



Christian CND Prayer Diary – July 2024

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.

UK General Election

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! –

Psalm 27:14

At the start of the month the UK will go to the polls for the fourth time in less than ten years. Almost all parties are committed to replacing the UK nuclear weapons system and increasing military spending, with the Green Party and nationalist parties being the exceptions. The Network of Christian Peace Organisations has produced a briefing which Christian CND is supporting that briefing and we have been encouraging supporters to contact their local candidates to seek their views on nuclear weapons. One of the first tasks of the Prime Minister after the election will be to write the letters to the commanders of the four Trident submarines with instructions of how to respond in the event of a nuclear strike on the UK.

Please pray with us

- **Thank God for those working to encourage candidates to take a stand for peace**
- **Thank God for the opportunity to exercise our democratic right in a peaceful and free election**
- **Pray that candidates who support disarmament and peace would be elected**
- **Pray that God would give wisdom to the incoming government**
- **Pray for the incoming Prime Minister as he considers the contents of the letter to the submarine commanders**

Situation in Gaza

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up – Galatians 6:9

As Israel continues to bomb Gaza relentlessly, hundreds of thousands of people have been forced to leave Rafah, often heading to areas with no water or electricity. Images of the aftermath of bombing raids on displace people in Rafah filled social media last month, with hundreds more people killed. There has been no progress on peace talks over the past month, despite calls from America for the war to end. The UN and aid agencies have warned that more than half the population of Gaza could be dead from famine within weeks as an Israeli blockade continues, with some settlers attacking aid convoys.

Please pray with us

- **Pray for an immediate ceasefire and aid sufficient to meet the humanitarian crisis**
- **Pray for immediate release of the hostages**
- **Pray that God would be with those suffering in Gaza**

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- **Pray for the children, living in constant fear in Rafah**

War in Ukraine

For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised – Hebrews 10:36

The war in Ukraine has now lasted nearly 2.5 years and appears to have reached a broad stalemate. Western countries continue to supply billions of pounds in military aid to Ukraine, while there have been concerns expressed that North Korea could be supplying weapons to Ukraine. While both major parties in the UK are committed to the continued supporting of Ukraine with further money and weapons, a recent major opinion poll across Europe found that most people believe a negotiated settlement is the most likely outcome of the war.

Please pray with us

- Pray for an immediate ceasefire between Ukraine and Russia which can lead to a lasting, just peace
- Pray for all those who have been affected by the war, including those Ukrainian refugees who continue to live away from home
- Pray for those on both sides who are working for a peaceful settlement

Global elections in 2024

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! – 1 Chronicles 16:11

Along with the UK, billions of people around the world have already gone to the polls or will be doing so later in the year. Recently India, the world's largest democracy, went to the polls, as did Iran. Later this year America will elect a president. These states are key international players on the nuclear weapons stage and their leadership will play a large part in the future global security landscape.

Please pray with us

- Pray for peaceful elections to take place around the world
- Pray for wisdom amongst the candidates and the electors during these periods
- Pray that at the end of the year there would be a more peaceful world

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

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