



PRAYER CONNECTIONS

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1. GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER - 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we stand poised on the eve of Ascension Day, ready to embark on 10 Days of day-and-night prayer leading up to the Global Day of Prayer on 27 May, we are once again deeply aware of the immense honour and privilege of joining millions upon millions of believers across the globe in continuous, passionate 24/7 intercession!

As hundreds of nations around the world continue to communicate the incredible plans that have been set in place to facilitate community prayer during the 10 Days and the Global Day of Prayer, it is with great excitement, anticipation and expectation that we trust God to hear our repentance and prayer, forgive our sins and heal our land (2 Chronicles 7:14). With all our hearts, we desire to see Him move powerfully and miraculously as together we wait upon Him!

We are thrilled that already 195 Nations have registered for participation in this global prayer event - and we are trusting that the remaining few nations will continue to register day by day before Pentecost Sunday! We want to appeal to you to review the list of nations (below) that have not yet registered. If you know people in these nations that would be willing to stand in the gap to offer up prayer on behalf of their country (even if it is a very small group) please would you let us know! We are trusting that this year, for the first time ever, we will see ALL the nations of the world uniting in prayer so that we may see His glory (Isaiah 66:18)!

We want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your dedicated participation, your boundless enthusiasm and your intense intercession! Our special thanks also go to the millions of people across the globe that have been working tirelessly in preparing for this special time in fulfilment of this God-given vision. We love and appreciate you!

May our faith increase as we continue to trust and believe that we WILL see His glory cover the earth (Habakkuk 2:14)!

**Your co-labourers in Christ,
Graham Power and the Global Day of Prayer Team**

2. PRAYING ON THE HIGH PLACES

After a group of young guys in South Africa received a vision from God to summit Mt Kilimanjaro (the highest peak in Africa) on the GDOP in 2007 an even bigger vision followed. From Isaiah 40:9 a challenge was put out to the emerging generation in all the nations to summit the highest places in their communities, regions and nations. The focus of this initiative would be to proclaim God's glory from the highest places and to reclaim our nations for God. No guidelines are given and it is up to every group to seek God's face for their unique strategy to summit the high places in their area --- may it be a mountain, hill, water tower or sky scraper! Up to this point there has been an amazing reaction to this call and we are already aware of 75 nations who have officially notified us that they would be on the high places on Pentecost Sunday, 27 May 2007. Even more amazing is the fact that not only the emerging generation has embraced the vision, but that all the generations would be on the high places during this time.

The final group that will attempt to summit Mt Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa, on the Global Day of Prayer, 27 May 2007, is now officially 39 people. This team consists of 32 South Africans, 2 Tanzanians, 1 Rwandese and 4 Americans. There are 9 women in the group.

A live global satellite broadcast will be done on the prayer initiative at the summit. This will be broadcast on God TV. Daily updates and pictures on the mission will also be available on the following websites: www.transformationafrica.com and www.globaldayofprayer.com.

3. PRAYER FOR RUSSIA

According to the Word in 2 Chronicles 7:14 *"And My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, will forgive their sins and heal their land"*.

Today is the time for the choice to be made — Blessings or Curse; Life or Death for Russia. Blessings, prosperous life and salvation will come to Russia, if its Church fulfills what is required in 2 Chronicles 7:14; if the Church in Russia repents, searches for God and prays in union, if Church takes the spiritual responsibility for its nation. Otherwise new Concentration Camps will appear again, with millions of people behind the barbwire fence and the country shedding a lot of blood...

Three prayer conferences took place in Russia between January and April 2007. During the conferences, the participants got acquainted with the experience of spiritual transformation of the last 30 years, transformation of those towns and countries, which God visited with His grace, granting political stability, economical prosperity and, most importantly, granting repentance and salvation to the nations of South Korea, Romania, Norway, Uganda, Fiji, citizens of Cali (Columbia), Kjambu (Kenya), Almalongo (Guatemala), Hemet (California, the USA), to the people who were dying in their sins.

Today, according to the information from Christian historians, which was presented by George Otis at the Summit of prayer leaders in Seattle (March 28-31, 2007) there are about 500 places on our planet which are experiencing spiritual revival according to Isaiah 60:2: *"For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; but the Lord will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you"*.

All three conferences started with seeking the face of the Lord, praise, worship and hunger for God – for His presence and His revelations about the ways of salvation for the nations of Russia. The Lord answered the prayers of the participants of the conferences. God's presence and Holy Spirit were cleaning the hungry hearts, preparing the participants for the deeper relations with the Lord and with each other. They experienced the presence of the Lord throughout.

All the participants agreed that the nations of Russia are dying under awful sins, such as apostasy, idolatry, abuse, anti-Semitism, and that today the country is in the same situation as it was in 1917 and it has a choice to make – life or death, a curse or a blessing. Only unity among the Christians and passionate prayer can save the country. John 17:21: *" That they all be one, even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent me"*.

Almost at every conference during the discussions national and regional sins were confessed. Mighty presence of the Lord was putting people on their knees and His people with tears were asking the Lord to forgive Russia by the Word in Joel 2:17 *"Let the priests, the Lord's ministers, weep between the porch and altar, and let them say: "Spare Your people, O, Lord, and do not make Your inheritance a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they among the peoples say: "Where is their God?"*

The vision of 500 million watchmen, whom God is raising right now all over the world, fulfilling His word in Acts 15:16: *"After these things I will return and I will rebuild the Tabernacle of David which has fallen, I will rebuild its ruins and restore it"* inspired those, who are already involved in 24/7 prayer in their regions.

The participants of the conferences once again realized that the National Prayer Movement of Russia is not a result of men's desire, not another evangelizing project, but part a part of the great global movement of the Holy Spirit who is preparing the way for the second coming by restoring the fallen tabernacle of David, i.e. 24/7 praise and worship.

The participants of the conferences accepted this call – they stood up with tears in their eyes and proclaimed the end of slavery of sin in their regions and that Russia belongs to the Lord.

Three more prayer conferences, organized by the National Prayer Movement "Prayer for Russia" will be held round the country in June. Please pray with these people in Russia that the Lord will bless and save Russia!

4. PRAY FOR BANGLADESH

Bangladesh is one of the world's poorest nations. More than half of the population lives below the poverty line. It is massively over-populated and suffers from natural disasters like floods and cyclones which kill thousands of people. Over 230 million Bengali people live around the world. They are one of the largest groups of unreached people in the world.

Please pray for this country and its people.

- **Pray that the political opposition, economic threat and devastation left by the floods will cause the leaders of the country to turn to our Lord.**
- **Pray that God's people in Bangladesh will humble themselves, pray and seek God's face.**
- **Pray for the protection of God's children in this suffering country.**
- **Pray for the prayer conferences that will be held in Bangladesh during the month of May.**

5. PRAYING THROUGH THE 10/40 WINDOW

Window International Network (WIN) is a non-profit organization founded in 1999 to continue the international outreach segment of the Christian Information Network.

Their mission is to inform, equip, and mobilize networks of prayer around the globe to empower effective evangelism, church growth, and discipleship in and around the 10/40 Window.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Mobilization of more than 40 million Christian Believers to pray for the 10/40 Window**
- **Prayer journeys into all of the 67 nations of the Window**
- **Relationships with heads of state in several of the countries**
- **Translation and distribution of the Praying Through The Window prayer calendar into 33 languages and dialects**
- **Coordination of 120 nations to pray for the people in the Window**
- **Praying With Power, Women's Summit, Asian Summit, Prayer Consultation, and other conferences and church speaking engagements – training and equipping Christians to impact the 10/40 Window**
- **Development of communications to inform prayer partners through the 10/40 Window Reporter, [WIN Email News](#), [Weekly Prayer Points](#), Emergency Prayer Alerts, and [WIN Resources](#)**

WHAT STILL NEEDS TO BE DONE?

- **Present the Gospel to those living in the Window in a culturally sensitive and contextually relevant manner**
- **Identify, train and equip Christian nationals who can effectively witness to those in their nations**
- **Pray for key international Christian leaders to plant indigenous Bible-based churches among the unreached people groups in the Window**
- **Continue to mobilize millions of Christians to participate in the Praying through the Window initiatives along with training, and networking in the following strategic areas:**

- Prayer Campaigns
- Church Planting
- The Plight of Women & Girls
- Children, Teens, Young Adults
- Education
- Micro Business Enterprise
- Relief Efforts

For more info, prayer points and prayer calendars, visit www.win1040.com

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. AWAKEN THE WATCHMAN

To learn and read more about 24/7 prayer and to watch the Awaken the Watchman DVD, visit www.lovepasadena.org/jwipn/index.htm. This DVD is available in English, Arabic, French, Swahili, Korean, Spanish and Portuguese and can be ordered from office@ipcprayer.com

8. CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
2007		
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
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
09 - 11 September 2007	IPC United Nations Initiative	Nita van der Merwe office@iprprayer.org
24 Sept - 23 Oct 2007	30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World	www.30-days.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
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.lovepasadena.org/jwipn/index.htm

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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