Christian CND Prayer Diary – August 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
- A successful celebration of 60 years of Christian CND last month
- An overwhelming response to our internship applications and the appointment of two individuals
- Seychelles becoming the 55th state to join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemorations
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth - Matthew 5:4-5

On August 6 we will remember the 76th anniversary of the nuclear bomb dropped on Hiroshima, with the anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki taking place on August 9. We will be remembering not only those who were killed and injured, but those who continue to live with the consequences of the bombing. Those who survived, known as Hibakusha, have dedicated their lives to campaigning for a nuclear weapons-free world.

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 enduring witness of the Hibakusha for peace and a world without nuclear weapons
- Pray that the anniversary would give opportunity for a wider audience to consider the consequences of nuclear weapons
- Pray that there would never be another use of nuclear weapons
- Thank God for all those working around the world to eliminate nuclear weapons

Iran Nuclear Deal
For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future – Jeremiah 29:11

While talks around the Iran Nuclear Deal have continued in Vienna throughout the past month, the Supreme Leader of Iran Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has launched a barbed attack on the outgoing administration in Tehran, saying that future generations in Iran should “not trust the West”. Both sides have been blaming the other for the stalling of the talks in Vienna and the potential for the deal collapsing completely.

Please pray with us
- Thank God that talks are continuing – and pray that those involved would make a breakthrough
- Pray for the incoming administration in Iran, that there would be the same commitment to dialogue and potential for peace

Christians working and praying for a nuclear weapons-free world
• Pray that the Iran Nuclear Deal would be a framework for other states to move away from pursuing nuclear weapons

**Global security situation**

*You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word - Psalm 119:114*

Last month a video was released in China threatening a nuclear attack on Japan if the latter became involved with Chinese operations in Taiwan. The video was subsequently removed but continues to circulate online. Elsewhere Russia has reacted to comments from American President Joe Biden that Russia’s economy is “nuclear weapons and oil”, while North Korea’s potential nuclear arsenal has been estimated at as many as 40 nuclear warheads.

**Pray with us**

• Thank God for the diplomatic efforts involved in all of these situations around the world, pray that they would be strengthened and given courage to seek peace

• Pray that relations between China and Japan, and other states, would improve

• Pray that Russia and the United States would be able to make progress with talks on nuclear disarmament based on the meeting between the two leaders earlier in the year

• Pray that North Korea would move away from nuclear weapons and seek a path towards peace and engagement with the international community

• Thank God for activists in these states who continue to work tirelessly for peace and reconciliation

**Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**

*And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us - Romans 5:5*

Last month Seychelles became the 55th state to formally join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, confirming its ratification at the United Nations. There are at least six other national legislatures currently considering the Treaty with a view to completing ratification including Chile and Mongolia. The first meeting of States Parties – those who have ratified the Treaty, is due to take place in January 2022.

**Please pray with us**

• Thank God for the Treaty and all those who worked to bring into force

• Thank God for Seychelles joining the Treaty and the 54 other states that have already joined

• Pray that campaigners around the world would be strengthened

• Pray that the nuclear-armed states would engage with the Treaty

• Pray for those diplomats preparing for the first States Parties meeting

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