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Look to the Lord and His strength: seek His face always. (1 Chronicles 16:11)

We are pleased to enclose this week's edition of Prayer Alert.

Please pray for State Primary elections taking place in New Jersey (June 10) and Virginia (June 17), USA. More info in the [Prayer Alert 2025 Elections Guide](#).



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David Fletcher and the Prayer Alert team.

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Praise Reports

Ukraine: the Gospel is 'unstoppable'

Evangelist David Karcha has said that even in the midst of war, Ukraine is seeing a profound spiritual awakening. He has described how churches have become sanctuaries of hope, drawing countless people to Christ. When Russia invaded in 2022, Ukrainian evangelicals chose not to flee but to remain, share in the suffering, and witness through faith. Karcha declared that while the Gospel is powerful in peace, it becomes 'unstoppable' in war. Across the country, churches are seeing thousands profess faith and be baptised, driven by deep spiritual hunger. Their acts of faith have created a unified movement no war can halt. Evangelicals minister on the frontlines, in hospitals, to widows, orphans, and the broken. The church serves not only physical needs but also hearts seeking hope. Thanking European churches for their love and support, Karcha says, 'We listen. We pray. We help. Then, when we see how we can help and what can be gone, we speak Jesus.'

Praise: God for this awakening, even in the midst of war. Pray blessing for all those who are coming to faith. (John 1:5)

More: www.christianpost.com/news/ukrainian-church-leader-says-thousands-coming-to-faith-during-war.html

Singer's wife 'instantly healed' after receiving prayer

Pop and hip-hop artist Bodie has shared a powerful testimony of divine healing, describing how God restored his wife Royale Kuljian's hearing after doctors had deemed it irreparable. Her eardrum had been completely destroyed, with doctors preparing for reconstructive surgery. But after attending church and receiving prayer, she experienced immediate healing. 'This girl at church was praying over me by my bad ear, and suddenly I could hear her', Royale recalled. Doctors had previously found no eardrum at all, but post-healing examinations now show her hearing is 'perfectly normal.' Medical professionals remain baffled, but Bodie and Royale are calling it what they believe it is - a miracle. Bodie described the event as a 'tangible' and 'pretty cool' sign of God's faithfulness, saying it has been deeply meaningful to watch Him continually give him fresh vision in both life and career.

Praise: God for His healing power and for strengthening faith through miracles. (Psalm 147:3)

More: www.faithwire.com/2025/06/03/singers-wife-experiences-radical-miracle-while-being-prayed-over-instant-healing/

British Isles

Reeves announces £15bn for transport projects

Rachel Reeves has unveiled £15.6 billion in transport investment across England's regions, marking a major shift in infrastructure funding and regional priorities. Targeting areas long considered underfunded, the funding will support tram, train, and bus developments in the Midlands, the North, and the West Country. Greater Manchester and the West Midlands will receive over £2 billion each for tram expansions, while £2.1 billion will launch the West Yorkshire Mass Transit system. There are also major sums for Liverpool, the North East, the East Midlands, Tees Valley, and South Yorkshire. This investment marks Reeves' first open move away from the stringent rules in the Treasury's traditional Green Book rules, which have long favoured London. Though some projects were originally introduced under the Conservatives, Labour has reviewed and restructured them. While regional leaders praised the announcements, critics called for tangible results rather than mere promises.

Pray: for integrity, and for wise and careful use of these funds to produce the best possible results for communities. (Proverbs 20:18)

More: www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c331n47e7ko

More pensioners to get winter fuel payments this year

Rachel Reeves has announced that more pensioners will qualify for winter fuel payments this year, following the backlash over Labour's 2024 decision to cut the benefit for most retirees. While she confirmed the means-test threshold will rise, she did not specify by how much, and at Prime Minister's Questions, Keir Starmer also failed to clarify how many of the ten million affected pensioners will regain eligibility. Labour's original decision to means-test the payment reduced eligibility from 11.4 million to just 1.5 million, limiting it to pensioners receiving benefits like Pension Credit. The move, intended to save £1.5 billion annually, was part of an effort to address what Labour calls a £22 billion fiscal gap left by the previous government. Critics, including Kemi Badenoch, accused Labour of lacking preparation and transparency. Reeves insisted the government remains committed to easing winter costs for vulnerable seniors but acknowledged that specifics are still being finalised.

Pray: for justice and mercy in caring for the elderly, and for clarity about who will qualify. (Psalm 71:9)

More: news.sky.com/story/more-pensioners-to-get-winter-fuel-payments-this-year-but-confusion-remains-over-who-will-qualify-13379053

Christian groups call for prayer ahead of final assisted suicide vote

Ahead of a final Westminster vote on assisted suicide legislation set for 20 June, leading Christian groups have called for a national day of prayer on 11 June. They are urging believers across the UK to pray against what they consider dangerous proposals. Assisted suicide bills are currently advancing in both Westminster and the Scottish parliament, although it seems growing numbers of MPs who previously supported them may now abstain or vote against. Simon Calvert of the Christian Institute said that 'no safeguards can make these bills safe', warning that the legislation effectively facilitates suicide under the guise of compassion. He called for prayer to open politicians' eyes to the reality and risk posed to the vulnerable. MP Brian Mathew, who once supported the bill, now voices serious concerns, particularly the pressure it could place on terminally ill individuals who fear becoming a burden. Christian leaders are praying for courage, compassion, and clarity among lawmakers.

Pray: for courage and conviction in leaders to protect life and the vulnerable, and especially for those who are wavering about how to vote on 20 June. (Proverbs 24:11)

More: www.christianpost.com/news/christians-call-for-day-of-prayer-ahead-of-assisted-suicide-vote.html

Free school meal rule change to make 500,000 more pupils eligible

Starting in September 2026, all children in England whose parents receive Universal Credit will be eligible for free school meals, regardless of income. This change, announced by the Government, is expected to benefit around 500,000 more pupils and save families up to £500 a year. Education secretary Bridget Phillipson said the initiative will help lift 100,000 children out of poverty, though some analysts cast doubt on that figure. Currently, free school meal eligibility is limited to families earning under £7,400 annually. The reform marks a major shift and is part of a broader strategy to address child poverty. However, the Government faces pressure to go further - especially regarding the two-child benefit cap. While many charities and education leaders welcomed the move as a vital step, they stressed the need for automatic enrolment and additional support to ensure no child goes hungry. £1 billion has been set aside to fund the change up to 2029, with further announcements expected in Rachel Reeves's forthcoming spending review.

Pray: that no child in need goes hungry, and that the Government considers carefully whether to lift the two-child benefit cap. (Mark 10:14)

More: www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cdr5mr5l2d1o

Arsonists attacked London warehouse on behalf of Wagner Group

A court has heard that in March 2024 arsonists acting on behalf of the Russian Wagner Group caused £1 million in damage by setting fire to a warehouse in Leyton, east London, which supplied StarLink satellite equipment to Ukraine. The attack, livestreamed via FaceTime, was orchestrated by Dylan Earl, 20, and Jake Reeves, 23, who have admitted to aggravated arson and National Security Act offences. Four other men are currently on trial, accused of carrying out the attack after being recruited for the plot. Prosecutors described the crime as deliberate and calculated, driven by foreign influence, financial motives, and ideological support for Russia. The warehouse, involved in humanitarian aid to Ukraine, was targeted specifically for its logistical connection to the war effort. Prosecutors also revealed that Earl and Reeves plotted further attacks in Mayfair, including arson and a kidnapping attempt, to serve Wagner Group interests. The court proceedings continue, with some defendants denying the charges.

Pray: for justice to prevail, and for protection from those who have evil intentions. (Ephesians 5:11)

More: www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/russia-starlink-leyton-arson-attack-b2763595.html

Sellafield 'could continue leaking till 2050s'

The UK's largest nuclear site, Sellafield in Cumbria, may continue leaking radioactive water into the ground until the 2050s, a decade later than previously expected, according to a recent report. The leak stems from the Magnox Swarf Storage Silo (MSSS), described by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) as 'the most hazardous building in the UK'. The MSSS has been leaking since 2018; the report warned that delays and missed targets in cleaning up the site pose 'intolerable risks' and could prolong the danger. It also highlighted cost overruns, slow progress, and cultural issues at Sellafield, urging the Government to treat the situation with greater urgency. Though the NDA claims the leak is contained and not a threat to the public, MPs warn that the site's condition is a present-day hazard, not a distant concern. Plans for a permanent underground nuclear waste storage facility remain years from completion.

Pray: for wisdom, diligence, and accountability in stewarding creation and public safety. (1 Corinthians 4:2)

More: www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c0lne622kk7o

Europe

Russia: calls for retaliation after Ukraine's audacious attacks

Following Ukraine's audacious deep strikes on Russian strategic bomber bases, Moscow is facing mounting internal pressure to retaliate. While the Kremlin remains publicly silent pending investigation, media figures and bloggers have erupted with calls for harsh responses, including nuclear retaliation. Though such threats are not new in Russian rhetoric, the recent attacks - possibly disrupting Russia's nuclear response capabilities - may challenge the limits of Moscow's stated nuclear doctrine. An actual nuclear strike remains unlikely due to the immense diplomatic fallout it would trigger, particularly with key partners like China and India. A more probable reaction will take the form of intensified missile and drone attacks on Ukrainian infrastructure. As Ukraine's Western allies ease restrictions on weapons use, the Kremlin may feel compelled to escalate, risking unpredictable consequences in an already volatile war. Meanwhile, the two sides have failed to make progress in ceasefire talks in Istanbul: [see https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/clyng4dknww0](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/clyng4dknww0)

Pray: for restraint, peace, and protection amid rising threats and global tension. (Psalm 34:14)

More: edition.cnn.com/2025/06/04/europe/nuclear-threat-ukraine-russia-latam-intl

Switzerland: village devastated by glacier collapse

The centuries-old Swiss village of Blatten has been devastated by a catastrophic glacier collapse. Prior concerns about the stability of the Birch Glacier had prompted authorities to evacuate all 300 residents and livestock. Days later, over nine million cubic metres of ice and rock cascaded down, obliterating homes, landmarks, and even the village church. The collapse, which registered on national seismic monitors, left Blatten buried in debris and triggered flood concerns by blocking the River Lonza. Experts described the destruction as 'unprecedented'. Due to global warming, the rapid thaw of permafrost, long considered the glue of the Alps, is destabilising entire mountainsides. Although the timely evacuation saved lives (only one man is missing), the complete loss of the village has raised new alarms about the pace and impact of climate change on vulnerable mountain communities.

Pray: for strength and renewal for the villagers whose houses have been destroyed by this catastrophe. (Psalm 46:1)

More: www.bbc.co.uk/news/resources/idx-c7f929de-96a9-45e5-b1bb-31de82fce72d

Germany: WW2 bombs defused after mass evacuation

Authorities in Cologne have safely defused three large American World War 2 bombs after evacuating over 20,000 people in what officials described as the city's largest operation since the war. Discovered in a shipyard, the bombs triggered the evacuation of a densely populated 10,000 sq m area, including homes, shops, schools, a hospital, a major train station, and cultural sites. Bomb disposal efforts could only begin once every resident was accounted for, with police warning that refusal to leave would lead to forced removal and fines. Ambulances transported intensive care patients, while couples scheduled to marry at city hall were relocated. The city ground to a halt: roads were closed, public transit was suspended, and normally lively streets went silent. While WWII bomb discoveries are not uncommon in Germany, the size and impact of this operation were exceptional. Authorities praised residents cooperation and reminded the public to remain calm and prepared, underscoring the lingering dangers of past conflicts.

Pray: giving thanks for the successful operation. Pray for peace and safety amid reminders of past destruction and war. (John 14:27)

More: www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cj6r04e870do

Worldwide

Gaza 'worse than hell on earth', says ICRC president

The president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Mirjana Spoljaric, has condemned the worsening humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, calling it 'worse than hell on earth.' In an interview, she declared that 'humanity is failing' as the world watches the war's horrors unfold. Spoljaric said that neither the Hamas attacks on Israel nor Israel's military response justify violations of international law. She stressed that every party in conflict must uphold the Geneva Conventions, which protect civilians and non-combatants. Gaza's devastation has stripped civilians of basic human dignity, with aid efforts overwhelmed and even hospitals - like the ICRC's field unit in Rafah - no longer safe. On 3 June alone, 184 patients arrived at the facility, including 27 dead or dying. The ICRC, which is not participating in the new US-backed food aid system, criticised its dangerous design. Spoljaric urged global leaders to act immediately, warning that if legal and moral norms continue to collapse, the damage will extend far beyond the Middle East. On 4 June, the USA vetoed a UN resolution calling for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire: [see https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/04/us-vetoes-gaza-ceasefire-un-security-council](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/04/us-vetoes-gaza-ceasefire-un-security-council)

Pray: for urgent peace, protection for civilians, and restoration of human dignity. (Psalm 106:3)

More: www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvgq0gy82wjo

South Korea: new president faces immediate challenges

Lee Jae-myung, South Korea's new president, has entered office immediately following the impeachment of former president Yoon Suk Yeol, who failed in an attempt to impose martial law. Lee's decisive victory, with nearly 50% of the vote, was a public rejection of authoritarianism. Though he campaigned to heal democracy and unify the country, his first task is confronting a crisis stemming from US trade and security policies under Donald Trump. South Korea faces 25% tariffs on all exports to the USA, threatening its already shrinking economy. The issue is compounded by Trump's approach to intertwining trade with security commitments, casting doubt on the US military's ongoing role in defending South Korea. Now, Washington's strategic shift toward countering China could see US troops redeployed, leaving Seoul more vulnerable. Lee will seek to stabilize the economy and navigate complex diplomacy with both the USA and China, while asserting his country's independence in a changing geopolitical landscape.

Pray: for the new president to lead with justice, strength, and godly discernment, especially in knowing how best to deal with Donald Trump. (Daniel 2:21)

More: www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cpvkxxerln1o

India: devastating floods

Flooding and landslides caused by relentless rains have devastated northeastern India, with at least 44 people confirmed dead. Assam state has seen twelve deaths from flooding and five from landslides, with nearly 1,500 villages and over 617,000 people impacted. In Arunachal Pradesh, twelve deaths have been reported, while Sikkim has faced deadly landslides, killing two soldiers and a porter. The Indian Army is conducting tireless search and rescue operations in treacherous conditions, seeking six missing individuals amid unstable terrain and high altitudes. Other northeastern states are also reporting casualties as the disaster unfolds. Narendra Modi has assured support for affected regions, contacting local officials and promising relief. The scale of the disaster highlights the vulnerability of remote areas to extreme weather and the immense burden placed on rescue personnel. As the death toll rises, national and regional leaders face growing pressure to manage the crisis and protect vulnerable communities.

Pray: for comfort, rescue, and protection for every soul amid this disaster. (Psalm 34:18)

More: <https://voiid/en/news/486764>

USA: Musk calls Trump's tax bill an abomination

Elon Musk has sharply criticised Donald Trump's multi-trillion-dollar tax and spending bill, calling it a 'disgusting abomination' and condemning the Republicans who supported it. Passed by the House in May, the bill includes expansive tax cuts, which Musk argued will increase the US budget deficit to \$2.5 trillion and impose unsustainable debt on Americans. The tech billionaire, who has just ended his short tenure with the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), expressed disillusionment with Washington's entrenched bureaucracy and the resistance to his cost-cutting agenda. He had originally aimed to slash federal spending by \$2 trillion, but this was reduced first to \$1 trillion and later to just \$150 billion. DOGE'S controversial cuts, particularly to humanitarian aid, drew criticism and raised questions about actual taxpayer savings. The White House has dismissed his objections, but Musk, who served the legal limit of 130 days as a 'special government employee', urged Americans to vote out the politicians who backed the bill in the next election.

Pray: for righteous leaders to resist corruption and uphold fiscal responsibility. (Proverbs 16:8)

More: news.sky.com/story/elon-musk-calls-donald-trump-backed-tax-bill-a-disgusting-abomination-13378858

El Salvador: three colonels convicted for 1982 murder of Dutch journalists

Three retired colonels have been sentenced to fifteen years in prison for orchestrating the 1982 killings of four Dutch journalists during El Salvador's civil war. They are former defence minister Jose Guillermo Garcia (91), Francisco Moran (93), and Mario Adalberto Reyes Mena (85). The journalists had been filming with leftist rebels when ambushed by soldiers in a planned military trap. A 1993 UN truth commission had previously identified the ambush as orchestrated by Reyes, who remains in the USA despite an extradition request. Garcia and Moran are currently under police watch in a private hospital. The case was revived in 2018 after El Salvador's supreme court struck down a postwar amnesty. Advocacy from the victims' families and international bodies, including the Dutch government and EU, pressured authorities to bring long-delayed justice.

Pray: for justice, healing, and truth to flourish after years of silence. Thank God for this long-delayed decision. (Amos 5:24)

More: www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/6/4/el-salvador-convicts-army-officers-for-1982-killing-of-four-dutch-journalists

Colombia: an alternative approach to fighting cocaine production

Colombia is pursuing a peaceful alternative to its enduring drug crisis by offering payments to farmers who agree to uproot coca (the plant used to make cocaine) and replace it with legal crops like cocoa and coffee. About 4,000 families have joined the \$14.4 million programme, despite risks from armed groups that profit from cocaine and the uncertainty of sustaining income through legal farming. The government, under president Gustavo Petro, is aiming to eliminate coca from 45,000 hectares in conflict-heavy regions such as the Micay Canyon. However, since he took office in 2022 cocaine production has soared, driven by sustained demand worldwide, and his efforts to negotiate with armed groups, rather than using military confrontation, have faltered. Now the Trump administration is reassessing Colombia's status as a partner in the anti-drug campaign, threatening to curtail millions of dollars in military aid.

Pray: that this new approach will succeed. Pray for courage and provision for families turning from illicit livelihoods. (Matthew 5:6)

More: www.aljazeera.com/gallery/2025/6/3/aiming-a-blow-at-narcos-colombia-pays-farmers-to-uproot-coca

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