

Pray for your area

To have an impact on all of a specific culture, people or nation with the total transforming power of the gospel, every major sphere of influence in that culture has to be affected. This involves the seven clearly defined spheres listed here. As you pray for your area, mark key places which represent these seven spheres on the map overleaf. Use the map as you pray alone, with your small group, church or churches together. A prayer walk is one way to pray. Or you can concentrate on just one focus for each of the days of the week. For example, on day one you could focus on 'the Church,' day two, on 'Family and Marriages,' and so forth. Numerous sub-categories needing prayer may come under each of these spheres. As God reveals them to you during prayer write them down so you can include them in your future times of prayer.

The seven spheres include:

1 The Church and Religions



(Including all denominations, Christian Ministries as well as Non-Christian religions)

Pray for the Holy Spirit's anointing on all churches no matter their denomination. Pray for ministries involved in evangelism and discipleship including foreign missionary activity. Pray for all faiths and religions that they will see the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that Christians will be bold in their witness.

2 Family and Marriages

(Youth, Children, Marriages, etc.)

Pray for families in general, and particularly the healing of broken relationships in marriages and families, especially among believers and those in Christian ministry. Pray for the sanctity of marriage. Pray against cultural influences that diminish the value of marriage and family.



3 Education



(Schools, Universities, Colleges and Educators)

This focus involves all institutions of education, whether for the very young, when children are so easily influenced, or those studying at higher levels of education. Pray for teachers and educators. Pray for those you know by name. Add them to your daily prayer lists for each day. Pray also for the content of text books so they will reflect biblical values. Ask God to send a revival and awakening to all campuses.

4 Business

(The Marketplace)

This focus involves praying for a spiritual awakening in the marketplace. Pray especially for Christian businessmen and women that God will use them to influence others in their professions. Pray for major corporations that they will build their companies on a foundation of high moral and ethical standards.



5 Government

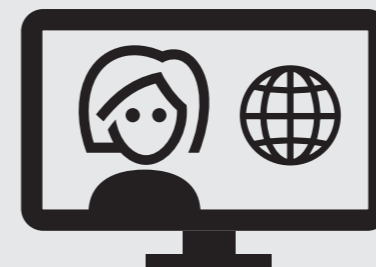


Pray for your local, regional and national government, councillors and MPs. Remember especially to intercede for the judiciary and court system. Include the military and all those involved in law enforcement as well as other officials, such as civil servants, council officers, and the emergency services – fire, police, ambulance and coastguards.

6 The Media

(The Press, Television, Radio, Internet and Social Networking)

Ask God to cause all aspects of the media and information technology to become a tool in His hands to change the culture around us for His honour and glory. Pray that the influence of the internet and social networking will be used by Christians to capture a new generation of young believers



7 Sport, Arts and Entertainment



This focus includes all those in any field of the arts or entertainment, including sports. Some have defined this sphere as the 'Celebration Sphere' because it takes many such aspects into consideration. Ask God to use the influence of those who know Him in these arenas so they might impact many around them. Pray for entertainers or athletes you know by name who have a strong Christian testimony. Ask God to expand their influence.