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1. GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER - 2007

As you know, the whole process towards the Global Day of Prayer started in 2001 with a single stadium filled with 42 000 people in Cape Town, South Africa. Over the last couple of years it started to spread over the earth and in 2006 199 of the 220 nations of the world participated already. More than 200 million people were involved in one way or another – either in churches, united meetings in stadiums, smaller groups, or television and radio.

All the necessary information can be found on the GDOP www.globaldayofprayer.com

For 2007 we still need to make contact with only 4 of the 220 nations of the world. This day of prayer will take place on Pentecost Sunday, 27th of May this year. In most countries

only a few places participated last year, but in some countries there were already quite a number of cities and towns that participated. Let us saturate our nations with prayer and call on more people to pray on Pentecost Sunday.

From 17-26 May there will be 10 days of night-and-day prayer all over the world leading up to the global day of prayer. A ten-day prayer guide in several languages is available for use all over the world. www.jwipn.com

The Global Day of Prayer will be followed by 90 days of community blessing. Suggestions on how to go about this is available at the following link: www.globaldayofprayer.com

There is also a detailed strategy the youth and the information can be found at www.globaldayofprayer.com

Ef./Eph.3:20

Bennie Mostert (International Coordinator for IPC)

2. SUMMIT '07 - PRAYING ON THE HIGH PLACES

Imagine the emerging generation from all the nations of the globe **praying on the high places** on 27 May 2007, the Global Day of Prayer . . . Yes, can you imagine the effect when on this day people from 220 nations of the globe fill stadiums, community centers, city squares, churches and all kinds of buildings? And while this is happening I see the emerging generation giving ear to the call from Is. 40:9: "You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God!'"

We are known as a radical generation, willing to pay the price of true discipleship. So this is a **challenge** to not only show our adventurous nature, but to really climb on to the high places, proclaiming the glory of our Lord. It is time for us to shout it out from Kilimanjaro, Denali, Elbrus, Aconcagua, Carstensz Pyramid, Vinson & Everest (7 highest peaks of the world) that the earth and everything on it belongs to the Lord! Yes, it is time to claim back the Lord's territory in Jesus' Name and to proclaim the victory that we have in Him so that "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" Hab. 2:14.

You don't have to be as crazy as the Africans! From **20 - 30 May 2007** up to 400 young people will tackle **Kilimanjaro**,

summiting on the Global Day of Prayer, planting a cross on the highest peak in Africa and doing a live broadcast to the rest of the globe (more info www.jire.co.za). Some other nations have already indicated that they will be going even higher.

BUT we want to challenge you to gather the emerging generation and to **summit the highest place in your community or region with us** on 27 May 2007. Make it a prayer pilgrimage and do something prophetic that will speak of our generation's commitment to be radical followers of Christ. You can even go on top of the highest building in your area or a little hill, but seek out the high places and repent from our generation's wicked ways, pledge holy lives to God and shout God's glory with the youth from the different nations of the globe.

You can pray however you are lead to pray. You may feel the need to pray from the 10 Day Prayer Guide that you would find on the GDOP website. Others may want to pray the promises of God or have a time of worship. There is **NO** specific way, **JUST DO IT!** The effect of this will not only reverb in the heavenlies, but will most certainly change our nations.

C'mon, this is a time to be creative, to be adventurous and to take your relationship with God to the next level.

What: SUMMIT '07 --- Praying from the high places

Where: The highest point in your community/region

When: Global Day of Prayer, 27 May 2007

Who: Youth from all the nations of the Globe

Please do contact me at etienne@globaldayofprayer.com if you need any further info and PLEASE let me know if you will participate. We want to spread the news through our website www.globaldayofprayer.com to encourage the nations.

**Etienne Piek
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3. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

The Australian Prayer Network, on behalf of the prayer movement in Australia, has called a National Solemn Assembly to deal with issues confronting us personally, the Church corporately, and our Nation, highlighted by the crisis we are facing due to the current prolonged drought affecting most of our country.

The National Solemn Assembly will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 9th/11th March, 2007 at the Budawang Building, Exhibition Park, Cnr Federal Highway and Flemington Road, Canberra.

The Solemn Assembly will be a time of deep repentance as we ask God for His forgiveness for our errant ways and seek His help for the future.

The calling of the Solemn Assembly has been a response to the results of 40 Days of Seeking the Face of God which recently concluded at the end of November. This season of seeking God was called by the Australian Prayer Network as their response to the drought situation in Australia and as an alternative to the oft repeated calls for days of prayer for rain.

Many thousands participated in the 40 day season with some hundreds sending responses of scriptures and words they believed they had received from God on why the "heavens have been closed" and our nation is suffering the crisis it is. These responses were collated and formed a revealing insight into what the Prayer Network believes God is saying to His people at this time.

It became abundantly clear through the words and scriptures received that God is very serious about the state of His Body and the resultant negative impact it is having on our Nation. Unless there was a spiritual turning back to Him by those who are called by his name then the physical conditions currently being experienced across our Nation will only continue to deteriorate.

There were of course dozens of different scriptures submitted, mostly from the books of the law and the prophetic books of the Old Testament. That is not surprising given that most of the references to drought, its cause and impact, are in the Old Testament. However the overwhelming response called for by virtually every submission was repentance and a turning back to God by individuals, Church and Nation.

The seven most quoted scriptures received over the 40 days were the following:

2 Chronicles 7: 13-15

Psalm 68: 6-10

Isaiah 58 (full chapter)

Jeremiah 3:2-5

**Micah 6:8
Haggai 1: 2-14
Malachi 4: 1-6**

Whilst the Chronicles passage dominated as expected, the Haggai passage was the "wildcard". This passage was actually mentioned in submissions some 4 times more often than the other passages and clearly contains the word of the Lord to us at this time. It is interesting that between all passages there is not only the message of repentance but also of redemption and what we must do to find our way back to God. The Isaiah passage is a clear example of that principal given it contains both clear instructions as to how God sees us His people at this time, and then goes on to outline the nature of the response He seeks from us.

The Prayer Network also sought to understand the major sins that were grieving the heart of God. Whilst there were a large number of different terms used to describe specific sins the vast majority come under the following headings:

Lack of Intimacy with God (includes but not limited to unbelief, disunity, lukewarmness, compromise, self centeredness etc)

Idolatry (includes but not limited to pride, arrogance, self reliance, witchcraft, worship of other God's, materialism and greed etc)

Sexual Immorality (includes but not limited to homosexuality, adultery, fornication, pornography, sexual abuse etc)

Shedding of innocent blood (includes but not limited to abortion, cloning, massacre of first nation people, euthanasia, suicide etc)

Broken Covenants (includes but not limited to divorce, unfaithfulness, disobedience to God etc)

Injustice (includes but not limited to lack of care and concern for the poor, widows, fatherless, oppressed etc)

There are many more sub points that could be added under each heading, and it is up to each person to seek God as to those He specifically wants each of us to address in our own lives and the life of the Church and Nation.

There was an overwhelming expression that God was not

interested in our words of repentance unless our hearts were also changed, evidenced by a measurable turning back to a more intimate and obedient walk with God. There was also a strong expression that we should not just pray for rain, but to expect that rain will come as a result of our lives being reconciled with God's purposes for us as His people and nation. It was from that response that the National Solemn Assembly was called to allow the people called by His name to gather from communities across Australia to repent and turn back to God.

The Prayer Networks are urging each community/church to send representatives to the National Assembly in Canberra however they realise it is not possible for everyone to attend. Therefore for those unable to come to Canberra they are encouraging participation in the following ways:-

They are encouraging Churches to open their buildings for prayer during the hours that the Solemn Assembly is in session and to organise a roster of their praying people to ensure continuous prayer co-inciding with the Canberra times each day. Churches in a geographical area are encouraged to combine their activities as a sign of the unity and oneness of the Body of Christ that God desires.

Churches are also being invited to use their normal services that weekend to link in with the theme of repentance and forgiveness. At 12 Noon local time on the Sunday they are asked to invite their people to remain in their Churches, or unite at a combined venue designated by Ministers Associations in geographical areas, to participate in a National Solemn Assembly till 3.00PM, led locally, but co-inciding with the National Event in Canberra, when we will unite as one Body across the nation to humble ourselves and pray, repent of our wicked ways and cry out for His mercy towards us His people and for our nation.

In any communities where the Church does not pick this up Prayer Groups and Individuals are being encouraged to organise their own gatherings seeking to embrace all praying people in their community in their plans.

For further information as plans unfold, regularly visit the website www.ausprayernet.org.au

National Coordinator of the Australian Prayer Network Brian Pickering said "This is a once in a generation event. Our nation is in desperate need of both natural and spiritual rain.

We believe the breaking of the physical drought is dependant on the breaking of the spiritual drought which in turn is dependant on us humbling ourselves before Almighty God and recommitting our ways back to Him. We invite all Christians to be part of this historic event."

4. HONDURAN CHILD INTERCESSORS PRAY WITH POWER

Hundreds of children in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, regularly gather to sing, dance, and pray for their nation, supported by thousands of people in the nation. Children between the ages of eight and twelve can participate in an initiative called Children with One Voice, initiated by Pastor Roy Santos. "It's the children who are going to maintain the revival of the last times," he says. "If a generation awakens, a nation will change."

The children have been trained as intercessors. With authority they proclaim changes and blessings on their country. When they 'graduate' from Children with One Voice, they will become young leaders in their churches. Some even hope to become full-time Christian workers.

Young intercessor Jefry Martinez relates how their prayers have been heard. "One prayer request was that the Lord would provide a person to love the children of Honduras. And He answered us in 2004 when the First Lady of the nation, Cañas de Maduro, took charge of all the street children. She loved the children. And, she took them to orphanages." "We've seen powerful answers," says pastor Santos. "One of them is how hurricanes heading for us have been stopped when they were going to destroy us. But God had mercy, the children interceded. Another is the economy. Our nation was favoured with the cancellation of 70 percent of our foreign debt."

With these positive experiences, the child intercessors have expanded their thinking beyond local and national borders. Now they're praying for the nations of the world.

Source: Stan Jeter, CBN News

5. REVIVAL IN THAILAND

Many servants of God have said that revival in Thailand would start from a mountain in the north and come down to the valley and spread from there to the rest of Thailand.

Many years of sowing in tears, fasting, prayer and teaching have started to bear fruit. Many villages in Om Koi are

experiencing heavenly visitations. It is spreading in all directions, starting with a village where God visited early in January.

A group of people were sitting around a fire in the open, very early in the morning. They saw a very bright light shining over the mountain and a stream of blood flowing down the beam of that light. Then they heard an audible voice saying, "The Blood of Jesus can cleanse the people of this village."

Upon witnessing this supernatural phenomenon, people in that village started to cry out to God in repentance. Up until then, the only church in that village had only 7-10 people coming to worship on Sundays. Very quickly the number rose to 50 families. There are about 100 families in that village. The rest of them are also turning to Christ.

From that village, the news spread and people from other villages went to see what was happening. They caught the fire and now many villages are experiencing the visitation of God.

Women and children are waking up as early as 4am to go to church to seek God before the children go to school. This is being done voluntarily. It has become normal now for these children to go up to heaven and talk to God and come back. In some villages, only the girls are having these heavenly visitations and boys in other villages. We don't know why. Children are being used by God to prophesy in details over the adults, exposing sins in their lives. Repentance is flowing all over the place.

6. 30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

30-Days International produces the well-known "**30-Days of Prayer for the Muslim World**" Christian prayer guide coinciding with *Ramadan* each year.

The origin of this call to prayer and fasting for the Muslim world came about as a group of Christian leaders were praying about the Islamic world during a meeting in the Middle East in April 1992. God put a burden on the hearts of these men and women to call as many Christians as possible to pray for the Muslim world. www.30-days.net

7. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR ZIMBABWE

We are declaring April 18, 2007 as International Day of Prayer and Fasting for Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe is a country in desperate

need of intervention. And yet the world is turning a blind eye.

If you would like to be a part of organizing and mobilizing this event, please let us know. Already over 1200 have joined our facebook group. Can you help us get the word out? All we're asking is for people to 1) pray, 2) organize a prayer event in their city, and 3) pass the word along to everyone in their address book and ask them to do the same.

Thousands in Zimbabwe are dying from AIDS. Food is scarce. Medication is in short supply. The inflation rate is at an outrageous 1200 percent. Medical workers are on strike. 80 percent of the population is unemployed. Humanitarian aid organizations are restricted from getting life-saving supplies to the people. Government abuses, skyrocketing crime rates, a disastrous economy, and an exploding health crisis have made Zimbabwe now officially the worst country in the world for "Quality of Life". www.prayzimbabwe.org

8. CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
2007		
March 2007	Pray for Western Europe	www.ethne.net www.global-prayer-digest.org www.joshuaproject.net
07 - 10 March 2007	Prayer and Fasting Conference 2007 Egypt	conference@prayforegypt.com
April 2007	Pray for Central and South America	www.ethne.net www.global-prayer-digest.org www.joshuaproject.net
04 - 06 April 2007	North America Prayer Summit - Mexico	mdifga@telus.net
May 2007	Pray for North America and the Caribbean	www.ethne.net www.global-prayer-digest.org www.joshuaproject.net
02 - 05 May 2007	Caribbean Prayer Summit - Barbados	prayernet@colis.com
17 - 26 May 2006	10 Days of Prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost	www.jwipn.com www.globaldayofprayer.com
19 May 2007	Trumpet Call 6 National Day of Prayer for Britain	www.worldprayer.org.uk
27 May 2007	Global Day of Prayer	www.globaldayofprayer.com
June 2007	Pray for South Pacific & Southeast Asia least reached people	www.ethne.net www.global-prayer-digest.org www.joshuaproject.net
02 - 03 June 2007	Weekend of Prayer for Children at Risk	www.viva.org/pray

06 - 08 June 2007	G8 Prayer & Worship Summit - Germany	mdifga@telus.net
July 2007	Pray for Northeast Asia	www.ethne.net www.global-prayer-digest.org www.joshuaproject.net
August 2007	Pray for Buddhist least reached peoples of South Asia	www.ethne.net www.global-prayer-digest.org www.joshuaproject.net
1 - 5 August 2007	South Asian Global Convention 2007	info@southasianconnection.com
September 2007	Pray for Hindu least reached peoples of South Asia	www.ethne.net www.global-prayer-digest.org www.joshuaproject.net
October 2007	Pray for Muslim least reached peoples of South Asia	www.ethne.net www.global-prayer-digest.org www.joshuaproject.net
November 2007	Pray for least reached peoples of Central Asia	www.ethne.net www.global-prayer-digest.org www.joshuaproject.net
6 - 10 November 2007	South-East Asia Prayer Consultation, Bali, Indonesia	seapc2003@yahoo.com
Mid November 2007	South-East Asia Prayer Consultation	info@prayforegypt.com
28 November 2007	Trumpet Call 7 National Day of Prayer for Britain	www.worldprayer.org.uk
December 2007	Pray for least reached peoples of the Middle East and North Africa	www.ethne.net www.global-prayer-digest.org www.joshuaproject.net

9. WEBSITES WORTH VISITING

Have a look at these great websites!

www.ipcprayer.org (IPC's new website!)

www.campo247.com

www.ethne.net

www.xtremepayer.com

www.global24-7.org

www.globaldayofprayer.com

www.jwipn.com

10. THE NEW IPC WEBSITE

The new website, www.ipcprayer.org is "live" now. We are very excited about this, but we need your input as to be able to keep on building on it and to make it serve its purpose.

The website consists of the following sections and we would appreciate it if you could assist us in the following ways:

- Home:** **News**
Please send us news of *International* interest
Upcoming initiatives and conferences
We need this info to update our calendar regularly
- Regions:** Please send us your **prayer requests and alerts**
for your region and
News from your *region*
- Resources:** What would you like to see under "Resources"?
Send us info on resources you know would be of
value to others, please.
- Links:** Please tell us about **links** you think should be added
to this list
- Newsletter:** Read our **newsletters** and enjoy them!

11. THE VISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRAYER COUNCIL

"Compelled by God to seek Christ's glory worldwide for the blessing, healing and transforming of the nations, the International Prayer Council exists as a coalition of prayer networkers and mobilizers working together to motivate, develop and equip national movements and local churches to fill all nations with prayer for the fulfillment of the Great Commandment and the completion of the Great Commission."

12. PLEASE TELL US

The focus of Prayer Connections is to keep prayer leaders and regional liaisons informed on what is happening worldwide in the prayer movement. This newsletter wants to assist you to be informed about prayer events, but also wants to create a network where we can work together in reaching our goal of bringing in the harvest.

It is only possible to be of such help if we receive information on what is happening in your region. Please send the prayer news of your region and news of conferences and networking seminars to Nita van der Merwe office@ipcprayer.org.

13. CONTACT US

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