



## Christian CND Prayer Diary – December 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 decision of Germany to attend the TPNW States Parties Meeting as an observer**
- **Increased diplomatic efforts between the US and China**
- **All we have achieved together in 2021**

### NPT Review Conference

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

The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference will finally take place in New York at the start of January after nearly two years of postponements and delays caused by the pandemic. The Conference is a change for states to review progress in bringing the vision of the Treaty, total global nuclear disarmament, into reality. Unfortunately for many years the talks at Review Conferences have been deadlocked and no progress has been made. Early signs from states including the USA and Russia indicate that once again this could be the case.

### Please pray with us

- **Thank God for this international treaty and all those who worked so hard to bring it into force more than 50 years ago**
- **Pray for those who will be taking part in the Review Conference, both negotiators and elected politicians**
- **Pray that there would be a positive outcome from the Review Conference**
- **Pray that the Review Conference would be seen as the start of genuine and significant efforts towards nuclear disarmament**

### Global security situation

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast – 1 Peter 5:10  
Belarus is apparently open to the idea of hosting Russian nuclear weapons according to news reports, in a move that would inevitably increase tensions in the region. Elsewhere there are reports that President Joe Biden is seeking to open a dialogue with China in light of the fact that Beijing appears to be joining other nuclear-armed states in seeking to expand and upgrade it's arsenal. As talks on the Iran Nuclear Deal continue to stall the UK has said it will work “night and day” with Israel to prevent Tehran developing a nuclear capability.

### Please pray with us

- **Pray that there would be no hosting of Russian nuclear weapons in Belarus**
- **Pray that tensions in the region would calm and diplomatic avenues would be pursued in good faith by all parties**
- **Thank God for the apparent efforts to open dialogue between America and China on nuclear weapons issues**

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- **Pray that there would be positive outcomes from these moves**
- **Pray for the continued efforts around the Iran Nuclear Deal, and that there would be a peaceful political solution to the current impasse**

### **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful – Hebrews 10:23

Ahead of the First Meeting of States Parties of the TPNW, which will take place in Austria in March, Germany has announced that it will be attending as an observer. Germany is the second NATO Member State to make the move, joining Norway. It is hoped that it will encourage others to do the same and increase the pressure on the UK. Meanwhile there are around 6 states currently in the final stages of ratifying the Treaty, with more expected to complete the process in the coming weeks.

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

- **Thank God for the decision of Germany and Norway to join the First Meeting of States Parties as observers**
- **Thank God for all those campaigners who helped bring the decision about**
- **Pray that more NATO Member States, including the UK, would join in attending**
- **Pray that more states would ratify the Treaty in December**
- **Pray for those diplomats preparing for the first States Parties meeting**

### **Peace work in 2021 and 2022**

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ – 1 Thessalonians 1:3  
As 2021 draws to a close we reflect on another busy year of campaigning and rededicate ourselves to our work in the next 12 months. Despite the ongoing restrictions due to the pandemic we have seen the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons enter into force, widespread Christian opposition to the government plans for an expanded nuclear arsenal in the UK alongside everything else we have achieved together.

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

- **Thank God for all that Christian CND has achieved this year**
- **Thank God for the increasing awareness of, and opposition to, nuclear weapons among Christians in the UK**
- **Thank God for all the other organisations we work with**
- **Thank God for our members who keep us going, and the Christian CND Exec team**
- **Pray that 2022 would continue to see progress in these areas and that Christian CND would continue to grow**

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

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