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They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Blessed is the king of Israel!' (John 12:13)

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

72 hours of unbroken prayer – Easter weekend

Pastor Jonathan Oloyede and the National Day of Prayer Team are convening 72 hours of prayer this Easter. From midnight on Maundy Thursday (2 April) to midnight on Resurrection Sunday (5 April), they will host 72 hours of continuous prayer in their Digital Prayer Chapel. More info [HERE](#)

Praying for Elections

Let's pray for parliamentary, presidential and general elections taking place in Djibouti (10 April), and Hungary, Peru, and Benin (all on 12 April).



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We invite the Prayer Alert community to join us on the free online Interseed House of Prayer app where we are praying and sharing thoughts on the weekly prayer guide issues and themes.

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Invitation - to serve with the PA team!

Would you like to join our Prayer Alert team?

We are a group of volunteers based in different parts of England, India, and USA. If you appreciate what we do and are confident with browsing the internet, discovering relevant articles and basic editing, we would love to hear from you! Please hit 'reply', introduce yourself, and we will be in touch.

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

David Fletcher and the Prayer Alert team.

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Praise Reports

[Georgia megachurch baptises 400 in one weekend](#)

A remarkable outpouring of faith was witnessed at Bethlehem Church, a megachurch in Georgia, where 400 people were baptised over a single weekend. The baptisms followed a sermon series focused on the Holy Spirit, during which Pastor Jason Britt sensed a clear prompting to invite people to respond publicly to the call of Christ. Church leaders described the moment as the fruit of years of faithful sowing through discipleship, relationships, and consistent witness. Many who were baptised had previously been connected through small groups, personal conversations, and pastoral care. Pastor Britt preached from Acts 2, emphasising repentance and baptism as a response to the Holy Spirit's work. He said that a Spirit-filled church is marked by people who are sensitive and obedient to God's leading. The church is now committed to nurturing new believers through ongoing support, including small groups, personal follow-up, and encouragement, helping them grow strong in their walk with Christ.

Praise: God for this harvest of salvations, and for obedient hearts responding to the Holy Spirit's call. (Acts 2:41)

More: premierchristian.news/en/news/article/400-baptised-by-georgia-church-in-one-weekend

A personal tragedy prompts a powerful story of forgiveness and faith

A powerful testimony of redemption and forgiveness is reaching global audiences through the film 'God's Here,' created by filmmaker Bill McAdams Jr. Inspired by personal tragedy, the story follows a grieving firefighter whose life is shattered by the loss of his family in a hit-and-run accident. As the narrative unfolds, he is forced to confront deep questions of justice, mercy, and the possibility of forgiveness. The film reflects McAdams' own journey after his brother's death in 2012. Over several years, he wrestled with grief and anger before discovering healing through faith. A defining moment came when his mother chose to forgive the driver responsible and even invited her family to the funeral - an act of extraordinary grace that shaped the heart of the film. Rather than presenting a superficial message, the film honestly explores pain, despair, and the struggle toward peace. McAdams emphasises that true healing comes through surrendering pain to God and living daily in His Word: in Christ, even the deepest wounds can lead to restoration, joy, and renewed purpose.

Praise: God for testimonies of forgiveness, healing, and redemption which reveal Christ's transforming power through suffering. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

More: www.christianpost.com/news/bill-mcadams-turns-tragedy-into-powerful-story-of-faith.html

British Isles

Sarah Mullally enthroned as first female Archbishop of Canterbury

Sarah Mullally has been formally enthroned as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, becoming the first woman in the Church of England's 1,400-year history to hold this role. The ceremony at Canterbury Cathedral marked the beginning of her public ministry as spiritual leader of the Anglican Communion and head of the Church of England. Over two thousand people attended, including Prince William, Keir Starmer, and representatives from across the global Church. Mullally's journey to this position has been remarkable. Formerly a cancer nurse and later England's youngest chief nursing officer, she was ordained at 40 and became bishop of London in 2018. Her enthronement reflects significant change within the Church, where female priests were only first ordained in 1994. However, deep divisions remain within the Anglican Communion over theology and leadership, and the Church continues to face scrutiny over past safeguarding failures. Mullally will need to provide steady leadership, restore trust, and guide the Church through complex cultural and spiritual tensions in the years ahead. See <https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/watch-installation-archbishop-canterbury-live>

Pray: for Archbishop Mullally to lead with biblical conviction, humility, and courage, strengthening unity and restoring trust. (1 Peter 5:2,3)

More: news.sky.com/story/dame-sarah-mullally-enthroned-as-first-female-archbishop-of-canterbury-in-historic-ceremony-13524345

Two arrested over arson attack on Jewish charity ambulances

Two British men have been arrested following an arson attack targeting four ambulances belonging to Hatzola, a volunteer-run Jewish emergency service in north London. The suspects, aged 45 and 47, were detained on suspicion of arson with intent to endanger life and remain in police custody. CCTV showed individuals setting fire to the vehicles using accelerants. Explosions from gas canisters caused significant damage to nearby properties, including a synagogue, and led to evacuations in the surrounding area. Police are treating the attack as an antisemitic hate crime, though investigations continue into a claim of responsibility by an extremist group. Community leaders have expressed gratitude for swift police action but remain concerned about safety, with heightened security measures still in place. The incident has deeply shaken the local Jewish community, highlighting the need for vigilance, protection, and unity in the face of hatred and violence. In a notable response, King Charles has agreed to become patron of a fellow Jewish charity: see <https://www.civilsociety.co.uk/news/king-charles-becomes-jewish-protection-charity-patron-after-arson-attack.html>

Pray: for protection over Jewish communities, justice against hate crimes, and peace overcoming antisemitism and violence. (Psalm 121:7,8)

More: news.sky.com/story/two-british-men-arrested-in-connection-with-golders-green-ambulances-arson-attack-13523827

Social media bans and digital curfews to be trialled on teenagers

The Government is launching a major pilot scheme to explore the impact of restricting social media use among teenagers. Three hundred young people will take part, divided into groups experiencing different measures: complete bans on certain apps, overnight digital curfews, or limits of one hour per day. A fourth group will act as a control for comparison. The initiative aims to gather real-world evidence as ministers consider whether to introduce stronger regulations, including a potential ban on social media for under-16s, similar to proposals in other countries. Families involved will be interviewed to assess effects on sleep, mental health, schoolwork, and family life, while researchers will also study whether young people find ways to bypass restrictions. Alongside this, a larger independent study involving four thousand students will examine how reducing use of social media affects wellbeing and behaviour. While many support tighter controls to protect children, others argue that responsibility should also lie with technology companies to create safer platforms. The findings will help shape future policy decisions aimed at safeguarding young people in an increasingly digital world. See also <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c20qzw9xzzr9o>

Pray: for protection over young people, for healthy boundaries online, and for leaders shaping policies which safeguard children. (Philippians 4:8)

More: www.bbc.com/news/articles/cn89g3ngkyzo

Junior doctors to strike for six days over Easter holidays

Junior doctors in England have announced a six-day strike from 7 to 13 April, escalating an ongoing dispute with the Government over pay and working conditions. The British Medical Association (BMA), representing resident doctors, is calling for a 26% pay rise, arguing that current proposals fail to address years of real-term pay erosion. This will be the fifteenth round of industrial action in three years and one of the longest to date. The Government has pointed to a recommended 3.5% pay increase from the independent review body, but union leaders say this falls far short of restoring fair pay, especially amid rising inflation and increasing numbers of doctors leaving the UK. Negotiations had shown signs of progress, but talks have since stalled, with both sides holding firm positions. Healthcare leaders have expressed concern about the impact on patients and are urging renewed dialogue, potentially with external mediation. With tensions high and no immediate resolution in sight, the NHS faces further disruption during a critical period.

Pray: for resolution between doctors and government, protecting patients, restoring fairness, and strengthening the NHS workforce. (Colossians 3:15)

More: www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15678795/Resident-doctors-England-announce-six-day-strike.html

Pentagon inks deal with BAE, Lockheed for increased production

The Pentagon has signed major agreements with BAE Systems and Lockheed Martin to significantly increase production of key components for the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system. The deal will see output of advanced infrared seekers quadrupled, supporting a wider plan to expand annual interceptor production from 96 to 400 units. These seekers enable the system to detect and track incoming ballistic missiles travelling at extreme speeds, allowing interceptors to destroy threats through direct impact. The contracts are designed to strengthen supply chains and provide stability for defence manufacturers, enabling investment, expansion, and increased hiring. Officials emphasise that bolstering production capacity is essential to maintaining a strong defensive capability in an increasingly uncertain global environment. However, concerns remain about the high cost of such systems compared to cheaper weapons like drones. Despite this, US defence leaders view THAAD as a critical component of national and allied security.

Pray: for global leaders to pursue peace, restraint, and responsible defence decisions which protect lives and prevent escalation. (Micah 4:3)
More: www.defensenews.com/industry/techwatch/2026/03/25/pentagon-inks-deal-with-bae-lockheed-to-quadruple-thaad-seeker-production/

557 arrests in a month as fraud crackdown delivers record results

A nationwide fraud crackdown has led to 557 arrests in a single month, marking the most successful phase yet of Operation Henhouse. The initiative targets organised fraud networks operating both online and offline. Authorities also froze £9 million in bank accounts and seized £18.1 million in cash and assets during February alone. In South Yorkshire, more than three hundred people were deceived through fake online adverts for vans. Criminals persuaded victims to pay deposits, only for them to discover the vehicles did not exist. The scam relied on over 90 'money mules', often recruited via social media, who allowed their bank accounts to be used to move stolen funds. Three men were jailed for their roles in the operation. Over five years, Operation Henhouse has resulted in nearly two thousand arrests and disrupted over £67 million linked to fraud.

Pray: for justice against fraud, protection for vulnerable people, and wisdom for authorities combating deception and financial crime. (Proverbs 11:1)
More: www.thestar.co.uk/news/557-arrests-in-one-month-as-uk-fraud-crackdown-delivers-record-results-6214123

Europe

Ukraine / Russia: attacks on each other's energy infrastructure

Russia and Ukraine have exchanged strikes on each other's energy infrastructure, leaving widespread power outages and civilian hardship. In Russia's Belgorod region, around 450,000 people were left without electricity, with heating and water supplies also disrupted amid freezing temperatures. Meanwhile, in Ukraine's Chernihiv region, about 150,000 residents lost power after damage to key facilities, with repairs delayed by ongoing security risks. Additional attacks in Odessa caused casualties and property damage, while a Ukrainian drone strike sparked a fire at a major Russian oil export terminal in Ust-Luga. These escalating attacks form part of a broader strategy to weaken energy capacity on both sides. As the conflict continues, concerns are growing over regional stability, especially after a Russian drone reportedly crashed in Latvia, raising fears of wider international escalation.

Pray: that civilians in both countries will find protection. Pray for negotiations to reopen about a ceasefire, to prevent wider conflict. (Psalm 46:1)
More: www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/3/25/russia-ukraine-tit-for-tat-attacks-knock-out-power-for-over-half-a-million

Denmark: minority government likely after snap election

Danish voters headed to the polls in a snap election called by prime minister Mette Frederiksen, who is seeking a third term. Exit polls suggest her Social Democratic-led coalition won the most seats but may fall short of a clear majority, leaving the final outcome dependent on smaller parties. The centre-ground Moderates, led by Lars Løkke Rasmussen, are expected to play a key role in forming a government. Meanwhile, both the Danish People's Party and the Liberal Alliance made notable gains, reflecting a shift in voter sentiment. Frederiksen is known for strong support of Ukraine in its defence against Russia's invasion and for a restrictive approach to migration, and has been praised for standing her ground against Donald Trump's claims that the USA should annex Greenland. However, the campaign largely focused on domestic concerns such as inflation, welfare, and environmental pressures. The close result highlights a fragmented political landscape and the need for cooperation in shaping Denmark's next government.

Pray: that a new government will be formed which will pursue wise cooperation and govern with integrity and justice. (Proverbs 11:14)
More: www.euronews.com/my-europe/2026/03/24/denmark-votes-in-snap-election-as-mette-frederiksen-seeks-third-term

Worldwide

USA: Meta and YouTube found guilty of designing addictive products

In a landmark decision, a Los Angeles jury has found Meta and YouTube liable for designing addictive features which harmed a young user. The plaintiff, identified as KGM, testified that prolonged use from early childhood contributed to depression, self-harm, and diagnosed mental health conditions. Jurors concluded the companies were negligent and failed to provide adequate warnings, awarding \$6m in damages. The case drew comparisons to past litigation against tobacco firms, focusing on product design and knowledge of harm. Both companies deny wrongdoing and plan to appeal, arguing that mental health issues are complex. This trial is the first in a consolidated group of cases brought in California against Meta, TikTok, YouTube and Snap on behalf of more than 1,600 plaintiffs, including more than 350 families and 250 school districts. TikTok and Snap settled the KGM lawsuit just before the trial began. See also <https://www.prayer-alert.net/en/pa-pray/regions/worldwide/item/54577-usa-zuckerberg-in-trial-to-assess-addictive-effects-of-social-media>

Pray: that this ruling will lead to young people being better protected, and for social media companies to be more responsible in promoting wellbeing rather than harm. (1 Corinthians 6:12)
More: www.theguardian.com/media/2026/mar/25/jury-verdict-us-first-social-media-addiction-trial-meta-youtube

Middle East war: Trump's claims of negotiations are rebuffed by Iran

Iran has rejected claims by Donald Trump that negotiations are under way to end the conflict, with military spokesperson Ebrahim Zolfaqari accusing Washington of 'negotiating with itself' to mask failure. While US officials suggest progress and reports indicate a proposed plan involving limits on Iran's nuclear and missile programmes, Iranian leaders insist no direct or indirect talks have taken place. Confusion persists as regional actors, including Pakistan and Turkey, reportedly act as intermediaries, passing messages in hopes of de-escalation. Meanwhile, hostilities continue, with Israel and Iran exchanging strikes and civilian casualties reported. The US is also increasing its military presence in the region, highlighting the tension between diplomatic signals and ongoing conflict, and underscoring the fragility of any potential path toward peace.

Pray: that the confusion will clear. Pray that genuine dialogue will lead to peace and restraint. (James 3:17)
More: www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/3/25/us-talking-to-itself-says-iran-as-trump-claims-wheels-of-diplomacy-turning

Asia: effects of Strait of Hormuz blockade on ordinary people

The effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz by Iran has disrupted global energy supplies, sending oil prices higher and straining economies, especially across Asia. With nearly 90% of shipments through the strait destined for the region, countries such as the Philippines, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and India are facing fuel shortages and rising costs. Governments have introduced emergency measures, including reduced working hours, remote work policies, and fuel rationing. The crisis has deeply affected everyday livelihoods, with drivers, farmers, factory workers, and small businesses struggling to cope. Industries have slowed or shut down, while long queues for fuel and rising living costs have increased uncertainty. Though the conflict is geographically distant, its economic impact is immediate, exposing the vulnerability of global energy systems and the fragile balance many communities depend on.

Pray: for provision, stability, and relief for families facing severe economic hardship. (Philippians 4:19)
More: www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c1450zj6n48o

Argentina: fifty years after coup, search continues for thousands of disappeared

In 1977, Argentine teacher Taty Almeida began searching for her missing son Alejandro, one of thousands who disappeared during the military dictatorship. With nowhere else to turn, she joined other mothers in Buenos Aires' Plaza de Mayo, publicly demanding answers about their children. Over five decades, the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo have become a powerful symbol of resistance, seeking truth and justice for up to 30,000 victims. Today, their mission continues despite political challenges, reduced government support, and concerns about weakening accountability under president Javier Milei. Meanwhile, other organisations have helped children taken from detained parents to discover their own identity, and younger generations are determined to continue the work. Though many original members are elderly, their persistence reflects enduring hope that truth will prevail and the missing will be found.

Pray: that truth, justice, and remembrance prevail for families of the disappeared. (Isaiah 1:17)
More: www.aljazeera.com/news/longform/2026/3/24/mothers-of-the-plaza-de-mayo-reflect-on-50th-anniversary-of-argentina-coup

Canada: Quebec law banning religious symbols has much wider implications

A landmark legal challenge to Quebec's secularism law, Bill 21, is set to be heard by Canada's supreme court, raising major questions about religious freedom, constitutional rights, and national unity. The 2019 law bars certain public-sector workers from wearing religious symbols and is protected by the 'notwithstanding clause', which allows governments to override specific Charter rights. Critics argue the law disproportionately affects religious minorities and risks setting a precedent for limiting fundamental freedoms, while supporters say it upholds state neutrality and democratic authority. The case has drawn widespread attention; many, including the federal government, have called for imposing limits on how the clause can be used. The court's decision could redefine the balance between judicial oversight and parliamentary power, with implications extending far beyond Quebec.

Pray: that justice will protect freedoms and promote unity in Canada, amid deeply contested issues. (Psalm 89:14)
More: www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c78j8vk3r50o

UN: Ghana urges members to call the slave trade 'crime against humanity'

Ghana's UN representative, Samuel Yao Kumah, has called on member states to support a draft resolution recognising the transatlantic slave trade as 'the gravest crime against humanity'. The proposal, presented to a General Assembly session on 25 March, aims to strengthen ongoing reparations efforts, particularly those led by Caribbean nations. Kumah emphasised that the resolution does not diminish other historical tragedies but highlights the profound global impact of centuries of African enslavement, which helped shape enduring systems of inequality. He stressed that such resolutions are declaratory political instruments, not judicial rulings, and cannot create legally binding hierarchies of crime. By acknowledging this past, Ghana and its partners hope to lay a foundation for future reparative initiatives while challenging attempts to obscure or minimise the legacy of slavery and its continuing consequences.

Pray: that world leaders will acknowledge truth and advance justice for historic injustices. (Micah 6:8)
More: www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/ghana-urges-un-support-for-slavery-resolution-to-bolster-reparations-efforts/3876364

Chile: protests as new president revokes environmental protection measures

On 22 March, World Water Day, thousands of people marched in Santiago and many other cities across Chile, protesting the rollback of environmental protections by newly-elected president José Antonio Kast. His administration quickly halted 43 regulations introduced under former president Gabriel Boric, including measures safeguarding endangered species, creating national parks, regulating emissions, and addressing pollution. Protesters, organised by environmental groups, warned that these changes could deepen inequality, noting that around 1.4 million Chileans still lack access to safe drinking water. Critics argue the policy shift prioritises economic deregulation over environmental care, raising concerns about long-term ecological damage and public health. The demonstrations reflect growing unease about the country's direction and the balance between development and stewardship of natural resources. The new president has also taken speedy action to start building a barrier between Chile and its northern neighbour Peru: [see https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvg1227k00eo](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvg1227k00eo)

Pray: that the new president will take all his responsibilities seriously, including valuing the environment and fostering good relationships with neighbouring countries. (Genesis 2:15)
More: www.pbs.org/newshour/world/thousands-of-chileans-protest-president-kasts-environmental-rollbacks-on-world-water-day

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