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1. NAME CHANGE FOR THE IPC, BUT THE INITIALS STAY THE SAME!

The International Prayer Council functions as a network of networks of prayer leaders and prayer ministries throughout the world. The IPC in its wider network form will now be known as INTERNATIONAL PRAYER CONNECT as agreed by its executive leadership during their recent meeting in New Jersey. The IPC coordination team is currently made up of 22 prayer leaders drawn from various regional networks, initiatives and national backgrounds. They meet on conference calls at least once quarterly and face to face annually. This team will retain and be known by the name International Prayer Council.

2. INTERNATIONAL PRAYER INITIATIVE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AND GLOBAL CITIES, SEPTEMBER 8-12 2009

How do I describe what the Lord did during the UN Prayer Initiative? Over 600, most international prayer leaders and intercessors plus New York and US prayer and ministry leaders, UN ambassadors and staff as well as children and youth from up to possibly 100 plus countries took part in all or part of the initiative. The presence and anointing of the Spirit of the Lord was so strong and enveloping that many others and I felt His peace and confidence throughout. In spite of some significant challenges to the success of the initiative at the beginning, I felt as though I was resting with Jesus in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. No doubt this had much to do with those of you who supported us in prayer. Thanks so much.

A 12-minute video of the highlights of the initiative is being finished in a few days and will be available for viewing on the IPC website www.ipcprayer.org. Please watch for it under "Resources".

Here are the comments of some who wrote afterwards about the significance of the initiative to them personally:

"I was blessed beyond words, listening and observing God's presence in the many servants of His kingdom from nations and people groups of His world."- Paul Otoko from Micronesia

"I would like to say thank you very much, for the wonderful opportunity. For me and Fabiana, was a great time, we enjoy a lot the prophetic time in UN. We are sure that we will see many fruit in the future."- Olgalvaro Bastos from Brazil

"Thank you for pulling together an amazing IPC gathering in NYC. As first-time attendees, Terri and I were thrilled to be a part of something so timely and strategic."- Mike Higgs (USA)

Georgette O'Brien from the USA wrote about the man from Denver who drove to New York to set off a bomb at the World Trade Center on 9/11: "I am sure you have heard of this already. I was struck that I KNOW that what we did there thwarted that event. I know others were praying as well, but what you orchestrated in New York that weekend was sooo significant,

especially with the UN meetings that took place last week as well...The worship and prayer in the "bottom" of the UN lifted an atmosphere that changed things in the heavens over the UN."

"We want to thank you very much for inviting us to the U.N. Prayer Initiative. We were both greatly blessed by our time there. I think our prayers for the UN are making a difference. Things were well organized. I know it took a lot of time and energy for you and those working with you. Thanks! Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to share about the need to pray for Pakistan. Praying it will have a lasting affect with some. I do feel God is answering our prayers against terrorism with the recent arrests in the US and around the world." -A brother who works in Pakistan

"Regarding our prayer session for the Muslim world, "I saw myself leading the prayer in the conference for the same topic, and I saw an unlock that happened in the dream."- One of the prayer leaders from the Middle East

"A challenging and inspirational time; what a privilege to be there!" - Ian and Pauline Cole from the UK

"The spiritual level was high, interaction deep and I believe lots of spiritual ground was gained. I could see the understanding of the global level like never before and the prayer times reflected that. It was great to see the prayer on the cruise literally 'get out of hand'. I think the Lord would like that!"- Murray Dodds from Canada

"The recent International Prayer Council (IPC) gathering in New York City was quite extraordinary. I was amazed that so many people from around the world gathered together to unite in prayer for UN ambassadors and the nations. For me, this was a memorable experience that will continue to fuel my passion for prayer mobilization for years to come."- Mike Simon (USA)

"The prayer cruise carried special meaning for me - after several days with "Global City Leaders" - to get backto the heart of God with His intercessors on the boat really boosted mespiritually." -Terry Andrews from Kenya

Comparing this initiative to the last one in 2007, "There was a better intensity of prayer and deeper level of engagement in the UN. I was impressed with the number of ambassadors who came and their level of relationship with one another - good place of unity. Significant point of prayer for the future."- Brian Mills from the UK

Personally, I believe it was truly an Ephesians 3:20 experience that will bear rich fruits in many dimensions and individual lives for the extension of His Kingdom within the UN as well as the nations and cities that were represented. Our theme was from Habakkuk 2:14, "*for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.*" We certainly experienced a bit of this knowledge of His glory together as we prayed with marvelous unity and powerful authority.

We as participants of the initiative have agreed to cover the UN and its ambassadors in ongoing prayer for the coming year. Will you join us?

The UN General Assembly has just opened for its new term. For the coming months, it will be a pivotal time for this influential institution as a new president of the GA has moved into position. He will be the ambassador from Libya and his election reflects the growing influence of the many Muslim nations in this world body. Also, Iran's Ahmadinejad and Libya's Kadhafi have just been there to address the ambassadors and visiting political leaders. Please pray that in spite of the burgeoning influence of Islam, New Age and occult activity, and many other ideologies and agendas, that Jesus Christ will be exalted as Lord of the nations and that ambassadors and participating world leaders will come to know and revere Him. Pray that a culture of prayer will grow within the UN among its ambassadors and staff, and that what was begun in such an anointed and beautiful way will continue to develop in ways that go far beyond what we can imagine now.

Please also pray for those Christian ministries that are seeking to reach the ambassadors for Christ and that the ambassadors and UN staff will encounter the Lord in a personal and penetrating way.

How should we pray for the General Assembly itself?

- 1. That General Assembly elected officials, ambassadors and visiting national political leaders will have God's wisdom and clarity to effectively deal with these and other complex issues before them.**
- 2. That they will be conscious of their need to do what is right before God and in the best interests of humanity rather than being bound by political correctness or pleasing special interests.**
- 3. That the peacekeeping and humanitarian operations of the UN will be well-resourced and effective in meeting the huge human needs that already stretch their abilities to cope.**
- 4. That the Secretary General and his office will be given special help from above to handle the difficult pressures they face and to provide wise leadership to the whole UN.**
- 5. That UN staff in New York and around the world will increasingly sense their need for God and begin to call on Him in prayer, so that a culture of dependence on God through begins to develop within this institution.**

Thanks so much for standing with us in continuing prayer for the UN.

Warm regards in Christ,

**John Robb
IPC Chairman**

3. WHAT DOES THE CHILDREN SAY ABOUT THEIR TIME IN NY?

Eva, 9: Eva and her father, Liviu, came all the way from Romania to attend this prayer initiative. Although it was difficult for them to communicate in English, he was able to give the following feedback on her behalf: "She liked very much fellowship with the children, the way or changes,

the prayer for nations and for all children in the world, was very impressed by the prayer of the UN and when she marched with the flags of the nations, thrilled about prayer in the meditation hall and the ministry that was done there. She made new friends. She decided to learn English and I am looking for teacher for it. As a child has been impressed by the entire trip, flight, city of NY, people Interesting, it was an experience that has made it, and my wife noticed changes. She remembers the joy of all the events there and is sure she will return there next time." Although only 9 years old, Eva even had the boldness to take the microphone on the boat and prayed for the nations in her own language.

Jeremia, 11: Praise the Lord for His blessings during the great event!

I am proud to be part of the child prayer leaders and I really enjoyed joining this valuable event in my life. I believe that our Lord Jesus blesses all of us who involved in His project (participants, speakers, facilitators, administrators and even all nations). I believe that there will be a significant breakthrough to the nations after this event.

Staying in a hotel room with colleagues from the US and Kenya opened my eyes to see His love and learn from one another. I really enjoyed fellowship together with others from diverse cultural backgrounds and nations.

It was a good opportunity for me to learn and to increase my spiritual life. During the session of listening to the voice of the Lord, I was called to go deeper in prayer and intimacy with the Lord. I was also called to love and go for unreached people.

During the Ground Zero prayer walk, the Lord reminded me that my country, Indonesia, and most parts of the world also faces the dangers of terrorism. We have to pray more seriously on this issue.

I committed to bring the spiritual climate to my family, church, school and even my nation.

I keep praying that God will use IPC to give a high impact to the nations.

Juzaan, 17: How can I begin to describe a week in God's presence... UNDESCRIBABLE!

I have learnt so many new things about God and His kingdom during the Prayer Initiative for the United Nations. Seeing so many people praying together for the nations made me realize how big and great our God is and that we truly serve an Almighty God!

Tuesday night God told me to tell His people to forgive, still knowing that I also still needed to forgive my father and uncle. Telling everyone else was the hardest thing I have ever done, but it was worth it. It broke my heart knowing that so many people go through the same struggles each and every day. So many came up to me and prayed, they comforted me, some even just gave me a hug. That meant the world to me and it made me realize that even though I might feel alone, I am not, I have all my brothers and sisters in Christ. And in Christ alone I can overcome anything!

This conference was one I will never forget, one I will always be talking about and telling everyone else about the good news, one that changed my life for good...

I truly believe that this conference was the start of something big that God planned for His nations, and I cannot wait to find out what it is!

Isabel, 17: IPC...what an experience!! This was the first time I had the privilege to join an IPC event. I was a bit scared at first, but as soon as we started praying, I realized that there was nothing to be afraid of because the only thing I could see all around me was the beauty of living relationships everybody had with God almighty. The power we had in the name of God was mind-blowing. I keep telling everybody about the circle line cruise and that the boat we were on was a "holy" boat because of the Holy Spirit's presence that afternoon. I still get the chills thinking about it. I met so many wonderful brothers and sisters and although we don't speak the same language, or even eat in the same way, we are all children of God. That is one of the many things I took back with me to South Africa! In God's name we can concur all - we only need to PRAY!!!

4. CORPORATE PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

The following prayer was prayed in the UN by Brian Mills:

Father in Heaven, as your children, and on behalf of the nations we represent, and the rest of the nations of our world, we humble ourselves before you. We confess our wickedness as human beings and repent of our lack of concern as your children about the trade in humans, drugs and arms that together create so much misery, conflict, pain and poverty.

We are covered with shame that our fellow men conspire together to buy and sell vulnerable children and young people, set up militias to advance their trade, and conspire to cause so much human misery. More than two hundred years after the slave trade was supposed to be abolished, Father, we are still allowing it.

Please forgive us. Forgive us for failing to pray, failing to be concerned, failing to act, failing to reach out and help the vulnerable, failing to speak out to governments.

Help us, Oh Lord, through prayer and action, to see dramatic decrease in such illegal trades, perpetrators of injustice brought to justice, borders closed to such trafficking, and the victims of drugs, violence, the sex trade, and other forms of human exploitation loved, ministered to, delivered from their plight and the clutches of the evil one and evil men and women.

May they be honoured and treated as ordinary humans, and find their place in society and in your family, Oh God.

Father of the fatherless, we reach out to you for your mercy to accomplish all this. We pray that today that You will raise up advocates to speak out,

activists to minister, prayer warriors to stand in the gap, and governments to take decisive action.

In your name, and for your glory, we pray. Your kingdom come, Your will be done throughout the earth as it is in heaven.

Amen.

5. AN INVITATION TO A NOT-TO-BE-MISSED EXPERIENCE!

Please join us for GDOP 2010. 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 make plans for the way forward together.

The IPC will be part of the Prayer stream, one of five concurrent streams (church, mission, youth, marketplace and prayer). We will join the other streams for morning plenary sessions and track sessions that “tell the stories of unsung heroes of the faith”. The organizers want to be very open to “give the platform to God, His glory, His presence, as told by normal people.”

All day on the 19th, the afternoons and evenings of the 20-21st and all day on the 22nd, we will meet separately as the IPC along with the third *Children in Prayer Global Consultation*. We are encouraging youth and children to help design and lead our time together as equal partners in the prayer movement.

You won't want to miss this! Hundreds who have attended the first two global consultations in Malaysia and India were radically impacted personally and in their ministries. Children and youth and raising up future generations of Josephs, Daniels, Esthers and Deborahs are strongly on God's heart.

We will also have time for adults and children to meet separately to pray and work on other issues. Then, on May 23rd, in the brand new Cape Town stadium, we will celebrate the Global Day of Prayer together with many tens of thousands of others who will be participating.

Please register your participation now at www.gdop2010.com. There is limited space and we would like to have the IPC/CiP group stay together in the same hotel. Therefore, 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.

We hope to see you in Cape Town, the most beautiful city in the world, for a most beautiful experience with the Lord and one another! If you have any questions about the nature of the IPC/CiP participation, please contact the IPC office at: office@ipcprayer.org

6. PRAYING FOR MUSLIM TERRORISTS

God said to a friend of mine, "I have over 6 billion children, some are faithfully serving me. And others are not. They are your brothers and sisters. Take time weep and wail for them. Just as if you have met them. They are mine as well and they are your brothers and sisters." That is why I want to introduce Thomas Bruce and the website he has developed to assist us in praying for these very misled "brothers and sisters" who are bent on being instruments of destruction. Please use this resource to adopt a terrorist in prayer.—John Robb

Terrorists want to promote Sharia law through fear, and Brother Thomas Bruce wants you to pray for them. His web site is www.ATFP.org. A-T-F-P stands for "Adopt a Terrorist for Prayer." Those letters stand for "Anti-Terrorism Force Protection" in Defense Department terminology and on the equivalent .net and .com web sites.

Brother Thomas believes the best defense is a good offense. He asserts that the best way to overcome terrorists is to pray for them and their sponsors. For the past year, ATFP's web site has featured a gallery with brief biographies of the American FBI's most wanted terrorists and the U.S. State Department's identified terrorism sponsors. It has also featured space for visitors to post prayers for those people

Brother Thomas recently returned from a year of duty in Iraq, and he has updated the web site. Now visitors can register and create a profile so that the number of people Now visitors can register and create a profile so that the number of people. For the past year, Brother Thomas has been in harm's way at the front line of America's national response to terrorism. He believes that through this web site everyone can get on the front line of a Christian response.

He believes that the struggle against violence done in the name of Islam is primarily spiritual. Therefore, he believes that defeating such religiously inspired violence requires spiritual engagement. He says, "The intent of terrorists is to inspire terror." And he says, "According to Jesus, the antidote to fear is love."

On the home page Brother Thomas writes, "When we hate, we are reactive victims. When we love we seize the initiative. Love for country helps soldiers to risk their lives. Love for children enables parents to discipline them without being intimidated. Love for us took Jesus to the cross. Love for enemies will give courage to face, overcome, and transform them and the environment that breeds them."

Brother Thomas asserts that the Apostle Paul was once a religiously inspired terrorist. He notes that Stephen was one of his first victims. According to the Bible, as he was dying from Paul's orchestrated stoning, Stephen prayed, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." Later, Paul met Jesus in a vision and repented. He became as zealous for the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ as he had been against it.

Brother Thomas asks, "Can we pray today like Stephen prayed then?"
"Would Paul have seen Jesus if Stephen hadn't prayed?"

7. 10 MILLION READ THE BIBLE IN 90 DAYS

Globally there is a firm belief that a new day is dawning (Isaiah 8:20). We need to move into a deeper intimacy with God if we want to see the nations of the world transformed. We need a new and fresh revelation of God.

God reveals Himself through His written Word (Luke 24:27). Therefore, a better understanding of who God is, His character and what His will and purpose are for us and the peoples of the world, we need to prayerfully read and study the whole Word of God.

For many this will feel like an impossible mission to read the entire Bible in 90 days. Do you know that it is possible to read **THE WHOLE BIBLE IN ONLY 80 HOURS!** This practically means that if you only spend 1 hour per day reading the Word, it will take you a maximum of 90 Days to read the Bible from beginning to end.

Many around the globe have already ventured into this adventure of reading the word in 90 Days. In Egypt and many other places, Christians already participate in Reading the Bible from Cover to Cover.

This is an invitation, an urgent call to Christians from all the nations to be part of this initiative.

The Vision is the following:

- **100 000 people reading the whole Bible in 90 Days in 2008.**
(Already happened)
- **10 Million people reading the whole Bible in 90 Days in 2009**
- **1 Billion reading the whole Bible in 90 Days in 2010**

The Challenge:

- **It starts with your individual commitment, then**
- **Mobilize your community/nation/region to read the whole Bible in 90 Days of from 1 October – 29 December 2009.**

You can register and find helpful information, tools, schedules and lots more on the website www.biblemarathon.com and join the adventure!

Although the Marathon started on 1 October 2009, you can still join now and end 90 days later.

8. 21 DAYS FOR GLOBAL HARVEST

There is a whisper moving worldwide, and it's saying that the Spirit of God is opening the floodgates of global harvest. God is raising up a wholehearted generation who -- with fervency and zeal -- is ready to participate in His global harvest with abandoned devotion to Jesus.

We are living in a time of the largest gathering into the Kingdom of God that the world has ever seen. It's no longer a dream to see everyone with no current access to the gospel reached with the love of Christ.

21 Days for Global Harvest is a prayer campaign to unify the emerging generation of believers in devoted prayer and intercession for personal revival, generational awakening, and global harvest in our lifetime. You are a part of this generation.

Will you help lay the foundation for what God intends to do in our generation and in our lifetime? Join us from 12 October to 2 November.

Please note that the entire "21 Days for Global Harvest" website, www.SVM2.net has the capacity to be translated into 40 languages enabling many to participate in their mother tongue. Let's spread the word of this prayer campaign far and wide across the nations inviting

- ✓ **Campus ministry organizations**
- ✓ **Denominations and church networks**
- ✓ **Mission Agencies and**
- ✓ **Bible Schools.**

Your feedback sent to info@svm2.net will be highly appreciated.

9. AMERICAN FILM MARKET PRAYER INITIATIVE: 4 – 11 Nov 2009

AFM is the largest film market of its kind, similar to the Sundance Film Festival. The AFM has 8,000 participants from all over the world come to view and buy independent films. AFM is a marketplace where production and distribution deals are closed and subsequently released, making it the largest gateway to release culture and values in the world. Some of the global gate keepers believe Santa Monica and the AFM is the most influential gate of all as it affects presidents to paupers. Historically, this event has caused many nations (buyers from 70 plus nations) to release films that create and change cultures. It is a significant event acting as a major gateway to the nations of our culture and values.

We would like you to come into agreement with us in prayer for this event. Last year's Prayer Initiative started a shift to more family oriented films that were previously overlooked. Statistics show us that G & PG movies are far more profitable than R-rated ones, so why is Hollywood so intent on producing the R movies? Join us to ask God for the keys (blocks and spiritual strategies) to the change He desires so buyers will see and be drawn to higher value films. We are looking for partners to move forward with this Prayer Initiative as well as implement strategies that God has given them, taking Kingdom dominion over the strongholds and places of defilement that have been erected.

The AFM Prayer Initiative is composed of many intercessory groups, churches, Christian Hollywood ministries and worldwide ministries seeking a spiritual change in what is released to the world through this venue. We are looking for as many like-minded individuals and ministries as possible

to join this effort on behalf of the Kingdom of God. Involvement can be as simple as putting this on a group's prayer list to sponsoring a prayer time on one of the days of the event or actually attending Nov 4, 5, & 6 where we prayer walk the event, evangelize, and have group prayer and worship. Click on the url or copy and paste to your browser for signup on <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e212oxcwfzzqec1e/start> or visit our website at www.labridge.org

10. 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 and pray for or participate in them.

IPC EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
28 – 31 October 2009	World Trumpet Missions Prayer Summit, Chicago	www.worldtrumpet.com
04 – 11 November 2009	American Film Market Prayer Initiative	www.labridge.org
07 - 20 November 2009	Un-Lock North Africa - Tunisia 2009 Prayer Journey	www.cityharvest.org.au
12-15 November 2009	South-East Asia Prayer Consultation Bangkok, Thailand	www.seapc.info
23 – 27 November 2009	European Prayer Summit, Bucharest, Romania	peiaioan@yahoo.com
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 with Children/Youth in Prayer focus	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 Aug 2010	90 Days of Blessings	www.globaldayofprayer.com www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk
16 – 25 October 2010	Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization to be held in Cape Town, South Africa	www.lausanne.org/cape-town-2010 For information on the prayer track, contact: jgodson@lausanne.org

11. WEBSITES WORTH VISITING

Please have a look at these great websites!

www.ipcprayer.org
www.SVM2.net
www.labridge.org
www.24-7prayer.com
www.4to14window.com
www.campusamerica.org
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.svm2.org
www.global24-7.org
www.jwipn.com
www.etnopedia.org
www.HisPowerPortal.com
www.worldwideprayer.com/prayerlinks.html
www.theburn247.com
www.generationfire.com.au
www.thevine.org.hk

12. 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. 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
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

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

13. 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 foci.

The IPC is led by an international executive team, now called the International Prayer Council. There are currently 22 adults and youth who are coordinators of 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.

14. CONTACTING THE IPC OFFICE

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