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*"Globalising Prayer,
Transforming our World"*

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1. WORLD PRAYER ASSEMBLY

The World Prayer Assembly- connecting with the Lord and one another in a global, ongoing, interactive prayer movement so that a tsunami of His glory will be released on the face of the earth!

The leadership of the IPC has thought and prayed for several years about the possibility of arranging another global prayer congress like the International Prayer Assembly held in Korea in 1984. That event was used by the Lord to catalyze many of the international, regional and national prayer initiatives and networks that are in existence today. According to Ben Jennings, one of the IPA's main leaders and a major founder of the IPC, the Korean event was like a "rocket thrust" that ignited the global prayer movement we now see taking shape around the world. We in the IPC believe it is time to explore holding another such event to more deeply connect the prayer movement and to learn from what God is doing through the many different initiatives and networks that have come into being.

Recently, we have sought the counsel of church and prayer leaders in a number of countries with strong prayer efforts and have agreed to move forward in a planning process with the intention of holding a World Prayer Assembly in mid-2012. We invite your input with any suggestions you may have and ask for your prayer support that this process will be led by the Lord. We will need His provision of gifted people and material resources to accomplish such a large feat, so please join us, helping in any way you can. Here is an initial vision draft for your interest and prayer.

World Prayer Assembly

DRAFT - Inviting your suggestions and help.

Key Objective

To bring together prayer leaders, intercessors, church and marketplace leaders, children and youth to accelerate the development of an ongoing, interactive global prayer movement towards the fulfillment of Habakkuk 2:14, that "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord".

Why?

- 1. The first International Prayer Assembly held in Korea in 1984 was a powerful rocket thrust that ignited many of the national and regional prayer efforts we see in force today. (Please see the video *Celebrating God's Wonder's in the Global Prayer Movement* on the huge impact of the IPA) on the IPC website www.ipcprayer.org**
- 2. It is time to again connect more intentionally the diverse strands of the prayer movement in order to celebrate and learn from what God has been doing through it. We should steward, maximize and extend past and current efforts to prayer-network the Body of Christ through the Global Day of Prayer, 24/7 youth prayer, houses of prayer, the**

International Prayer Council, Children in Prayer, 4-14 Window initiative, marketplace prayer ministries, and many other national, regional and international network and initiatives.

- 3. We need to hear from the Lord of the Church corporately what He will reveal concerning the role of the global prayer movement in His purposes for Earth and to understand more deeply the part united, transformational prayer plays in such key issues as world evangelization, spiritual revival, social justice, humanitarian emergencies along with many other international, regional and national concerns.**
- 4. We need to coordinate our efforts and make plans for future prayer mobilization, so that every nation, city and rural area throughout the world becomes filled with ongoing intercession ("open heaven") resulting in Spirit-inspired action until His Kingdom with its values are manifested there.**
- 5. The WPA will assess what the Body of Christ has experienced through the worldwide explosion of prayer efforts since the last IPA in 1984 and will enable cross-fertilization and connection of a much larger cross-section of prayer ministries from all traditions and segments of the Church.**
- 6. It will encourage the next generation to become the cutting edge leadership of the global prayer movement, enabling children and younger leaders to be front and center as equal partners in it.**

When and Where?

- Dates still being discussed for five days in June-July 2012.**
- Considering Jakarta, Indonesia as the venue**

Size and Constituency?

- 3000 prayer network leaders, intercessors, and church/ marketplace/ political/ media leaders from all 220 nations (adults, youth and children) plus thousands more from the host nation.**
- Live Internet video streaming and satellite TV transmission to enable many more to participate.**

Please pray with us about this possibility, give us your frank suggestions, and as the Lord leads us, let's move forward together towards making the WPA a reality in 2012.

**John Robb
Chairman
International Prayer Council**

2. IPC INTERGENERATIONAL PRAYER SUMMIT

Several thousand church, mission, youth and child leaders from many parts of the world will come to Cape Town, South Africa, May 18-23, 2010 to celebrate what God has done through the Global Day of Prayer and to consider the way forward together in the global prayer movement.

The IPC will participate as part of the Prayer stream, one of five concurrent streams (church, mission, youth, transformation and prayer). We will join the other streams for morning plenary sessions and track sessions that will "tell the stories of unsung heroes of the faith". The rest of the time will be given to the Intergenerational Prayer Summit that will unite all three generations- children, youth and adults- in a precious time of seeking the Lord together for all He has for us in the burgeoning world prayer movement. The particular theme of this IPC summit will be "Investing in Future Generations: Affirming What God is doing among Children and Youth in the Prayer Movement". It will be intergenerational prayer summit in that youth and children will be taking a leading role along with adults, helping to design and lead our time together as equal partners. It will also serve as the third Children in Prayer global consultation for those who have been involved with that network and those who would like to learn more about CiP. You won't want to miss this! Those who attended the first two global consultations in Malaysia and India were radically impacted personally and in their ministries.

If you have not yet registered for this very special event, please do so without delay.

Three easy steps to complete your registration (don't forget one!):

1. For the GDOP 2010 and IPC event- Please register your participation now at www.gdop2010.com . When you register on this website, after you enter your own organization, be sure to identify the International Prayer Council as your—primary network affiliation for the event so we can be sure to accommodate your participation. For the —additional network affiliation, select Children in Prayer.
2. We plan to have our whole IPC delegation stay at the Cape Town Ritz Hotel, a lovely place located close to the beach with among the most reasonable rates, especially for double or triple rooming. They are saving a limited number of rooms for us at a discounted rate of \$57 per night per person twin sharing (or \$100 per night single) including breakfast. Please make a reservation directly with the hotel by contacting Micky Rudolph at ritz@africanskyhotels.com. Information on the hotel and their website is attached below. *You should contact them as soon as possible to get this discounted rate which will be first come, first served.*

3. Send an email to Nita van der Merwe, our IPC administrator, stating that you have registered for GDOP 2010 and booked your hotel room. You can reach her at the IPC office at: office@ipcprayer.org She should also be able to answer any additional questions you may have or if you want to book a few days to tour in South Africa.

3. GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER 2010

The Global Day of Prayer has seen millions of Christians unite in a day of repentance and united prayer. Believers gathered in every country of the world on 31 May 2009. The echoes of desperate prayers for transformation sounded from stadiums, open fields, community centres and private homes. These prayers have the power to transform our world and to fill the nations with the glory of God.

On 23 May 2010, God is again calling the nations from the North, South, East and West to embark on this prayer journey with Him. God is moving in His awesome power, and He is challenging us to be part of this journey. It is a journey that is not about us, but about a world in desperate need for His glory and compassionate love. It is a call to respond to His invitation in 2 Chronicles 7:14 to humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and turn from our wicked ways. May He hear our prayers, forgive our sin and heal our land.

I humbly invite you to join hundreds of millions of Christians as we come before God for this day of repentance and prayer. May we see His glory.

Graham Power,
Chairman, Global Day of Prayer

The Global Day of Prayer follows the three parts of the beginning of the Church: ten days of constant prayer leading to Pentecost, one day of prayer witnessed by the whole city and days of blessing that followed. For these reasons, the Global Day of Prayer has three parts:

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Ten days of constant prayer: 13-22 May 2010. Beginning on Ascension Day, 13 May, millions of Christians will find ways to pray night and day throughout the ten days leading to Pentecost.

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The Global Day of Prayer: 23 May 2010.

On Pentecost Sunday, Christians in almost every country will assemble to pray. Many will gather in small groups in homes. Many will assemble in large stadiums and other public venues.

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Ninety days of blessing: 24 May - 21 August 2010.

As in the first Pentecost, transformed Christians transform their communities as they offer themselves to God as instruments through which

their prayers can be answered. The Global Day of Prayer anticipates the forming or furthering of local alliances among pastors, churches, missions and business leaders to bring practical, transformational blessing to their communities.

The Global Day of Prayer is a call to encounter God with many others so that He can change us and bring forth all that He desires among the nations.

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Ten Days of Constant Prayer

Ascension Day, 13 May - Saturday, 22 May

Pray globally. Gather locally. Gather in creative ways.

Many are forming prayer chains to build bonfires of 24-hours-a-day prayer. Others will meet for an hour or two of focused prayer. Some will be fasting. Look for how the Holy Spirit may give you fresh ways to pray with family and friends. Prayer points for each day of the 10 days are available on www.globaldayofprayer.com

Children are praying! Let's involve children as equal partners in our praying. A special version of this prayer guide has been prepared for children. It will help many families pray together and find creative ways to help children lift their voices along with others.

Find it at www.globaldayofprayer.com/children

Young adults will be praying around the clock. In many countries young people will be praying non-stop throughout the ten days. A special rendition of this prayer guide has been designed to catalyze and concentrate the prayers of young people of any age. Find this companion version at www.globaldayofprayer.com/youth

Pray with different languages. This guide is being translated into about 50 languages, making it possible for many millions of Christians all over the world to be praying these same prayers. See www.globaldayofprayer.com to find available translations. It's time. Let's get ready to meet God.

4. AN EXCITING NEW WEBSITE TO VISIT

Global Prayer Connection

Connecting people in prayer worldwide

www.globalprayerconnection.com

Global Prayer Connection is an international collaborative project by prayer and technology leaders. Representatives from numerous national prayer networks and global ministries are working together to discover new ways to connect people at the community, national or global levels for united prayer.

Global Prayer Connection is a free service for everyone who believes in the power of prayer.

The GPC is a great tool for:

- **Local Churches**
- **Community Groups**
- **City-Wide Initiatives**
- **National Prayer Campaigns**
- **Global Partnerships**

Because the Global Prayer Connection is meant to be a safe and secure environment, access to the network is granted by invitation only.

We hope you will find GPC an easy-to-use powerful tool for partnering with praying people within your spheres of influence.

For more information email Greg at info@globalprayerconnection.com

5. PRAYER WALKING IS A KEY TO CHURCH PLANTING

Simple church coach Felicity Dale attended the World House Church Summit in India and reports that she met several people who have more than 100,000 new believers in their networks. She interviewed a middle-aged housewife who is responsible for seeing more than 6,000 churches come into being. Reflecting on this, Felicity says: "I know that numbers are the world's way of judging success, and that God is more interested in our faithfulness and obedience than anything else. I also know that you cannot manufacture a move of God, but are there principles that they are applying that translate across cultures and help to produce such a movement?"

The first thing that is strikingly clear is the commitment of Indian church planters to prayer and prayer walking. "We have an Indian friend who tried an experiment," Felicity says. "He picked two villages. The first he prayer walked regularly before trying to reach out to the people who lived there. The second he did not. Forty-five families became believers in the first vil-lage. He was thrown out of the second one."

A similar experiment was tried several years ago in Phoenix, Arizona, as documented in the book 'The Praying Church Idea Book' by Douglas A. Kamstra. The church randomly selected 160 names from the phone book and divided then into two groups. For 90 days they prayed for one group while they ignored the other. At the end of 90 days they called all 160 homes, identified themselves and offered to stop by and pray for the family and any needs they might have. Of the 80 homes that were not prayed for, only one person invited them in. From the 80 homes that were prayed for, 69 people invited them to come over and of those people, 45 invited them into their homes.

David Watson, who has seen more than 40,000 churches start in North India and more than 5,000 in Africa, surveyed his top 100 church planters to see if he could identify any common characteristics in the methods they used. The only one he found was a commitment to prayer. Even though these people mostly had jobs, they prayed 3 hours per day on their own and then 3 hours per day with their teams. Fasting was also important to them.

Source: Felicity Dale/Joel News

6. HAITI: ONE MILLION GATHER TO PRAY AND FAST

On February 12, 2010, President Préval of Haiti called his nation to three days of fasting and prayer in place of the regular Mardi Gras celebration. Several of the nation's Christian leaders had five days to set up and arrange this event, and over one million Haitians participated. Loving Hands Ministry Haiti produced a moving video report

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30rWm84z-zg>

7. VIVA AND THE WORLD WEEKEND OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

For the last 15 years over the first weekend of June, Viva has been facilitating a weekend of prayer for children at risk. This year the theme is 'Child in the midst' and the prayer guide is based on Mark 10: 13 – 16, the passage which tells of Jesus' frustration with the disciples who were rebuking those bringing the children to Him. Jesus took the children in His arms, laid His hands on them and, as the Amplified version tells us, 'He fervently invoked a blessing on them.' What a challenge to think that Jesus said 'to such as these belongs the Kingdom of God', when we see so many children suffering in the world.

Following hot on the heels of the GDOP, please consider joining in Viva, June 5-6, to pray for a generation of children at risk, keeping the momentum of prayer growing across the earth. The prayer guide, power point and other resources are freely available from www.viva.org/wwwp.aspx . Please contact pray@viva.org for more information.

8. IPC EVENTS CALENDAR

We need to know about your upcoming initiatives/events/conferences. Please send the dates and contact details/websites to office@ipcprayer.org to be added to the events calendar so others can be made aware of your activities so others can pray for or participate in them.

IPC EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
2010		
12 - 22 May 2010	10 Days of Prayer preceding GDOP	www.globaldayofprayer.com www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk
17 - 23 May 2010	Global Day of Prayer 2010 Conference and IPC Intergenerational Prayer Summit in Cape Town, South Africa	www.gdop2010.com (Note: select IPC and Children in Prayer as your network affiliations)
23 May 2010	Global Day of Prayer	www.globaldayofprayer.com www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk
24 May – 21 August 2010	90 Days of Blessings	www.globaldayofprayer.com www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk
05 – 06 June 2010	World Weekend of Prayer for Children at Risk	www.viva.org
16 – 25 October 2010	Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization to be held in Cape Town, South Africa	www.lausanne.org/cape-town-2010 Contact people: Gordon Gandiya at Gordon_Gandiya@wvi.org or Sarah Plummer at sarah_plummer@wvi.org

9. WEBSITES WORTH VISITING

Please have a look at these great websites!

www.ipcprayer.org
www.globalprayerconnection.com
www.childreninprayer.org
www.4to14window.com
www.pray414window.com
www.24-7prayer.com
www.hollywoodprayernetwork.org
www.globaldayofprayer.com
www.call2all.org
www.kidspray.org.au
www.childreninprayer.my
www.cpnsa.co.za
www.viva.org
www.worldprayer.org.uk
www.interprayer.com
www.ethne.net
www.wycliffe.net
www.global24-7.org
www.jwipn.com
www.etnopedia.org
www.worldwideprayer.com/prayerlinks.html
www.theburn247.com
www.generationfire.com.au
www.thevine.org.hk

10. THE IPC WEBSITE

Be sure to check out the various videos on different facets of prayer now available on the IPC website www.ipcprayer.org. Just click the "Resources" tab and you will find them. They are free for your use. You can play them right from your computer screen for yourself and others you would like to share them with.

You can make the website a more useful tool for others in the prayer movement. 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 such as **Upcoming initiatives and conferences**. We need this info to update our calendar regularly.

Regions: Please send us **strategic prayer requests and alerts** for your nation or 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

Please send your suggestions to the IPC administrator, Nita van der Merwe, at office@ipcprayer.org.

11. ABOUT THE IPC

OUR VISION:

"Compelled by God to seek Christ's glory worldwide for the blessing, healing and transforming of the nations, International Prayer Connect 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."

HOW WE OPERATE:

The IPC is not an organization as such. We are a fellowship of people involved in mobilising prayer throughout the world. We function as an international "network of networks", connecting international, regional and national prayer ministries and networks. We also arrange or support special prayer initiatives that bring prayer leaders together from time to time to pray for matters of regional and global concern to the Body of Christ. Regional prayer summits have been arranged or supported by the IPC in most regions of the world as well as international prayer initiatives for the United Nations, Hollywood and other issues.

The IPC is led by an international executive team, now called the International Prayer Council that is composed of twenty-two leaders who coordinate regional prayer networks or international prayer initiatives of

various kinds. We seek to be catalysts and connectors within the global prayer movement towards the fulfillment of Habakkuk 2:14- that "*the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.*"

We do not have an official membership, but connect with individuals and networks through *Connections*, a periodical newsletter distributed via e-mail to give prayer information to interested people. Please share this newsletter with prayer coordinators, prayer network leaders, and others who have an interest in the global prayer movement so that they can be informed about different prayer initiatives, existing prayer networks and how to participate in them.

12. CONTACTING THE IPC OFFICE

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IPC website with free resources and information for all ages:

www.ipcprayer.org

Children in Prayer website with free resources for encouraging children in prayer:

www.childreninprayer.org