



Christian CND Prayer Diary – November 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

- **The Mongolian Parliament approving the ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**
- **A successful Christian CND AGM in October with a new Exec now in place**
- **The increasing activism around climate change ahead of the COP 26 summit**

COP 26 Climate Summit

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him – Colossians 1:16

Global leaders are gathering in Glasgow for the UN Climate Talks known as COP26. With the consequences of climate change already being felt around the world, the urgency with which a deal is needed to limit global temperature rises is clear. Military activities, including the development of nuclear weapons, account for huge carbon emissions globally, yet are exempt from any plans to reach net-zero carbon emissions.

Please pray with us

- **Thank God for the leaders and negotiators taking part in the summit**
- **Thank God for civil society, including many Christians, taking part in demonstrations and events on the fringes of the summit**
- **Pray that there would be a wide-ranging agreement to limit global temperature rises**
- **Pray that military emissions would be included in counting**
- **Pray that the emissions of the military would decrease in the coming years**

Global security situation

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged - Deuteronomy 31:8

Last month academics including Dr Lyndon Burford from King's College London warned that the increase in nuclear arsenals and modernisations of capabilities which could lead to a nuclear war with "devastating global humanitarian, economic and ecological effects". This is the backdrop to the news that China is apparently progressing with building silos which may be capable of launching long-range nuclear weapons in the future, while Republicans in the United States seek to remove limits of when American nuclear weapons could be used.

Please pray with us

- **Thank God for those around the world who work for peace and nuclear disarmament, often in very challenging situations**
- **Pray that the warnings about the consequences of nuclear weapons would be heeded by those in positions of power**
- **Pray that growing tensions between China and Russia can be diffused**

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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 the Mongolian Parliament voted to approve the ratification of the TPNW, which would see Mongolia become the 57th state to join. In New York last month a vote on the TPNW during the First Committee was supported by 123 states with just 16, including the UK, opposing. This represents an increase of five states voting in support from the 2020 First Committee. Meanwhile the first meeting of States Parties – those who have ratified the Treaty, is due to take place in March 2022 having been moved to accommodate the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference, which is planned for January 2022.

Please pray with us

- **Thank God for the Treaty and all those who worked to bring into force**
- **Thank God for those in the Mongolian Parliament who voted in favour of the Treaty and for everyone who has helped bring Chile to this stage**
- **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**

Relations with Russia

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing – 1 Peter 3:9

Under the terms of the START Treaty – which limits nuclear weapons Russia and the United States can have deployed – figures released show that between them the two states had more than 2400 nuclear warheads deployed last year as well as 1500 launchers including submarines, air-launchers and bombers. Meanwhile Russia has announced that diplomatic relations with NATO has ended after 19 years of the NATO-Russia council. Russia has also announced that it will increase spending on the military generally and nuclear weapons specifically as part of an upgrade in capabilities.

Please pray with us

- **Thank God that the START Treaty was renewed less than 48 hours before it expired earlier this year**
- **Thank God for the limits on nuclear weapons START enables and for the transparency it allows us**
- **Pray for those making decisions on nuclear arsenal deployments – that they would decrease numbers**
- **Pray that America and Russia would make progress towards reducing nuclear arsenals**

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

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