

Mission Prayer Movement: United States of America

March 7, 2023

Updates & prayer points:

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin stated that he has had no direct communications with his Chinese counterpart in “a couple of months” even though the Washington-Beijing relationship has continued to deteriorate. He said China “has declined our request” for dialogue.

A Chinese fighter jet carrying four air-to-air missiles shadowed an American P-8 patrol aircraft, first appearing at its rear, then passing overhead, and then settling several hundred feet from the Navy plane’s wing. “American aircraft, this is the PLA air force. You are approaching Chinese airspace. Keep a safe distance or you will be intercepted,” a Chinese military ground station broadcast to the P-8, using the abbreviation for the People’s Liberation Army.

- *Pray for the leaders and commanders as they oversee the activities of America’s military in the Indo-Pacific region.*

PRAY FOR AN END TO THE WAR IN UKRAINE

China’s foreign ministry issued a twelve-point plan in calling for a ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine. “All parties should support Russia and Ukraine in working in the same direction and resuming direct dialogue as quickly as possible, so as to gradually deescalate the situation and ultimately reach a comprehensive ceasefire,” the foreign ministry said in its plan.

A year into the war in Ukraine, military fatalities are estimated to be between 60,000 at the low end to around 100,000 at the top, although casualty figures are difficult to determine. The numbers, including civilians in Ukraine, may amount to over 300,000.

- *Pray for diplomats working behind the scenes to secure an end to the war in Ukraine.*

PRAY FOR AMERICA’S FOREIGN RELATIONS

Officials with the World Bank estimate that direct damages from the earthquake in Turkey are around \$34.2 billion, equal to 4 percent of that nation’s GDP in 2021. Rebuilding may cost twice that, or three times the estimated direct physical damage. Universities across Iran are responding to women’s rights protests by students, forcing female students to attend hijab “counseling” on how to wear their hijab “properly.” The

universities are also firing professors who aided or participated in women's rights student protests.

- *Pray for the people of Turkey and Syria who have been hard hit by earthquakes which continue to create damage and loss of life.*

PRAY FOR AMERICA'S EDUCATION

Librarians in Missouri have filed a lawsuit challenging a state law which bans books that are sexually explicit from being in the classrooms. The law says if a librarian provides a minor with sexually explicit material, that librarian can be fined \$2,000 and serve up to one year in jail. The librarians and the ACLU, which is party to the lawsuit, say the law violates the First Amendment.

The University of North Carolina is banning statements on "diversity, equity, and inclusion," including preferential hiring. The university's president said, "We believe in a race-blind, meritocratic society with high standards and that's what has traditionally produced excellence in the United States." He added that as the DEI ideology infiltrates the medical profession "we became concerned because medicine is the one place where everybody knows, liberals, conservatives, independents, that you need the most qualified doctor to get the best outcome."

- *Pray for the heads of educational institutions who are addressing the shifts in American culture.*

PRAY FOR NEEDS ACROSS THE STATES

Governor Bill Lee of **Tennessee** is expected to sign legislation that would ban drag show performances and gender-affirming healthcare for minors. If he signs the measure, it could be the first of its kind in the U.S.

Connecticut is looking to join with other states in trying to curb the number of collisions caused by wrong-way highway drivers with wrong-way detection systems at highway entries. Researchers say most wrong-way crashes occur at night when it is hard to see signs, and a disproportionate number occur on weekends, often coinciding with alcohol consumption or similar impairment.

- *Pray for wisdom for state governors, legislators, and agencies as they confront the many issues facing their regions.*

PRAY FOR AMERICA'S FATIH COMMUNITY

"This [Asbury University revival] I believe is for Generation Z, for this generation coming up now. This is their moment where God is getting a hold of their hearts. Their eyes are opening, and they are surrendering their lives to Christ. The time is now. The kingdom of God is here. What should be our response? Repent and believe in the Good

News.“ – Dr. Corne Bekker, Dean and Professor, Regent University School of Divinity,
February 24, 2023

PRAY FOR AMERICA'S LEADERS:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH: PRAY FOR THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ADMINISTRATION

- *Pray for wisdom for President Biden and his closest advisers.*

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH: PRAY FOR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS

- *Pray for members of Congress as they consider legislation that affects both foreign and domestic policies.*

JUDICIAL BRANCH: PRAY FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AND FEDERAL JUDGES

- *Pray for the Supreme Court Justices as they review requests for taking up certain cases on appeal and determine the judicial worthiness of their time and decisions.*

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宣教祈禱運動：美國
2023年3月7日

最新情況和代禱事項:

為我們的軍隊祈禱:

國防部長勞埃德奧斯汀表示，儘管華盛頓與北京的關係繼續惡化，但他在“幾個月內”沒有與中國國防部長直接溝通。他說，中國“拒絕了我們的對話請求”。

一架攜帶四枚空對空導彈的中國戰鬥機尾隨一架美國 P-8 巡邏機，首先出現在其後方，然後從頭頂掠過，最後停在距海軍飛機機翼數百英尺的地方。“美國飛機，這是解放軍空軍。你正在接近中國領空。保持安全距離，否則你會被攔截，”中國軍用地面站向 P-8 廣播，使用人民解放軍的縮寫。

- 為監督美國軍隊在印太地區活動的領導人和指揮官禱告。

為烏克蘭戰爭的結束禱告:

中國外交部發布十二點計劃，呼籲俄羅斯和烏克蘭停火。“各方應支持俄烏相向而行，盡快恢復直接對話，逐步緩和局勢，最終實現全面停火。”

烏克蘭戰爭爆發一年後，儘管傷亡數字很難確定，軍人死亡人數仍估計在最少的 6 萬人到最高約 10 萬人之間。包括烏克蘭平民在內的人數可能超過 30 萬。

- 為在幕後工作以確保烏克蘭戰爭結束的外交官禱告。

為美國的外交關係禱告:

世界銀行的官員估計，土耳其地震造成的直接損失約為 342 億美元，相當於該國 2021 年 GDP 的 4%。重建成本可能是估計的直接損失的兩倍或三倍。

伊朗各地的大學都在回應學生的女權抗議，迫使女學生參加關於如何“正確”佩戴頭巾的“諮詢”。這些大學還解雇了協助或參與女權學生抗議活動的教授。

- 為遭受地震重創的土耳其和敘利亞人民祈禱，這些地震繼續造成破壞和生命損失。

為美國的教育禱告:

密蘇里州的圖書館管理員已提起訴訟，質疑一項州法律，該法律禁止將露骨色情書籍帶入教室。法律規定，如果圖書管理員向未成年人提供色情材料，該圖書管理員將被處以 2,000 美元的罰款和最高一年的監禁。圖書管理員和參與訴訟的美國公民自由聯盟 (ACLU) 表示，該法律違反了第一修正案。

北卡羅來納大學禁止發表關於“多元化、公平和包容”的聲明，包括優先招聘。該大學校長說：“我們相信一個不分種族、高標準的精英社會，而這正是美國傳統上產生卓越的原因。”他補充說，隨著 DEI 意識形態滲透到醫學界，“我們開始擔心，因為醫學是每個人都知道的地方，自由派、保守派、獨立派，你需要最合格的醫生才能獲得最好的結果。”

- 為應對美國文化轉變的教育機構負責人禱告。

為各州的需要禱告:

州長比爾·李田納西州預計將簽署立法，禁止易服表演和未成年的性別確認醫療保健。如果他簽署這項措施，這可能是美國同類措施中的首例。

康涅狄格州正在尋求與其他州合作，試圖通過高速公路入口處的錯誤方向檢測系統來遏制由錯誤方向的高速公路司機造成的碰撞數量。研究人員表示，大多數錯誤方向的撞車事故發生在夜間，此時很難看到跡象，而且發生在周末的比例不成比例，通常與飲酒或類似損傷同時發生。

- 為州長、立法者和機構在面對他們所在地區面臨的許多問題時祈求智慧。

為美國宗教團體祈禱:

“我相信這 [阿斯伯里大學復興] 是為了 Z 世代，為了現在即將到來的這一代人。這是他們的時刻，神正在抓住他們的心。他們的眼睛正在睜開，他們正在將自己的生命交給基督。就是現在。神的國度就在這裡。我們應該如何回應？悔改並相信福音。” – Corne Bekker 博士，攝政大學神學院院長兼教授，2023 年 2 月 24 日

為美國領導人祈禱：

行政部門：為總統和他的政府祈禱

- 為拜登總統和他最親密的顧問祈求智慧。

立法部門：為國會中的參議員和代表

- 為國會議員禱告，因為他們正在考慮影響國內外政策的立法。

司法部門：為最高法院法官和聯邦法官禱告

- 為最高法院法官禱告，因為他們審查受理某些上訴案件的請求，並確定他們的時間和決定的司法價值。

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