

The most successful workmen in the Lord's vineyard are those who are, like their Master, often and much upon their knees." J C Ryle

UK Strategic Prayer Initiative – January 2026

- 1. Pastor** / Pray your Pastor will maintain (or obtain) moral accountability with a few close confidants. Please also circle the day of your birthday as a second day each month that you pray for your Pastor.
- 2. Persecuted Christians** / Pray for 3 Christian families in a remote village in Laos whose houses were demolished and their livestock confiscated by local villagers in October. This attack followed weeks of aggression that included the chaining of a local Christian leader, Lom, to a post for four days; Lom's family was among those driven from their home. Since the attack, families have been forced to live under a lean-to in the center of the village, closely watched and prohibited from seeking help. These Christians have been given only small amounts of rice for survival. District church leaders have attempted to provide relief but have been refused entry to the village. This is not an isolated incident, as Christians in three nearby villages are facing similar threats. Source: www.icommittoprayer.com
- 3. UK Supreme Court** / Pray God will draw Justice of The Supreme Court, Right Hon. Lord George Leggatt to make decisions in keeping with the purity and character of the living God. Lord Leggatt has served on the court since April 2020. Pray the Lord will bring future justices of His choice onto the Court in His sovereign timing.
- 4. Home Schooling** / The Children's Wellbeing and Schools bill, introduced in December 2024, calls for the creation of a national registry of homeschooled children in England. It would also give local officials the authority to deny individual families the right to homeschool. The bill passed the House of Commons and was introduced in the House of Lords on March 19. Pray that any proposed legislation will not impinge on the rights of responsible parents to educate their children without harassment. Source: HSLDA
- 5. Each Country's Leader** / Pray Prime Minister Dick Schoof, the primary leader of The Netherlands (17.7 million), will be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that will help the gospel spread freely in this country, and allow people to live in peace
- 6. Bibleless People Groups** / Pray the Badyaranké (25,210) people of West Africa will have the New Testament translated into their language. They currently do not have the Scripture in their heart language. Source: Wycliffe
- 7. Northern Ireland** / Retired Pastor Clive Johnston 77 is being prosecuted under abortion buffer zones laws for an open-air sermon on John 3:16, even though abortion was never mentioned. A former President of the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland, is facing two charges under the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Act for holding an open-air Sunday service on the fringes of a buffer zone. The Act means it is now a criminal offence for people to be "impeded, recorded, influenced or to be caused harassment, alarm or distress" within the eight 100-150m buffer zones that were created around hospitals and abortion clinics. Judgment in Pastor Clive's case has been deferred while District Judge Peter King receives additional written submissions from lawyers on both sides. Another court hearing has been scheduled for March 2026. Pray for righteousness to prevail, pastor Clive to be exonerated and the freedom to preach the gospel anywhere in our land will not be impeded. Source: Christian Institute.
- 8. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for all the children and workers who live at the Buwanda Kinship Project in Uganda. 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.
- 9. Abortion** / A proposal to revisit radical plans for the decriminalisation of abortion up to birth were narrowly rejected by Deputies in the Irish Parliament by a vote of 73 to 71 against restoring the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) (Amendment) Bill 2023 for further debate. The controversial Private Member's Bill, which lapsed after the dissolution of the Dáil last year, called for full decriminalisation of abortion up to birth for any reason and the dismantling of the three-day reflection period before having an abortion. Praise God for this ruling and may it remain secure. Source Christian Institute
- 10. Church leadership** / Pray that leaders in our churches will have discretion, wisdom and resolve in facing legal challenges that have and will arise. Pray also for those organisations whose priority is to help churches and individual Christians in discrimination complaints and disputes.
- 11. The Lords Day** / Pray the Lord will stir our congregation to love and care for each other more effectively this year and may our love for one another draw others to seek the Lord Jesus.
- 12. The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders in the Mormon religion who are seeking to know God. Ask Christ to speak to them directly, as He did for the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus. (Jeremiah 29:13) and realise the teachings of Joseph Smith are erroneous.
- 13. Unreached People Groups** / Pray God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 35,656,000-member Mahratta unspecified group of India. Source: www.joshuaproject.net
- 14. Physical Discipline** / Pray regarding the three hundred parents that have been referred for 're-education' because of Wales smacking ban. According to campaign group Be Reasonable's analysis of official figures, the police have referred 365 parents, who were criminalised for smacking their children, to diversionary 're-education' schemes since the law was introduced in 2022. The cost of implementing the Act in its first five years could be double the Government's estimated £7.9 million. Pray for justice in this controversial matter. Source: Christian Institute
- 15. Christian Ministries** / World Concern - World Concern partners to transform the lives of poor and marginalized people through disaster response and sustainable community development. The love of Christ compels us to pursue reconciliation and equip those we serve, so that they may in turn share with others. Pray that the workers draw upon God for strength and love for all they reach out to. Source: www.ehc.org

16. Eastern Congo / About 200,000 people have fled their homes in eastern Congo recently according to the United Nations. Rwanda-backed rebels marched on a strategic town just days after Donald Trump hosted the Rwandan and Congolese leaders to proclaim peace. In a statement released in December, the U.N. said at least 74 people had been killed, mostly civilians, and 83 admitted to hospital with wounds from escalating clashes in the area in recent days. Pray for the injured and traumatised and for peace to be established in this volatile area. Source: Reuters

17. National Defence / Britain needs to urgently upgrade its defence capability including investing in anti-submarine warfare in the face of increasing Russian aggression in the North Atlantic, senior military figures and naval experts have said. The head of Nato, Mark Rutte, has said Britain and other allies were Russia's next target and we must prepare for a "scale of war our parents and great-grandparents endured". Pray our nation and leaders will realise this frightening prospect and take appropriate action. Source I Paper

18. The Lord's Day / Pray this new year God will raise up strong Christian leadership in all walks of life including government, education, business, legal, political, public safety, health care, military etc, etc. May new and existing leaders in all fields represent our Lord to glory of the Father

19. The Nations / Turkey - Pray for a radical change in deep-seated prejudices and biases against Christianity. Pray for wise leadership to peacefully navigate tensions between nationalists, radical Islamists, and Kurds. Pray for the Gospel to advance in power amid increased hostilities and persecution. Source: www.prayercast.com and www.operationworld.org

20. The Poor / Pray for the spiritual needs of the poor in the New Year. Pray they would find new hope through a sound, Bible-believing church that they could attend regularly. Consider inviting someone to yours. Gal. 2:10 and Matt. 25:44-45

21. The Church / Pray for the Holy Spirit to raise up prayer teams, at all Bible-believing churches, to pray for their pastor's protection from sin and demonic forces. (James 1:22-25, James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)

22. The Family / One in ten school children aged 10 to 15 in Britain are often lonely, according to the first official figures on child loneliness, described by the Children's Society as heartbreaking. Those children who receive free school meals, live in a city and report low satisfaction with their health or relationships with friends and families were more likely to often feel lonely. Pray for all lonely susceptible children

23. UCCF Christian Unions / Christian Unions are mission teams that operate at the heart of university and college campuses. They are led by students, resourced by Christian Union Staff Workers and supported by local churches. Pray for all engaged in this long-standing ministry in universities and colleges all over the country as they seek to lead people to Christ.

24. Cultural Influencers / Mark Zuckerberg - Chair & CEO Meta Platforms - Pray that God will infuse the decisions of this cultural influencer with a strong moral dimension that he will help move people toward our Holy Creator, not away from Him. Pray for God's personal impact on his life. Source: www.mastermediantl.com

25. Power Players in Media / Joe Rogan (Podcast Host) - 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 God will infuse his decisions with a strong moral dimension. Source: www.mastermediantl.com

26. (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World's Population) / Indonesia - Pray the Church continues to grow amidst the intense opposition and persecution. Pray for Revival. Some areas have been Christian for centuries (in North Sulawesi, North Sumatra, West Timor, Maluku) but many denominations lack spiritual life. They struggle with immorality, divisions, and even indigenous occult practices. Mature, spiritual leaders are desperately needed. The rapid growth of Pentecostal and charismatic churches has created a need for discipleship and training for both lay leaders and pastors. Source: Operation World

27. Important Legal or Humanitarian Relief Situation / Pray for those in Jamaica and other parts of the Caribbean who were adversely impacted by Hurricane Melissa. Pray for Christian Agencies like Samaritan's Purse, which airlifted an Emergency Field Hospital as well as tons of critical relief, to meet the needs of the suffering. Source: Samaritans Purse

28. Personal Revival / Pray you may be shown any hidden 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. *Knowing God* by J. I. Packer.

29. Education / A rising number of teachers are leaving the profession for reasons other than retirement – a total of 42,200 in 2024, according to government figures. Almost half of teachers say their workload is unacceptable, while the National Education Union found teachers feel stressed most of the time. Mid-year resignations are particularly hard on children particularly the young. Pray ways will be found to help teachers and they receive needed support from their administrative staff and parents. Source I Paper

30. Labourers / 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 "labourers" will be raised up to help more find the narrow path to heaven. *The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord...to send out labourers. Mt. 9:37-38*

31. Neighbour _____ **Friend** _____

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