



## Christian CND Prayer Diary – January 2021

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:

- **Niger and Zimbabwe signing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**
- **Benin ratifying the TPNW**
- **Plans to celebrate the TPNW entering into law**
- **Another fruitful year of campaigning**

### Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

***Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ – Colossians 3:23-24***

Benin became the 51<sup>st</sup> state to ratify the TPNW when it did so in December, while Zimbabwe and Niger took the number of signatories of the Treaty to 86. Further ratifications are expected in the coming weeks in the lead up to the Treaty entering into legal force. Despite the overwhelming support of the international community NATO states have continued to seek to undermine the Treaty, which will enter into international law on Friday 22 January.

### **Please pray with us**

- **Thank God for the decision of the government of Benin to ratify the Treaty**
- **Thank God for Niger and Zimbabwe signing the Treaty**
- **Thank God for the leadership of the African States in joining the Treaty**
- **Pray that more states would sign and ratify in the coming weeks**
- **Pray that the nuclear-armed states would engage with the Treaty**

### Activities around the Entry into Law of the TPNW

***You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore – Psalm 16:11***

As the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons enters into legal force this month Christian CND is joining with friends in the Network of Christian Peace Organisations to raise awareness, inform and celebrate together. We are running two sessions for Christian Leaders to explain the importance of the Treaty and outline some of the steps we can be taking as Christians while our government refused to engage. On the day the Treaty enters into law we will gather on Zoom for a celebration featuring the ringing of bells from Coventry Cathedral.

### **Please pray with us**

- **Thank God for the 50 states joining the Treaty which have made this moment possible**
- **Thank God for the opportunities to raise awareness of the Treaty among Christians**
- **Thank God for the unity in the British Church in support of the Treaty and opposing nuclear weapons**
- **Pray that our events would be well attended and lead to increased engagement**

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### **Global security situation**

***Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God – Philippians 4:4-6***

As the world enters 2021 and continues to tackle the Covid-19 pandemic there are continued security threats facing us all. In the final weeks of the Trump administration in the United States there are continued fears that an attack on Iran could be launched. While President-Elect Biden has had positive things to say about the Iran Nuclear Deal the future of the agreement is uncertain. There are also questions about the future of the Treaty which has limited the nuclear arsenals of the United States and Russia, which is due to expire early in 2021.

#### **Please pray with us**

- **Thank God for efforts being made around the world to pursue peace and disarmament**
- **Pray that the transfer of power in the United States would be peaceful**
- **Pray that there would be no attack on Iran**
- **Pray that the Iran Nuclear Deal would be secured and adhered to by all sides**
- **Pray that the United States and Russia would be able to agree a new Treaty to limited nuclear arsenals**

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

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