



PRAYER CONNECT

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1. GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER - 11 MAY 2008

WATCH THE GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER ON GOD TV!

God TV, the only TV network to broadcast globally from Jerusalem, will be airing the extraordinary prayer event known as Global Day of Prayer (GDOP) LIVE.

Participate in all the excitement of unified Repentance and Prayer by tuning in to GOD TV this Pentecost Sunday, May 11 2008.

GOD TV Founders, Rory & Wendy Alec together with the Visionary & Founder of Global Day of Prayer, Graham Power, will host this LIVE broadcast direct from the network's global

transmission centre at the base of Mount Zion. The broadcast marathon will feature satellite links to 11 prayer venues in different cities across the time zones - from New Zealand to the USA.

Hundreds of thousands of believers will be gathering in venues around the world. Please go to one of these locations but if you can't then tune in to GOD TV or watch online at www.god.tv

Over and above the GDOP broadcast, which will feature footage from The Call Jerusalem, you will also be able to access multiple web casts online from the many permanent cameras in different GDOP locations around the globe. GOD TV will also be streaming all 12 hours of the The Call in Jerusalem.

By simply registering online at www.god.tv you can participate in this historic day of prayer from locations all over the earth.

Whether you watch LIVE or online, as you connect, we ask you to please consider giving a donation to help cover the costs of making this telecast available around the world.

Whatever you do, don't miss this extraordinary broadcast!

For more information about the broadcast visit www.god.tv

About GOD TV

GOD TV was founded in the UK in 1995 by Christian media pioneers Rory & Wendy Alec and in 12 short years has become a global phenomenon. Today the network beams a broad cross section of cutting-edge programs, including many life-changing LIVE broadcasts, into millions of homes worldwide. The only Christian broadcaster to transmit globally from Jerusalem, GOD TV's powerful signal is carried via multiple satellites providing free viewing to almost half a billion people 24-hours-a-day.

2. CHILDREN IN PRAYER GLOBAL CONSULTATION

The CiP Global Consultation will take place in the city of Chennai in southern India from 2 to 7 July 2008. The Children in Prayer Global Task Force, an international group which has been operating since the last global event in September 2006, is planning this Global Consultation. It will be held under the auspices of the International Prayer Council, a global network of prayer ministries. An Indian national network of agencies

and ministries involved with CiP that is coming into being, will be our host for the July event. We will be staying at the Pleasant Days Inn, only 20 km from the Chennai International Airport. We are expecting 200-250 adult and child prayer leaders from many regions of the world to participate.

Our mission will be to share what God is doing through the rapidly developing CiP movement, region by region; learn from one another about new resources and methodologies; and especially to pray together, listening to God and reflecting about directions in which He wants to take CiP in the future.

A special bonus will be meeting and praying with over 2000 praying Indian children affiliated with the Royal Kids ministry of Father Anton Cruz. Many of them were discarded as the "trashies of society" and have now become the "treasures of heaven". They are being educated by Father Anton and his colleagues to serve the Lord in various careers, and, in the meantime, the children run the whole prayer ministry with 24/7 intercession for the nations as a major focus. The International Prayer Council has produced a DVD featuring on CiP and on Father Anton's Royal Kids ministry. It will be available in July.

**John Robb
International Prayer Council**

3. SPECIAL REPORT ON CHILDREN IN PRAYER

Bishop Peter Sekhonyane from Orange Farms, South Africa shares the following:

The coming of Father Anton Cruz, from India to South Africa, will always be an unforgettable experience to me.

God used that man to open my eyes to see the raw, unused and neglected power that is potential in the Hands of the Almighty God to change the heart of our nation. God's power to change the nation's heart - South Africa needs a new heart.

God's power can be seen in the children's prayer.

Immediately, as Father Anton Cruz spoke, the curtain was swung open, I saw things that I knew and was familiar with, but were always closed-up to my understanding. I have been a Tent Ministry worker all my life in the Ministry where God called me and have also been amongst the Leading Gospel musicians as well as a Pastor to many Churches. My path has

been coming across hundreds if not thousands of children wherever I went. Before the first Tent peg is hit and driven into the ground there will be about 50 to 100 children ready to offer their tiny help which was forever met with rebuke and chasing away. When the Tent is up and the sound system is being carried into the Tent, they would want to tear one another apart just to be given the privilege of carrying something into the Tent. When the sound is being set, there they are, all seated, watching and listening with glee as all kinds of sound tests are made. Only to be removed to the back of the Tent to allow their mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers to sit comfortably in front.

During the day we would hire somebody to look after the Tent and chase these kids away. You see, they had nothing to do. To them the Tent was a good mountain to climb and slide down. It was a time for them to break bottles and experiment as to how sharp is the broken bottle against the Tent ropes. Many times we found the Tent down on the ground, brought down by these "jobless mighty warriors."

Then came Father Anton Cruz. God opened my eyes and Father Anton Cruz's statement, God repeated in my ears: " I will use them..."

The Children In Prayer Ministry was launched in Orange Farms on 1 April, 2008. Pamphlets were typed and delivered house to house by the children themselves, announcing the day of the "Launch", 1 April 2008 at 4.00 pm. Twenty four hours earlier, on 31 March 2008, at the venue of the "Launch", 83 kids turned up, some with their mothers, 24 hours early.

From 1 April 2008 to 30 April, there were 12 places in Orange Farms where a total number of 1513 children were taught to pray. Every day the figures increased. You need to see this!!!! Now they do Prayer Walking, home visits, picking up prayer requests and in child faith, pray over these requests.

I am in possession of some of the testimonies of parents and Pastors of changes they. Today I took the Police Superintendent to some of these places, she was just speechless. She never even said goodbye to me. I may not know what she has seen, but I can assure you she saw something!!

Let us then join hands, in whatever manner the Lord will allow us and start the real "Freedom Walk" into the society that is filled with many living according to Godly Values. Therein lies our blessing as a Nation.

Let us stand together and let us not only sing "it" let us "do" it in our Country, our beloved South Africa.

Let us not leave the children out because we need them NOW, more than ever.

By the way, we feed these children a very simple but nutritious meal once a day. That makes a big difference in their lives.

4. RAMADAN 2008

**The Fifth Pillar of Islam:
The Month of Ramadan (1-30 September 2008)**

30 Days of prayer during Ramadan

From 1-30 September we are praying for the estimated 1.7 billion Muslims in the world, for God's grace and that the Holy Spirit will reveal Jesus Christ, God's Son to them. It is significant to see how the Lord is calling Christians world-wide to pray for Muslims. Let us not stop praying. All people were created by God and all people need to be reconciled with God, the Father. Wonderful things are happening and large numbers of Muslims continue to place their trust and lives in Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Ramadan stretches over 30 days during which Muslims do not eat anything during the daylight hours. This is the fifth pillar of Islam and compulsory for Muslims and part of what they need to do to gain enough good works to go to heaven. Hundreds of millions of Muslims will fast during Ramadan. Each Muslim will visit Mecca at least once in their lifetime.

As Christians we believe the way to reconciliation with God and then also with heaven, is to accept the sacrifice of Jesus our Saviour on the cross. Our good works will not gain us eternal life. Yet, we do good works from a heart filled with thanksgiving and to demonstrate God's love for all people.

Let us then pray during these 30 days for Muslims:

- **That God will reveal His Son Jesus Christ and His all-sufficiency to them.**
- **For an understanding of God's grace, mercy, forgiveness and love in the hearts of Muslims.**
- **For God's tender mercies are on all His works, also on all people that He created (Ps.145:9; Ps.103:22; Ps.103:8; Ps.57:3; Ps.89:14).**

- Let us not pray in judgment and in fear - but from hearts filled with love and compassion.
- Let us pray with hope in God to save and reconcile all Muslim people to Him through Jesus Christ.
- Let us pray that God will bless the Muslims and heal and restore them so that they will enter into a personal relationship with Him.
- Pray that they will see God as their Father. The prevailing spirit in Islam is a spirit of 'fatherlessness'. Muslims have 99 names for Allah, but he is never seen as a God of love or a Father.

For further info, please visit <http://www.30-days.net>

5. OPERATION WORLD

When we enquired about the progress of the new Operation World book, Jason Mandryk replied:

"The book itself isn't due out till the end of next year at the earliest. More likely early 2010.

With all the team transition, it has been very difficult, nay, impossible to maintain a positive rate of writing new country profiles for the new edition. But we are about halfway through the first drafts – I am certain that with a long-term team forming things will pick up. The process has been improved and streamlined; all we need is a stable and experienced team to keep everything ticking over. We have also begun the process of formatting the material into a format that prepares it to become a web page, a DVD folder, or part of a book. Also part of the long editorial journey is checking what we have written thus far with our hundreds (over a thousand, actually) of contacts around the world.

6. "TERRIBLE" TIME IN EGYPT!

Jane Mackie, of the Children's Prayer Network wrote as follows after attending the Children's Prayer Conference held in Egypt from 2nd to 5th April :

Exodus 34:10 was the theme Scripture for this conference. The translation of the verse on the banner behind the stage read "I will do a terrible thing with you". What God did in fact was not 'terrible' in the way the word is translated today, but was simply "AWESOME"!

During the opening session John O'Brien, from the UK, shared a message about God's love. After that the delegates moved into a time of prayer and ministry and God showed up, many children experiencing His presence in a powerful way.

The next day He came again, and again, each time capturing more and more children with the power of His love. Of the 200+ children I would guess that most of that number had some kind of encounter with Jesus during the three day conference. Children were seeing visions, weeping in intercession and repentance, being healed, or just being overwhelmed by His Presence. In one session the focus was praying for the boys, and as God touched them, they responded, one after the other, and then all at once, with fervent and passionate prayers, prophetic words and proclamations for their land.

Our international team comprised 6 Australians, 4 South Africans and 2 English. We all came with a heart to serve our Egyptian brothers and sisters, and to work alongside them as one team. I truly believe that God blessed the unity, the obedience, and the willingness to submit one to another, with our common heart to see His will done, and His name glorified.

<http://www.injesus.com>

7. NATIONAL PRAYER SUMMIT - RUSSIA

Herewith an extract from a report on the Summit written by Ioan Peia from Romania:

"Around 300 participants from a wide spectrum of the evangelical denominations gathered in a public hall in the center of Moscow. After many years of intercession for the revival of Russia, the majority of those involved and especially the organizers – The Prayer for Russia Movement - expressed their high expectation for these days from the beginning.

Brothers and sisters came from over 40 different cities, especially from the European side of Russia, but also from the Ural Region. Siberia and the Far East Regions were not represented.

From the very beginning the organizers decided to give the leading of the summit to the Holy Spirit. This explains the fantastic flow of the Word of God in order to build spiritual unity and to prepare the assembly for the revelation of God's will for the future of the Church of Russia.

Various teams lead the worship time. As Jane Mackie shared: "It was wonderful to follow the worship of all the different teams. I can't understand Russian, but the anointing of God was upon every one of them." The contemporary gospel music style and the soft worship of a Pentecostal worship team were in harmony with the songs of the gypsy sisters.

The summit was a real Prayer Summit. Almost half of the time was dedicated to prayer, waiting in the presence of God, worshipping and prophetic intercession.

A time of repentance on behalf of the Russian people followed. It was a time of repentance for the sin of the forefathers, for the gulags, for the 60 million who died during communist times, for the pogroms and injustice done against the Old Testament People, repentance for the divisions in the churches and among the churches, for the lack of passion for the lost souls. The conviction of sin through the Holy Spirit filled the hall. Then the Lord came in His Glory. What a splendor and peace and rest of the hearts, brought by the clear confirmation of His tender love and care!

8. SOUTH-EAST ASIA BELONGS TO JESUS!

This is the rallying cry of those of us who serve in South-East Asia. The Gospel has been around in this region for more than 100 years in each of the 11 nations of our region. Yet, we have 695 unreached people groups and many more people who have yet to turn to Jesus. In February, as representatives of the nations in South-East Asia, we declared together that "South-East Asia belongs to Jesus!" It is time for South-East Asians to bow our knees and acknowledge Jesus as Lord of our nations, region and our individual lives.

In practical terms, we focus on praying for one nation each month, following the calendar set by SEALINK, the network that focuses on UPGs in this region. We are also exploring ways on how to link all the major Christian groups together in united prayer for our region. Our goal is to see revival and true transformation take place so that Habakkuk 2:14 will be fulfilled quickly.

9. CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
2008		
02 - 13 May 2008	Jerusalem Prayer Experience	www.globaldayofprayer.com info@globaldayofprayer.com
11 May 2008	GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER	www.globaldayofprayer.com www.jwipn.com
12 May – 10 August 2008	The Globe Reads the Bible in 90 Days	www.bible-marathon.com
21 - 24 May 2008	Tribal Generation Global Meeting	www.tribalgeneration.org
22 – 24 May 2008	Regional Prayer Summit and National Briefing - Perth, Western Australia.	www.ausprayernet.org.au apn@ausprayernet.org.au
27 - 28 May 2008	Buddhist Prayer Summit	billion-hours@strategicnetwork.org
29 May - 1 June 2008	24/7 Euro Gathering: Brno, Czech Republic	www.24-7prayer.com/cm/content/840?sid=2e73170ff15530d80149d72d4742ef9d
07 - 08 June 2008	World Weekend of Prayer for Children at Risk	www.viva.org/pray
22 - 24 June 2008	Prayer, Nations & Government Conference 2008 Canberra	www.ppn.org.au
10 - 11 September 2008	United Nations Prayer Initiative, New York City	mark@christiantrust.org
01 - 31 October 2008	Praying Through The Window 9: <i>Global Terrorism and World Religions</i>	www.WIN1040.com
16 - 19 October 2008	Christ Day in Finland	paivi_heikkila@hotmail.com

10. WEBSITES WORTH VISITING

Please have a look at these great websites!

www.ipcprayer.org
www.GlobalAIDSPrayer.net
www.lovepasadena.org/jwipn/index.htm
www.interprayer.com
www.ethne.net
www.xtremepayer.com
www.global24-7.org
www.globaldayofprayer.com
www.jwipn.com
www.kairoscourse.org
www.injesus.com

11. THE IPC WEBSITE

We need your input as to be able us to keep on building on our website, www.ipcprayer.org 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!

Please send your contributions to Nita van der Merwe at office@ipcprayer.org.

12. 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 al nations with prayer for the fulfillment of the Great Commandment and the completion of the Great Commission."

13. INTERNATIONAL PRAYER COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The IPC is not an organisation. We are a fellowship of people involved in mobilising prayer. We are basically a prayer network with the purpose to help connect national prayer networks, international prayer networks, prayer initiatives and key individuals with one another.

Therefore we do not have official membership. At present we connect with individuals and networks through the IPC Connections which is a periodical newsletter distributed via e-mail to give prayer information to people. We encourage people to subscribe to this newsletter so that we can stay in touch with them.

We also have an annual conference and we are also assisting to establish 14 autonomous regional prayer networks in the world – for instance: South East Asia, India, Africa (9 regions), Latin America, Eastern Europe, etc.

Please encourage prayer coordinators, prayer network leaders, key leaders from different sections of the Body of Christ to subscribe to this newsletter. This will help them to know more about different prayer initiatives, existing prayer networks and how to participate in this.

**Bennie Mostert
International Coordinator for the IPC**

14. 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.

15. CONTACT US

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