

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

1. The July Strategic Prayer Data Sheet a.k.a. The Pink Sheet™
2. National Spiritual Awakening - One Cry Prayer Guide
3. Pink Sheet EXPANDER™ - Unreached People Groups – Version “B”
4. Pink Sheet EXPANDER™ - Persecuted Christians (via China Aid)
5. SPI™ Spiritual Warfare Prayer Guide (4-page version w/ commentary)
6. Pink Sheet EXPANDER™ - Humanitarian Relief Situations
7. Pink Sheet EXPANDER™ - 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 other 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 -- July 2024

Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!

- ❑ **1. Senior Pastor** / _____ -- Pray that the Holy Spirit will aid your pastor in sermon preparation and delivery. Please also circle the day of your birthday (for example the 4th) as a second day each month that you pray for the Senior Pastor.
- ❑ **2. Persecuted Christians** / Pray for Pastor Anoshavan 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.org)
- ❑ **3. U.S. Supreme Court** / Pray for God to draw Justice Sonia Sotomayor into a deeper relationship with Himself. Pray that the Lord will speak into Justice Sotomayor's life in many ways, including through her dreams. Pray that God will help her to make decisions that will be in keeping with the purity and character of the living Judeo/Christian God. Pray that the Lord will bring future justices of His choice onto the Court in His sovereign timing.
- ❑ **4. Unreached People Groups** / Pray that God will raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 25,582,000-member Korean group of Korea (North). (Source: www.joshuaproject.net)
- ❑ **5. Each Country's Leader** / Pray that President Abdelfattah ELSISI, the primary leader of Egypt (109.5 million), will be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that will help the gospel to spread freely in his country, and allow people to live in peace. A key source: Complimentary World Prayer Map via www.ehc.org ["I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority...{so we can have peace and see people saved}” 1 Timothy 2:1-4]
- ❑ **6. Bibleless People Groups** / Pray that the Komo (614,000) people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo will have the New Testament translated into their language. They currently do not have the Scripture in their heart language. (Source: www.wycliffe.org)
- ❑ **7. Additional Pastors &/or Staff** / _____, _____, _____, Pray for this person (or people) as you feel led by the Holy Spirit. When applicable, also pray the above prayer for your Senior Pastor for this/these individual(s) as well.
- ❑ **8. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for all of the children, and the workers, who live at the Svay Rieng Kinship Project in Cambodia. Pray the staff will have the Holy Spirit's help in raising up genuine Christian disciples with each of the children. Pictures of the home can be seen at www.kinshipunited.org. Ask the Lord to help your church to adopt an orphanage (see James 1:27).
- ❑ **9. Abortion Clinics & Alternatives** / Planned Parenthood - Manchester Health Center - 24 Pennacook Street, Manchester, NH (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.

Real Options Pregnancy Help Services - 340 Granit Street Suite 202, Manchester, NH (Alternative To Abortion) - Pray that today, (the 9th of July 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 the Lord would supernaturally work out circumstances (without violence) to cause the closing of companies that are providing verbal pornography (phone-sex) in the United States and in the world.
- ❑ **11. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World's Population)** / India – Pray for large cities, with rapid growth and a mix of great wealth and abject poverty. The great cities, where the very rich live close to the very poor. Millions come from rural areas to cities every year, and most end up in slums. Mumbai and Hyderabad have significant Christian populations, while Kolkata, Delhi, Varanasi, and Lucknow have little Christian witness. Ask God to draw believers to minister in these cities. (Source: www.operationworld.org)
- ❑ **12. The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of Hindu leaders 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** / Aglow International - Aglow is an international organization of women and men in more than 170 nations of the world, presenting Biblical principles as solutions to the challenging issues of our time. Ask God to guide this ministry and open new doors of ministry. (Source: www.ehc.org)
- ❑ **16. U.S. House Of Representatives** / Elise Stefanik, NY 21st - Pray for God’s blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- ❑ **17. U.S. Senate** / VA - Sen. Mark Warner - 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 U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Linda Thomas-Greenfield - See Supplemental Prayer Guide for additional prayer suggestions.
- ❑ **19. The Nations** / Costa Rica - Pray for churches to effectively disciple their congregants and to see biblical lifestyle changes as a result. Pray for dynamic ministries aimed at reaching the youth, which comprise two-thirds of the nation’s population. Pray for Christ-like cooperation amongst foreign missions agencies as they begin to transfer authority to indigenous leadership. (Source: www.prayercast.com and www.operationworld.org)
- ❑ **20. The Poor** / Casinos and lotteries are very crippling to the poor. Pray that the lure of gambling away ones's paycheck or welfare check to hit the “big jackpot” would be replaced with a passion for hard work, responsible spending, and helping those less fortunate. (Gal. 2:10 and Matt. 25:44-45)
- ❑ **21. The Church** / Pray that millions of God-revering Americans would begin to see a greater revelation of who Jesus Christ really is. Pray that this greater revelation of Christ would help them in all areas of their life. (James 1:22-25, James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)
- ❑ **22. The Family** / Pray for those who have lost a spouse through death. Pray for God to bring continual encouragement, comfort, and hope.
- ❑ **23. The Education System** / Pray that the Holy Spirit would clearly guide Christian students entering our universities this fall to majors of His choice, or areas of study that will be the most beneficial for future challenges the church will face.
- ❑ **24. Cultural Influencers** / Martin Scorsese - Director (Taxi Driver, The Wolf of Wall Street, Silence) 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** / Vin Diesel (Actor) - 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 CBS 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 the 5,000 Christians displaced from their homes in Niger due to terrorist violence against them. Pray they find safe places to live and are welcomed. Ask God to halt the violence here. Pray these people have food and shelter and that Christian Aid agencies will have wisdom and resources to help.
- ❑ **28. Personal Revival** / Pray that you will be shown any sin in your life and given the strength to resist it (1 Cor. 10:13). Pray that you will be led to **an ever-deepening personal relationship with the Lord** (Luke 10:27). [The following is a spiritual growth resource for you to consider. *The Joy of Prayer* (A 40-Day Devotional) by Dr. Alvin VanderGriend. 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, the 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** _____

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen
for His own inheritance* (Psalm 33:12 NASB).

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people (Proverbs 14:34).

Please pray that America will experience the kind of revival and spiritual awakening that moves us to become a nation “whose God is the LORD.” Pray that in every facet of our being and culture, God will be recognized and worshiped as the One who sovereignly reigns over us.

Knowing that “righteousness exalts a nation,” please pray that Americans will return to walk in the righteousness that is birthed out of a genuine love relationship with Jesus.

Various analysts tell us that America’s role as a world leader is quickly being lost. Could this be a sign that our sinful ways have brought disgrace to our country? Please pray fervently that we will experience the kind of revival that brings us back to a place of reflecting the righteous ways and deeds of God.

Please pray that those who are in bondage to sin will come to believe in the saving work of Jesus and declare Him publicly as their Savior and Lord.

When the sons of Israel moved into the Promised Land, they were commanded by God to be holy, since He had set them apart from the other nations (Leviticus 20:26). Since God set us apart through the faith of our forefathers, pray that America will be moved to lay aside every custom and manner of living that dishonors God and His holy standards.

Because the children of Israel kept and obeyed the statutes and judgments of God, the other nations saw them as a wise and understanding people (Deuteronomy 4:5-6). Pray that America will again be seen as a wise nation because we have kept and obeyed the commands of God.

The nation of Israel boasted in the fact that no other people group had “a god so near to it as is the LORD our God” whenever they called on Him (Deuteronomy 4:7). Oh, that Christians in America would feel the same way! Please pray that the church will again highly value the privilege of being the children of God, having access to Him through prayer.

Pray that Christians in America will listen to God’s voice and obey His commands. Pray that our love and loyalty to God will always be seen through our obedience to Him (Judges 2:20-22).

It is not uncommon for the nations of the world to design and worship gods literally made by human hands (2 Kings 17:29). Pray that the people of America will be sensitive today and in the future to not fashion or erect false gods that come out of the imaginations of men.

In Isaiah 5, the prophet pronounced a number of woes against the people of Israel—against those who pursued strong drink and entertainment while paying no attention to “the deeds of the LORD” (vv. 11-12). Pray that Americans will turn from pursuing pleasure to seek God with a whole heart.

In Isaiah 58, the “house of Jacob” is portrayed as a people who were not living according to their talk. Pray that the church in America will thoroughly lay down its worldly ways, and walk consistently in line with its message.

God is so gracious, often demonstrating His love to rebellious people (Isaiah 65:1-2). Pray that His grace will continue to be poured out on America and will be met by people repenting of their sin and submitting to His will.

God’s reputation is often profaned by the lost when they see professing Christians no longer living according to God’s ways (Ezekiel 36:20). Pray that the church in America will walk in such a way as to bring God glory from all men.

In Joel 1–2, those hearing the voice of the prophet made the connection between the plague of locusts they were facing and where they were spiritually as God’s people. Pray that the church in America will make the connection between the natural disasters we are facing and our spiritual rebellion.

In Matthew 24:7, Jesus said that in the last days “nation will rise against nation,” and the number of famines and earthquakes will increase. Please pray that with the dramatic rise in the number of these events we are seeing, our nation will turn back to God.

Matthew 24:14 tells us that when the gospel of the kingdom is preached to the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, then the end will come. Pray that God will continue opening the door to every nation, and that laborers will go forth boldly, declaring the truths of the gospel of Jesus.

Please pray that as Christians in America, we will see ourselves as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation” so that we will “proclaim the excellences of Him who has called [us] out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9).

Pray that as a nation, America will see wickedness as detestable, and lay down even the imitation of such practices as witchcraft, sorcery, the interpretation of omens, guidance from mediums, the use of divination, or calling up the dead (Deuteronomy 18:9-13).

Psalms 2:2-3 describes the kings of the earth taking a stand “against the LORD and against His Anointed.” As today’s politicians and national rulers stand against the principles and commands of God, pray that the church will become even bolder in following the truths and precepts of God’s Word.

Psalms 9:17 declares that it is possible for an entire nation to forget God. Pray that God will not be lost or forgotten by the generations and leaders who will comprise America’s future.

Take a moment today to praise God as the “King of all the earth,” the One who sovereignly reigns over all the nations of the world (Psalm 47:7-8). Exalt Him as the only One who can bring revival and spiritual awakening to America.

Pray that America will learn to fear the Lord and consequently hate evil (Proverbs 8:13). Ask God to deliver us as a nation from “pride and arrogance and the evil way.”

Please pray for the salvation and protection of those who have been placed by God in roles of leadership within your state, county, and community (Romans 13:1). Pray that every person in a position of authority will submit his or her life and agenda to the authority and direction of Christ.

Please pray for all the pastors of our nation, asking God to bring revival to their personal lives. Pray that they will be filled with the Spirit of God and will shepherd the flock of God according to His will (1 Peter 5:2).

Please pray especially today for the spiritual salvation of our nation’s political leaders. Pray that every politician will submit their will and motivations to the lordship of Christ. Pray that before looking to men for counsel, every elected official will seek first the heart of God for those under their responsibility.

Please pray for the safety of those in the military and in law enforcement. Ask God to give them wisdom and discernment as they encounter all types of dangerous situations. Ask God to help them to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly.

Please pray that those who sit as judges within the borders of our nation will experience the salvation of Christ’s gospel. Ask God to send revival to this arena of our culture and place the hearts and minds of our judges under the authority of God and His Word.

Please ask God to send revival to America’s families. Ask Him to send us the kind of revival and spiritual awakening that will help families begin to seek the Lord together, as well as live by the biblical revelation of the Lord’s will and commandments.

Please pray today that God’s lovingkindness, truth, righteousness, and peace will permeate our culture, and that the character of Christ will be powerfully experienced in our nation (Psalm 85:10).

Please pray that Christians across America will humble themselves, pray, seek God’s face, and turn from their wicked ways (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Thank you for your willingness to join others in crying out to God for national revival and spiritual awakening! He alone has the power to make things new (Psalm 85:6). Please pray once more today that our nation will repent. Pray that we will radically trust God to change our culture, character, and heart to consistently reflect His ways and glory.

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[Consider visiting the collegeofrevival.org]

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

Version 82024

*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 - **Fulani from Nigeria**). 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	Thai, Isan	Thailand	18,987,000
2	Kumhar (Kusavar) (Hindu traditions)	India	18,743,000
3	Fulani, Nigerian	Nigeria	17,726,000
4	Azerbaijani, Azeri Turk	Iran	17,549,000
5	Arab, Iraqi	Iraq	17,152,000
6	Bania unspecified	India	17,064,000
7	Jat (Hindu traditions)	India	16,163,000
8	Kunbi (Hindu traditions)	India	15,725,000
9	Arab, Sudanese	Sudan	15,305,000
10	Arab, Northern Yemeni	Yemen	15,004,000
11	Arab, Saudi - Najdi	Saudi Arabia	14,668,000
12	Bhil unspecified	India	14,662,000
13	Khmer	Cambodia	14,235,000
14	Nai (Hindu traditions)	India	14,140,000
15	Kapu unspecified	India	14,045,000
16	Malay	Malaysia	13,951,000
17	Vanniyar	India	13,734,000
18	Hui	China	13,738,000
19	Hausa	Niger	13,598,000
20	Jat (Muslim traditions)	Pakistan	13,498,000
21	Kazakh	Kazakhstan	13,053,000
22	Ansari	India	12,713,000
23	Dhobi (Hindu traditions)	India	12,673,000
24	Mali (Hindu traditions)	India	12,552,000
25	Sylhet (Muslim traditions)	Bangladesh	12,350,000
26	Shaikh	Pakistan	12,015,000
27	Mahishya	India	11,869,000
28	Uyghur	China	11,768,000
29	Afghan, Tajik	Afghanistan	11,598,000
30	Arain (Muslim traditions)	Pakistan	11,507,000

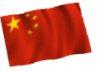


ChinaAid* Prayer Requests for the Persecuted— SPRING 2024

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



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



- 1. ChinaAid** - ChinaAid is an international non-profit Christian human rights organization committed to promoting religious freedom and the rule of law in China. ChinaAid believes that religious freedom is the first freedom, which lays the foundation for all other basic human rights. Pray for power through the Holy Spirit for ChinaAid to continue to:
 - Expose** the systematic persecution, harassment, torture, and imprisonment of Chinese Christians and human rights lawyers in China.
 - Encourage the Abused:** ChinaAid financially supports Chinese Christians and their families who have experienced persecution by the Chinese government.
 - Equip the Leaders:** ChinaAid provides leadership and rule of law training for Christian and church leaders in China to defend their rights under both Chinese constitutional law and international law.
- 2. Chinese Persecuted** - Pray for those who are being persecuted, imprisoned, or kept in "enforced disappearance" (but not forgotten) for their faith in Jesus Christ. Ask God to encourage and strengthen their faith. Ask God to use them (even in prison) to draw more people to himself.
- 3. Pastor Ru Zongren** – Pray that Pastor Ru Zongren of Chengxi Christian Church can remain healthy amid persecution that included detainment while in need of and during kidney dialysis. In 2015, Zongren's church was demolished by the local government and Ru was strangled by the self-proclaimed urban management officers. He went into shock and the beating resulted in acute kidney failure and now needs dialysis to sustain his life. Pray that the harassment by the government will end.
- 4. "John" Cao** - Pray for Pastor John Cao, who was sentenced to seven years in prison in March 2018 on the charge of "organizing illegal border crossings." His wife and 2 sons are U.S. Citizens, and he is a legal resident of North Carolina. Pray he would stand strong in his faith and find favor with authorities. Ask God to protect and encourage him.
- 5. Zhang Zhan** – Pray for Zhang Zhan, A Christian citizen journalist and former lawyer who disappeared in May 2020, shortly after releasing a video criticizing China's response to the pandemic. She was sentenced in December 2020 to four years in prison for "picking quarrels and provoking troubles" due to reporting on the spread of COVID-19. Zhang was hospitalized in July 2023 due to her worsening health. Pray for strength and health for Zhang.
- 6. Pastor Li Juncai** - Pray for Yuanyang County Central House Church Pastor Li Juncai. He was sentenced to 5.5 years in prison in January 2021 for objecting to the CCP's forced cross removal from his church. He also refused to change a church proclamation of "Love God and people" to "Love the country." Ask God to encourage and use him.
- 7. Gao Zhisheng and "the disappeared"** – Pray for the safety of Gao Zhisheng if he is still alive. Gao defended house church Christians, Falun Gong practitioners, and other minorities from the clutches of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Unfortunately, his activism put a target on his back. No one has seen or heard from him in six years. Pray for truth to be revealed. Pray for comfort and encouragement for his family. Pray for the many, many others throughout China that have "disappeared."
- 8. Christians from Fuyang Maizhong Reformed Church** - Pray for three Christians detained for leading children in singing hymns and prayers. On January 18, at 10:00 AM, Christians Dai Chuanli, Wang Dandan, and Ma Jiahui from the Fuyang Maizhong Reformed Church were taken away by police from the Fuyang Economic and Technological Development Zone Sub-bureau while leading the children of the church in singing hymns and prayer. At noon on the 19th, police searched their homes, and each was given a 15-day administrative detention. This marks the third time Christians from this church have been detained on the same grounds since September 2023. Other believers from the church also frequently face harassment from community management office personnel, including forced prying open doors and pressuring landlords to compel them to move.
- 9. Pastor Zhang Shaojie** - Pastor Zhang Shaojie of Nanle County Christian Church in Henan province, is currently serving a 12-year prison term for "gathering a crowd to disrupt the public order" and a fabricated fraud charge. Pray that he would be fruitful as he preaches to fellow prisoners and that the prisoners caring for him in his cell would come to know Christ. Pray for spiritual encouragement and improved physical and mental health (he has suffered much.) Also pray for encouragement and endurance of his daughter Esther Zhang, who fled to the US with her husband and daughter.
- 10. Ju Dianhong** - Pray for our Christian sister Ju Dianhong who was sentenced to 13 years in prison in 2017 under false charges of "cult activity." ChinaAid tracked down her prison address in January 2021 after a long search. Pray for her strength, increased faith, and that God would encourage her.

11. **Liang Qin** - Pray for Sister Liang Qin who was sentenced to 13 years in prison in 2017 under the false charges of “cult activity.” ChinaAid tracked down her prison address in January 2021 after a long search. Pray for her safety and encouragement while in prison.
12. **Golden Lampstand Church and Pastor Wang Xiaoguang, Pastor Yang Rongli, and 10 others** – Pray for the leaders and congregants of the demolished Golden Lampstand Church in Lifan, Shanxi Province. The church has been the target of many investigations and many of their leaders have been charged with “fraud.” As a large-scale house church with 50,000 attendants, it alarmed authorities and in 2018 the church was demolished by authorities. In a major crackdown by the government in 2021, 12 leaders of Golden Lampstand Church were detained on a so-called “fraud” charge. As of July 2023, several of them are still in custody at the detention center awaiting trial. Pray for their release and the continued faith of the congregants.
13. **Pastor Wan Changchun, Elder Xue Shaoqiang, Cao Binan, and Wan Chunqin of Cornerstone Reformed Church** – Pray for these Christians of Cornerstone Reformed Church in Bengbu, Anhui province. They were initially arrested in April 2023 on charges of “illegal business operations.” These charges were later changed to “fraud” although no one says they have been defrauded. According to the prayer letter issued by Cornerstone Reformed Church on January 7, 2024, it was revealed that Pastor Wan Changchun, Elder Xue Shaoqiang, Cao Binting, and Wan Chunqin of the church have been prosecuted by the court by local Procuratorate on suspicion of “fraud.” The church asks prayer for these Christians and for God to protect their body, mind, and spirit and use them to bless those around them. Pray for comfort for their elderly parents and young children. Pray they would not be frightened. Ask God to raise more brothers and sisters to sacrifice for God and build churches according to God’s will. Pray for God to show mercy in the handling of this case.
14. **Pastor Wang Yi** - Pastor Wang Yi and his wife Jiang Rong were arrested along with 160 members of their church (Early Rain Covenant Church) in December 2018. In June 2019, Wang’s wife was released on bail and kept under surveillance without visitors. Pastor Wang Yi was sentenced to nine years in prison on December 30th, 2019, days after a sudden and secret trial on December 26th. Pastor Wang was found guilty of “inciting subversion of state power” and “illegal business operations.” He says of those holding him, “...May the Lord use me, and give me patience and wisdom, that I may bring the Gospel to them.” Ask God to protect, encourage, and strengthen Pastor Wang’s faith and to broaden his ministry (even in prison).
15. **Deng Yanxiang, Wang Weicai, Zhu Longjiang, Zhu Qiaoling, and Zhu Longfei** – Pray for these Christians from Shengjia Church in Shunde Guangdong province. They were who were arrested for “illegal business operation”. Pray for their release and well-being. Pray their church grows in faith and impact.
16. **Preacher Chang Hao** - Pray for a fair court proceeding for Preacher Chang Hao who was arrested on suspicion of “picking quarrels and provoking trouble.” County court rejected Preacher Chang Hao’s lawyer’s request to duplicate case materials.
17. **Churches and Christians in Zhejiang Province** - Pray for churches and Christians in Zhejiang Province which leads in issuing documents to implement a new policy on the management of religious activity venues.) The Ethnic and Religious Affairs Committee of Zhejiang province has officially launched the “Implementation Measures for the Management of Venues for Religious Activities (Trial Implementation).” The official statement claims that the aim is to standardize the supervision of religious activity venues in the province. Ethnic and religious affairs bureaus of cities and counties have notified and issued the document to the next level of governance, township government, and sub-district offices. Implementation of the Measures took effect on February 1, 2024. Pray that Zhejiang authorities would not use this policy to persecute Christians. Ask God to prevent strong implementation of this policy throughout China.
18. **Zhang Chunlei and Ren’ai Reformed Church**- Pray for Zhang Chunlei, the imprisoned elder of Ren’ai Reformed Church, who was sent to Sanjiang Hospital. Pray for this elder who has been charged with “inciting subversion of state power” and “fraud.” He claimed he was not guilty due to his Christian belief and those fabricated charges were persecution against religious freedom. He sent greetings to churches and fellow Christians. His wife, Yang Aiqing asks fellow Christians to continue to pray for her husband. She cited several Bible verses in her prayer request letter: “I will witness how the evil people abuse their power and fabricate lies against Elder Zhang. *Break the arm of the wicked man; call the evildoer to account for his wickedness that would not otherwise be found out.* (Psalm 10:15) God will reveal any injustice. *If He Whoever sows injustice reaps calamity, and the rod they wield in fury will be broken.* (Proverbs 22:8) *It is mine to avenge; I will repay, says the Lord.* (Romans 12:19). Pray for his health. Even though imprisoned, Elder Zhang Chunlei is in a very good spiritual state. He told his attorney that he had never slept so much and that he had very good rest in the detention center. For a long time, Zhang has been healthy and optimistic, but this sudden bout of cholecystitis and hospitalization triggered his family’s concern about his life in prison.
19. **Suizhou church, members and leaders** - Pray for the members and leaders of a house church in Suizhou who have labeled them as a cult. Pray they are released and can worship God freely. The main reasons cited by the investigators for charging them include their refusal to join the government-sanctioned Three-Self Church, crying aloud during prayers, a married couple displaying an ornament with the inscription “What God has joined together, let no one separate,” and the discovery of several books in a believer’s home during a search that, while not violating the Ecumenical Creeds, were arbitrarily deemed by the investigating authorities as containing cult content. It is evident that the investigators have no knowledge of Christianity and house churches. The lawyers believe that the nature of this case is extremely evil. Following this logic and investigative approach, all house churches in China are at risk of being labeled as cults.
20. **Chen Yueli** - Pray for Chen Yueli, who, according to information obtained from the lawyer’s inquiry with the investigating agency, was arrested on the charge of “illegal business operations” for his involvement in printing children’s Sunday school materials in Hubei. Initially, he was detained in the Jiayu County Detention Center in Chibi City. However, in early January 2024, during a meeting with his lawyer, Chen Yueli was suddenly taken away by public security and transferred to the Chibi Detention Center. The Chibi City Public Security Bureau has consistently obstructed normal lawyer visits, citing the involvement of “national security agents” as the reason for the denial of visitation requests. As a result, Chen Yueli has been out of contact with the outside world. It has been confirmed that he has been formally arrested. Ask God to release Chen and to protect him in prison. Pray for his 2 young children who were accompanying him during the arrest and were left alone at customs.

- 21. Preacher Chen Zuopeng** - Pray for Preacher Chen Zuopeng and three others from Guangzhou Bible Reformed Church who were taken away during Sunday service. On January 21, the Sunday service of Guangzhou Bible Reformed Church in the branch in Xinhui District, Jiangmen City, was raided by the police. Pastor Chen Zuopeng and three other believers were taken away by the police, and there has been no news since. This is the second time this church has faced such disruption since the beginning of this year. On the previous Sunday, January 7, the Dashishi branch of the church was also raided during a prayer and dinner gathering at a farm in Shunde District, Foshan City. Pray that Pastor Chen and the others are released immediately. Pray that Christians at this church are free to worship in peace.
- 22. Preacher Chang Hao** - Pray for a fair court proceeding for Preacher Chang Hao who was arrested on suspicion of “picking quarrels and provoking trouble.” County court rejected Preacher Chang Hao’s lawyer’s request to duplicate case materials.
- 23. Early Rain Church** - Ever since the infamous “129 Crackdown” in 2018, Early Rain has been mercilessly targeted by the authorities. Church leadership is monitored for long stretches of time. Officers beat them, and plainclothes police regularly raid their gatherings. However, they remain steadfast in their faith. Pray for the safety of leaders and members. Police cancel rental leases of congregants, conduct raids on the church, etc. Pray for faith to increase and the even police will come to Christ.
- 24. Believers Who Use Social Media in China** - Pray for Christians in China who have faced increasing persecution for social media. Christian content is prohibited online (evangelism posting...counseling or educational materials...referencing the Bible). Under the new measures, only registered churches, religious schools, or groups can apply for the license. the last four years. Police arrested one Christian who posted online a call for seven days of prayer early in the pandemic. The new rules, first announced in December 2021, ban groups and individuals from sharing religious content without a license. That means unregistered house churches are now legally barred from having any online presence. But having a license doesn’t mean churches can speak freely. Approved organizations cannot post anything that undermines the country’s communist system or encourages minors to believe in religion. They also can’t broadcast religious ceremonies, including worship services or baptisms. Pray for safety of Christians using social media. Pray for creative measures for Christians to communicate.
- 25. China’s President Xi and Those in the Chinese Government** - Please pray President Xi would come to know Christ and God would soften his heart. Pray that he would listen to the wisdom of the Lord and not the lies of the enemy. Pray that those in the Chinese national and local governments would come to know Christ and that God would soften their hearts. Pray that they would seek truth. Pray for God to move them to make decisions that allow Christians “to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” (2 Timothy 2:2)
- 26. China’s Secret Police and Police Officers** - Please pray they will have encounters with Christ via people, dreams, or scripture.
- 27. Writing Campaign** - Pray that people would write letters to prisoners of conscience to provide encouragement and send a signal to prison officials that there are people all over the world who are invested in the safety and well-being of these unjustly imprisoned Chinese citizens. (In some cases, these letters have improved the treatment of these prisoners—go to <http://www.chinaaid.org/p/write-letters.html> to get full biographies, addresses, and suggestions to write prisoners.)
- 28. ChinaAid Board and Staff** - Pray for physical protection, unity, and growth in the Lord for the individual members of ChinaAid’s board and staff. Pray for wisdom for each of their board members as they lead and advise the organization.
- 29. ChinaAid Partner Organizations** - Please pray for peace, protection, and power for each of ChinaAid’s partner organizations as they work together to further the cause of Christ. Pray for current and future brothers and sisters in the faith of Jesus Christ as well as for prayer partners and supporters of ChinaAid.
- 30. Bob Fu** - Bob Fu, president of ChinaAid, was imprisoned in China in the 1990s for “illegal evangelism”. After his release, he and his wife escaped to the U.S. as religious refugees where he founded ChinaAid. Pray for wisdom for Bob as he works with various governmental leaders and organizations and various persecution cases. Ask God for protection—he has had bomb threats, personal death warnings, been lied about in publications, and for a time was exiled from his home in the U.S. under FBI protection. Ask God to give him wisdom and strength and encouragement as he advocates for the persecuted in China.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

...His mighty power²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²²And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all...[and God], made us alive together with Christ...⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together [seated us with Him] in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus... (Ephesians 1:19b-23a and 2:5b-6)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Strategic Prayer Initiative - **Pink Sheet EXPANDER - HUMANITARIAN RELIEF** – 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 Nyrenda, 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.cafa.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.samaritanspurse.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)

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

Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!

- ❑ 1. Pray for the resolution of legal disputes involving noncommercial music licenses for religious broadcasters. Religious broadcasters are challenging government officials for discriminating against their speech by charging them exponentially higher rates to stream music online than secular National Public Radio broadcasters. (Sources: www.adflegal.org and www.christianlegalsociety.org)
- ❑ 2. Pray for a favorable outcome for Heather Rooks, a member of the Peoria Unified School Board in Arizona, who is prohibited from referencing Scripture during school board meetings. First Liberty has asked the court to rule on the case without the need for a trial. First Liberty attorney, Andy Gould said, "...If it is okay for U.S. Presidents to quote the Bible, why can't a Peoria school board member?" (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 3. Pray for Pastor Howard Kaloogian of Grace New England in Weare, New Hampshire. The church meets in a barn on Pastor Howard's property, with usually no more than 30 people. Town officials ordered the church gatherings to stop, despite repeatedly allowing other secular meetings there. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 4. Pray for a favorable outcome for two New Jersey churches that were excluded from a public grant program intended to preserve historic landmarks. In the past, churches and religious organizations were eligible for and received funding from the program. However, in 2018, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that the state constitution prohibits using taxpayer dollars to restore historic church buildings. Morris County hasn't been able to disburse taxpayer dollars for the churches to renovate. First Liberty sued in federal court and asked a judge to allow the churches to participate in the program. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 5. 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.
- ❑ 6. Pray for a favorable outcome for Cambridge Christian School, who was told by the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) that it could not pray over the loudspeaker before kickoff of its state championship football game. Their opponent was University Christian School. The two faith-based schools faced off at the Citrus Bowl, now known as Orlando's Camping World Stadium. Officials outrageously argued that prayer was an "endorsement" of religion since it would be taking place on government property. Their actions are illegal and unconstitutional—which is why we are fighting in federal appeals court to bring justice to our clients. In a twist of irony, two other Christian schools played a championship game at this stadium in 2012 and were allowed to pray through the loudspeakers. Pray that the freedom of speech would be upheld here. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 7. Christians Lawyers and Judges: Pray that God would raise up lawyers and judges who "*Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute, Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.*" (Psalm 82:3-4 NASB)
- ❑ 8. Pray that Christians will continue to have the freedom to practice their religion in their own home. Praise God for the Supreme Court victory for Mary Anne Sause who was asked to stop praying in her own home by police officers responding to a call for an alleged minor noise complaint. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 9. Pray that students know their rights and confidently take advantage of opportunities to meet together for religious activities at school. L.A.W., a fifth-grade student at Creekside Elementary School, asked to start an interfaith prayer club at her school, as a safe place for religious students to pray and come together to do community service at school. The club would be open to all students, regardless of their faith background. The principal told L.A.W. that she could fill out an application to pay to use the school after hours. When L.A.W. asked why she would have to pay like an outside group when other student clubs don't have to pay, the Principal said they could not allow it. L.A.W. and her mom met twice with Principal to try to establish this student group. In April, First Liberty sent a demand letter to Principal Allison and the Board of Directors for the Issaquah School District, asking that L.A.W.'s request for a prayer club be granted and begin meeting by the end of the month. A few weeks later, the Issaquah (WA) School District told the students that they would be allowed to start the interfaith prayer club at Creekside Elementary. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 10. Continue to pray that students in Maine will not be discriminated against because of religion. God answered our prayers regarding a suit in the U.S. Supreme Court where three Maine families filed a lawsuit due to discrimination because of religion. The local school district offered high school tuition payments for students to attend the public or private secondary schools of their choice in lieu of maintaining public schools of their own, but state law prohibited those towns from paying tuition on behalf of families who choose otherwise qualified religious schools. Despite the U.S. Supreme Court victory, Maine keeps trying to exclude religious schools from participating in the state tuition program. The Maine Legislature changed the law to require some Christian Schools to violate sincerely held religious beliefs in order to participate in the school-choice program. Continue to pray that religious schools won't face discrimination in the U.S. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)

- ❑ 11. Praise the Lord for the favorable outcome for Robyn Strader, a nurse practitioner with multiple degrees including a PhD in health education who was fired from CVS after six and a half years. CVS ceased to accommodate her religious beliefs about prescribing contraception. First Liberty sued CVS to ensure that Robyn and faithful workers like her are not discriminated against simply because of religion. In May 2024, First Liberty and volunteer attorneys reached a settlement with CVS. Pray that Christians will not experience discrimination because of religion in their workplaces. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 12. Judicial Branch (U. S. Supreme Court and Federal Courts): Pray that God would help each judge to make decisions that would be in keeping with the purity and character of the living Judeo/Christian God. Pray that the Lord would bring future justices of His choice onto the Court in His sovereign timing. Ask God to draw each justice to Himself. Pray that the Supreme Court's decisions would line up with the word and will of God and that they would decide justly regardless of cost or consequence.
- ❑ 13. Thank God for the favorable outcome for The Knights of Columbus of Petersburg Council 694 in Petersburg, Virginia. The Knights of Columbus held a Memorial Day mass at the Poplar Grove National Cemetery for decades. Suddenly, last year, the National Park Services adopted a new rule that prohibits religious services at NPS cemeteries, blocking the Knights from being able to hold their service for the past two years. After First Liberty filed a federal lawsuit, the NPS granted the Knights a permit to hold their service. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 14. Pray for a favorable outcome for free speech in the case of *WallBuilders v. WMATA*. **The First Amendment requires that government agencies treat speech equally regardless of the viewpoint of the speaker.** WallBuilders Presentations is an organization dedicated to presenting America's forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on the moral, religious, and constitutional foundation on which America was built – a foundation which, in recent years, has been seriously attacked and undermined. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) rejected advertisements submitted by WallBuilders suggesting their ads contained issues on which the public held “varying opinions.” First Liberty, joined by the ACLU and the law firm Steptoe, filed a lawsuit against WMATA. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 15. 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)
- ❑ 16. Continue to pray for Ron Hittle, a fire chief from Stockton, California, who was fired after 24 years of service for attending a leadership conference that was held at a church. First Liberty Institute, Baker Botts, and the Church State Council announced that they will seek review of a decision by a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, which sided with the City of Stockton in firing former fire chief Ron Hittle. In August 2023, a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit sided with the City of Stockton. In May 2024, a divided Ninth Circuit declined to rehear the case en banc (the full panel of judges). First Liberty is planning to file a petition for certiorari to the Supreme Court, asking them to ensure that the proper standards apply to cases of employment discrimination and that employers are not given a free pass to treat religious employees as second-class citizens. Pray that the religious rights of all people are preserved. (Source: www.firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 17. 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)
- ❑ 18. 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)
- ❑ 19. Rights of Public-School Students: Pray that students and parents know and exercise their rights to opt out of activities that violate religious beliefs; to bring a bible to school; to form bible clubs; and choose religious topics. (Source: www.christianlaw.org)
- ❑ 20. 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: adflegal.org)

- ❑ 21. Executive Branch (President): Pray, petition and give thanks for "...all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity." (1 Timothy 2:2). Pray that the Executive Branch would create policies that would allow Christians to live in peace and share their faith freely and that would be compassionate while protecting our nation. (Psalm 82:3-4 NASB)
- ❑ 22. Legal Organizations: Pray for Christian legal agencies (Alliance Defending Freedom, ACLJ, Christian Legal Society, Center for Religious Expression, First Liberty and a host of others) that provide legal advocacy for issues surrounding freedom of speech and religion around the world. Pray that leaders nurture their walks with God and that they are open to the leading of the Spirit of God, not political ideology or expediency. Pray for wisdom as they choose, advocate, and litigate cases and effectiveness in their work.
- ❑ 23. Legislative Branch (Congress): Pray that "Congress...make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Pray that no law be passed that would infringe on freedom of religion or speech for any citizen and that the free sharing of the Gospel will always remain legal. Pray that all life would be protected by our nation's laws. Pray for your U.S. Senators and Congressperson to be led by God in their legislative decisions." (Source: First Amendment U.S. Constitution)
- ❑ 24. Frequent Legal Opponents: Many organizations (Freedom From Religion Foundation, American Civil Liberties Union, American Humanists Association, American Atheists, Military Religious Freedom Foundation and others) target Christian schools, ministries, churches, and individuals in court and in legislative initiatives with the purpose of silencing or punishing believers for behaving in accordance with their religious beliefs. Pray that believers would fight with spiritual weapons and seek and obey God as they combat these onslaughts. Pray that the leadership of many of these opposing organizations would come to know the love of Christ, forgiveness of sins and transformation of their lives. Pray that believers show love towards these people. Luke 6:27-28 "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. (Source: www.cpcfoundation.com)
- ❑ 25. States' Lawmakers: Pray for governors and state legislators to create no law that hinders the freedom of speech or religions for its citizens. Pray for your governor and state legislators to be led by God as they create bills, laws and policies.
- ❑ 26. Pray that Christian groups such as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) would continue to meet on school campuses. For over a decade, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes student club met at San Jose Unified School District schools in California without incident. But a teacher within the district singled out FCA's religious beliefs for ridicule, goaded students into protesting and harassing the club, and ultimately had the district kick the club off campus. After district officials refused to reinstate the club, FCA and its student leaders asked federal courts to permit the students to reestablish their longstanding FCA student clubs and protect their members from further harassment and discrimination. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, requiring the District to end its ongoing discrimination. The District asked the full Ninth Circuit to reconsider the decision and on January 18, 2023, the Ninth Circuit agreed to rehear the case "en banc" (before a panel of eleven federal judges). On September 13, 2023, the en banc Ninth Circuit overturned the district court's decision and upheld the ability of FCA student clubs to gather on campus. (Source: www.becketlaw.org)
- ❑ 27. Thank God for a favorable outcome in *Meinecke v. City of Seattle* and continue to pray that Christians will be able to peacefully share the gospel and evangelize. On April 18, 2024 the Ninth Circuit recognized the unconstitutionality of Seattle's policy, reversing and remanding the decision from the district court, stating, "We agree with Meinecke: the restrictions on his speech were content-based heckler's vetoes, and the City has not carried its burden to justify those restrictions." On June 24, 2022, Meinecke went to downtown Seattle to evangelize to individuals attending an abortion rights rally. Matthew Meinecke intending to share the gospel and offer hope, attended a protest against the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*. While reading his bible, some protesters reacted by ripping Matthew's Bible from his hands and tearing it to pieces. When the police came, they ordered him to leave and ultimately arrested him (not those who assaulted him). Two days later he went to Seattle's PrideFest where an attendee dumped water on his Bible, others spat on him and squirted water on him. When 10 police officers arrived, they again, did not deal with the unruly attendees, but instead required Meinecke to leave and then eventually arrested him. Although in April 2023, the Center for Religious Expression (CRE) filed a lawsuit in federal court seeking a preliminary injunction to protect the fundamental freedoms of Matthew, the request was denied in June 2023. The reasoning was that the police were protecting him by asking him to leave but he refused, so he was arrested. Continue to pray that Christians can openly read their bible in public places. (Source: www.crelaw.org)
- ❑ 28. Municipal Governments: Pray that local ordinances would not hinder the rights and activities of individual Christians or Bible-believing Churches and that the free spread of the Gospel is not hampered.
- ❑ 29. Pray that the 1st Amendment of the U.S. Constitution would strongly protect all religious rights in the United States.
- ❑ 30. Involvement: Ask God to direct you and other believers to legal issues that concern Christians.