daughters were kidnapped after her husband was murdered and held captive for 2 years. She was assaulted and forced to participate in Muslim prayers. One night she was able to escape into the harsh bush and she and her children endured severe sickness, infections, and hunger en route to a refugee camp. She was assisted by a persecution support agency (Global Christian Relief). (Source: www.globalchristianrelief.org)

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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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 and 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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) by Gateways to Better Education (www.GoGateways.org)