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Reflection on Prayer

I recently mused within me, what have I learnt from the prayer ministry these thirty- seven years? My involvement in the prayer ministry over the years as an intercessor, teacher of prayer, mobilizer of others in prayer have been very rewarding, and to say the least, a very humbling experience. I have learned some lessons, and I have continued to learn. Very briefly, let me share some of these lessons below:

At Best We are Still in Kindergarten in God's School of Prayer

From the human perspective, years of experience count in any endeavor, but the more you develop intimacy with God, the more you realize that there is still so much you have to learn from Him, about His ways and the way to relate with Him. Your past experience may not count when new challenges arise. What counts is the Holy Spirit's leading. This makes one to absolutely depend on him. We are constantly learning new things about prayer in God's school. God is so deep that we cannot fathom everything about Him and about His ways. Like the Apostle Paul wrote: "How great are God's riches! How deep are his wisdom and knowledge! Who can explain his decisions? Who can understand his ways?" (Rom.11:33).

The More I Pray, the More I Realize I need God's Help

I am constantly mindful of my weaknesses in prayer and of God's omnipotence. Prayer reminds me that I need Him daily and depend on Him for strength to survive. Prayer teaches me that it is not all about me, my plans, and desires, but all about Him, His purpose and His glory and kingdom. It is not about my ability or about my experience and wisdom, it all about His strength working in me, and through my weaknesses and inability.

The Sovereignty of God in Prayer

I have grown to know that God is sovereign in prayer. The burning desire of every intercessor or Christian is to see instant results and immediate answers and changes through prayer. But God has taught me to know that He exercises his discretion in all things, in the way He answers our prayer and when He answers them. He is in perfect control of all things, and "makes all things beautiful in His time." Our responsibility is to pray and trust Him to grant the answers at His own time.

The Necessity of Humility

Humility and patience in God's presence is needful to obtain results to our petitions. God's ways are not our ways, and His thoughts are higher than our thoughts. Patience is necessary to walk with God. One common question many who walked with God frequently asked in the Bible was, "Lord, how long." The psalmist asked God, "How long." Habakkuk asked the Lord the same question, so did Jeremiah, and many others. In some cases, God did not answer them. At other times He answered them immediately. I find God's ways of doing things very humbling. Daily, my triumphalist zeal is being chipped away. In its place, I have come to learn to walk with Him patiently and faithfully.

Prayer Changes Things

Prayer, no matter what we think changes things. I have come to know convincingly that God answers prayer and that prayer changes situations. Be it on personal issues, national and global levels, I have seen God do amazing things in answer to prayers.

Perseverance is Necessary to Actualize the Goals of Prayer

Another lesson I have learned in prayer is that perseverance is indispensable to realizing our goals in prayer. Intercession is not for the lily-livered who chicken out easily. One lesson Jesus taught in the parables of the Unjust Judge and the Widow is that we must never relent in the place of prayer. If we desire to see changes in the nations, and in the global scene, then we must keep on mounting pressure in prayer. "Take no rest, all you who pray. Give the LORD no rest until he makes Jerusalem the object of praise throughout the earth." (Isa.62:6,7) There is a saying that, "Press On! God has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race." This is also applicable to prayer.

God is Faithful!

Without any shadow of doubt, I have learned that God is faithful in answering prayers and in fulfilling His promises. God is faithful in all his ways. He is faithful to all His words and promises. He is faithful in executing all His purposes. He is faithful in answering our petitions.

Austen C. Ukachi, an IPC Leadership Team member from Nigeria

Christians in Iraq and Syria need our prayers!

Christians are fleeing severe violence targeting them, including church attacks, killings, robberies, and rapes, and the Christian population in Mosul shrunk from 35,000 to 3,000 in the past decade. In the last week, the remaining Christians fled, according to World Watch Monitor, which analyzes the reasons behind the exodus.

In late February, ISIS invaded Raqqa in northern Syria and demanded that Christians pay a "jizya" tax and accept a list of regulations, including not ringing church bells or praying in public in exchange for "protection," the BBC reported. That memory makes Christians even more wary now, Middle East Concern reports:

Christians feel particularly vulnerable, especially in light of the treatment of Christians in the Raqqah province of northern Syria where ISIS has also established its authority. Recall that, in February 2014, ISIS commanders in Raqqah forced Christian community leaders to sign a contract agreeing to a set of stringent conditions. These included the payment of a special tax (known as jizya), conduct of Christian rites only behind closed doors so as to be neither visible nor audible to Muslims, and adherence to Islamic commercial, dress code and dietary regulations.

CT reported how an impressive array of 175 American religious leaders recently urged the United States to support Christianity's historical heartland. Noted U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA):

"These defenseless religious communities are facing an existential crisis, which threatens their very survival in the lands they have inhabited for centuries," said Wolf, a longtime religious freedom advocate who helped create the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) in 1998. "The faith leaders ... recognize that unless the American church begins to champion this cause, the foreign policy establishment will hardly lead the way. They are committing to be their 'brother's keeper,' whether in Nineveh, Cairo or Homs."

Four Nations on the Brink and in Desperate Need of Prayer

Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq and Syria

We need to get a burden of concern about these countries since what happens in these nations will definitely affect the security of your own nation and of the whole world. Let's wake up, get educated and join in prayer, or we may all live to regret it because of what will come

upon our nations and ourselves as a result of not standing in the gap (Ezekiel 22:30). We are our brothers' keepers and the Lord has need of us!

Here are some of the prayer requests that we hope you can also share with your prayer groups to help mobilize prayer for these nations at this critical time:

A dear pastor from Iraq who was with us on a prayer call two weeks ago sent the attached prayer concerns for his nation where cities have recently been overrun by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (Al-Qaeda-related) fighters from Syria. The latest is that ISIL is now proclaiming an Islamic state made up of territory taken from both Syria and Iraq and inviting Muslims around the world to come and live there.

"The terrorists have confiscated many towns, killing and destroying many buildings, burning any thing coming across, the net connections is very low and sometimes disconnected. Huge numbers of families have already left their residence heading for nowhere. There is a huge need for food, blankets, shelters, medication, care for elders and Children. There is lack of everything. At least a couple of millions of people are homeless in an extremely very hot season toping +122 F."

1) Pray for the government, military and other supporting nations to be united and strong in dealing with this invasion and not to be intimidated. That they will also be able to retake the cities in the north and western parts of the country that have been overrun.

2) Pray for about one million refugees that have left their homes and need shelter, food, and water out in the desert in 120 degree heat that there will be swift and well-coordinated responses from the government, international community, and humanitarian organizations.

3) Pray that the Christians will not be discouraged and will continue to come together in united, authoritative prayer for their nation and that the international prayer movement will be activated to pray strongly for Iraq.

For the other three nations, let us pray for:

1) For the nation of Afghanistan to come together and not be divided along ethnic lines as the results of the presidential election are announced and that the Taliban will be put to flight by the Afghan forces and nation's people.

2) For Pakistan, that the Taliban and other Muslim radicals will continue to be confused and disunited and that their link with other nations in the Middle East and elsewhere will be broken. That the prime minister and the military will rise up unitedly and effectively against them. That the Christians will be encouraged, get reconciled where necessary, and unite in prayer across the nation.

3) For Syria, that the war will come to an end and that the spirit of fear and hopelessness will be overcome among the people, especially the youth.

Many are coming to the Lord from the more traditional churches. Some prayer groups have been formed and are praying among the evangelicals. Pray all the believers may be strengthened, united and continue to pray with faith and authority for His peace and healing of this war-shattered nation.

Please keep these nations and our brothers and sisters in Christ in your hearts.

Yours in Him,
John Robb

Islamic State Releases Its Vision for a Caliphate

Monday, June 30, 2014 (2:57 pm) | Worthy News / World News

BAGHDAD (Worthy News)- According to a world map released by the "Islamic State" on Twitter shows the jihadist organization's 5-year plan to establish the Caliphate across the entire Middle East including Israel, North Africa, Spain, Greece, Pakistan, Georgia, China and parts of Russia.



"The legality of all emirates, groups, states and organizations becomes null by the expansion of the caliph's authority and the arrival of its troops to their areas," Islamic State in an audio release. "Listen to your caliph and obey him. Support your state, which grows spokesman Abu Mohammad al-Adnani said every day."



"The time has come for the Ummah [nation] of Mohammed (peace be upon him) to wake up from its sleep, remove the garments of dishonor, and shake off the dust of humiliation and disgrace," Adnani said.

"For the era of lamenting and moaning has gone, and the dawn of honor has emerged anew. The sun of jihad has risen. The glad tidings of good are shining. Triumph looms on the horizon. The signs of victory have appeared," he continued.

"The Shura (council) of the Islamic State met and discussed this issue (of the Caliphate)... The Islamic State decided to establish an Islamic Caliphate and to designate a Caliph for the state of the Muslims," Adnani added.

The spokesman, Abu Mohammed al-Adnani, said all Muslims worldwide will be required to pay allegiance to al-Baghdadi. He characterized the establishment of the caliphate as "a new era of international jihad."

Pray that the government of Iraq and the international community will have God's wisdom and resolve to deal decisively and strongly with ISIS and its establishment of this jihadist state that could seriously imperil surrounding nations and even our own.

U.S. SUPREME COURT: NO TO PRO-ABORTION MANDATE



The Supreme Court ruled this last week that the Christian-run Hobby Lobby doesn't have to obey the HHS mandate that is a part of Obamacare that requires businesses to pay for abortion causing drugs in their employee health care plans.

Give thanks! Intercessors have prayed for this outcome. Thank God for a righteous decision! Already, opponents say the decision will deny women's "rights." Not so. This decision does not block any woman's legal rights. The question is, "Who pays?" Now, instead of Christian business and ministry leaders, it will be the individuals who want the abortion-producing products and services. Are taxpayers still being defrauded (such as with Planned Parenthood)? Yes; pray that God will judge that in His time and purpose.

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules, the people groan." (Prov. 29:2)

"Hate evil, love good; establish justice in the gate." (Amos 5:15)

www.getamericapraying.com/blog/?p=1117#MANDATE

Praying for D.C. and the U.S.A.: The Secret Link to the Principalities and Powers that Perpetuates Spiritual Bondage

Author David Ovason spent more than 10 years researching America's capital and found that from its founding in 1791, there was a secret alignment and dedication to certain stars that was made by the Freemasons in order to marry the city to the spirit powers these stars were thought to represent. Could this be a reason why our government is so divided and increasingly corrupt and ineffective? Could this past covenant also be the reason why some ministry leaders who live there complain about the level of spiritual oppression and why believers struggle to stand in a united, ongoing prayer movement?

The Apostle Paul warns us "not to be ignorant of the enemy's devices". It is important for us to know how a city's foundations were laid and what dedications have been made since the powers of darkness want to claim any territory offered in this way as their domain. In such a situation, Jesus urged us to "occupy" till He comes, and He has given us authority to "tread on serpents and scorpions and overcome all the power of the enemy".



However, if we are to take back territory from the evil one and the kind of spiritual deliverance is to come that breaks oppression and changes the atmosphere of a city or nation, we need to become aware of any claims or legal rights the enemy has that were given to him by past rulers or others. Using such knowledge, in authoritative, united prayer with the Lord's guidance, can make a big difference in setting territory free and ushering in tangible transformation in favor of His Kingdom.

Ovason's comprehensive book, *The Secret Architecture of Our Nation's Capital: the Masons and the Building of Washington, D.C.* (1999, 2000), is a revelatory study that helps us grasp how spiritual bondage initially was established over D.C. Armed by the insights he reveals, we can better understand how to deal with the ruling spiritual darkness in His authority, renouncing and breaking any covenants that continue to negatively influence our capital and through it the whole nation.

Here are some of the main conclusions that Ovason makes from his decadal investigation:

1. Washington, D.C. is "a city of the stars". There are over 30 zodiacs in the city designed to point to the actual heavens- thus "marrying the city with the stars". (Foreword, 1) This was the practice of the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and other pagan civilizations of the past. (p.121)
2. On April 15, 1791, a group of Masons and local officials laid the foundation stone for the city at the moment when the zodiacal power of Virgo, called in Masonic circles, "the Beautiful Virgin", was strongest. (p. 49) In Masonic tradition, "it was believed that all human activities were overseen by the gods" and a cornerstone ceremonial was to "gain the approval of the spiritual beings" (p.71)
3. The Capitol building was oriented by its architects on an east-west axis, "arranging the building-and of course the entire city- in particular relationship with the Sun." (p. 82) Specifically, they oriented it to the sunset and as the "spiritual fulcrum" of the city, its dome would radiate out "a whole sunburst" of avenues and roads and spiritual influences. (pp. 83-84)
4. The cornerstone for the Washington Monument was laid on July 4, 1848, in the afternoon when the all-important Virgo constellation was operative. In both this dedication and that of

the Capitol building in 1793, the Sun was passing through the same degree of Virgo, which must have been arranged for astrological reasons by the Masons. (p.125)

5. Virgo represents the ancient Mother Goddess worshipped in Babylon and other later ancient civilizations. Virgo was adopted as the hidden symbol of the city (pp.154-155) and Ovason documents the many buildings in which her symbols are found in the architecture. He writes, "at least 50 public statues or buildings in the city are involved with the symbolism of Virgo, and each of the 23 public zodiacs emphasizes (in one way or other) this same Virgoan symbolism." (p. 186)

6. All three of the main buildings which make up the Federal Triangle,-the White House, the Capitol and the Washington Monument- all had their foundation stones laid under the constellation Virgo and each have the Dragon's Head in their foundation charts. The Dragon's Head occurs where the path of the Moon intersects that of the Sun and the circuit of the Moon was thought by the ancients to be the "invisible body of a stellar dragon". The corners of the triangle were "symbolically fixed into the Earth when this beneficial point- the solar-lunar meeting point- was in Virgo." (pp. 255-256)

7. This same triangulation is reflected in the three main stars of the Virgo constellation- Arcturus which falls on the White House, Regulus which falls on the Capitol, and Spica which falls on the Washington Monument. (pp. 256-257) Thus, this triad of most important buildings were linked to the stars. "The stellar triangle of Virgo reveals the mystery of the city." (pp.307,310)

8. From August 6-12, the Sun cuts into the horizon at sunset above Pennsylvania Avenue precisely, appearing to set at the end of the avenue. August 10 at sunset, Ovason thinks, is "the crucial symbolic moment". (pp. 342-343) On August 10, the White House and the Capitol are connected by the disk of the Sun as it sets in the West. (pp. 344-345)

As the Sun goes down, the three major stars of Virgo appear in the heavens above as a triangle that mirrors the layout of the Federal Triangle below. "This spiritual stellar triangle literally hangs over the earthly Federal Triangle to the south of Pennsylvania Avenue." (p. 348)

9. Pennsylvania Avenue was intended as a "sacred route" by its designers. (p. 349). Constitution Avenue was also intended to be a sacred pathway.

10. This layout of D.C. as a union of earth and skies was intended to remain a secret by its designer. *"He knew that the power born of this connection between earth and skies would continue to beneficially influence the souls of those who lived in the city, even if they did not know, with their conscious minds, whence this power came. (italics mine) His whole city was a Mystery...harmoniously linked with the skies."* (p. 350)

We need to ask ourselves what "power" this is that D.C. has been put under. Worship of the sun, moon and stars has always been a pagan fixation from the time of Babylon, Egypt and other ancient civilizations. If D.C. has been dedicated to such astral powers as Virgo, the Mother Goddess, the Sun and Moon gods, as well as the Dragon, which the Masons have apparently done, what should we as intercessors do about this as those who care for this city and nation that still affects the rest of the world so strongly?

Please pray for the breaking of any spiritual bondage over the USA through its capital and these previous dedications to false gods. Pray that the local prayer leadership in Washington D.C. will have the Lord's wisdom, unity and power in dealing with this situation effectively.

European Trumpet Call

June 18-21, 2014

June 18-21, about 200 ministry leaders and intercessors from 23 countries of Europe gathered in Skopje, Macedonia to pray for the reconciliation and healing of the Balkans region and for the rest of Europe. It was a time of wonderful worship, heartfelt confession and united prayer for a new day for this continent that has been wracked by so much nationalism, division and war in the past. Here is the proclamation that was read to the accompaniment of trumpets:

The Skopje Proclamation

Father, You are holy and worthy to be praised. You are holding this world in your hand and You are the true history maker.

We thank You for our nations and this continent. We believe Your everlasting love and mercy is with us, with Europe and with our nations.

Lord, we confess our sins before You and we ask for Your forgiveness through Jesus, our Savior, for us as individuals, for us the Church, for us citizens of our nation and as Europeans.

By Your Grace we take authority (as European Trumpet Call conference) and in unity

WE PROCLAIM

The Lordship of Jesus Christ, the living Son of God, over all spiritual authorities and powers in Europe.

1. Trumpet Call

WE PROCLAIM

The everlasting redemption by the Blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, shed on the cross, for all the iniquities and sins of Europe.

2. Trumpet Call

WE PROCLAIM

That this is the time for the release of the Spirit of revival across our continent of Europe through Your body the church and into every part of society, over children, youth, families and communities.

3. Trumpet Call

BLESSING

In communion with the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit we will not stop but go on to bless our nation and the whole of Europe.

The Lord bless you, my country and Europe, and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon your dear nations of Europe and give you Peace! Num 6:24-26

AMEN

3x Trumpet Call

Please pray with our European brothers and sisters as they seek to build on this marvelous foundation and to raise up a united prayer movement throughout the continent.

A BRIEF REFLECTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REFUGEES, 20 JUNE 2014, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO



The 16 June of each year we celebrate the International Day of Refugee. Again, we are remembering the thousands of people who were obliged to leave their country and were forced by many events to become refugees. We must remember all those who are refugees and know that there are many in very difficult conditions.

Today, I would like to share with you about refugees in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo especially in the North Kivu Province (Goma). Since 1992, many people were obliged to leave their houses, families, and villages and become refugees in their own country. These people are called Internally Displaced People (IDPs). Today, we are counting them in thousands of

families that are living in the camps. They live in very bad conditions as a consequence of the war or ethnic conflict.

Mugunga refugee camp is located in 15 kilometres from Goma. Thousands of families have left villages, houses, shelter, and other things... we have all our hearts turned toward this camp today and pray that God assists them.

This is an image for the Internally Displaced People in the refugee camp in Mugunga 15 km from Goma town. People are suffering, especially, women and children.

Prayer requests:

- **We thank God for the effort made by the United Nations and DRC government to respond to the need of these internal displaced people IDPs (refugee) but much still needs to be done...**
- **Please pray with us, many of these families would like to go back in their villages, but there they have a lot of needs (houses, clothes, school fees for children, food, etc.). Pray that God will provide these needs.**
- **Please pray for provision for the organizations that really want to help these refugees.**
- **Remember vulnerable children and orphans in your prayers that God will help them to have sponsorship to help them restore their dignity.**
- **Pray also for my organization "CODDHu", as we help to restore the human dignity, especially of children and women.**

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21 Days fasting with Children in India

Children from different parts of India will come together to pray, fast and intercede for the rise of the Children in Prayer movement in every nation. God is calling for the fathers to turn to their children and the children to turn to their fathers during this season.

Here are few things we will be focusing on during our 21days with the children:

- **Pray for advocates, movements and organizations that focus on raising children leaders, worshippers and intercessors.**
- **Pray for the rise of Children's Houses of Prayer in every nation, where we will see children filling up prayer rooms 24/7.**
- **Pray for churches to accept the call of children during the end times.**
- **Pray for spiritual parents and intercessors that they will take up the call to pray for children everyday.**

If you are someone who is a part of the children's prayer movement or have a role in bringing transformation through children, write to us prayer@royalkids.org. We want to hold you in our prayers and intercede for you.

International Children Intercessors Conference will be held from July24th-27th, in Chennai, India.

We will have children leaders, advocates and churches from around the world coming to pray and learn how to raise up Children's Houses of Prayer. Register at http://royalkids.org/registration_form.php



The Situation in North Korea

Please be praying for those who are currently being held in North Korea. In addition to Kenneth Bae, we heard in June of two more Christians, South Korean Pastor Kim, Jung-Wook who has been sentenced to life in prison and American tourist Jeffrey Edward Fowle. Breaking news, as I write this is also that another American, Matthew

Todd Miller, who also entered North Korea in April as a tourist claiming asylum is being prosecuted along with Fowle.

The general situation for the ordinary North Korean continues to be precarious. June was a bad month for agriculture in some parts of the country as there was little or no rain and drought conditions prevailed. Everyone was sent out to work in the fields carrying water to the crops. But, fortunately, the potato harvest has come in helping to alleviate the situation.

The authorities continue to crack down on violations of the new Article 60 laws that we reported on last month. The new laws, mandating severe punishment for violations, were enacted to eliminate "corrupting influences" that come through contact with foreigners, especially Christians and South Koreans. Under this law, two men were executed in June for prostitution. At the same time, North Korea is trying to open up more opportunities economic development including allowing freer access of tourists to the border city of Shinuiju. There is a problem for the authorities in that by opening up to outside economic benefit, more people come into contact with foreigners. To solve this problem they have been moving people out of Shinuiju...

We continue to pray that the influence of the Gospel penetrate the North and that the truly corrupting influences from South Korea, the US, China and other nations not be able to. One of the tragedies is that the teachings of Jesus Christ are seen in the same category as pornography in North Korea. In fact, many North Koreans believe that the Bible--the Sacred Writings--is a book about sex because the Korean words for sacred and sex sound the same even though they are completely different Chinese characters.

Ben Torrey
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Sounding the Alarm



Blow the trumpet...sound the alarm...for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand-- Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God... Joel 2:1, 13

While at home caring for my husband, I have had time to be quiet and listen more to the whispers of the Spirit. He has revealed things to me in the stillness that I'm not sure I would have heard in my former busyness. One of the things He has impressed on me is that we are living at the end of human history as we know it. In light of this, He has given me some practical assignments. One was to be the Honorary Chair for the National Day of Prayer 2014 this past May. He gave me the message I was to deliver, which was from Joel 1...the Day of the Lord is at hand. It was a message warning of judgment that is coming.

Just recently, He has given me another assignment, which is to call His people in our nation to prayer. This assignment came indirectly from a Syrian pastor through a National Day of Prayer attendee. In obedience, I am blowing the trumpet...sounding the alarm...issuing a national prayer initiative entitled 7 7 7: An Urgent Call to Prayer. The Call is for God's people to pray for each of the first seven days in the seventh month--July 1-7. Then on the 7th day, July 7, we are to pray and fast for 7 hours.

The purpose is three-fold:

- **For God the Father to restrain, protect, and deliver His people from the evil that has come into our world.**
- **For God the Son to be exalted, magnified, and glorified in His church, in our nation, and in our lives.**
- **For God the Holy Spirit to fall on us in a fresh way, compelling the church to repent of sin and our nation to return to faith in the living God, resulting in a great national spiritual awakening.**

For those who sign up, I will provide a prayer for each of the 7 days to help unite us in one spirit and one voice as we cry out to God. You can sign up for the daily email prayers on annegrahamlotz.com that will help give focus to our worship, repentance, and intercession.

God's people need to pray before it's too late, and judgment falls on our nation.
Sincerely...and Urgently,



Ramadan 2014, Thursday, June 28th to Sunday, July 27th

Ramadan refers to the holy month of fasting (saum) and prayer for all adult Muslims and is one of the five pillars of Islam. Between sunrise and sunset, adult Muslims are required to abstain from ingesting any substance, food, drink, even tobacco smoke! The main focus is on prayers and reciting the Quran. It is a time of denying self and submitting to God.

Why pray during Ramadan?

- It is God's will that all should be saved. (2 Pet 3:9)
- Jesus commissioned all Christians to make disciples of all nations. (Mat 28:19-20)
- The Lord has compassion on all He has made. (Ps 145:9)
- He wants His people to stand in the gap for others. (Ezk. 22:30)
- Christians have to represent Jesus and His heart of compassion to non-believers. (Acts 9:15; 26:17)
- He desires to bring salvation to the ends of the earth. (Is. 49:6)
- Since the start of the prayer movement for the Muslim world in 1992/93, more conversions were recorded than in centuries before.

Therefore, let us not grow weary and tired of asking Him for Muslim nations as our inheritance, but keep our lamps burning and dressed for service! (Ps 2:8, Luke 12:35)

If you want to be reminded to pray daily during this important time on the Muslim calendar, you can check out www.30-days.net.

Report from Nigeria

1. A couple of biblical messages for Boko Haram, in Jesus name. Amen:

They will become thin from hunger.
 Terrible diseases will destroy them.
 I will send wild animals against them.
 Poisonous snakes and lizards will bite them.
 Deuteronomy 32:24 (ERV)

'In that day the LORD will whistle for flies from the distant streams of Egypt and for bees from the land of Assyria. They will all come and settle in the steep ravines and in the crevices in the rocks, on all the thornbushes and at all the water holes. In that day the Lord will use a razor hired from beyond the River--the king of Assyria--to shave your head and the hair of your legs, and to take off your beards also'.
 Isaiah 7:18-20 (NIV)

2. <http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-news-from-elsewhere-28034240>
 News from Elsewhere...
 ...media reports from around the world, found by BBC Monitoring June 26 2014

The Nigerian Army is struggling to flush Boko Haram Islamist fighters out of their forest fastness, but it seems snakes may be doing the job for them.

Two suspected Boko Haram gunmen captured by local volunteers in Maiduguri, northeastern Nigeria, said they had fled the Sambisa Forest because of "incessant snake bites", the Vanguard newspaper reports.

One of the suspects, Kolo Mustapha, said bees have also been known to join in the attacks, often leaving their victims fatally injured. Some of his fellow-fighters think there is a supernatural aspect to the attacks, fearing that Boko Haram's victims are wreaking vengeance on their killers. Mustapha said he was caught because, like many others, he was trying to sneak back into town "as we have nowhere else to go". "Our leaders have fled to Cameroon," he added, saying they had forced local youths to join the group.

The other captive, Umar Abor, said "almost all our comrades are leaving the Sambisa because of constant attacks by snakes and bees". Many accuse Boko Haram leaders of having brought the plague upon themselves by kidnapping and killing civilians. The Civilian JTF volunteers agree that fighters have been fleeing the forest in growing numbers over the past two weeks, and were helping the security forces find weapons caches.

By the Lampstand
 27/06/2014

Pray that Boko Haram would be found out and defeated and that all those they have kidnapped will be released soon and returned to their families.

Unity in Diversity: Evangelicals Meet with Pope Francis



Today, on June 24, 2014, Saint Jean Baptiste Day, annually celebrated in Canada we also celebrate what took place at Palazzo Santa Marta, Vatican City where invited guests gathered at Pope Francis's private residence. Guest include John and Carol Arnott (Founders of Catch the Fire), Kenneth Copeland (Founder of KCM Ministries), James Robison (Founder of Life Outreach Int.), Geoff Tunnicliffe (Head of Worldwide Evangelical Alliance), and Tony Palmer (Bishop & Int. Ecumenical Officer of the Communion Evangelical Episcopal Churches). These ministries met for a cordial gathering and lunch to begin a friendly relationship that could have a far reaching impact. A MIRACLE INDEED - 'I've never seen God begin a miracle without Him finishing it well.' (Manzoni)

This initiative by Pope Francis is a further reaching out to the Evangelical world after his cell phone message recorded earlier this year. This time it is followed up by bringing the five ministry leaders who represent a large portion (in total approx. 900 Million Evangelicals) of the body together for a historical event, which is undeniably God-orchestrated.

At the age of 77, Francis is full of strength, bold, outgoing, a people's person, charismatic, and Spirit-filled. If we can only imagine, believe, and pray for Francis' ability to help and touch literally tens of thousands of people! Weekly, they flock to St. Peter's Square on Wednesday mornings to hear him share and where people are drawn into experiencing the fullness of being a Christian through a daily relationship with Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. He has the potential of being one of the greatest evangelists of the Gospel today! Up to one hundred thousand sounds like a cause for a Revival, doesn't it?

One of the pivotal reasons of today's meeting was to start a conversation together in what it means to receive SALVATION personally. This was the beginning of a Joint Declaration between this large faction of the Evangelical world and the Roman Catholic Church.

All churches: Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox at times make audacious statements about one another, negating the other and affirming self, as if the individual Church had a monopoly on what it means to be Spirit filled and born again. As an Evangelical minister who holds to a Charismatic/Pentecostal experience, I feel that unless our church remains prophetic, we are prone and have a tendency towards intuitionism and legalism. If it smells like "Religion", I don't want it. I want God and a relationship with him, not a form of religion. If you can say amen to this, you probably use the same Evangelical language most of us as Evangelical ministers do. However, I have to enlighten you. I first heard this kind of language through the mouth of Francis. We may be more in sync with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters, and the Orthodox than we are aware.

Now imagine that every Church's aim and heart, at the core, was to be made up of followers of Jesus who are born again and Spirit-filled. Will you not rejoice and pray for Francis, a man of influence and popularity who has a large weekly audience with probably some of the

largest open-air meetings in our time? Many have had the privilege of seeing Francis in action. Out in the square 40 minutes before the weekly meeting starts, he blesses children, touches all he can reach, walking freely in the crowd. After all the mingling, the service starts, and he sticks with the script and preaches the Gospel, but he periodically puts the script aside and he spontaneously speaks to peoples' hearts. Once the service is officially over, he is back at mingling with the people ending the day with praying for the sick. Doesn't this sound like Jesus?

In the weeks to come we are going to be hearing many news reports, articles and TV shows, both good and bad. Let me encourage you not to entertain some of the negative reports that have always been around regarding deceptive conspiracies. If you have embraced some of them, may I ask you to be open to hearing the heart of what John and Carol Arnott may have to say with their experience with the Pope or James Robison and others? We will hear more from them in the days to come.

Many of us have been trained in our thinking to question things by saying, "could any good coming out of Rome?" Let me encourage you that several positive dreams have come from leaders who are full of integrity, such as, Steve Long (Senior Pastor at Catch the Fire) and Dan Slade, International Coordinator of the Partners of Harvest Network. Dan had a dream (or a possibly a visitation) where he literally saw gold falling on Roman Catholics. I personally like to joke with my Romans Catholic friends by saying that they were the last main-line church that came into the Charismatic Renewal in 1967, but that they could possibly be the first to be in the greatest move that is yet to come before the return of our Lord. The first shall be last and the last shall be first.

If you are a leader in your Christian community and/or Church and have any questions and/or desire to learn more about reconciliation and unity and about what God is doing in the Roman Catholic Church (specifically in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal) come and join Bishop Tony Palmer and other leaders such as Professor Matteo Calisi and Deacon Carlos Nogueira of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The following is the location. Please email me personally for an invite to RSVP. bierullo@united-in-christ.com

Friday, August 22, 2014, 9am-5pm. (Leaders only by invitation) Location: Attwell Center 272, Attwell Dr. Toronto, (nearby the Toronto Airport) M9W 6M3, Canada

The program for Friday evening and for the following day, Saturday, August 23, is open to all. Bishop Tony Palmer will be the invited speaker at the family service on Sunday, August 24 at Catch the Fire Toronto Church. Service starts at 10:30 a.m.

The meetings are not just geared to helping Evangelicals learn about Catholics. Generally speaking, there has been an equal struggle for Catholics. It has been long upward journey for Catholics to accept the Evangelical world. There has been a greater openness with the pontificate of Francis. With the last four Popes we have seen an increase of acceptance. Prior to the Second Vatican Council II the thought of having any kind of "Joint Declaration", especially regarding Faith and Mission, was unheard of but now possible and a reality.

So what is it about holding such a gathering outside of building a common relationship? What it is not is some kind of scheme to win back those who have perhaps left the Roman Catholic Church and/or a unifying ploy to return the Church back to Rome as it once was. In a Global context it would really be interesting to see how Jesus sees His church that He is returning for and gave His life as a ransom.

After Vatican Council II, Evangelicals were referred to as "separated brethren" and the idea of this separation in light of ecumenism took on a more cordial form with a term used by Pope John Paul II as "Organic Unity". The Roman Catholic Church spoke of this term often but the problem with it is that it very distant and non-relational. The thought behind the concept, is like, "we can't make it happen", so let us be spectators of it and watch it grow spontaneously almost at a grass root level springing up on its own to a higher ecclesial level (Church level) and eventually to the magisterium (Church authority). Any honest Catholic would say that the strides forward in this motion were short and slow.

What we have today with Francis is a term called "Reconciled Diversity". This term and concept was being explored when Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, before his election as Pope, presented it to a group of Waldensians in 1993. It seems humorous and not ironic that the term and the concept used today by Pope Francis is taken from a Lutheran Theologian. Oscar Cullman who died in 1999. It is very clear for those who have ears to hear, that there is no doubt that many Catholics still hold to the "old school", as I call it, of Organic Unity, which

in itself is still a valid form when considering the Holy Spirit is still behind the scenes to make things happen, and that there are those who hope that all will become restored to Rome. Francis would like to see something different happen: Reconciled Diversity.

Reconciled Diversity means a "Unity IN Diversity" without compromise. Therefore, it is possible to create a Joint Declaration for the purpose of Faith and Mission.

The Five ministries leaders as seen in the photo above and the luncheon photo below will together proclaim and affirm the pre-existing Article on the 'Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification' (3:15):

15. In faith we together hold the conviction that justification is the work of the triune God. The Father sent his Son into the world to save sinners. The foundation and presupposition of justification is the incarnation, death, and resurrection of Christ. Justification thus means that Christ himself is our righteousness, in which we share through the Holy Spirit in accord with the will of the Father. Together we confess: By grace alone, in faith in Christ's saving work and not because of any merit on our part, we are accepted by God and receive the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts while equipping and calling us to good works.

When these ministries, represented by the five delegates, speak of Salvation they mean the first and fundamental conversion necessary for all, even for those baptized before hearing the Gospel. This conversion consists of coming under painful conviction that one is a sinner, and that a once-and-for-all repentance from that state of being is essential. This is a decision to trust Jesus' completed work on the cross to remit and break the hold of sin, with a personal and on-going surrender to him as Lord.

There is much more to this all, in this "Declaration" the larger representatives of the Evangelical world that will be represented at the ratification of the Declaration (at the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in 2017, Prophetically speaking, in Jerusalem where ultimately healing of the "dividing wall" will one day take place) will commit themselves to mutual love and a fraternal fellowship while embracing each others unique diversities, recognizing their common commitment to the core of the Christian faith, while not minimizing each others distinctive gifts.

The most exciting part is the commitment to 'Unity of Faith and Mission', and Miracle might I add is to stand united in essential Christian beliefs, while expressing them in varied forms, to evangelize together and to cooperate as disciples of Christ in visible unity, for the well-being of all Humanity, so that the World will believe that the Father sent His Son!

**Yours in Christ,
United In Christ, Canada President Bruno Ierullo**

Pray for Pakistan

June 2014

"To get nations back on their feet,~we must first get down on our knees."- Billy Graham

Thank you for your prayers. Pakistan has been going through some difficult times but these have led in many cases to some good results. Pakistan, as a minimum, has 25-30 people killed each day by terrorists. This has resulted in people demanding the government do something about it.

God is working. Another PRAISE point. An interesting case took place in a large city where a "blasphemy" case (Islamic law) was brought against 67 lawyers who were then arrested. The lawyers in recent years have often taken the place of the government, to the point of even overthrowing some governments. Though it's sad that it was a blasphemy case, it was used to lower the unlawful powers of the lawyers.

Though it is sure some of the accusations were false, it has been a good step in putting the lawyers back in their rightful place. And shaking up the nation.



On June 8 there was an attack on the Karachi airport - 39 people were killed during this time. It lasted three days. The terrorists' intention was to blow up much of the airport and eventually hijack a plane (praise God this was averted). This brought a strong reaction against the terrorists and a demand that the government begin to do something against the terrorists.

This past month three parties rose up against the Prime Minister demanding that he resign because he was doing nothing against terrorists. The Prime Minister, since coming to power, has been trying to negotiate with the Taliban because some of them were responsible for bringing him into office and he is afraid of them. The attack on the airport was the last straw and forced him and the government to send the military in to fight the terrorists along the border area. PRAISE God for this; it needed to be done years ago.

PRAISE-we have been praying for confusion among different terrorist groups. Along the Afghanistan border many of these tribal groups have thrown out their leaders and others have begun to fight each other. Continue PRAYING this will increase.

The Sunni-Shia divide

There are two major groups among the Muslims - Sunnis and the Shias. 80% of the Muslims in Pakistan are Sunni. The majority of recent terrorist attacks have been by the Sunni against the Shias. This has led to many Shias saying they are not welcome in the country and may need to leave.

IRAQ AND SYRIA

Syria- Sunni	74%	Shia	16%
Iraq- Sunni	35%	Shia	65%
Iran Sunni	10%	Shia	90%

The same thing which is taking place in Pakistan is taking place in these two countries. The war here is really a Sunni-Shia war. In Syria the population is largely made up of Sunnis. Iraq- The ISIS (a very violent offshoot of Al-Qaida) has spilled over from the eastern border of Syria into Iraq taking many of the northern cities of Iraq. They are now closing in on the Shia city of Baghdad. Because of this, Shia Iran is siding with the Baghdad government.

PAKISTAN is where the Sunni Al-Qaida originated.

There is only one answer. **PRAYER God must intervene. Governments are out of hand. Iraq and Syria are suffering. Al-Qaida is bringing death and destruction. Iran is ready to enter the war. America needs to form some priorities and act upon them. We must PRAY and ask God to intervene..**

PRAY

§ Pakistan- Pray as Pakistan is exporting Al-Qaida to all these other countries. May this be stopped

Iraq and Syria- May the war with ISIS and the massacre be stopped.

§ May Iran be kept out of this war.

§ America- May God guide them to do what is right

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Sexual Purity Breakthrough

We have great joy to report a major breakthrough in the battle against pornography and sexual impurity. We believe this is the result of your prayers and the prayers of many around the world.

On 6 June, Google, the top Internet site in the world, announced it is stopping all advertisements for pornography as well as all ads that link to sexually explicit websites. That is a phenomenal development, but that's not all! Google also agreed to stop offering sexually explicit apps in their phone app store, Google Play.

The announcement came just two weeks after a delegation of anti-porn activists met with Google executives at their offices in Washington, D.C. The organization Porn Harms, a part

of Morality in Media, organized the meeting that included Family Research Council, Concerned Women for America, Enough is Enough, and Focus on the Family.

Porn Harms had named Google in its "Dirty Dozen" which is a list of companies helpful to the porn industry. Specifically the group complained to Google about porn on Google Play, Google-owned YouTube, and Google ads. Porn Harms says it found out about this decision via the porn industry news sites complaining about the change!

We thank God for this amazing news. We believe it is no accident that this was announced while we prayed and fasted during the global D-Day Prayer Storm on Friday 6 June 2014. As we shared in Good News Update 100, our American brothers and sisters in Christ called us to a time of prayer, fasting and repentance to ask God to turn back the tide of evil in the Church and our societies.

This global call to fast and pray is built upon other prayer initiatives around the world including our own 2014 National Day of Prayer and Fasting followed by 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting when we focused on praying for a renewal of sexual purity. So once again, we thank God for this amazing breakthrough which we believe is the greatest single victory in the battle against pornography in the last 40 years.

Pornography addiction has been called a hidden epidemic. Tragically it is destroying many marriages and families and individual lives all across Australia and around the world.

People used to have to go out of their way to find pornography. Then the Internet came along. With easy access to thousands of websites, the use of pornography exploded. To make things worse, the Internet search engines Google, Yahoo, Bing and others have vigorously marketed pornography. In their quest to make hundreds of millions of dollars, they have helped promote child porn, sexual violence against women, and marriage and family breakdown.

We ask you to do one thing besides continuing to pray. **Send Google a BIG THANK YOU** letter by mail to the founder and CEO of Google, Larry Page and his Board.

We are asking you to write a letter because a letter will have a greater chance of getting into the hands of Mr Larry Page who is running one of the world's biggest companies. He is a very busy man. Emails could simply be deleted because they receive so many of them.

Congratulate Google for refusing the money offered by the porn advertisers. Then ask them to do even better than competing search engine Bing which at present offers greater protection against porn than Google.

Address your letter of thanks to:

Larry Page & Google Board
CEO Google
Google Inc. 1600 Amphitheater Parkway Mountain view, CA 94043 USA

Yours in thanksgiving to God for the breakthrough!

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Encouraged by this breakthrough, let us continue to pray and trust God for the cleansing and reform of the media in our countries.

Transforming Sydney and Australia

Many of our young generation are not interested the way our beloved intercessors prayed in the past. People are busy with their modern lives, we need to keep our intercessory prayers alive. Transforming Sydney has come up with a new strategy to help people establish prayer groups wherever they are. Each one of you can be a witness to Christ, uphold your university, school, family, business and the whole marketplace in your prayers.

Since 2008 we have praying with our on-line network for the spheres of influence of our society (10 domains) many people now are already establishing prayer groups in Sydney and across Australia to pray monthly and run forums, we have seen true breakthrough all these years and we want to encourage all churches across Sydney to adopt this strategy and encourage all members of the church to be witness to the gospel wherever they are at work, at universities, at schools, at colleges, in the Marketplace. Basically everywhere, and everyone (adults and children) to pray.

We have the privilege to come to you and run workshops and seminars together to equip people to become ambassadors of the kingdom, prayer, preach the message, be a witness the within their spheres of influence (work, schools, unis, colleges, Marketplace etc...) We want to see that every place become a house of prayers.
<http://www.transformingsydney.org/TSTraining.html>

We are happy to travel anywhere to support you establish this prayer initiative.

Check the attached power point presentation to understand the strategy and give us a call if you wish to start this initiative, and tell us how can we serve you.

Example

- * Praying monthly for each domain
- * Running forums/workshops to equip disciples within that domain to take the Kingdom with them:

- To pray,
- Lead their own groups and forums to discuss the Kingdom, and
- Confidently preach (live) the gospel

Below are some examples of topics for these forums:

*What is the Marketplace and how can you make a difference in the Marketplace within your sphere of influence

*Being an Ambassador of the Kingdom of your Daily Occupation

*Prayer and Intercession for businesses and organisations...

*Training on Spiritual Warfare for businesses and organizations.

*'Build a community to reach a community' (Personal, Family and Community Transformation)

*Connecting the Church and the Marketplace

*How to use the Beatitudes to change the culture of the spheres of influence in our society (see Vision for the Marketplace)

*Healing and Wellbeing Forums (Mind, Body and Soul)

*Mission in the Marketplace - your work IS your mission

*How to establish Prayer Meetings for your church and business/ training on spiritual warfare for Business

*Spiritual Gifts and Transformation

*Breaking the Habit with Christ (this session will be led by Christian psychologists): providing awareness of drug habits and addiction, gambling, suicide, etc.

Spiritual Mapping

Feel free to check the spiritual mapping of Sydney and Australia, you have the permission to print it and distribute it to all your network, freely receive freely given find all the research here through the domains.

http://www.transformingsydney.org/files/Sydney_Research_3_Early_Church_History.pdf

http://www.transformingsydney.org/files/Sydney_Research_2_Influence_of_Early_Settlers.pdf

http://www.transformingsydney.org/files/Sydney_Research_4_Business_World.pdf

http://www.transformingsydney.org/files/Sydney_Research_8_Crime_History.pdf

http://www.transformingsydney.org/files/Sydney_Research_9_Occult_and_New_Age.pdf

http://www.transformingsydney.org/files/Sydney_Research_5_Freemasonry.pdf

<http://www.transformingsydney.org/TSPayerJuly.html>

<http://www.transformingsydney.org/TSPayerAugust.html>

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IPC Calendar

1st-7th July - Sounding the Alarm

<http://www.annegrahamlotz.com/events/urgent-call-to-prayer/urgent-call-prayer-day-two/>

24-27th July - International Children Intercessors Conference

Amazing Grace - icic@royalkids.org

1-5th October - Hollywood Prayer Network - Prayer Summons

Lisa Crump- lisa.crump@nationaldayofprayer.org

The IPC Website

The website consists of the following sections, and we would appreciate it if you could assist us in the following ways:

1. Home: Please send us news of *international prayer-related* interest such as upcoming initiatives and conferences. We will update our calendar regularly with such dates.
2. Regions: Please send us strategic prayer requests and alerts for your nation or region.

Please send your suggestions to the IPC administrator Amazing Grace Cruz at office@ipcprayer.org

About International Prayer Connect (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 networks 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 mobilizing 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 issues.

The IPC is led by an international leadership team, now called the International Prayer Council, is composed of twenty leaders who coordinate 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 *IPC 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.

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