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1. PRAY THE WORD ON THE WORD

Choose to spend 15-30 minutes a day for at least 5 days during the following week to pray for the power and the work of the Word in the lives of people.

1. What did I learn?
2. What must change in my prayer life?
3. What must change in my life, practically?
4. With whom can I share this information?

Practical Guidelines

- 1. To pray the Word on the Word is to pray what the Word (Bible/ Scripture) says about the Word.**
- 2. Use the prayer from Scripture below as an example to begin to pray on this subject. When we pray these portions from Scripture it is also a proclamation of the Word, a confession of our faith in the Word and the power of the Word.**
- 3. The Word teaches us what is possible for God. Luke 1:37 teaches: *Nothing is impossible for God*, which can be translated as; not one of God's words is without power. God is *I Am*. This means He can. I am is present tense, He is there every moment, actively busy working, to give life, to create and to re-Create.**
- 4. Please read the chapter "How to pray the Word" before you start praying this prayer during the next week.**

A Prayer compiled from Scripture

Father, the Word teaches us: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1) By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. (Ps.33:6) Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. (Ps 119:89) I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, (Ps.138:2) For Your word is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Heb. 4:12) Lord, You declare: "Is not my word like fire, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?" (Jer.23:29) God, Your word is the sword of the Spirit, (Eph.6:17) Lord, You said; when your word goes out from your mouth, it will not return to You empty, but will accomplish what You desire and achieve the purpose for which You sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)

I can trust every one of your words because all your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal. (Ps.119:160; John 17:17) And your words are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times. (Ps.12:6) I can trust You, because your way is perfect; and your word is flawless. (2 Sam. 22:31) How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! (Ps 119:103) LORD, your commands are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of You LORD, is pure, enduring forever. Your ordinances are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey

from the comb. By them I am warned; in keeping them there is great reward. (Ps.19:8-11)

Let your word dwell in me richly so that I can teach and admonish others with all wisdom, (Col.3:16) and can overcome the evil one.(1 John2:14) Like a newborn baby craves pure spiritual milk, I crave the pure spiritual milk of your Word, so that by it I may grow up in my salvation. (1 Peter 2:2) May faith grows in me by hearing your Word (Rom.10:17) because without faith it is impossible to please You. (Heb.11:6) Lord Jesus Christ, You are the living Word of God, You are the way and the truth and the life. (John 14:6) If I remain in you and your words remain in me, I will receive what I am asking of You. (John 15:7)

Establish your Word so it can spread widely and grow in power in our cities and nations.(Acts 19:20) All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever. (1 Pet.1:24-25)

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2. THE YOUTH PRAYER MOVEMENT: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Over the last two decades we have seen an explosion of prayer like never before in history. Various global prayer initiatives have seen the light, mobilizing the Body of Christ on many different levels. This has inevitably led to the establishment of various networks of prayer, coordination prayer nationally and globally, of which the IPC is an excellent expression.

An exciting phenomenon over the last few years has been the growth of prayer awareness amongst the younger generation. For many years the prayer movement has been perceived as an "older generation" movement. And to be quite honest there wasn't an awful lot done to mobilize the younger generation to pray or to involve them in prayer. For many years children and youth have merely been the prayer focus of many prayer movements.

It was with the birth of IHOP in the USA and the 24/7 Prayer Movement in the UK, both in 1999, that a new focus and momentum on the youth in prayer was developed. Both these movements, but even more so the 24/7 Prayer Movement, was birthed by and for the younger generation. It was a new expression of prayer that spread like wild fire across the face of the earth. This movement had the trade marks of the emerging generation: It was wild, creative, free, built on relationships and friendships, with a clear focus: prayer,

mission and justice. It epitomized the spirit of a generation who is looking for something that is "real", a place of intimacy with the Father that would ultimately express itself in a lifestyle of compassionate action and reaching out to the lost.

With the coming of the Global Day of Prayer as a global movement in 2005, this "24/7 DNA" spread even further during the 10 Days of day and night prayer leading up to the GDOP. And currently children and young people are gathering in 24/7 prayer rooms in almost every nation on the face of the earth. Current youth movements, apart from 24/7 Prayer, IHOP and GDOP that is widely established, who value prayer as a lifestyle of intimacy and action, and that express themselves in creative ways are: Generation Fire (Pacific), Asia Oceania (SE Asia), JRev/Ring of Fire (Asia and Pacific), India Prayer Movement, Transformation Africa (Africa), Tribal Generation (Latin America) and The Call (North America). There are definitely many more.

Typical to this generation there is no formal network linking these different movements. This is a generation who doesn't like to be bound by structures, formal meetings and big conferences. Rather it is known for its informal networking, built on friendships and relationships. Tribes gather and share their stories and a global family is forming in a way that is unprecedented through pilgrimage and the world of technology.

The challenge in the next few years would be how effectively the wider prayer movement will be successful in recognizing and affirming these expressions of prayer amongst the younger generation. The deeper challenge would not only be to recognize and affirm however, but to come alongside, trust and FULLY release this generation of leaders to be the prayer networks of a new era, be it a different mindset and a radical new way of doing.

Our call to prayer is a call to make the glory of God known across the earth. For this purpose God has poured out His Spirit on all flesh, young and old. The key of the release of God's transforming power lies in our ability to see the hearts of the fathers turn towards the children and the hearts of the children turn towards the fathers.

For more information on the global youth prayer family, contact Etienne Piek at etienne@globaldayofprayer.com

3. CHILDREN INTERCEDING IN CONGO (DR)

On August 28, 2008 sixty Children In Christ (CIC) Child leaders gathered together in the outskirts of Kinshasa to pray for the nation of the DRC. A little boy drew the DRC map on a blackboard with its 11 provinces. Children then began to lay their hands on the map, confessing the sin of the nation, breaking strongholds, proclaiming restoration and asking God to reign all over the nation. It was an unprecedented event and a clear indication that God is raising up children prayer warriors to stand on behalf of this war-torn country.

This however, is only the tip of the iceberg. God has been orchestrating great timing, God-ordained circumstances and available and obedient servant-leaders to culminate to this point. It all began in mid-2002 when 3 CIC African missionaries launched weekly children ministry in the DRC regions of Kinshasa and Kassai. Six years later, the children ministry program has grown from only a dozen children's churches to 156 sites, impacting 25,278 children outside the church on a weekly basis. Testimonies range from children committing their lives to Christ, reaching out to their peers and ministering in their communities.

Currently, God is leading us to equip children in these programs who have shown leadership qualities and/or strong love or understanding of intercessory prayer. We afterwards organize children prayer meetings, hence our Child Leaders Program with over 100 children. We are so passionate about it because we are convinced that when these children are effectively equipped they will become "sharp arrows" in the hand of the Body of Christ in the DRC. We believe God is going to use them to silence the enemy and the avenger (Psalm 8:2) because these children "...shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate." (Psalm 127:5) It is happening. We can't wait to see how far God is going to push back the avenger from the gates of the DRC!

The central purpose of Children In Christ (CIC) is the reaching and maturing of children in the context of family, community, church and missions particularly in the unreached people groups in Africa,

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4. BN CONNECTION PRAYER NETWORK

"I saw the glory of God coming ... and the land was radiant with His glory."

Ezekiel 43:2

On behalf of several of us who have had the opportunity to travel to and visit Brunei this summer, thank you for your prayers. What a privilege to be involved, albeit in small ways, in the work of the Kingdom.

During an intercessory prayer gathering in Brunei last month we believe the Lord spoke to us through Numbers 13 ... the story of those who went into the Promised Land to explore it. For prayer this month, let's share with you what the Lord was saying ...

The twelve spies returned to Moses and God's Old Testament people and shared their report. While the land was full of potential fruitfulness (it flowed with milk and honey), and God has given promise that the people would possess it, the majority voice said ...

- **The people who live there are powerful.**
- **The cities are fortified.**
- **And there are giants in the land ... so we are not able to go up and take the land!**

Of Brunei it could be said that while the land is full of potential fruitfulness, and that God has given promise that He is readying to do a great work there ...

- **The authorities in the land are powerful.**
- **There are barriers, restrictions, and limitations that hinder the work.**
- **And there are 'giants' in the land.**

As we shared together that evening we sought to identify the 'giants' in the land and the following were revealed to us as we went to prayer:

- **Fear**
- **Bondage**
- **The (Islamic) System**

God's Word to His Old Testament people was to 'move forward in faith'. His Word through Caleb and Joshua was "Yes, we should go up ... for we can certainly do it!" [Num 13:30]

PRAY against these 'giants' in Brunei, and for the Church to move forward in faith.

PRAY for an increasing passion and commitment on the part of the local Church and expatriates in-country to be more intentional in reaching to the Brunei Malay; for an increase in the stirring of the hearts of the unreached majority to hunger after God; and for the opening of doors of opportunity for more workers to gain entrance into Brunei.

5. THE LAST 10 DAYS OF RAMADAN

The last ten days of Ramadan are considered highly blessed, especially the 27th night which is also called the '*Night of Power*', or the '*Night of Destiny*'. It is believed that on this night the prophet Muhammad received the first revelation of the Qur'an. For many Muslims, this period is marked by a heightened spiritual intensity and they may spend these nights praying and reciting the Qur'an. After 30 days of fasting, the end of the month of Ramadan is observed with a day of celebration, called *Eid-ul-Fitr*. On this day, Muslims gather in one place to offer a prayer of thanks. It is traditional to wear new clothes, visit friends and relatives, exchange gifts, eat delicious dishes prepared for this occasion, and wait patiently for the new year.

Let us pray for a new *life* in Jesus for each one of them and that they will not "wait patiently" for Him to come, but that they will develop a desire to meet Him soon!

6. THE THIRD LAUSANNE CONGRESS ON WORLD EVANGELIZATION

The Third Congress on World Evangelization is to be held in Cape Town, South Africa in October 2010. This Congress will bring together some 4000 Christian leaders from almost every nation on earth to strategize, plan and pray as we engage in the task of taking the whole gospel to the whole world. We need your partnership in prayer – that the Congress will be a reflection of God's heart and will for our generation.

Beginning this month, prayer updates will be available monthly to prayer networks across the globe.

Praise

- Praise God for the way He calls us into the work of proclaiming the good news of His Son, Jesus Christ.**
- Praise God for the team of prayer partners He is raising up.**
- Praise God for His provision for Congress planning so far; for the team He is bringing together to give leadership to Cape Town 2010, led by Doug Birdsall, Lindsay Brown and Blair Carlson.**

- Praise God for the partnership of the World Evangelical Alliance, and for the openness He is giving to various organizations and individuals to work together towards the Congress.

Prayer

- Pray for the Church world-wide, that there will be a renewed commitment to world evangelization.
- Pray that out of Cape Town 2010 will come many opportunities to take the Gospel to people across the world.
- Pray for God's wisdom and guidance in organizing Cape Town 2010, that it will reflect God's purpose in this generation.
- Pray that the Congress will faithfully provide a platform that encourages and stimulates world evangelization in a way that is relevant for today.
- Pray for Congress committee members in their various functions: Administration, Arrangements, Finance, Fund Raising, Communications, Global Participation, Information Technology, Intercessory Prayer, Mission, Participant Selection, Participant Services and Programme.
- Pray for protection and journey mercies as committee members and leadership travel for consultations.
- Pray for the International Deputy Directors as they foster participation in various regions of the world.
- Pray for various Congress organization teams meeting in London and Cape Town in September and October.
- Pray that the appointment of various personnel to take leadership positions for the Congress will reflect a global representation and commitment to world evangelization.
- Pray that God will provide the necessary funding for Cape Town 2010.
- Pray that those planning the programme for Cape Town 2010 will know God's heart and mind.
- Pray for the technical challenges of making the Congress available world-wide via the Internet.

www.lausanne.org/cape-town-2010/cape-town-2010.htm

7. NEVER TOO OLD

You're never too old to get baptized. That's the message that Napa Namb presented to visitors of his baptism service in Yano Kambulupira, Papua New Guinea. He was baptized at age 106.

Napa Namb is a local chief of chiefs. In 1975 he decided - against the will of his fellow tribesmen - to allow Adventist missionary Paul Piari to plant a church in his village. In the years that followed Piari received several death threats and

was continually hindered in his work, but being a person of peace Napa Namb defended him and convinced this tribe to let him stay in the village. One by one people came to Christ and got baptized. But although Napa Namb defended Piari and allowed him to build a church in the village, and even mobilized people to help with the construction, he didn't bow for God himself and continued serving his ancestral spirits.

For 30 years he did not come to church. But finally, in 2005, he paid his first visit, and several months later he surrendered his life to Christ. During his recent baptism his whole family was present. During his long life he was married to five wives and received over 60 children and more than 300 grandchildren.

Source: Wako Napasu, AMN/Joel News

8. CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
2008		
1 - 30 September 2008	Ramadan	www.30-days.net
1 September - 5 October 2008	35 Day Silk Road Prayer Initiative	info@capn.info
09 - 12 September 2008	South East Asia Prayer Consultation 2008	seapc2003@yahoo.com
10 - 11 September 2008	United Nations Prayer Initiative, New York City	mark@christiantrust.org
28 September - 3 October 2008	Intercessors for Africa International Prayer Conference on Spiritual Warfare & National Transformation	www.prayerconference.co.za .
01 - 31 October 2008	Praying Through The Window 9: <i>Global Terrorism and World Religions</i>	www.WIN1040.com
05 October 2008	Day of Prayer for the peace of Jerusalem	www.daytopray.co.uk
16 - 19 October 2008	Christ Day in Finland	paivi_heikkila@hotmail.com

9. WEBSITES WORTH VISITING

Please have a look at these great websites!

www.ipcprayer.org

www.wycliffe.org/documents/Curriculum/ChildrensPrayerJournal.pdf

www.atfp.org

www.dprindia.org

www.unreached.org/unreached-email.php

www.GlobalAIDSPrayer.net

www.interprayer.com

www.ethne.net

www.xtremepayer.com

www.global24-7.org

www.jwipn.com

www.injesus.com

www.808chinablessing.org,

10. 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.

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. 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.

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13. 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.

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