# **Prayer Focus This week**

## Here are some excerpts from the Presidential Prayer Team's Weekly Prayer Focus:

#### PRAY FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP AND HIS ADMINISTRATION

**President Trump** signed legislation authorizing the construction of a monument in Washington, D.C., to honor fallen journalists intended to demonstrate to citizens and visitors that America values a free press. *Pray for President Trump and his family as they enter the uncertainties of a new year; pray he will continue to fight for America's success in the year ahead.* 

#### PRAY FOR OUR CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS

Senate Minority Leader **Chuck Schumer** said he supports plans to require schools receiving federal funding to accommodate students who want to use bathrooms, locker rooms, and play sports with students of the opposite biological gender. *Pray conservatives leaders will have the courage to stand up for what is right in the eyes of God. Pray for Congressional members as they prepare to install new senators and representatives this week. Pray for unity and harmony.* 

#### ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Israel's divided government dissolved last week after failing to pass a budget, which sets up the nation's fourth election in under two years. This signals what could be the end of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's lengthy leadership of that country. Iran warned Israel not to cross its "red lines" in the Gulf in the closing days of **Donald Trump's** presidential term, following a reported Israeli submarine deployment, and also warned against American military "adventurism" leading up to the January 20 inauguration in Washington. *Pray for political stability in Israel and for the relationship the United States has with Israel to remain strong.* 

## THE ECONOMY

Retail sales rose 3 percent during this year's expanded holiday shopping season from October 11 to December 24 powered by a pandemic-driven shift toward online shopping, according to a report from Mastercard. Consumer confidence across American unexpectedly fell in December to a four-month low as surging COVID-19 cases were forcing more states to tighten restrictions on businesses and travel. *Pray for state governors and health departments to find consistent plans to deal with the coronavirus' continued impact on the economy. Pray for the multitude of unemployed workers.* 

Ephesians 1:11 says "...according to the plan of Him who works out everything in the conformity with the purpose of His will..." (NIV) *Pray for God to work out everything in every level of federal, state, county and city government in the days ahead.*