

Christian CND Prayer Diary –September 2020



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 ratification of the Nuclear Ban Treaty by Ireland, Nigeria, Niue and St Kitts & Nevis
- The signing of the Ban Treaty by Mozambique and Malta
- The chance to remember the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and raise awareness of issues around nuclear weapons
- Christian CND members putting themselves forward to stand for election to our Executive Committee

Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us – Ephesians 3:20

Ireland, Nigeria and Niue ratified the Treaty on Thursday 6th August, to commemorate the bombing of Hiroshima, while St Kitts & Nevis did so on Sunday 9th August, Nagasaki Day. This takes the number of ratifications to 44, meaning there are only six more needed for the Treaty to enter into force. Additionally last month Malta and Mozambique signed the Treaty and will now start processes for ratification. It is hoped that more states will ratify the Treaty in the coming weeks and that the entry into force could be in early 2021.

Please pray with us

- **Thank God for Ireland, Niue, St Kitts & Nevis and Nigeria ratifying the Treaty**
- **Thank God for Malta and Mozambique signing the Treaty**
- **Thank God for those working behind the scenes in other states ahead of joining**
- **Pray that the Treaty would enter into force as quickly as possible**
- **Pray that the nuclear-armed states would engage with the Treaty**

Anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid – Psalm 27:12

On August 6th and 9th we remembered the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. As well as reflecting on the huge devastation caused to the cities and the hundreds of thousands of people who died, we prayed for those who continue to live with the consequences of the bombings to this day. As part of our commemorations Christian CND coordinated a statement calling for the UK to cancel plans to upgrade our own nuclear weapons system, this was signed by 219 Christian leaders and has now been sent to Boris Johnson. Additionally we were able to raise issues around nuclear weapons in the Christian and mainstream media.

Please pray with us

- **Pray for those who continue to live with the consequences of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki**
- **Thank God for the work of the survivors in campaigning against nuclear weapons**

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- **Thank God for the Christian leaders who have signed the statement coordinated by Christian CND and pray that Boris Johnson would respond positively**
- **Thank God for the opportunity to raise awareness of nuclear weapons around the anniversaries**

Christian CND AGM and Executive

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit – Romans 15:13

The Christian CND AGM and Conference for 2020 will take place online on Saturday 3rd October. During September members will have the chance to vote for the new Executive Committee to guide the organisation through the next 12 months. We are very fortunate to have had a large number of people willing to stand for the Executive.

Please pray with us

- **Thank God for those who have put themselves forward for election to the Exec**
- **Pray that the Exec elected would be able to quickly form strong relationships to take campaigning forward**
- **Thank God for those who have served on the Executive Committee for the past year**
- **Pray for a well attended Conference which will inspire people to action**
- **Thank God for all Christian CND members and supporters and the work they do**

Global security situation

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness - Lamentations 3:22-23

While the global news continues to be dominated by Covid-19, there are still many security situations around the world that require our prayers. No decision has yet been made on the resumption of nuclear tests by the United States and rhetoric from Washington towards China continues to be concerning. Many nuclear-armed states, including the UK are also pushing ahead with programmes to upgrade and enhance their own nuclear arsenals.

Please pray with us

- **Thank God for those around the world who continue to work and pray for peace**
- **Pray for our political leaders to have the courage to seek peace and cooperation over war and division**
- **Pray for those living in warzones, that they would be protected and comforted**
- **Pray for those who are living with the consequences or threat of war**
- **Pray that there would be no resumption of nuclear tests and that negotiations on disarmament would instead take place**

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

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