

From Ramadan to Resurrection Sunday, the Gospel of the Kingdom is being proclaimed from neighbors to nations!

We are partnering with many missions' organizations, church planting efforts, and evangelism initiatives around the world this Spring!

We know the church at its birth is the church at its best, growing by 50% in the first 8 decades!

After the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost, the early church had a **great commitment** to the **Great Commandment** and the **Great Commission**, and this grew a **great Church**!

They brought people to Jesus, connected them as family, grew them to maturity, trained them for ministry and then sent them on mission to Magnify his Name from Jerusalem to Judea, and Samaria and to the ends of the earth!

In Acts 2 the early church devoted themselves to four things:

- 1. God's Word (apostles teaching)
- 2. To fellowship
- 3. To the breaking of bread
- 4. And to prayer.

The results were astounding! - as the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42). The early church lived out Jesus' vision for his people to 'be a house of prayer for all nations' (Mark 11:17), devoting themselves to prayer as they gathered!

We know that God releases his power in response to the prayers of his people – "more prayer - more power, little prayer - little power, no prayer - no power."

The potential of our prayers is unlimited because God is unlimited and all powerful. In John 15:5, Jesus said, "Apart from me, you can do nothing!" Simply put, we cannot accomplish any of the goals in Jesus' Commission to the Church without Breakthrough Prayer - for all people, at all times, in all places!

IPC's Mission

Through the <u>IPC</u> family of prayer networks around the world, we are committed to: Exalting Jesus, catalyzing united prayer across nations, denominations, and generations for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

- 1. **PRAYING** around the throne, around the clock and around the globe.
- 2. **INFORMING** people on 'What' to pray for.
- 3. **EQUIPPING** people to 'How' to pray effectively.
- 4. **CONNECTING** people to pray 'Together' across nations, denominations and generations.

Prayers for the Muslim World

This last month, we have been on a 30-day season of prayer for the Muslim world during Ramadan, resourced with an <u>Adult Prayer Guide</u> and a <u>Childrens Prayer Guide</u>.

Tomorrow, (as I write this) we will be holding our 2nd Global Day of Prayer for 2025 with millions praying together for unreached peoples in unreached cities across the Muslim world. We are calling it 'One Miracle Night'.

We also want to encourage everyone to join the <u>Praxfor All</u> movement – praying for everyone in the world by name and sharing our faith with them! As 1st Timothy writes,



"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for **all people**, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ **This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior**, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"

This kind of praying is pleasing to the Lord!

We all have people in our lives and spheres of influence who are unsaved and don't know Christ. We should be praying for them by name because we care deeply about them and because we know that God cares for them and wants none of them to perish - His desire is for all of them to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).



The vision of **Pray for All** is for every person on planet Earth who doesn't know Jesus yet to be prayed for by someone who does know Jesus. This means millions of believers will need to be praying for millions of non-believers.

Join us in praying and blessing 5 people in your circle of influence during this season from Ramadan to Resurrection Sunday! For More Info visit www.prayforall.com

Let's pray for breakthrough at both the macro and micro level – at the global level and the local level – praying for unreached Muslim peoples through the Middle-East, North Africa, Central Asia, India, and Indonesia and also praying for the 5 people in our circles of influence to Encounter the Lord Jesus Christ!



May I invite you to watch this short <u>video</u> that brings to life why we are praying for people by name – with some thoughts that I trust will encourage you in your prayers...



OPEN – Doors, Minds, Hearts, Heavens!

So how do we pray for the Lost - those near us and those unreached peoples far from us?

Here are four areas I like to use in praying for the lost!

1. OPEN DOORS...So opportunities will be opened to those who don't know Christ!

"Devote yourselves to prayer...that God may open a door...so that we may proclaim...Christ" (Colossians 4:2-3, NIV).

- 2. OPEN MINDS ... So people will hear the Gospel with an open mind.
- "I am sending you to them [the lost] to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light" (<u>Acts 26:17b-18a, NIV</u>). 23
- 3. OPEN HEARTS ... So unbelievers will invite Christ into their hearts.
- "For God...made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of... Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6, NIV).
- 4. OPEN HEAVENS ...So the Spirit of God will be poured out upon all flesh and drawn to Christ

"Open up, O heavens, and pour out your righteousness. Let the earth open wide so salvation and righteousness can sprout up together" (<u>Isaiah</u> 45:8, NLT).



<u>Isaiah 64:1</u>, 4, "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down... From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him"

10 Prayer Themes – As we Pray for the Lost...

Here are 10 other important themes to focus on praying for your lost family members, neighbors, friends, coworkers, and unreached peoples around the world!

- 1. Ask God for the courage and power of the Holy Spirit to be an effective witness in your sphere of influence.
- "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

2. Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh! Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict the world in regard to sin, righteousness and judgment.

"'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams" (<u>Acts 2:17</u>).

"And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged" (John 16:8-11).

3. Pray for God the Father to draw all men to Christ through the power of the cross!

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him" (<u>John 6:44</u>).

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself" (John 12:32).

4. Pray for God's kindness to lead people to repentance.

"Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?" (Romans 2:4).



5. Pray for the Gospel of the Kingdom to be proclaimed throughout the world! Ask God to give you His compassion for the lost and to send forth laborers into the harvest fields of the world!

"And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:35-39).



6. Pray that the Lamb who was slain would receive his due reward in the nations!

"And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation... 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev. 5:9, 12).

"Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession" (Psalm 2:8).

7. Pray for mighty signs, wonders and miracles at the proclamation of the Gospel!

"And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:29-31).

8. Pray for God to remove the blindness from the enemy over the minds of the unbeliever that they will see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ!

"In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Cor. 4:4).

9. Pray for the gift of tears, to cry out for the lost to be saved

"Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:5-6).



10. Pray for the Knowledge of the Glory of the Lord to cover the earth!

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea" (<u>Habakkuk</u> <u>2:14</u>).

"All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you" (Psalm 22:27)

So as we embark on this journey of prayer, let's be mindful of the profound impact our united prayers can have on the world.

In Ephesians 6:18, Paul urges us to "pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." Let this be our guide as we intercede for nations, the unreached, and people that we know.

Whether in quiet corners or bustling streets, our prayers are a powerful force for change!

I encourage each one of you to deepen your commitment to prayer. Together, let's witness the breakthrough that comes when hearts, minds and voices unite in prayer for the furtherance of God's Kingdom!

Wishing you His blessings, and a very Happy Easter.

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