



Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament prayer diary – April 2018

Things to thank God for:

- The Christian CND Embassies Walk which visited 19 diplomatic missions
- The chance of talks between Kim Jong-Un and Donald Trump
- Venezuela becoming the seventh state to ratify the Ban Treaty
- Easter, where we celebrate Jesus dying on the cross and rising again, defeating death and sin

Things to pray for this month

Easter

In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.” Luke 24:5-7

Easter is when we remember the crucifixion and the resurrection that made peace between us and God and enables us to make peace with each other. Christian CND is marking Easter with a vigil at AWE Aldermaston where nuclear bombs are made.

- Thank God for Jesus’ death and resurrection, which paid the price of our sin and enables to us be in relationship with God
- Thank God that we are able to celebrate and share our faith with others
- Pray for the Christian CND event in Aldermaston
- Pray that Christians around the world will know the peace of God this Easter
- Pray that Christians would engage in campaigning for peace in the coming year
- Pray that God would rise up a new generation of Christians working for peace

Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee

Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:7
The Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee meeting is taking place in Geneva starting later this month. It is a chance for states and NGOs to discuss developments relating to the NPT and related issues. Christian CND is sending a delegation to the meeting.

- Thank God for the opportunity Christian CND has in taking part in these meetings
- Thank God that so many states are committed to a future without nuclear weapons
- Pray for those attending from Christian CND, that they would have productive meetings
- Pray for those attending from states, that they would pursue peace
- Pray for a breakthrough in negotiations which will lead to progress on disarmament

Church of England General Synod

I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none will make you afraid; I will rid the land of evil beasts, and the sword will not go through your land. Leviticus 26:6

We expect a draft motion for discussion at the July General Synod to be published sometime this month. This will form the basis for our activity among Anglicans ahead of the meeting in York.

- Thank God for Anglicans in the UK working on this issue
- Pray that the discussions in the Church of England will lead to unity
- Pray for those making arrangements for the Synod meeting in July
- Pray that awareness of the Ban Treaty in the Church of England will continue to increase

Christians working and praying for a nuclear weapons-free world



Global nuclear weapons situation

He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore – Isaiah 2:4

Donald Trump has accepted an invitation from the South Korean to meet Kim Jong-un for discussions. On a recent trip to China Kim Jong-Un stated his wish to see denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula. Meanwhile tensions between the UK and Russia have been escalating, with Russia mentioning its nuclear capabilities on more than one occasion.

- Thank God that there appears to be a willingness to talk among world leaders
- Pray that deeds would match words and the talks would go ahead as planned
- Pray that there would be willingness to compromise and that denuclearisation on the Korean Peninsula can take place
- Pray that tensions between the UK and Russia will ease
- Pray for global leaders, that they would seek peace

Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty

But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. Psalm 37:11

As Venezuela becomes the seventh state to ratify the Ban Treaty, others continue their domestic processes to do the same. The United Nations is hosting a High-Level Conference to discuss nuclear disarmament, but as yet the UK has not stated whether it will be attending.

- Thank God that Venezuela has ratified the Nuclear Ban Treaty
- Thank God for ICAN and the work they are doing around the world
- Pray for the UN High-Level Conference, that many states will attend
- Pray that the UK would also attend the conference

Please keep the CCND staff team and Executive Committee in your prayers.

Also please pray for the following events:

1 April: Christian CND vigil at AWE Aldermaston

11-12 April: DSEI Arms Fair trails continue in Stratford

20-22 April: Fellowship of Reconciliation annual conference in Leeds, joint event with the Anglican and Methodist Peace Fellowships