

# Prayer Alert

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## The Lord hears when I call to Him. (Psalm 4:3b)

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

Please pray for the Malawi presidential, parliamentary and local elections taking place on Tuesday 16 September. See the Prayer Alert [2025 Elections Prayer Guide](#).

The next 'Hope Countryside' online gathering, 'a movement of hope in rural Britain', sharing stories of mission; encouraging and praying for each other, is on Wednesday 17 September 7.30-9.00pm. If you are free to join us it will be good to see you and catch up together. Zoom ID 821 1671 9194 / Code: 905289. More info: <https://hopecountryside.substack.com/>



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

David Fletcher and the Prayer Alert team.

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## Praise Reports

### USA: Millennials and Gen Z flocking to Jesus and church - here's why

Across the USA, a historic spiritual shift is unfolding as Millennials and Gen Z turn to faith in record numbers. At the premiere of CBN's new film The Revival Generation, one commentator compared it to the Jesus Movement of the 1970s, describing it as 'seismic'. Former presidential candidate Dr Ben Carson says cultural conditions are ripe for revival, noting that past awakenings often followed crises. He sees growing openness among young people weary of empty alternatives and hungry for truth. The American Bible Society reports a 29% rise in Bible use among Millennials from 2024 to 2025, with Gen Z engagement increasing from 11% to 15%. Congressman Marlin Stutzman says this generation is searching beyond the flood of online information, longing for stability that only truth provides. From college campuses to local communities, many discern God stirring a new movement of faith, bringing hope to a generation eager for transformation.

Praise: God for a generation hungry for truth, may this awakening deepen, spread, and transform countless young lives. (Jeremiah 29:13)  
More: [www.faithwire.com/2025/09/05/millennials-and-gen-z-are-flocking-to-jesus-and-church-heres-why/](http://www.faithwire.com/2025/09/05/millennials-and-gen-z-are-flocking-to-jesus-and-church-heres-why/)

### Kentucky school sees 'miracle' salvations and baptisms

In 2024, Pastor Justin Walker of Salt and Light Church in La Grange, Kentucky, launched Salt and Light Academy with nothing but faith. Within a year, God provided resources, teachers, and students, transforming a former horse auction house into a thriving Christian school. Beginning with kindergarten to sixth grade, the school quickly grew, doubling enrolment and adding seventh and eighth grade, with waiting lists forming. Yet the true impact has been spiritual. Of 65 students enrolled in the first year, six accepted Christ and were baptised; one of them led their entire family to salvation and baptism. Pastor Walker sees America's 57 million public school students as a mission field, believing secular education often promotes not only spiritual emptiness but also darkness. His vision is to build Christ-centred education that nurtures truth and pushes back unrighteousness. After the personal tragedy of his wife's death, Walker now leads a growing family and ministry, confident of God's call to raise disciples through education.

Praise: God for revival through Christian education, may more schools arise to nurture faith and transform families. (Proverbs 22:6)  
More: [www.faithwire.com/2025/09/05/pushing-back-the-darkness-ky-school-sees-miracle-salvations-baptisms-amid-public-schools-wickedness/](http://www.faithwire.com/2025/09/05/pushing-back-the-darkness-ky-school-sees-miracle-salvations-baptisms-amid-public-schools-wickedness/)

## British Isles

### Children feared among three dead in Channel crossing attempt

Three people, possibly including children, have died attempting to cross the English Channel near Calais, French authorities confirmed. The victims, believed to be from Egypt and South East Asia, were among more than seventy people crammed onto an overloaded boat. Officials said they were likely crushed to the bottom of the vessel. While 44 passengers were rescued, three later died in hospital. On the same night, another 115 people were rescued from a separate boat - one of the largest groups recorded - while three remain missing from a different vessel. This year alone, over twenty migrants have died making the perilous crossing; 2024 was the deadliest year on record, with at least 82 deaths. More than 30,000 people have already reached the UK in small boats this year. The tragedy has renewed scrutiny of people-smuggling gangs and the UK's asylum system. New home secretary Shabana Mahmood has vowed to prioritise border security and tackle traffickers driving the crisis.

Pray: for protection over desperate migrants, an end to people-smuggling, and compassionate yet just policies for asylum-seekers. (Psalm 146:9)  
More: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ckgy0n4d99jo](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ckgy0n4d99jo)

### Two candidates left for Labour deputy leadership

The Labour Party's deputy leadership contest is narrowing to a likely two-horse race between Bridget Phillipson and Lucy Powell. Education secretary Phillipson became the first candidate to secure the required 80 nominations, with 116 backers including three cabinet ministers. She has emphasised immigration and border security as key concerns for voters, particularly in constituencies vulnerable to Reform UK advances. She highlighted her record of defeating populist opponents and promised to 'give hope' by tackling small boat crossings and improving public services. Powell, with 77 nominations, has drawn support from left-leaning MPs, presenting herself as more available for campaigning than a serving minister. Other contenders failed to gain sufficient momentum. While critics fear Phillipson may be seen as a Downing Street-backed 'coronation' candidate, her supporters argue she represents unity and strength. Meanwhile, Keir Starmer faces further scrutiny over his political judgment after he sacked Lord Mandelson as British ambassador to the USA, following the publication of email messages to Jeffrey Epstein. [See https://news.sky.com/story/sir-keir-starmer-sacks-peter-mandelson-as-uks-ambassador-to-us-over-jeffrey-epstein-ties-13427982](https://news.sky.com/story/sir-keir-starmer-sacks-peter-mandelson-as-uks-ambassador-to-us-over-jeffrey-epstein-ties-13427982)

Pray: for integrity and humility among Labour's leaders, that party politics would not overshadow service to the nation. (Proverbs 29:2)  
More: [www.thetimes.com/uk/politics/article/labour-deputy-leadership-nominations-sdx25xfst](http://www.thetimes.com/uk/politics/article/labour-deputy-leadership-nominations-sdx25xfst)

### Support for monarchy at record low, ahead of Trump state visit

Public support for the monarchy has dropped to its lowest level since records began in 1983, according to the British Social Attitudes survey. The share of people saying the monarchy is important has fallen from 86% in 1983 to just 51% in 2024. While more than half (58%) still prefer retaining the monarchy over replacing it with an elected head of state, the gap is narrowing, with 38% now favouring abolition. Younger and left-leaning people are most likely to support change, while older, right-leaning voters remain the strongest backers. Among party supporters, Conservatives (82%) and Reform UK (77%) show the highest loyalty to the crown, while Labour members are almost evenly split. In Scotland and Wales, most respondents favour an elected head of state. The findings, released ahead of Donald Trump's state visit to Windsor Castle in September, underline a shifting national mood.

Pray: for Britain's leaders and citizens to seek God's Kingdom above all earthly institutions and traditions. (Psalm 145:13)  
More: [www.lbc.co.uk/article/support-for-monarchy-at-record-low-5HjdCqy\\_2/](http://www.lbc.co.uk/article/support-for-monarchy-at-record-low-5HjdCqy_2/)

### Trussell Trust: autumn budget must deliver urgent action on hunger

The Trussell Trust is calling for urgent government action in the autumn budget to tackle soaring hunger across the UK. Its landmark study, Hunger in the UK, reveals that 14.1 million people, including 3.8 million children, faced hunger in 2024 due to insufficient income. This represents one in six households, and is a rise from 11.6 million in 2022. Foodbank reliance is growing, but many go without help, believing others are in greater need. The crisis hits children under five and disabled people hardest, with nearly three quarters of foodbank users living with disabilities. Alarmingly, 30% of those referred are from working households, showing that employment is no safeguard against hardship. Universal Credit is failing to protect families: over half of recipients experienced hunger last year. With households left with only £104 a week after housing, Trussell says poverty is about income, not food supply. They urge scrapping the two-child limit, reforming Universal Credit, and uprating Local Housing Allowance to prevent hunger from becoming routine.

Pray: for urgent, compassionate action to end child hunger and for families in poverty to find hope and provision. (Psalm 146:7)  
More: [www.trussell.org.uk/news-and-research/news/the-autumn-budget-must-deliver-urgent-action-on-hunger](http://www.trussell.org.uk/news-and-research/news/the-autumn-budget-must-deliver-urgent-action-on-hunger)

### Sinn Féin: PSNI 'must do more' to tackle racist mobs

Sinn Féin has called on the PSNI to do more to tackle racist mob violence after migrant workers were attacked at Connswater Retail Park, east Belfast. Video footage showed two cars surrounded and damaged by a group of men, in what police are treating as racially motivated hate crimes. Although PSNI officers were present, they did not intervene, saying they were conducting an 'evidence-gathering operation'. The response has sparked outrage. Green Party councillor Brian Smyth warned that rising vigilante patrols targeting migrants risk someone being killed, describing the Connswater incident as an attempted 'racial lynching.' He said migrants are now 'living in terror' in their homes. Sinn Féin condemned the 'deplorable attack' and urged immediate arrests, insisting vigilante violence 'has no place in society'. The police have pledged to increase patrols to reassure the community and challenge racist groups. Chief Inspector Louise Dunne said that those involved lack any 'legal or moral authority' and are spreading fear rather than protecting communities.

Pray: for protection over migrants in Belfast, an end to racist violence, and courage for police to act justly. (Galatians 3:28)  
More: [www.irishnews.com/news/northern-ireland/sinn-fein-psni-must-do-more-to-tackle-racist-mobs-after-connswater-attack-TDW5COX5S5CNJL2GDYQKVDXY/](http://www.irishnews.com/news/northern-ireland/sinn-fein-psni-must-do-more-to-tackle-racist-mobs-after-connswater-attack-TDW5COX5S5CNJL2GDYQKVDXY/)

### 'Non-religious' Brits believe in God or afterlife

A new study reveals surprising levels of spiritual belief among Britons who identify as 'non-religious'. While 46% of the population now describe themselves this way, a quarter of this group still believe in God or a higher power. Broadened to include belief in 'something beyond the natural world,' the figure rises to 45%. One third (33%) of non-religious respondents also believe in some form of afterlife. Interestingly, some who identify with a religion see it only as cultural, with 15% denying belief in God. The findings align with this year's Bible Society research showing a 'quiet revival' and Youth for Christ data indicating over half of young people are open to spirituality. Dr Rob Barward-Symmons of the Bible Society suggests rising interest reflects a backlash against loneliness in the digital age, with young people particularly seeking meaning and healing. Analysts see opportunity for Christians to share the gospel with a generation searching for truth and hope.

Pray: for open hearts among the 'non-religious', that searching souls would discover Christ as their true source of life. (Psalm 16:11)  
More: [premierchristian.news/en/news/article/non-religious-brits-believe-in-god-or-afterlife](http://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/non-religious-brits-believe-in-god-or-afterlife)

## Europe

### France: Macron's options after prime minister ousted

France faces a huge political crisis after lawmakers voted to oust prime minister François Bayrou's minority government over his controversial austerity measures. His plan to cut €43.8 billion from the budget, including the elimination of public holidays, proved too bitter for lawmakers to swallow, leading to his removal by a wide margin. Emmanuel Macron must now name a fifth prime minister in less than two years, but his options are fraught. Any new premier will confront the same fractured parliament, where ideological divides between socialists and conservatives leave little space for compromise. A snap election would most likely lead to another hung parliament, while a technical caretaker government risks political paralysis. Though Macron's resignation as president is highly improbable, his authority appears diminished. Financial markets are watching nervously as doubts grow over France's ability to curb its soaring debt and deficits. Latest update: a new prime minister has been sworn in, but a grassroots group 'Let's block everything' organised widespread protests, some violent, on 10 September. [See https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c8643qg252lo](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c8643qg252lo)

Pray: that France's leaders will seek wisdom, humility, and unity to govern responsibly despite deep divisions and pressures. (James 1:5)  
More: [www.politico.eu/article/france-government-collapses-francois-bayrou-emmanuel-macron/](http://www.politico.eu/article/france-government-collapses-francois-bayrou-emmanuel-macron/)

### Poland: reactions to Russia's drone attacks

Russia's unprecedented drone strikes on Poland on 9 September are framed as both a test and a warning to Europe and NATO. Moscow, adept at 'salami-slicing' escalation, is probing allied resolve with incremental provocations - from bombings in Kyiv to GPS jamming: each crossing a new line while eliciting mostly rhetoric. Similar tactics enabled the 2014 seizure of Crimea, and hitting Polish territory is a larger slice meant to measure the alliance's willingness to honour Article 5. A direct military response is deemed unlikely, yet inaction risks projecting weakness and inviting the next escalation. Sanctions talk will grow, but prior rounds neither deterred invasion nor reversed it; energy sanctions that might bite remain politically constrained. The strikes also serve as a warning against deeper Western involvement in Ukraine: Russia's deniable, ambiguous tactics could complicate any future allied deployment after a ceasefire. The core question: can NATO deter without stumbling into a wider war?

Pray: for wisdom for European and NATO leaders to know how to respond to this 'salami slicing'. Pray for Russia to show restraint rather than risking escalation. (Psalm 46:9a)  
More: [news.sky.com/story/drones-and-salami-how-putin-is-testing-the-west-with-poland-airspace-violation-13428128](https://news.sky.com/story/drones-and-salami-how-putin-is-testing-the-west-with-poland-airspace-violation-13428128)

## Worldwide

### Qatar: Israeli airstrike on Hamas leaders

The dramatic airstrike by Israel on Hamas leaders in Qatar on 9 October marks a new twist in a war already destabilising the wider Middle East. Qatar, long considered Hamas' political base and a central mediator in ceasefire negotiations, condemned the attack as a flagrant breach of international law, while regional powers including the UAE and Saudi Arabia denounced it as an assault on sovereignty. The strike targeted Khalil al-Hayya, Hamas' exiled Gaza chief and top negotiator, but reports indicate he and others survived. Coming just a day after Hamas' armed wing killed six people in Jerusalem, the move risks collapsing fragile ceasefire talks. In Gaza City, Israeli evacuation orders have spread panic among civilians, many already displaced and trapped in worsening conditions. This year Israel has struck Hezbollah in Lebanon, Houthis in Yemen, and Iranian-linked targets in Syria and Iran, heightening fears of a regional war.

Pray: that God will bring peace and justice, and grant wisdom to all leaders who are caught up in these conflicts. (Matthew 5:6)  
More: [www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/israel-targets-hamas-leadership-military-strikes-qatar-officials-say-2025-09-09/](https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/israel-targets-hamas-leadership-military-strikes-qatar-officials-say-2025-09-09/)

### Nepal: violent protests against corruption and ban on social media

Nepal has been rocked by its most intense unrest in decades, with corruption and nepotism at the heart of nationwide protests. The turmoil escalated dramatically after the government's controversial ban on social media platforms triggered widespread anger, amplified by resentment over politicians' wealth and privileges. Though Gen Z activists initially led peaceful demonstrations, they turned violent, leaving at least 29 people dead and parliament, government buildings, and private homes torched. The protesters insist that infiltrators hijacked their movement, a claim supported by the army. While regretting the violence, some are cautiously optimistic that the movement might spark reforms. The army has deployed across Kathmandu, enforcing curfews, manning checkpoints, and inviting protest leaders to talks, while some young people began cleaning debris to show their hope for change. Whether the movement will lead to accountability and new leadership, or simply further instability, remains to be seen.

Pray: for wisdom for Nepal's leaders as they seek to rebuild trust. Pray that the army and protesters will have constructive talks. (Psalm 32:8)  
More: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cjd1ndmrej0o](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cjd1ndmrej0o)

### Philippines: Marcos an unlikely anti-corruption crusader

The Philippines once again finds itself grappling with the enduring scourge of corruption, an issue that has haunted the last three presidents: Ferdinand Marcos Sr, Benigno 'Noynoy' Aquino III, and now Ferdinand Marcos Jr. He is now trying to assume the mantle of anti-corruption reform, despite his own family name being historically associated with cronyism and ill-gotten wealth. Unlike Aquino, who launched his integrity drive at the height of his popularity, Marcos Jr faces diminishing political capital, factional rifts within congress, and a resurgent Duterte camp weaponising public anger. The stakes are high: scandals such as the multibillion-peso flood control controversy threaten to erode governance credibility at a time when systemic accountability is urgently needed. The president must move beyond rhetoric, pursuing transparency and reform even within his own circles. Without decisive action, the Philippines risks sliding into deeper political instability, echoing past failures to tackle entrenched corruption and injustice.

Pray: for Philippine leaders courageously to confront corruption, strengthen institutions, and prioritize justice over personal or political gain. (Amos 5:24)  
More: [asianews.network/marcos-metamorphosis-anti-corruption-hero/](https://asianews.network/marcos-metamorphosis-anti-corruption-hero/)

### **Uganda: ICC opens hearing against rebel leader**

The International Criminal Court has opened its first-ever in absentia hearing against fugitive Ugandan rebel leader Joseph Kony, accused of 39 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity. As head of the Lord's Resistance Army, he terrorised northern Uganda for decades before his forces expanded attacks into Congo, the Central African Republic, and South Sudan. The LRA became infamous for abducting children, mutilating civilians, and enslaving women. Survivors and advocates in Uganda have welcomed the proceedings, even though Kony remains at large. Some stress the trial's importance for victims who lost lives, limbs, and livelihoods; others, though frustrated at the delay, acknowledge the symbolic value for healing and justice. The court-appointed counsel for Kony, however, argued that his fair trial rights are being violated. Though justice remains incomplete without his capture, the hearing underscores the ICC's willingness to pursue accountability in complex cases.

Pray: for justice to prevail, and for healing for those traumatised by the LRA. Pray that the fugitive Kony will be found and brought to trial. (Isaiah 1:17)

More: [www.africanews.com/2025/09/10/support-grows-in-uganda-for-icc-action-against-rebel-leader-joseph-kony/](http://www.africanews.com/2025/09/10/support-grows-in-uganda-for-icc-action-against-rebel-leader-joseph-kony/)

### **Argentina: financial woes after Milei's party loses badly in local elections**

Argentina's political and financial turbulence deepened after Javier Milei's party suffered a heavy defeat to the Peronist opposition in key local elections. The peso tumbled to a historic low, sliding nearly 5 percent against the US dollar, while stocks and international bonds plunged sharply, sparking concerns over Argentina's economic stability. Milei's reform agenda, once hailed as a potential turning point, now faces major obstacles as midterm elections loom on 26 October. Markets fear the government may burn through reserves to defend the peso, undermining its IMF-backed programme and raising the risk of default. The Peronists' wider-than-expected 13-point victory in Buenos Aires province highlighted Milei's growing political challenges. These are compounded by corruption allegations involving his sister. Investor confidence, already shaken, has deteriorated further, with bonds and equities suffering their steepest losses since Argentina's 2020 restructuring.

Pray: for Milei and his government to know how to address this financial crisis and prepare for the mid-term elections. (Proverbs 16:8)

More: [www.aljazeera.com/economy/2025/9/8/argentine-markets-plunge-after-mileis-party-loses-in-buenos-aires-vote](http://www.aljazeera.com/economy/2025/9/8/argentine-markets-plunge-after-mileis-party-loses-in-buenos-aires-vote)

### **USA: conservative influencer is shot dead**

On 10 September, at Utah Valley University, conservative activist Charlie Kirk was shot dead while speaking at a Turning Point USA event. He was speaking to a crowd as part of his 'American Comeback Tour' when a single shot struck him in the neck, with eyewitnesses saying the bullet came from a rooftop position. A manhunt is ongoing; authorities have recovered a high-powered rifle from nearby woods, released images of a 'person of interest', and offered a reward for tips. Remarks from public officials, including Utah's governor, have characterised the incident as a political assassination. President Trump said that rhetoric from the 'radical left' had contributed to the shooting. He promised to find those responsible for political violence, as well as the 'organisations that fund it and support it'. He has ordered flags to be hung at half-mast in his memory. The authorities are doing everything they can to find the shooter, but so far without success.

Pray: for Charlie Kirk's grieving family and friends. Pray that the killer will be found. (Psalm 86:7)

More: [news.sky.com/story/what-we-know-about-how-charlie-kirk-was-killed-13428871](https://news.sky.com/story/what-we-know-about-how-charlie-kirk-was-killed-13428871)

### **Evangelical movement's centre has shifted to the Global South**

Researchers agree that the centre of the Evangelical movement has decisively shifted from the West to the Global South. At a recent webinar, Dr Gina Zurlo of the World Christian Database and Jason Mandryk of Operation World highlighted the challenge of defining and counting Evangelicals. Unlike Catholicism or Orthodoxy, evangelicalism lacks a single definition, with estimates ranging from 393 million to 937 million worldwide. Both researchers confirm that Evangelicalism is now predominantly African, Asian, and Latin American. In fact, China has surpassed the United States in Evangelical numbers. While Western media often reduce the term to political stereotypes, globally Evangelicals are Zulu, Brazilian, Filipino, and Chinese - reflecting remarkable diversity. Scholars emphasise that this growing diversity is a strength, not a weakness; they are calling for humility as the worldwide Church celebrates its multiethnic identity in Christ.

Pray: for unity and humility as the diverse Global South church leads, shaping worldwide evangelical witness with Christ's love. (Revelation 7:9)

More: [www.christianpost.com/news/the-evangelical-movements-center-has-shifted.html](http://www.christianpost.com/news/the-evangelical-movements-center-has-shifted.html)

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