***The Strategic Prayer Initiative -- May 2015***

*Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!*

* 1. **Senior Pastor** / Tom Aubrey -- If your pastor is married, pray that their marriage would be strengthened, protected, and unified. Please also circle the day of your birthday (for example the 13th) as a second day each month that you pray for the Senior Pastor.
* **2. Persecuted Christians /** New Delhi, India (Morning Star News April 20, 2015) “Christians sustained broken bones and wounds when Hindu extremists on April 8th attacked an open-air gospel event in Telangana state, India, sources said…[Telangana] had the fourth-highest rate of attacks against Christians last year with 15 violent incidents, according to Evangelical Fellowship of India.” Please pray for these attacks to end. However, in the event they don’t end please pray for these believers to have the strength to endure.
* 3. **U.S. Supreme Court** / Pray for God to draw Chief Justice John G. Roberts into a deeper relationship with Himself. Pray that the Lord would speak into Chief Justice Roberts' life in many ways, including through his dreams. Pray that God would help him to make decisions that would be in keeping with the purity and character of the Lord Jesus Christ.
  + 4. **Unreached People Groups /** Pray that God would raise up the people, resources, and prayer necessary for the gospel to effectively reach the 1.5 million member Kui people group of India (BRAJ)
  + 5. **Each Country’s Leader /** President: Alexander Grigoryevich Lukashenkothe primary leader in the country of Belarus (9.5 million) Pray that this leader would be moved by the hand of God to make decisions that would help the gospel to spread freely in his/her country, and allow his/her people to live in peace. Source: 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}” 1st Timothy 2:1-4]
  + 6. **Bibleless People Groups** / Pray that the Zigula people from Tanzania (near Australia) would have the New Testament translated into their language. They currently do not have the Scriptures in their heart language. Source: www.wycliffe.org/bppp
* 7. **Additional** **Staff** **/** Jen Mills, Joe Brown, Carol Aubrey, Debbie Gritton, Karen Oles, Mat Oles-Pray for these people as you feel led by the Holy Spirit. Additionally, when applicable please pray the above prayer for your Senior Pastor for these individuals as well.
* **8. Children Of One Orphanage Needing Your Prayers** / Pray for “Orn Khim” and “Om Srey Lark” who live in the Ph'er Orphan Home in the city of Kompong Chhnan, Cambodia. See pictures of the home’s orphans at Warm Blankets website.

Source: warmblankets.org

* + 9. **Abortion Clinics & Alternatives** / Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa – 2751 Tech Drive, Bettendorf, IA (Abortion Clinic) Pray the Holy Spirit would bring great restlessness to the workers at the clinic regarding their employment. Pray each worker would come to know Christ personally. Pray that God would close this center down by nonviolent means.

Pregnancy Resources – 2706 W. Central Park, Davenport, IA & **829 15th Street, Moline, IL (**Alternative To Abortion) Pray that today, (the 9th of May), God would compel one or more pregnant women considering abortion to come to this center via word-of mouth, ads, or supernatural means. Pray that each would clearly know God led them & that they would choose not to abort.

* 10. **Pornography and Other Addictions /** Pray for the individuals who have the eating disorders of bulimia or anorexia. Pray for the Lord to give affected individuals victory over these destructive and potentially life-threatening problems. Pray that one or two good friends would come alongside these individuals and help them to have victory.
* 11. **The Big 3 (China, India, & Indonesia - Over 1/3 of the Worlds’ Population) /** Indonesia- The Christian response to Islamic aggression is as crucial as the aggression itself. Pray for Christians to respond with tact and love, but also firmness, and in all ways to commend the gospel. Pray for courage to share the gospel of Jesus. Pray for heartfelt repentance among all Christians for the ways they have damaged their witness by attitudes and actions of enmity and reprisals toward Muslims. Source: Operation World
* 12. **The Damascus Road Petition** / Pray that the Lord Jesus Christ would supernaturally intervene on behalf of leaders in the Mormon religion 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/organizations whose practices serve (some unknowingly)

“the forces of evil” (adult bookstores, tarot card readers, churches of false religions, etc.). Choose one from your community and pray in the authoritative name of Jesus Christ that the Lord would diminish its effectiveness.

* 14. **The Strategic Prayer Initiative /** For those of you who are not well versed on the efforts of the Strategic Prayer Initiative (SPI), following is a short summary. Our primary mission is to use research, Scripture, prayers for guidance, and experimentation to help

develop and refine models that are “undeniably effective” in moving large numbers of Christians to develop and maintain “good prayer lives” and to focus those prayers as one critical element of becoming more effective in fighting the spiritual battle. A battle 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…**

* 15. **Christian Ministries** / Matt Baker – Expedition / Praise: Anna Baker going to Africa (Zambia) May 26 – June 26. Prayer Requests: 1) God would provide for Anna’s trip to Africa and provide meaningful ministry and service opportunities while there.

2) God’s sustaining grace upon a number of families in Expedition going through emotional and health issues. 3) That God would “expand the borders” of Expedition’s influence amongst individuals and our neighborhoods.

* 16. **U.S. House Of Representatives** **/** Fred Upton 6th, MI - Pray God’s blessing, and divine revelation if any corruption.
* 17. **Top 7 Leaders From Each State /** Governor Jay Nixon MO - See 4 page SPI Startup Guide for prayer suggestions.
* 18. **President’s Cabinet** /Attorney General - Eric Holder See Supplemental Prayer Guide for additional prayer suggestions.
* 19. **The Nations** / Peru - Evangelical churches have grown dramatically. Recognition of evangelicals as a genuine religious presence and social force has accompanying expectations and challenges. Pray for a new and deeper work of the Holy Spirit to reignite and unite the Church and strengthen discipleship to prevent nominalism. Source: Operation World
* 20. **The Poor** / Pray that every American church would either create, or participate in, some type of ministry to the poor. "James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars…asked…that we…continue to remember the poor, the very thing I [Paul] was eager to do." (Galatians 2:9-10)
* 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 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 godly men and women would be raised up as instructors in medical schools in the United States and across the world. Pray the blinders (2 Corinthians 4:4) would be removed from the eyes of countless non-Christian medical students, that they might be able to see the incredible evidences for creation in human physiology.
* 24. **Cultural Influencers /** Sting (Singer)Pray that God would infuse the decisions of this cultural influencer with a strong moral dimension and that s/he would help move people toward our Holy Creator, not away from Him. Pray for God’s personal impact on his/her or their life/lives. Source: mastermediaintl.com
* 25. **Power Players In Film and Television /** Haim Saban - Chair. & CEO Saban Capital Group (owns Univision Commucations) Pray for God’s personal impact on his/her life, for guidance and wisdom, and for this individual to come to a deeper relationship with the living God. Pray that God would infuse the decisions of this individual with a strong moral dimension. Source: mastermediaintl.com
* 26. **Television** / Continue to pray specifically that God would stop nudity from becoming part of broadcast television in the US. This is now normal in France and the enemy of righteousness would like it to be normal over US airwaves as well. Additionally, ask the Lord to bring men and women with high morals into favor at all levels of CBS, and to cause the removal of dishonest ones.
* 27. **Important Legal or Relief Situation** / All across the country, there are reports of innocent school children being taught to pray Islamic prayers, make prayer rugs, and practice other Islamic rituals. At the same time, Christian children are being harassed for bringing Bibles to school and praying. Pray that this agenda of Islamization will not prosper. Pray for the protection of our children from such. (Source: aclj.org)
* 28. **Personal Revival /** Pray that you would be shown any sin in your life and given the strength to resist it (1 Cor. 10:13). Pray that you would be led to **an ever-deepening personal relationship with the Lord** (Luke 10:27). [Following is a spiritual growth resource for you to consider. These resources are typically available through a local Christian bookstore or at [www.CBD.com](http://www.CBD.com) / 800.247.4784 - Jesus Calling - Enjoying Peace in His Presence (A Daily Devotional) by Sarah Young]
* 29. **National Revival /** Pray that the Holy Spirit would 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, and social responsibility. Additionally, pray that any schemes of the Enemy to thwart God’s plans and truth, in the nation, your church, or in your home, would 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” would 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** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_