

PRAYER CARDS 2024

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Group A



Germany

Germany is the host nation for the Euros, please pray that all will go smoothly and safely with the event over the coming weeks. May it be a safe and welcoming environment for fans from all across Europe. Please also pray for those affected by the recent flooding in Southern Germany, which has also impacted nearby countries.



Scotland

There have been a number of recent changes in the SNP's government and leadership, as well as preparation for the upcoming general elections. We pray that the church can 'Pray its Part' during this time and that there will be opportunities for the Living Hope of Christ to be seen and shared during this time.



Hungary

On July 1st Hungary will take over the rotating presidency of the European Union Council with Viktor Orbán taking the position. Please pray for wisdom and guidance during this time for all involved, that despite differences, decisions will be made that have a positive impact on countries in Europe.



Switzerland

Switzerland's neutrality has been a cornerstone of its foreign policy for centuries, but it can be difficult to maintain in a world of increasing geopolitical tensions. Please pray particularly as Switzerland hosts a peace summit for the war in Ukraine this June and continues to try and find opportunities for peace in global conflict.

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Group B



Spain

Spain has been facing a significant drought in early 2024, particularly in the eastern and southern parts of the country. As we enter summer please pray for life-giving rain to replenish water sources and ease any suffering caused by the drought, especially for farmers who will be significantly impacted at this time.



Croatia

Following a tight election in April, Croatia has entered a new political season with a coalition government. Please pray for where the tight election race has highlighted divisions, and resulted in disappointment among the population. Please also pray for the appointed leaders to act for the well-being of all people.



Italy

Italy have recently announced a partnership to build two migrant centres in Albania to process tens of thousands of refugees. As the project nears completion, and with many rights groups denouncing the plans, please pray for a spirit of compassion and safety, protection and justice for those in these processes.



Albania

The Albanian government has been focusing recently on tackling organised crime and gangs, with people smuggling a key issue. Please pray for wisdom for the government as they lead this, transformation for those who are involved with crime, and freedom for those who are vulnerable and trapped in cycles of abuse or manipulation.

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Group C

Slovenia



Last August Slovenia was impacted by significant wide-spread flooding which was described as their 'worst ever natural disaster'. As the country has rebuilt and recovered over recent months, please pray for a protection this summer from further flooding and God's comfort and strength for those who are still recovering from that time.

Denmark



Please pray for the Danish PM Mette Frederiksen who was recently assaulted in Copenhagen. The attack was not politically motivated (Police shared it was linked with drugs/alcohol), however, it has still caused concern within the nation. Please pray for a full recovery for the PM, and for recovery for all who may be struggling with substance addiction at this time.

Serbia



The ongoing tensions between Serbia and Kosovo has continued to cause concern following an escalation last September. Please pray for a lasting solution to this situation, for wisdom in leadership, and opportunities for the international community to play its part in helping facilitate dialogue and peaceful resolutions.

England



As we approach the general election on the 4th July, we join with others across the church in 'Praying our Part'. This is an invitation from the bishops of the Church of England to encourage prayer and participation in the life of our nation and communities, both as voters and as citizens.

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Group D

Poland



Poland is located close to Ukraine and has been actively supporting the country during the past few years. However, the war has caused concern for both geographical and historical reasons. As leaders navigate these times, please pray for a protection and peace for the country.

Netherlands



The Netherlands (and particular Amsterdam) has been grappling with a housing shortage, making it difficult for many to find affordable housing. With a shortfall of 390,000 homes last year this can result in social exclusion and economic inequality. Please pray for solutions to these issues, and the challenging impact it is having on emerging generations.

Austria



Similar to many European countries, Austria will be holding a general election this year on September 29th. Please pray over the coming months for the political parties as they prepare. Pray for wisdom to all of those voting and guidance for the leaders who will be appointed.

France



President Emmanuel Macron has called snap parliamentary elections later this month, which was seen as a surprise for many. Voting will take place on the 30th June and 7th July, just a few weeks before the Paris Olympics. Please pray for peace during that time and for the right outcomes. Please also pray for the preparations and security of the Olympics.

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Belgium



The Belgium prime minister resigned this month following heavy defeats in their general election. Following this, a new coalition government will be formed involving 7 different parties. Please pray for Belgium in this significant time of transition, and as they navigate historical divides in the country.

Slovakia



Last month Slovakia made global headlines as the PM Robert Fico was targeted in an assassination attempt. There is significant political divide in the country over a number of issues and the attack has been labelled as a politically motivated one. Please pray for healing and recovery and a peaceful resolution to these significant challenges.

Romania



Like many countries in Europe, Romania has a series of elections in the coming months, which have begun with local and European elections in June, presidential elections in September and parliamentary elections in December. Please pray for wisdom as people vote, and honest and clear intentions from all potential leaders.

Ukraine



The war in Ukraine continues with further conflict, blackouts, and missile attacks taking place every day. Please continue to pray for peace at this time, and for all of those who have lost loved ones, homes and communities. Despite the darkness of war, may the light of Christ shine to bring hope, healing and restoration.

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Group F

Türkiye



Turkey's economy has faced challenges in recent years, with high inflation leading to a rising cost of living and an impact on its currency. This puts a strain on many citizens' ability to afford basic necessities. Please pray for the leaders of the country as they navigate this challenging time and for those who are struggling financially.

Georgia



Despite many years of calm and stability, Georgia is finding itself divided in new ways. There is currently a large street protest movement involving many young people, in response to a law which will (amongst other things) impact its opportunity of becoming an EU member. Please pray for safety in the country and for peaceful resolutions to the current divisions.

Portugal



As summer approaches, wildfires are a growing concern in Portugal with authorities urging caution. Please pray for a protection over the land this summer, and for less homes and communities to be affected than in previous years. Also please pray in advance for the emergency services who will work together to help keep people safe.

Czechia



Almost six months have passed since tragedy struck the Faculty of Arts at Charles University: a mass shooting that claimed 14 lives and was the deadliest attack in modern Czech history. Please continue to pray for the many families and friends who will be affected by this, and the university as it seeks to support students in re-building a safe culture.



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