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G7 Prayer Guide – May 2023

Worldwide Invitation to join us in praying for the 49th G7 Summit: 19-21 May 2023

The World Prayer Centre, Birmingham, UK, International Prayer Connect and many partner organisations invite you to join us from wherever you are, for an online worship and prayer summit.

Our purpose: To declare the Sovereignty of God, the Lordship of Christ Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit over the G7 leaders and the nations they represent. ([1 Tim 2: 1-2](#))

Join us on Zoom – Pray with us from where you are during the Prayer Watch!

Sat 20th May 10am-12Noon BST (GMT+1)

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Introduction and Background:

Leaders from the G7 member states of France, Germany, Italy, Japan, USA, UK and Canada, along with the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission will attend. These countries represent 2.3 billion people and over half of the world's economy. They have great influence across the rest of the world.

The G7 agenda includes Regional Affairs - Ukraine and Indo-Pacific, Nuclear Disarmament and non-proliferation, Economic Resilience and Economic Security, Climate and Energy, Food, Health, and Development. They may also include children's education in the developing world. Areas such as Gender, Human Rights, Digitalization and Science and Technology will also be highlighted.

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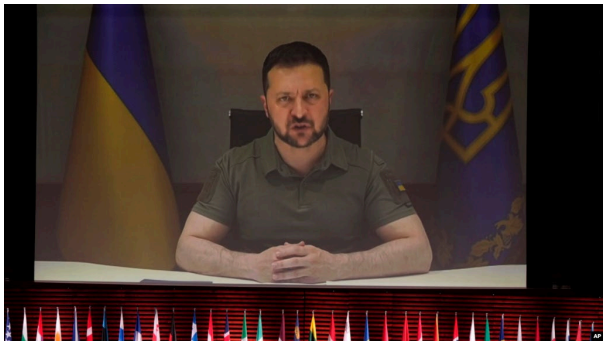
Prayer Points:

These notes and suggested Prayer Points are to help provide some background and a starting point for us as we pray into the publicised agenda for the three-day G7 Summit.

More detail can be [found here](#).

Ukraine

The G7 leaders are gathering in Hiroshima for their annual summit, with a strong focus on emphasizing unity and support for Ukraine. Diplomats expect discussions at the summit to center around backing Ukraine as it prepares for a counteroffensive against Russia. The G7 leaders are reportedly working on a separate document specifically addressing Ukraine to underscore their unwavering support for the country. The document will highlight the G7's unity in enforcing tough sanctions against Russia and offer additional financial support for Ukraine's reconstruction efforts.



The leaders aim to discuss ways to resolve the conflict in eastern Ukraine and express their concerns about human rights violations in the region. They emphasize the importance of upholding Ukraine's territorial integrity and seeking a peaceful resolution through diplomatic means. It is also reported that the G7 is considering the imposition of new sanctions on Russia as part of efforts to bring an end to the Ukraine war.

The G7 summit will also explore the possibility of negotiations to end the Ukraine conflict. The leaders will assess the conditions required for progress on the battlefield and potential future talks. However, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is reluctant to engage in peace negotiations while Russian troops remain on Ukrainian soil. China's role in resolving the conflict may also be discussed, as Beijing has significant influence over Moscow.

Pray:

*Heavenly Father,
In this time of gathering at the G7 summit,
We pray for unity and strength among the leaders,
May they emphasize their unwavering support for Ukraine,
Grant them wisdom and guidance as they discuss ways to bring peace,
May their actions reflect a commitment to justice and security.
In Your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Nuclear Disarmament and Non-proliferation

Hiroshima stands as a powerful symbol of both the devastation of war and the potential for prosperity through peace. It stands as a remarkable recovery following the unparalleled destruction caused by the first purposeful use of an atomic bomb in human history – a testament to the resilience of its people. Against the backdrop of Russia's aggression toward Ukraine, some nations are heightening their reliance on nuclear deterrence, making advocating for nuclear disarmament more challenging than ever. As the G7 Summit convenes in Hiroshima this month, it presents an ideal opportunity for global leaders to reaffirm the inhumanity of nuclear weapons and the crucial need for their elimination.



Prime Minister Fumio Kishida of Japan will focus on promoting a "world without nuclear weapons" and pursuing new initiatives for disarmament. However, concrete deliverables such as binding commitments or agreements to reduce nuclear arsenals are unlikely to emerge from the summit.

The ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and tensions in the Indo-Pacific region make it difficult to achieve near-term progress. Additionally, since G7 countries rely on nuclear deterrence, major nuclear-armed states like Russia, China, and North Korea are unlikely to change their stance on nuclear weapons soon. Overall, while the G7 summit aims to foster disarmament and revive nuclear arms control, immediate concrete steps may be limited.

Pray:

Heavenly Father, we pray for the leaders gathering at the G7 summit in Hiroshima. Grant them wisdom and guidance as they discuss nuclear disarmament and seek new initiatives for peace. Help them foster a spirit of cooperation and understanding, and may their discussions lead to tangible progress in reducing nuclear weapons worldwide. Let this summit be a stepping stone towards a safer and more peaceful world.

Economic Resilience and Economic Security

Japan's G7 presidency emphasizes the importance of economic security as a component of national security and aims to enhance international collaboration in this area. While Japan has made significant progress in economic security policies, other countries and blocs are also advancing their own agendas. The concept that "economic security is national security" was introduced by the Trump administration, and the rising threats posed by China's assertiveness and Russia's actions highlight the need to address economic security concerns.

The European Union is developing tools to strengthen supply chain resilience, export controls, and investment screening, while the US takes a more expansive approach economic security, and Japan and EU prefer a less China-centric perspective

Managing trade-offs between economics and national security is crucial, as trade restrictions can undermine the benefits of an open economy and the use of "national security exceptions" risks undermining the rules-based trading system. Balancing competition and cooperation for critical minerals is also necessary, even among G7 members.

Pray:

Lord, we pray for leaders involved in economic security discussions. Grant them cooperation and understanding, leading to a stronger global economy. Guide them to prioritize the well-being of all nations. Amen.



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Climate and Energy

The G7 explicitly recognizes the need to accelerate the phase-out of “unabated” fossil fuels to achieve net zero energy systems. However there is not consistent evidence that this is being put into action.

Therefore, the G7 nations, historically significant contributors to climate change, have been urged to enhance their renewable energy ambition. In response, the G7 members have made commitments to address climate change.



With time running out to limit global temperature rise, people will be looking for the G7 to set more ambitious targets and commitment dates to phase out all fossil fuels. Urgent action is needed before it becomes too late to mitigate the climate crisis.

Pray:

Heavenly Father, we pray for the G7 nations as they navigate the path towards a sustainable future. Grant them wisdom and courage to take bold actions in phasing out fossil fuels and embracing renewable energy. May their commitments be matched by tangible progress, bringing us closer to a world free from the threat of climate change.

Japan

Japan faces many crises. Even its leaders called it “a superpower without a moral compass”. Many lack hope or confidence in the future. Young people struggle the most, in particular with problems such as a suicide epidemic (over 30,000/year), mistreatment by peers, and teenage prostitution. High suicide and divorce rates in other age groups confirm the crisis. The constant threats of earthquakes, economic decline, and social isolation leave many people open to spiritual matters. The government alone cannot solve Japan’s social problems. This gives the Church a chance to engage with society.

Specific challenges facing the Church:

- Christianity is still regarded as an outside, Western religion rather than a universal faith with the capacity to be truly Japanese.
- The minority complex. Christians are a tiny minority in a society where consensus and conformity are important.
- Unity is lacking in a Church that numbers only 1.5% of the population
- A new way of doing church needs to be discovered.
- Non-active membership and backsliding
- Too few viable, active congregations.
- The lack of men in churches.

Mission to Japan - Japan is the largest unevangelized nation that is completely open to missionaries. Yet, due to spiritual, socio-cultural, linguistic and financial difficulties, becoming an effective minister of the gospel is a long, hard process of adaptation.

Pray:

Heavenly Father, we lift up the mission to Japan before You. It is a vast nation, open and ready to receive the Gospel. We pray for missionaries and ministers who are laboring to bring Your message to the people. Strengthen them, Lord, in the face of spiritual, socio-cultural, linguistic, and financial challenges. Grant them wisdom, resilience, and adaptability as they strive to effectively minister Your love and truth. May the seeds of faith take root and flourish in the hearts of the Japanese people, leading them to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Lord, we lift up the Church in Japan and ask for Your intervention. Pour out Your Spirit upon the congregations, drawing men and women to actively participate in building Your Kingdom.

Equip the Church with a new vision and strategy, that it may effectively reach the lost and bring transformation to Japanese society. Unite the believers, empower them with Your love, and guide them in living out their faith in a way that reflects Your character and draws others to You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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