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Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
(Psalm 23:6)

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

Please pray for the Tasmanian state election (Australia) taking place on 19 July. See the [2025 Elections Guide](#).

Let's also be praying over the result of today's House of Commons 'free vote' on whether to allow the Assisted Dying bill to proceed further. If it eventually passes into law, the bill would make it legal for terminally ill adults with fewer than six months to live to access medical assistance to end their lives. See the Christian Concern response [here https://christianconcern.com/action/act-now-to-stop-assisted-suicide/](https://christianconcern.com/action/act-now-to-stop-assisted-suicide/)



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Thank you for partnering with us in praying for the nations.

David Fletcher and the Prayer Alert team.

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Praise Reports

Video game streamer is 'trying to live Biblically'

Tyler Blevins, famously known as 'Ninja', one of the world's top video game streamers, has opened up about a personal journey of faith. During a recent livestream, he shared that he and his wife Jess now attend church every Sunday and are growing in their relationship with God and Jesus. 'I'm just trying to be a better person', he explained, responding to criticism of his gaming habits. Acknowledging past flaws such as a quick temper and moments of hypocrisy, Blevins says he's striving to live more biblically and to genuinely walk the Christian path. He also has stepped away from toxic gaming environments and resisted the urge to retaliate against critics. Earlier this year, he made headlines for affirming his belief by declaring, 'Jesus is King'. Many fans have praised this transformation, with one calling his faith commitment 'the biggest streamer glow-up ever'. Blevins' candid testimony highlights a growing trend of influencers boldly embracing and sharing their Christian faith.

Praise: God for Tyler's bold faith journey; may more influencers turn to Christ and shine His light online. (Matthew 5:16)
More: www.faithwire.com/2025/06/24/top-video-game-streamer-says-hes-trying-to-live-biblically-going-to-church-every-sunday/

'Christ is my logic', says scientist with world's highest IQ

YoungHoon Kim, the man officially recognised as having the highest IQ in the world - measured at an astonishing 276 - has boldly declared his Christian faith. A renowned expert in neuroscience and artificial intelligence, Kim publicly proclaimed, 'Jesus Christ is God, the way and the truth and the life.' His statement, shared on social media, reflected not just heartfelt belief but also deep intellectual conviction: 'Christ is my logic', he affirmed. Kim holds a theology degree from Yonsei University and describes theology as 'the ultimate discipline of all fields of study'. He has also articulated how science and faith converge, referencing theories from quantum physics and consciousness studies to argue that death may be a transition rather than an end. Despite his status as one of the world's most brilliant minds, Kim insists that science and faith are allies in the quest for truth. His desire is to use his global platform to point others to God, exemplifying a humble intellect submitted to Christ.

Praise: God for YoungHoon. Give thanks that some of the world's brightest minds are proclaiming Christ; may their witness lead many to salvation. (Proverbs 1:7)

More: premierchristian.news/us/news/article/scientist-with-world-highest-iq-declares-faith

British Isles

UK must 'actively prepare' for a war on home soil

The UK's newly released National Security Strategy warns that the nation must actively prepare for potential warfare on home soil. Citing escalating global instability, including threats from Iran and the ongoing war in Ukraine, it calls for 'national resilience exercises' involving the public, businesses, and academia, aiming to build preparedness against cyberattacks, sabotage, and hostile actions from states like Russia, Iran, and China. Cabinet minister Pat McFadden stressed the need for Britain to be 'clear-eyed and hard-edged' in facing these threats, while Keir Starmer pledged to increase defence spending to 5% of GDP by 2035. Critics, such as Priti Patel, argue that the government lacks a detailed roadmap for defence spending targets. Nonetheless, the strategy invokes the wartime spirit of national unity and determination, urging a whole-of-society response to future challenges and affirming optimism grounded in the resilience of the British people.

Pray: that the UK will stand united, courageous, and spiritually alert in times of national testing and global threat. (2 Samuel 22:2)

More: apple.news/ARl1Oxh3XS2mZ9p95k_-2xQ

Starmer to retreat on benefit cuts to win over Labour rebels

Keir Starmer faces internal unrest over controversial welfare reforms, with up to 120 Labour MPs backing an amendment to block the legislation. The proposed bill would tighten eligibility for Personal Independence Payments (PIP) and limit sickness-related Universal Credit, changes critics say could harm thousands of vulnerable people. The Government insists the system is broken and must be reformed, aiming for royal assent by November to meet budget targets. Facing growing opposition, ministers are reportedly open to concessions, though details remain uncertain. Shadow ministers say the reforms should align with Labour values and protect the most vulnerable. Some officials suggest amendments may be considered later, while others expect the bill to pass narrowly without changes. With political pressure mounting and intense behind-the-scenes negotiations under way, the outcome may determine not only the fate of the reforms but also Starmer's ability to hold his party together on sensitive social policy. Breaking news: the Government is set to do a U-turn on this policy. [See https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cq6my6v81z4o](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cq6my6v81z4o)

Pray: for a compassionate and just welfare policy in the UK that truly protects the vulnerable while promoting dignity and work. (Proverbs 31:8)

More: inews.co.uk/news/politics/starmer-ready-retreat-benefit-cuts-labour-rebels-3770891

Reform would win most seats in General Election, says poll

A major new poll suggests that Nigel Farage's Reform party would win the most seats if a general election were held today—securing 271 seats. This would mark a dramatic political shift, as support for the two traditional parties has plummeted, with Labour and the Conservatives together polling at just 41%. Labour would drop to 178 seats, while the Tories would fall to fourth place with only 46. The Liberal Democrats would gain nine seats, reaching 81, while the SNP, Greens, and Plaid Cymru would also increase their presence. Despite Reform's lead, no party would hold a majority, meaning coalition negotiations would be inevitable. The results point to a fragmented electorate and growing voter dissatisfaction with the political status quo. Analysts see this as a watershed moment in British politics, reflecting deep-seated frustrations and a yearning for radical change.

Pray: for godly leadership and political renewal in the UK as voters seek change amid disillusionment and fragmentation. (Proverbs 14:34)

More: news.sky.com/story/reform-would-win-most-seats-in-general-election-in-depth-poll-suggests-13388577

Man found guilty of murdering teenager and three attempted murders

Marcus Arduini Monzo, 37, has been found guilty of murdering 14-year-old Daniel Anjorin and three attempted murders during a horrific sword rampage in Hainault, north-east London. Suffering from a cannabis-induced psychosis, Monzo launched a twenty-minute spree in April 2024, beginning with driving his van into a pedestrian before attacking several victims with a 60cm samurai sword. Daniel, on his way to school, was brutally killed in what a witness described as a chilling act of 'delight'. Monzo also wounded two police officers and a couple in their home, where he demanded to know if they believed in God. Though he claimed memory loss and diminished responsibility, the court ruled that self-induced intoxication was no defence. The trial revealed Monzo's disturbing online history, including far-right and conspiracy-related content. The jury also heard he had previously killed his pet cat before the attacks.

Pray: for comfort and healing for victims and families, and for spiritual deliverance from violent ideologies in our nation. (Psalm 34:18)

More: www.itv.com/news/london/2025-06-25/marcus-arduini-monzo-guilty-of-murdering-daniel-anjorin-14-in-sword-attack

UK to expand nuclear deterrent with US jets

The UK is set to expand its nuclear capabilities by purchasing twelve F-35A fighter jets capable of carrying US-made B61 nuclear bombs, marking the largest upgrade to Britain's deterrent since the Cold War. Keir Starmer announced the move at the NATO summit in the Hague, warning that peace can no longer be taken for granted amid rising global tensions. The jets, costing £80 million each, will operate as part of NATO's nuclear mission and be stationed at RAF Marham. This reintroduces a nuclear role for the RAF, dormant since 1998, and complements the UK's Trident submarine-based system. The decision comes amid warnings of potential attacks on UK soil and a broader strategic shift to counter growing threats from Russia and China. Starmer emphasised national security as his government's top priority, hinting that tax increases may follow to fund defence. NATO secretary-general Mark Rutte and Donald Trump welcomed the UK's strengthened commitment.

Pray: for godly wisdom and restraint as the UK strengthens its defences in a world growing more unstable and divided. (Psalm 20:7)

More: www.thetimes.com/uk/defence/article/nuclear-deterrent-britain-nato-summit-g89ptlc2b

UK chooses death from beginning to end

In a deeply consequential week for UK society, Parliament has voted in favour of two laws radically altering the nation's stance on life. MPs voted 379 to 137 to decriminalise abortion, effectively allowing termination up to birth, and later backed assisted suicide legislation by 314 to 291. If approved by the House of Lords, both measures will bring sweeping changes to British life and law. Critics warn the abortion vote ignores root causes such as poverty, pressure, and lack of support for women, while the assisted suicide law may create a 'duty to die' among the vulnerable. The NHS will be compelled to rewrite its constitution, and the Hippocratic Oath's principle of 'do no harm' is under threat. Efforts to amend the bill to protect those suffering depression or feeling burdensome were rejected. These decisions mark a further departure from Biblical values in British law, sparking calls for renewed Christian advocacy, compassion, and prayerful action as society drifts from its moral foundations.

See <https://www.thetablet.co.uk/features/the-killing-of-the-innocents/>

Pray: for a spiritual awakening in Britain, and for the Church to defend life from womb to final breath. (Psalm 24:11)

More: www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/uk-abortion-assisted-suicide/

Europe

NATO summit reaffirms collective defence, omits criticism of Russia

NATO allies, including the USA, have reaffirmed their 'ironclad commitment' to collective defence at a brief summit in The Hague. The final five-paragraph communiqué emphasised unity, describing Russia as a 'long-term threat' but stopping short of explicitly condemning its invasion of Ukraine, marking a shift from prior statements. In the only reference to the war, it said: 'Allies reaffirm their enduring sovereign commitments to provide support to Ukraine, whose security contributes to ours.' It also reaffirmed NATO's founding tenet, that an attack on one is an attack on all, despite Trump hinting at differing definitions. A notable commitment was a pledge to raise defence investment to 5% of GDP by 2035. The toned-down language and ambitious new spending target reflect tensions within the alliance. Meanwhile, on 24 June seventeen people were killed and over a hundred injured in a daytime Russian airstrike: see <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cr4w6kvvvgg6o>

Pray: for unity, courage, and steadfastness among NATO leaders defending peace and democratic freedoms. (Psalm 33:12)

More: news.sky.com/story/nato-allies-agree-ironclad-commitment-to-collective-defence-but-no-condemnation-of-russias-war-in-ukraine-13388393

Greece: five wildfires break out on Chios

A state of emergency has been declared on the Greek island of Chios as five separate wildfires, fanned by strong winds, are ravaging homes, farms, and infrastructure. The fires broke out within hours of each other, prompting the evacuation of seventeen communities. The authorities have launched an arson investigation, citing the suspicious timing and clustering of the blazes. They have caused widespread damage, destroying homes and cutting power across the island. Nearly two hundred firefighters, backed by aircraft and helicopters, are tackling the flames, with ninety more en route from Athens and Thessaloniki. Residents have joined in the firefighting effort, using buckets and makeshift equipment. This is the first major wildfire this summer for Greece, which is no stranger to devastating fires and extreme heat.

Pray: for protection for the firefighters, and for help for all those who are endangered. (Nahum 1:9)

More: www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cz09lmngyv2o

Venice: Jeff Bezos forced by protesters to change wedding plans

Protesters in Venice have claimed an 'enormous victory' after forcing US billionaire Jeff Bezos and guests to move their wedding celebration away from the city centre. The three-day event, featuring A-list guests like Kim Kardashian and Leonardo DiCaprio, sparked anger over the overt display of wealth and the strain caused by such a huge event. The group No Space for Bezos, supported by activists and environmental campaigners, celebrated the shift as a symbolic win for locals against wealthy elites. One activist said it demonstrated how ordinary citizens can challenge even the powerful. Venice, grappling with rising seas and rising rents, has long been a flashpoint for debates about sustainable tourism and economic equity. City authorities criticised the protest, citing the benefits that wealthy visitors bring. Yet activists insist that the issues of over-crowding, rising costs, and climate vulnerability must be addressed. The wedding itself will of course proceed, but for many Venetians, this moment has highlighted urgent questions about the future of their historic city.

Pray: that the authorities in popular European cities may know how best to deal with over-tourism. Pray for the mega-rich to take note of this protest and not to flaunt their wealth. (Proverbs 28:6)

More: www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cd0vjr07570o

Worldwide

Iran: Trump admits to doubt on damage to Iran's nuclear sites

After a US bombing campaign targeting Iran's nuclear facilities, Donald Trump and US defence secretary Pete Hegseth offered conflicting assessments of its impact. At first, Trump claimed total obliteration, later suggesting the damage might have been 'moderate' or 'severe', while a leaked Pentagon assessment concluded the setback was only a matter of months. CIA director John Ratcliffe insisted that critical sites like Fordow had been rendered inoperable for years, while Israel announced that the strikes had pushed Iran's programme back significantly. Meanwhile, questions emerged about Iran's highly enriched uranium, some of which appears to have been moved prior to the attacks. The IAEA warned that different estimates of how long it will take Iran to rebuild distracted from the larger issue of long-term non-proliferation, and the risk of Iran expelling inspectors and leaving the non-proliferation treaty altogether.

Pray: for discernment, restraint, and peace between nations on the verge of conflict. Pray for those advising the leaders of the countries involved. (Proverbs 20:18)

More: www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/25/trump-and-hegseth-admit-doubts-over-irans-nuclear-sites-damage-by-us-strikes

Trump's strikes on Iran harden North Korea's nuclear resolve

Donald Trump's decision to authorise airstrikes on three Iranian nuclear facilities has strengthened North Korea's belief that nuclear weapons are vital for regime survival. While both nations seek deterrence, North Korea's approach is rooted in preserving the Kim regime itself, backed by its extensive nuclear and missile arsenal. A US strike on that arsenal is highly unlikely, due to the country's ability to target Seoul and US interests in the Indo-Pacific. Its deeply buried nuclear facilities and alliances with Russia and China further complicate any potential attack. Experts have warned that Trump's decision has had a significant impact on Pyongyang's foreign policy, strengthening its belief that possessing nuclear weapons guarantees survival. With deepening mistrust of the USA, North Korea will be even less likely than before to change its belligerent attitude.

Pray: for an easing to the tense relationship between North Korea and the USA, and for restraint for all the countries which now have nuclear weapons. (Romans 12:18)

More: asianews.network/iran-strike-hardens-kim-jong-uns-nuclear-resolve-pushes-pyongyang-deeper-into-china-russia-orbit-experts/

Syria: attack on Damascus church shakes Christian community

A deadly attack on the Mar Elias Church in Damascus on 22 June has shaken Syria, especially its Christian community. At least 25 people were killed when an armed man opened fire and detonated a suicide bomb. The attack, claimed by both IS and another group, has spotlighted serious security concerns for Syria's new government. Labour affairs minister Hind Kabawat called for unity, stressing the shared pain of Christians and Muslims. The end of Bashar al-Assad's brutal regime was meant to usher in a hopeful era, yet the recent attack raises questions about the new president, Ahmed al-Sharaa, and his ability to protect religious minorities. Despite promises of inclusivity, tensions and mistrust linger. The Mar Elias attack intensifies fears that minorities may be forced to leave the country, highlighting the fragile nature of Syria's recovery. The government's response to these security and sectarian threats will define its legitimacy and shape its future.

Pray: that the new Syrian leaders will be able to protect religious communities and foster peace. (Psalm 9:9)

More: www.aljazeera.com/features/2025/6/25/deadly-church-attack-raises-security-fears-for-syrians-minorities

Sudan: devastating attack on hospital

A brutal attack on Al Mujlad Hospital in West Kordofan has left over forty dead, including children and medical staff, in one of the deadliest assaults on a medical facility since the war began in April 2023. WHO chief Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus condemned the attack as 'appalling'; it is not yet clear whether the army or the RSF was responsible. The fighting between the two sides has deepened a crisis which has left millions displaced and malnourished. Al Mujlad was the area's only functioning hospital, and its loss intensifies the plight of communities already grappling with disease, famine, and displacement. Humanitarian organisations have warned that children bear the greatest toll, with rising malnutrition and exposure to exploitation. As Sudan's war enters its third year, the call from global health leaders is clear: the targeting of hospitals and health workers must end immediately to prevent further humanitarian catastrophe.

Pray: for protection for the helpless, healing for the wounded, and an end to this brutal conflict. (Matthew 5:7)

More: www.africanews.com/2025/06/24/over-40-killed-in-attack-on-sudanese-hospital-who-chief-condemns-appalling-strike/

Colombia: 57 soldiers kidnapped in rebel area

57 Colombian soldiers have been seized by civilians and armed rebels in the Micay Canyon area, a vital cocaine-producing area in the southwest. The first group was captured on 21 June during an army operation in El Tambo; then another platoon was surrounded by roughly 200 residents near El Plateado. General Federico Alberto Mejía called the incidents a 'kidnapping' by rebels who infiltrate local communities, acting under the command of a FARC dissident group that refused the 2016 peace accord. President Gustavo Petro, committed to peace, announced that the release of the soldiers is 'imperative' as tensions rise. The government is struggling to regain control of rural areas as splintered armed groups move to dominate territories abandoned by FARC after the peace agreement. This crisis has reignited fears across Colombia, evoking memories of the bloody cartel violence and political assassinations which plagued the nation in the 1980s and 1990s.

Pray: for peace and the restoration of stability in Colombia. Pray that all the soldiers will be released. (Psalm 34:14)

More: www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/6/23/colombia-army-says-57-soldiers-kidnapped-in-restive-southwest

USA: Surprise result in New York mayoral primary

Zohran Mamdani, a 33-year-old state lawmaker and self-described socialist, has won New York City's Democratic mayoral primary, defeating former governor Andrew Cuomo. Mamdani, focusing sharply on rising living costs, promised free buses, free childcare, affordable housing, and a higher minimum wage, financed by taxing the wealthy. If elected in November, he would be the city's first Muslim and Indian mayor. His victory reflects growing progressive momentum. Cuomo, seeking a comeback after a sexual harassment scandal, conceded defeat, stating, 'Tonight is his night'. Critics question Mamdani's experience, fearing he may be ill-prepared for crisis management. Current mayor Eric Adams, indicted on corruption charges, announced he will run as an independent. The outcome of the primary, held amid sweltering temperatures, and the outcome of this race could indicate the type of leader Democrats are looking for during Donald Trump's second term.

Pray: that all candidates for leadership roles will have integrity, compassion, and a heart for the common good. (Amos 5:24)

More: news.sky.com/story/zohran-mamdani-socialist-wins-new-york-citys-democratic-mayoral-primary-with-promises-of-free-buses-and-new-apartments-13388224

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