



Christian CND Prayer Diary – May 2019

Please join Christian CND in praying this month as we intercede for issues here and around the world. We believe God has the power to move in all these situations and that prayer goes hand in hand with our campaigning efforts. There are many things to be thankful for as well as issues we want to bring before God.

Things to thank God for:

- **The support for our work around the Westminster Abbey Thanksgiving Service**
- **Panama becoming the latest state to sign the Ban Treaty**
- **The opportunity to work with others on nuclear disarmament issues at the UN in New York**

“National Service of Thanksgiving” at Westminster Abbey

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

Westminster Abbey hosts a “National Service of Thanksgiving” on Friday 3 May to mark 50 years of Britain’s nuclear weapons being permanently on patrol at sea. Christian CND believes that a church is the wrong place for this service as nuclear weapons are counter to the teaching of the Bible. We will be gathering outside the Abbey for an alternative witness on the day.

Please pray with us

- **Thank God for the 190 clergy members who have signed our statement against the service.**
- **Thank God for the nearly 1500 people who have signed our petition calling for the service to be cancelled.**
- **Thank God for the Christian Peace community coming together to oppose the service.**
- **Thank God for the Christian leaders who will be participating in the alternative witness on the day.**
- **Pray that many would see the different Christian view of nuclear weapons.**
- **Pray that this would be the start of a new season of campaigning among Christian Peace groups.**

Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

Panama became the latest state to ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, while the parliament of Ecuador voted unanimously to do the same. There are now 23 ratifications to the Treaty, with 27 more needed for it to enter into force.

Please pray with us

- **Thank God that Panama has ratified the Treaty.**
- **Thank God for the vote in the Ecuador parliament.**

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- Thank God that many other states are continuing the process of joining the Treaty.
- Pray that more states would complete the ratification process this month.
- Pray that the Treaty would enter into force soon.
- Pray that the nuclear-armed states, including the UK, would engage with the Treaty.

Global nuclear weapons situation

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6

Talks between the United States and North Korea have stalled following the summit between their leaders in Vietnam. Meanwhile Kim Jong-Un has met Vladimir Putin in Russia where denuclearisation was discussed. Kim had previously stated that North Korea was ready to resume tests connected to its nuclear weapons programme.

Please pray with us

- Thank God that leaders are seeking dialogue.
- Pray that God would use our political leaders to bring about peace.
- Pray against the restarting of tests associated with North Korea's nuclear programme.
- Pray for the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula.

Christian CND at the United Nations

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:21-23

Christian CND is in New York for the first part of the month, taking part in discussions at the United Nations as part of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee. We will be discussing the latest issues in nuclear disarmament along colleagues from civil society.

Please pray with us

- Thank God for the chance for Christian CND to take part in these meetings.
- Pray that our team would secure meetings with key individuals.
- Pray that civil society would have a positive impact at the meetings.
- Pray that the outcome of the meetings would be positive and that the nuclear-armed states would be able to make progress towards disarmament.

Please keep the Christian CND staff team and Exec in your prayers.

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