

“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 -- January 2026***

*Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!*

- 1. Senior Pastor / \_\_\_\_\_** -- Pray that your pastor will be kept from physical and emotional burnout. Please also circle the day of your birthday (for example, the 1st) as a second day each month that you pray for the Senior Pastor.
- 2. Persecuted Christians / Nigeria** – Pray for the safety of bold Christians in Nigeria. Fatima, a Muslim student, approached a Christian teacher, Jonathan, wanting to know more about Christ. Jonathan cautiously shared the gospel with Fatima, and she became a Christian. She later recanted, however, claiming that Jonathan and other Christians had coerced her. Her family and other Muslims reacted violently, threatening to kill Jonathan and his family, so they fled. He is now unemployed and starting over in a new place. Pray that the church will be bold but wise as they reach out to Muslims. (Source: [www.icommittopray.com](http://www.icommittopray.com))
- 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 4,863,000-member Arab, Palestinian group of the West Bank / Gaza. (Source: [www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net))
- 5. Each Country's Leader** / Pray that President XI Jinping, the primary leader of China (1.4 billion), will be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that will help the gospel to spread freely in this country, and allow people to live in peace. A key source: Complimentary World Prayer Map via [www.ehc.org](http://www.ehc.org) [“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority...{so we can have peace and see people saved}” 1Timothy 2:1-4]
- 6. Bibleless People Groups** / Pray that the Ketning\* And Lik\* (22,000) people of Southeast Asia will have the New Testament translated into their language. They currently do not have the Scripture in their heart language. (Source: [www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org))
- 7. Additional Pastors &/or Staff / \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_**, Pray for this person (or people) as you feel led by the Holy Spirit. When applicable, also pray the above prayer for your Senior Pastor for this/these individual(s) as well.
- 8. An Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for all of the children and the workers who live at the Cayacoa Kinship Project in the Dominican Republic. Pray that the staff will have the Holy Spirit's help in raising up genuine Christian disciples with each of the children. Pictures of the project can be seen at [www.kinshipunited.org](http://www.kinshipunited.org). Ask the Lord to help your church adopt an orphanage (see James 1:27).
- 9. Abortion Clinics & Alternatives** / Planned Parenthood - 19831 Governors Highway, Flossmoor, IL ([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.  
PASS Tinley Park - 17214 Oak Park Ave, Tinley Park, IL ([Alternative To Abortion](#)) - Pray that today, (the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2026), God will compel one or more pregnant women considering abortion to come to this center via word-of-mouth, ads, or supernatural means. Pray that each will clearly know God led them and that they will choose not to abort.
- 10. Pornography and Other Addictions** / Pray for those struggling with alcohol addiction. Pray for humility to seek help. Pray for God to move mightily and give each individual victory and joy. Pray for any individuals you know who are struggling with alcoholism.
- 11. The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 40% of the World's Population)** / India - Pray that God continues to use several networks and alliances to mature and mobilize believers through prayer, pastors' retreats, and conventions. Ask God's blessings as they also coordinate training, literature production, missions, and outreach (the Evangelical Fellowship of India links over 224 denominations, the Pentecostal Fellowship of India links the major Pentecostal groups, and so on). (Source: [www.operationworld.org](http://www.operationworld.org))
- 12. The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders in the Jehovah's Witnesses who are sincerely attempting to love God with their whole heart. Ask Christ to speak to them directly, as He did for the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus. (Jeremiah 29:13)
- 13. Community Institutions** / Many communities contain businesses or organizations whose practices serve (some unknowingly) “the forces of evil” (tarot card readers/fortune tellers, zones of prostitution, churches or temples of false religions, etc.). Choose one from your community and pray in the authoritative name of Jesus Christ that the Lord and his angels will diminish its effectiveness.

- 14. The Strategic Prayer Initiative** / If you are not familiar with the efforts of the Strategic Prayer Initiative (SPI™), here is a short summary. Our primary mission is to use research, Scripture (Psalm 119:105), prayers for guidance (Matthew 21:22), experimentation, and many counselors (Proverbs 15:22) to help develop and refine prayer methodologies. Our focus is to refine approaches that are **“undeniably effective”** in moving large numbers of Christians to develop and/or maintain “good prayer lives” and to focus those prayers as one critical element of becoming more effective in fighting the spiritual battle. This battle is against sin, evil, injustice, and for the eternal souls of hundreds of millions of women and men throughout the world. **Please pray for the Lord to raise up more laborers, prayers, and financial resources for this endeavor.** (See early SPI Workshop Video for background information at [www.SPIprayer.org](http://www.SPIprayer.org))
- 15. Christian Ministries** / American Bible Society - American Bible Society endeavors to make the Bible available to every person in a language and format each can understand and afford, so all people may experience its life-changing message. Ask God to guide this ministry and open new doors of ministry. (Source: [www.ehc.org](http://www.ehc.org))
- 16. U.S. House of Representatives** / Hakeem Jefferies, NY 8th - Pray for God's blessing and divine revelation if any corruption.
- 17. U.S. Senate** / SC - Sen. Tim Scott - Pray for God's blessing and divine revelation if any corruption. 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)
- 18. President and Presidential Cabinet** / Pray for God to draw President Trump and Vice-President JD Vance to Himself and move them to make decisions that allow Christians “to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” (2 Timothy 2:2) Pray also for Cabinet member Secretary of Education, Linda McMahon. - See Supplemental Prayer Guide for additional prayer suggestions.
- 19. The Nations** / Saint Kitts and Nevis - Pray for the Holy Spirit to embolden believers for maximum kingdom effectiveness. Pray for Godly fathers for the many families led by single mothers. Pray for personal purity and integrity in an economy increasingly dependent on offshore finance. (Source: [www.prayercast.com](http://www.prayercast.com) and [www.operationworld.org](http://www.operationworld.org))
- 20. The Poor** / Jesus taught that whatever you do for the thirsty, hungry, stranger, naked, sick, and prisoner...you do for Him (Mt. 25:37). Pray that God would raise up more laborers to touch the lives of individuals or families in need due to poverty. (Gal. 2:10 and Matt. 25:44-45)
- 21. The Church** / Pray that the Holy Spirit would compel God-fearing members of churches with an unauthoritative view of Holy Scripture to move to a church where the Scriptures are revered, taught, and obeyed. (James 1:22-25, James 4:4 and 1 Peter 2:11)
- 22. The Family** / Pray that God would help couples work through problems. Pray that they would take advantage of the wisdom of Christian marriage counselors.
- 23. The Education System** / Pray that more of our schools at every level would be allowed to teach that the hypothesis of macro evolution is not proven and is only one view of how we came to exist.
- 24. Cultural Influencers** / Matthew Weiner (Writer) - Pray that God will infuse the decisions of this cultural influencer with a strong moral dimension and that his will help move people toward our Holy Creator, not away from Him. Pray for God's personal impact on his life. (Source: [www.mastermediaintl.com](http://www.mastermediaintl.com))
- 25. Power Players in Media** / Sigourney Weaver (Actor) - Pray for God's personal impact on her life, for guidance and wisdom, and for her to come to a deeper relationship with the living God. Pray that God will infuse her decisions with a strong moral dimension. (Source: [www.mastermediaintl.com](http://www.mastermediaintl.com))
- 26. Television** / Ask the Lord to bring men and women, excellent in knowledge, skills, and abilities, and with high morals, into favor at all levels of the FOX network, and cause the removal of dishonest employees. Additionally, continue to pray specifically that God would stop nudity from becoming part of broadcast television in the United States and diminish it on streaming services.
- 27. Important Legal or Humanitarian Relief Situation** / Pray for people in the northern Ethiopian regions of Tigray, Afar, and Amhara, where children and families face severe challenges, including alarming rates of malnutrition and food insecurity, exacerbated by persistent issues like drought, armed conflict, violence, and disease outbreaks. (Source: [www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org))
- 28. Personal Revival** / Pray that you will be shown any sin in your life and given the strength to resist it (1 Cor. 10:13). Pray that you will be led to **an ever-deepening personal relationship with the Lord** (Luke 10:27). [The following is a spiritual growth resource for you to consider. *The 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](http://www.ChristianBook.com) / 800.247.4784]
- 29. National Revival** / Pray that the Holy Spirit will be poured out on the United States, bringing deep conviction of sin, and ushering in an extended season of national repentance, conversion, pursuit of holiness, social responsibility, and the coming of God's Manifest Presence. Pray that any schemes of the enemy to thwart God's plans and truth in the nation, your church, or in your home, will have no effect.
- 30. Laborers** / Jesus Christ taught that the majority would see eternal destruction and only the minority would take the narrow path to eternal life (Mt. 7:13-14 & 7:21-23). Pray as He directed that “laborers” will be raised up to help more find the narrow path to heaven. [*The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord...to send out laborers. Mt. 9:37-38*]
- 31. Neighbor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Co-worker** \_\_\_\_\_