



Christian CND Prayer Diary – November 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:

- Tuvalu, Jamaica, Nauru and Honduras Ratifying the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
- All the effort that has gone into bringing the Treaty to this point
- Christian CND Thanksgiving Service which took place on 1 November
- Successful Christian CND AGM in October
- The New Christian CND Executive Committee, which meets for the first time this month

Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you – John 15:7

In October Tuvalu, Jamaica, Nauru and Honduras completed their ratification of the Treaty, taking the total number of states to have done so to 50. This means that the Treaty will now enter into force on Friday 21 January 2021, meaning nuclear weapons will be illegal under international law. This is a great step forward for our campaign, and one we celebrated with a Zoom Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 1 November.

Please pray with us

- Thank God Tuvalu, Jamaica, Nauru and Honduras ratifying the Treaty
- Thank God for all the states that have joined to date
- Thank God for all those around the world who have worked and prayed over many years to bring us to this point
- Pray that Christians would grow in awareness of the Treaty
- Pray that states would continue to join the Treaty in the coming months
- Pray that the nuclear-armed states including the UK would engage with the Treaty

Global security situation

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus – Philippians 4:6-7

There have been fears that a Treaty which limits the number of long-range nuclear missiles Russia and America can possess, known as New START, would expire and spark a new arms race. There is a new proposal from the Russian government which would see the Treaty extended for a year with a freeze on the number of warheads during that time. These were the conditions the United States had requested to agree an extension. This would give more time for a lasting breakthrough to be found.

Please pray with us

- Thank God the Treaties which have placed control on nuclear weapons
- Thank God for those who have been conducting the negotiations which have resulted in this proposal
- Pray for Vladimir Putin and Donald Trump as they decide on the fate of the Treaty
- Pray for those who continue to work for peace in both Russia and the US

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Nuclear weapons financing

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need – Hebrews 4:16

Christian CND has been working with other faith-based organisations on a report titled “*Investing in Change*” to highlight the investment policies of UK institutions towards nuclear weapons. The report showed that billions of pounds of our money is being invested in nuclear weapons manufacturers every single year. One of the key aspects of the Nuclear Ban Treaty is the restrictions on financing nuclear weapons and activities which support nuclear weapons. Since the report we have been able to open a dialogue with some institutions and investors, which we pray will see a change of policy in the coming months.

Please pray with us

- **Thank God for the work of the group which has produced this report**
- **Thank God for the financial institutions with policies which exclude investment in nuclear weapons**
- **Thank God for the willingness of institutions to engage in dialogue**
- **Pray that policies would change and money would be invested for social good**
- **Pray that awareness of this issue would increase amongst Christians**

November dates for prayer

- November 3 – Presidential Election in the United States
- November 6 – International Day for Preventing Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
- November 7 – Christian CND Executive Committee meeting
- November 10 – World Science Day for Peace and Development
- November 25 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

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

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