

## **Mission Prayer Movement: United States of America**

**August 22, 2023**

### **Updates & prayer points:**

#### *PRAY FOR AN END TO THE WAR IN UKRAINE*

As concerns grow about Russian expansionism beyond Ukraine, the government of Poland will send an additional 2,000 troops to its border with Belarus. The Belarusian government has sent Middle Eastern and African immigrants to the Polish border, which Warsaw has termed “hybrid warfare.”

- *Pray for international leaders as they take precautions against an expansion of the war in Ukraine beyond current borders.*

#### *PRAY FOR AMERICA’S FOREIGN RELATIONS*

North Korea’s leader Kim Jong Un has instructed his military to more thoroughly “gird” for war. He is establishing “offensive military countermeasures” to deter adversaries that, according to the state-run news agency, “are getting ever more undisguised in their reckless military confrontation” with the North.

- *Pray for U.S. and allied military leaders as they assess the threats posed by North Korea.*

#### *AMERICA’S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING*

The Lancet Psychiatry, a scientific journal, found in a new study that by age 75, approximately half of the world’s population can be expected to develop one or more of 13 mental health disorders. The two most prevalent are alcohol use disorder and major depressive disorder.

- *Pray for friends, family, and fellow Americans who are dealing with mental health issues.*

#### *PRAY FOR GOODNESS IN AMERICA*

The “National Prayer in School Act” was introduced by Representative Matt Gaetz of Florida. The measure would allow students and staff to engage in prayer in school without the fear of any negative consequences. The legislation specifically enforces the June 2022 decision of the Supreme Court in favor of religious freedom. The court ruled in favor of a football coach who was fired by his school district for using his First Amendment right to pray after games.

- *Pray for members of Congress as they prepare to vote on this bill that would advance religious freedom in American classrooms.*

### **PRAY FOR AMERICA'S LEADERS:**

#### EXECUTIVE BRANCH: PRAY FOR THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ADMINISTRATION

Attorney General Merrick Garland announced that the U.S. Attorney for Delaware, David Weiss, has been named special counsel to investigate the finances of President Biden's family. He said the appointment was "in the public interest" because of "the extraordinary circumstances" relating to the matter.

- *Pray for judges, attorneys, and investigators involved in the mounting legal issues surrounding President Biden and his family as well as former President Donald Trump.*

#### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH: PRAY FOR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS

Senator Mazie Hirono of Hawaii said she would make no excuses for policies that led to the failure to activate sirens that would have warned residents of Lahaina of the flames that overwhelmed the region, destroying the historic town and killing over 100 people. She said Hawaii's attorney general is launching a review.

- *Pray for families who have lost loved ones, homes, and businesses as a result of the wildfires in Hawaii. Pray for those coordinating and participating in recovery efforts.*

### **PRAY FOR CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES**

The House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party is investigating a security threat posed by cellular connectivity modules that can shut down vehicles. According to the committee, the modules, which connect the internet in electric cars, as well as in tractors and medical equipment among other devices, could be turned off by China at will.

- *Pray for legislators as they investigate these devices and for technology engineers who seek to overcome the threats.*

#### JUDICIAL BRANCH: PRAY FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AND FEDERAL JUDGES

- *Pray for members of the Supreme Court as they establish their docket for the coming session.*

## 宣教祈禱運動：美國

2023年8月22日

### 最新情況和祈禱事項

#### 祈禱烏克蘭戰爭結束

隨著人們對俄羅斯在烏克蘭以外的擴張主義的擔憂日益加劇，波蘭政府將向與白俄羅斯接壤的邊境增派 2,000 名士兵。白俄羅斯政府已將中東和非洲移民送往波蘭邊境，華沙將其稱為“混合戰爭”。

- 為國際領導人禱告，讓他們能採取有效的預防措施，以防止烏克蘭戰爭擴大到目前邊界之外。

#### 為美國的外交關係祈禱

朝鮮領導人金正恩已指示其軍隊更徹底地為戰爭“做好準備”。他正在製定“進攻性軍事反制措施”，以威懾對手，據官方通訊社報導，這些對手“在與朝鮮的魯莽軍事對抗中變得越來越不加掩飾”。

- 為美國和盟國軍事領導人評估朝鮮構成的威脅祈禱。

#### 美國的健康與福祉

科學雜誌《柳葉刀精神病學》在一項新研究中發現，預計世界上大約一半 75 歲的人口會患上 13 種精神健康疾病中的一種或多種。最常見的兩種是酒精使用障礙和重度抑鬱症。

- 為正在處理心理健康問題的朋友、家人和美國同胞祈禱。

#### 為美國的美好祈禱

“全國學校祈禱法案”是由佛羅里達州眾議員馬特·蓋茨提出的。該措施將允許學生和教職員工在學校進行祈禱，而不必擔心任何負面後果。該立法具體執行最高法院 2022 年 6 月支持宗教自由的裁決。法院做出了有利於一名橄欖球教練的裁決，該教練因利用第一修正案權利在賽後祈禱而被學區解僱。

- 為國會議員祈禱，因為他們準備對這項將在美國課堂上推進宗教自由的法案進行投票。

## **為美國領導人祈禱**

行政部門：為總統和他的政府祈禱

司法部長梅里克·加蘭宣布特拉華州聯邦檢察官大衛·韋斯已被任命為特別檢察官，負責調查拜登總統家庭的財務狀況。他表示，由於與此事相關的“特殊情況”，這一任命“符合公共利益”。

- 為涉及拜登總統及其家人以及前總統唐納德·特朗普的日益嚴重的法律問題的法官、律師和調查人員禱告。

立法部門：為國會參議員和代表祈禱

參議員馬齊·廣野 夏威夷州州長表示，她不會為導致拉海納居民未能啟動警報器的政策找任何藉口，大火席捲了該地區，摧毀了這座歷史悠久的城鎮並造成 100 多人死亡。她說夏威夷總檢察長正在啟動審查。

- 為因夏威夷山火而失去親人、家園和生意的家庭祈禱。為那些協調和參與恢復工作的人祈禱。

## **為國會委員會祈禱**

“眾議院中國共產黨特別委員會”正在調查可關閉車輛的蜂窩連接模塊造成的安全威脅。該委員會表示，中國可以隨意關閉電動汽車、拖拉機和醫療設備等設備中連接互聯網的模塊。

- 為調查這些設備的立法者以及尋求克服威脅的技術工程師祈禱。

司法部門：為最高法院法官和聯邦法官祈禱

- 為最高法院的成員祈禱，因為他們正在為即將到來的會議制定議程。