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How to Pray for Hotspots

For more than 20 years, it has been my privilege to facilitate interdenominational prayer initiatives in many of the hard places of the earth where there is war and intense human suffering, hopeless and impossible situations. As our ministry teams joined local brothers and sisters in Christ in humbling ourselves, getting right with the Lord and one another in times of moving reconciliation and repentance, over and over again we witnessed God's gracious hand coming in to bring about deliverance, with marvelous breakthroughs that resulted in peace agreements, governments of national unity and spiritual revival among ministry leaders. It was not because we were some great prayer gurus at all. Instead, in childlike dependence, along with the local ministry leaders, we sought to align ourselves under His direction as the only one who could really solve such gargantuan difficulties.

A team of four of us are planning to go into Iraq and Syria later this month for two prayer initiatives for these war-torn nations. Please pray for us and for the local brothers and sisters as we gather to seek His breakthrough.

Here are some simple lessons or principles that may be helpful in praying for the hot spots in your region:

1. God can turn things around through united and authoritative prayer to bring healing and reconciliation in the world's trouble spots.
2. Prayer initiatives should be interdenominational, if not international, efforts that bring many believers into heart agreement as Jesus encouraged in Matthew 18:18-20.
3. Dependence on God and His direction is essential in undertaking such an initiative. Ask for and expect His guidance step by step through the whole process.
4. In order to experience the kind of faith-filled, united praying that brings breakthrough and transformation, the relationships of those praying first need to be reconciled.
5. Believers need to identify with and confess the sins of their own ethnic groups or political factions in a conflict, asking God and those from the opposing groups for forgiveness.
6. Pray transconfessionally. Include the whole of Christ's Church and try to draw as many denominations and traditions as possible into your prayer effort. Be sensitive to the particular style of others, even if it seems foreign to your own. Strive for unity in diversity.

7. Pray holistically. Listen to the Spirit of God and pray about any issues He begins to surface during the sharing and prayer times. Ask for peace, healing and restoration of communities, tribes and nations caught up in the conflict.
8. Gather and disseminate information. Learn about the situation you are praying for because in the realm of prayer you get what you specifically ask for. Also share what you learn with prayer networks and intercessors who can pray in support.
9. Expect God's illumination as you proceed. As we listen and pray, we can count on the Lord to put His finger on the main issues that are hindering His peace. Be open to prophetic impressions, words or images that the Spirit sometimes gives spontaneously to participants (I Corinthians 14:26 f).
10. Engage for the long term. Sometimes there are "suddenlies" that happen, but generally deep transformation does not happen overnight. Persevering prayer is usually needed over weeks and months, sometimes years, for real and substantial impact.

Take time to observe and discern during the initiative and to keep track of what happens during it and afterwards. How has God answered? Write down your insights and reflections, then share them with others to encourage their faith and continued prayer.

John Robb,
IPC Chairman

Kingdom Kernels: The Prayer Life of a Movement Catalyst

Every church planting movement (CPM) and discipleship multiplication movement is also fundamentally a prayer movement. Fervently calling upon God in faith is foundational to the miraculous move of God's Spirit. Of course, CPMs do not occur only through prayer; reproducing evangelism, discipleship, church planting and leadership development are essential. But without a move of the Spirit, and thrusting ourselves upon Him in prayer, these latter elements are mere mechanics.

What does the prayer life of men and women in the center of movements look like? Let me describe common characteristics, and especially take you in for a closer look at the prayer life of Ying and Grace Kai who were for many years used by God in catalyzing a church planting movement in Asia - over 1.7 million baptisms and 158,000 new churches.

Person not just principles, man not just methods

CPM methodologies and processes are essential in helping us raise our ministry sails to catch the wind of the Spirit and move as He is moving. **However, the closer we look at CPMs, the more obvious it becomes that God uses men not simply methods, persons not just principles or programs.**

A colleague who tracks CPMs around the world traveled with Ying Kai for six days watching him interact with people. Listen to his observation: The person, Ying, is successful, not the program. The man is the key to the results, not the method that is being used. We had numerous comments during the week indicating that his particular lessons were nothing special . . . What did become evident is that the person God uses, Ying, exemplifies, models and lives out what it is he is teaching.[1]

In other words, the quality of spiritual integrity and seeking God's leading at every juncture were more important than the reproducible methods he was

using successfully. The Spirit was empowering the reproducible processes to produce life. We cannot say that if you are more spiritually mature, you will have a greater movement of God. What we can is that no movement will occur if we are not spiritually in-tune people.

Time in prayer daily

This begins in seeking God deeply in prayer. Fervent, faith-filled intercession is the spiritual climate of every movement. Since a movement is, by definition, a move God God's Spirit, we must beseech the Father to bring His kingdom as Jesus taught us in the model prayer.

[1] Bill S. in an unpublished email "Why T4T is Successful", 2004. Identity is obscured for protection. All quotes come from this report.

Movement catalysts each have different patterns for their daily prayer life. But Ying and Grace's prayer life serves as a helpful model. Again listen to my colleague's observations from that six-day trip:

When various participants asked Ying further about the practicality of always praying in advance [before every ministry encounter], he described his DAILY practice of rising early and often praying one to two hours for his ministry every single day. He then pulled up his pants legs and showed two calloused knees to the group and indicated that those he trains [his main leaders], he insists must become persons of prayer, and he communicates to them that it would be best if they pray at least two hours every morning prior to going out to begin their other ministries.

Ying and Grace rise early each day to pray through every name of every person they will encounter that day. Ying trains his trainers that their witnessing will have much more effect if they pray for God to open the hearts of the lost before they themselves open their mouths.

It is not coincidental that the breakthrough for a CPM in our own work in East Asia came when our local team and global partners seriously began to humble ourselves in intercession through weekly prayer and fasting.

Led by the Spirit

Starting the day in prayer is just the prelude to walking in the Spirit throughout the day, following His promptings. How easy it is for us to begin the day in prayer and the Word, asking to be filled with the Spirit, only to walk in our own leading when we get off our knees and into the streets! Abiding in Christ (John 15) is much more than a quiet time. Rather it is a posture of reliance upon God, following the leading of His Spirit. It is praying without ceasing (1 Thes. 5:17) - staying in connection with the Father. It is how Jesus lived His life:

"Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise." John 5:19 (ESV)

In their days while working in East Asia, there was a remarkable focus, even "narrowness", to what Ying and Grace were about. Daily they tried to do three things well: 1) pray, 2) witness, 3) train. Everything else took a back seat. They prayed before they left their home and then prayed throughout the day. If they met lost people, they witnessed to them. If they led them to faith, or met an existing believer, they offered to train them. Prayer guided each encounter.

Prayer with the lost, prayer with the saved, prayer on every occasion

A common factor in every CPM is that God is demonstrating Himself in miraculous ways. This is often in direct response to disciples praying aloud

to the Provider for the needs of lost people in their presence. It is reminiscent of Jesus' instructions to the 70 disciples He sent out:

"Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'" Luke 10:9 (ESV)

Similar things are occurring in various gatherings of faith-filled believers, who like the Acts church, are amazed at the wonders of God:

And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. Acts 2:43 (ESV)

In CPMs believers are calling out for God to act as He has always acted in His Word and then trusting Him for results. This can be a bit challenging for many of us who are concerned that God's reputation is on the line when we pray in this manner. But listen to this insight:

When Ying was asked about praying for others, he indicated that he always prays for others when asked. When the subject of healings and such came up, he indicated that he would ask God in advance what to pray for people, and he would pray what God communicated to him was God's intention for that situation. Ying has no reluctance whatsoever in following this pattern to pray for healing, pray for deliverance, pray for freedom from sinful habits, pray for the restoration of relationships, and pray for a myriad of other results. It is because he always prays first to ask God what to pray that he has no reluctance to publicly or privately "put God on the spot" to pray for dramatic results.

Four Areas to Pray Daily

Let's zero in on four areas that Ying and Grace pray for daily, and teach to all their trainers, so that they may walk in the power of the Spirit.

1. Jesus' blood to protect us

Just as Jesus taught us in the model prayer to beseech the Father to "protect us from the evil one" (Matt. 6:13), so also Ying and Grace pray this daily. As the enemy sets his sights on the faithful, we must cry out to God for His protection from these fiery darts. The battle is real but the blood of Jesus conquers.

It was interesting to me how many times in teaching a variety of subjects Ying referred to the blood of Christ. He referred to his daily practice, during personal devotions requesting Jesus to cover him with the blood of Christ as a protection against various obstructions and intrusions from the evil one. He often referred to praying that the blood of Christ would cover groups he is training and protect them from the evil one's attacks. He often referred to the blood of Christ when he presented an evangelistic message and dealt with the cross. He has memorized a number of scriptures that deal with the blood of Christ and frequently quotes them in his teaching and his personal interaction with others. It struck me how infrequently I pray for the protection of the blood of Christ, or make reference to the blood of Christ in my witnessing or daily conversations.

2. Putting on the whole armor of God in prayer - piece by piece

We are commanded in Ephesians 6:10-20 to put on the whole armor of God for the spiritual battle. One way that Ying and Grace do this, and train others to do it, is to put on each piece - one at a time - in prayer. They make a conscious effort to go through the entire list and, in faith, dress themselves in spiritual armor.

3. Ask for whatever gift you need in order to serve God

Ying frequently exhorts his trainers to ask the Holy Spirit to give them whatever gifts they need to serve God. Don't think spiritual gifts, as we commonly think, but rather, any ability they need. If a trainer needs the gift

of speaking better, giving more generously or serving more lovingly, then he is encouraged to ask God for this ability, and then to take active steps to learn how to do that. Our Father is ready to give good gifts to His children. He wants us to ask (Matt. 7:11).

4. Give thanks in and for everything

One of the greatest acts of faith is to give God thanks not only in every circumstance (1 Thes. 5:18), but for every circumstance. But Paul makes it clear that this is a fruit of being filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:20). Ying and Grace encourage their trainers to thank and praise God for all things. It is often in thanking God for the difficult things, that they actually see spiritual breakthrough.

Ying Kai credits God freeing him from a life-long anger problem to giving thanks for this problem:

For me it was very strange. I did not really believe yet, but I prayed to God. "God, I know it's very strange but I'll try to give thanks to you because You created me. My attitude has been bad and I always lose my temper but I give thanks to you because I belong to you. I know in myself I cannot change or heal myself so I pray to you. Today let me know that I am nothing; only You can help me." I tried to just give thanks to the Lord and praise him. So I praised and sang and praised and sang. Every day I did this.

One day my wife told me to come and look at the calendar. Every day since we were married she had marked each day when I lost my temper. Some days it was three times, some days five times. Then she said, "How many days do you think it has been since you lost your temper and fought with me? Six months!"

I had prayed for 26 years and many other people prayed for me. I asked, asked, asked but now I only sang to the Lord and praised the Lord. God changed my mind; He changed my attitude. So when you praise the Lord he'll change everything. Grace said, "When you praise the Lord, that means you honor God and his power." [1]

Prayer is spiritual climate of every movement of God. The personal prayer life of each movement catalyst is a precious treasure to the Father. It is this interaction with God that sets the foundation for a movement:

My bottom line summation is that it is not the tools that are the key. It is the modeling, holy life, intense focus on heaven, hell, judgment, and the need for salvation which are some of the keys to Ying's effectiveness. All this is to say that those who "catch his spirit" and model it in front of new believers are more likely to see the same type of results than those who came, copied the lessons, and plan to go back and just repeat the methodology.

(2) From T4T: A Discipleship Re-Revolution by Steve Smith with Ying Kai; WIGTake Resources, 2011.

Global Day of Prayer, Sunday, 8 June 2014

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place" - Acts 2:1



**PRAY WITH YOUR CHURCH,
ASSEMBLE IN PUBLIC PLACES,
GATHER IN HOMES OR SECRET
PLACES**



United by a Prayer for the World, Christians from all over the world, from different cultures and denominations, from many diverse streams will gather in their homes, or where appropriate, assemble in stadiums, public auditoriums and open squares and many will devote portions of their Sunday morning Service to united prayer.

Some meetings will be small. Others will be large, but each one will be praying with the same vision of repentance and hope. As at the first Pentecost, we'll worship God openly in Christ's name and pray for the healing and blessing of the nations. As much as possible, we are seeking to gather in places beyond the walls of our church buildings. On this day we are all praying WITH the world as we pray FOR the world.

[A New Season Global Day of Prayer](#) - Promotional Video

A Prayer for the World

- To unite in Prayer with Christians from across the globe, we request every observance to use "A Prayer For The World" during their gathering.

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Situation In North Korea

Over the past two months we have been reporting on the outbreak of foot and mouth disease among North Korean livestock. This is a very serious disease that can devastate the nations supply of pigs, cattle, goats and other cloven-hoofed animals. The latest reports are that it continues in the North but there is no clear knowledge of the extent. Soon after the first cases occurred, South Korea offered help in eradication and prevention but the North has not responded. South Korea sustained a devastating outbreak several years ago and works very hard to prevent more.

In addition to the threat to the meat supply there is growing concern over the food supply in general.

Except for those who have the special privilege of living in Pyongyang, people throughout the country are struggling.

The provision of rice and other staples through the Public Distribution System has ceased. Last year, many people received rations from the special stores set aside for the military--which were often moldy and full of bugs--but even that is not being provided this year resulting in a great deal of dissatisfaction. At the same time, Choco-pies and Ramen noodles provided through South Korean companies at the Kaesong Industrial Park are the basis for a whole separate economy.



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Meanwhile, the government's efforts to assure agricultural bounty through the use of the military continues to backfire breeding corruption and hardship and the rise of a new class conflict. Additionally, soldiers being detailed to important construction projects are taking the food they need from the general populace.

Of course, food is not the only problem the people face as efforts to stem defection increase. More families face internal exile because of family members who have crossed illegally into China while those who do so legally are under pressure to report on any defectors that they hear about. North Korea is also sending teams of security agents into China to search out and arrest North Koreans who have escaped into the country.

An interesting development on the political front is the apparent removal from power of Kim Jong Un's aunt, Kim Kyung-Hui, wife of executed former number-two-man, Jang Son Thaek by eliminating her from all records. A video that had included her has just been re-released with her edited out of it.

Kim Jong Un has been quite active lately in carrying out inspections around the country. **May 5th is Children's Day in South Korea and May 8th is Parents' Day. As we think about these holidays, it is good to think about the children and families of North Korea as well as the idolization of the leader as a father for all the people.**

And, we continue to pray for Ken Bae's release.

Ben Torrey,
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Report on April Children in Prayer China Breakthrough!



One of our IPC Leader writes: "Thanks for praying. Our whole team just came back safely from mainland China. We have an extraordinary powerful time there, 500 key leaders, from 24 provinces, all doing children's ministries have been with us. Breakthroughs after breakthroughs these few days, with quite a lot of both tears and laughter, fall exactly during this strategic kairos timing of the 4/14, Palm Sunday, Passover week entering into this time of the unleavened bread. Heaven on earth!



What the Father has been doing right now in China is really so far and deep beyond our expectations. Now the China Children in Prayer Wall has amazingly launched out and nine regional Cip networks, representing the nine big regions of our whole nation has been established at the same time together last night! All glory to Father God the Almighty."

Praise the Lord and please pray for the 500 ministry leaders that took part and for the nine regional networks to grow strongly and continue in unity to raise up a whole generation of children and youth in this strategic nation.

Report on Children's Prayer Gathering in Nepal, April 13

Thank you so much for your prayer that God did a miracle in Nepal- more than 2200 children, youth and parents were gathered and worshiped Lord together. Almost all valley leaders



joined and leaders prayed for formal opening for Children and youth prayer day by candlelight. This became historical for Nepal.



Thank you so much for your prayer and support, people gathered unexpectedly.
All the glory to God!

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Billion Souls Revival Prayer Call 2015

The Billion Souls Revival Prayer Call 2015 is a period of 40 days of prayer, fasting and repentance beginning on International Day of Repentance (Yom Kippur) Tuesday sundown 22 September, 2015 and continues to sundown Sunday 1 November, 2015.



Five Point Prayer Plan

1. **Pray for a worldwide outpouring of the Holy Spirit for renewal for the church and revival and transformation for the nations of the world. Acts 2:1-47**
2. **Pray for a revival of a new evangelisation so that a billion people from outside the church will find faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. John 3:16**
3. **Pray for a revival of Sexual Purity and renewal of marriage and family to help the children of the world. 1 Thessalonians 4: 3-7**
4. **Pray for a revival of the sanctity of life and a turning of the tide of abortion in the nations of the world. Proverbs 24:11-12**
5. **Pray for a multiplication of prayer, praise and worship to God across the world as never before, to bring great glory to God. Psalm 107:21-22**

Strategy

Initially we want to canvass the idea with international prayer leaders and key church leaders and finalise a five point prayer plan that will be acceptable to a broad range of believers within the various denominations, church communities, prayer ministries and nations...The previous Billion Souls Revival Prayer Call in 2013 received wide support from international and national prayer leaders. We are confident, based on past experience, that this level of support would be multiplied greatly.

The real challenge lies in gaining support from world leaders in the Catholic, Protestant, Pentecostal, Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox traditions...It is important to embrace as many cultures and denominations as possible for this call to prayer. For the Billion Souls Revival Prayer Call 2015 to work we must look for what will unite us, as opposed to what will divide us, as the key to the success of this prayer project is unity. Our call to prayer needs to be short and simple and to the point as well as being Biblical.

We are not expecting everyone who participates in the Billion Souls Revival Prayer Call to conduct a full fast for 40 days but people may miss one meal per day, or fast one day per week or a Daniel Fast (Vegan) for the 40 day period. What we are expecting is that everyone who participates will pray through the 5 Point Prayer Plan each day and engage in some level of fasting as decided by that individual. It is our goal also that individual churches could either have daily or weekly prayer meetings to take part in this 40 day period of prayer and fasting. We greatly value your input, thoughts and prayers at this time.

For more information or to give suggestions, please contact Warwick Marsh at: warwick@webshield.net.au

www.billionsoulsrevivalprayercall.org

True Freedom Fast

The True Freedom Fast is a global call to 40 days of fasting and prayer for the LGBT (homosexual & lesbian) community to encounter the Father's love and saving grace during the 10 day World Pride festival in Toronto (June 20-29). Toronto is known internationally as where a great revelation of the Father's love has been poured out, in fact, it's clear that this is a major part of Toronto's "redemptive gift" to the nations. According to the UN, Toronto is also the most multicultural city on the planet, so we are asking the Lord that as the LGBT community gathers from the nations, this healing, transforming, saving love will be released in power.

The call is coming from a wide range of prayer ministries and churches from across Canada, including those that are sponsoring this fast. We are uniting in faith, believing the prophetic promise that there will be a great move of God among the LGBT community, (which becomes like a second Jesus Movement), with 100,000 souls receiving Christ. We believe this promise is waiting to be apprehended through wholehearted prayer.

Would you join us?

Fasting can be for one meal or for the whole 40 days. We invite you to register on the website to let us know you are fasting, which will enroll you in a weekly email to give you strategic prayer points and information about conference-call prayer meetings you can also join.

Click here to register: www.tffast.com

Key Efforts in France for Prayer

1. Nah El - Conference, May 8-11 in Strasbourg:

For details please look at www.nah-el-conference.fr or contact by email at contact@nah-el-conference.fr

The conference has three focus points:

(1) winning whole nations for the Lord Jesus Christ



- (2) the challenge of human trafficking and sex slavery in Europe
- (3) blessing the Jews



2. March for Jesus Strasbourg, May 24: For details please look at ["www.marchpourjesus.org"](http://www.marchpourjesus.org) or contact by email at ["contactmarchpourjesus.org"](mailto:contactmarchpourjesus.org)

The Lord changed the focus of MfJ from purely Strasbourg first to the German-French friendship and then began to add the European dimension. So in 2012 at the end of the march we assembled in the auditorium of the Council of Europe and last year we prayed on the venue of the EU-Parliament.

This year, one day before the European elections, we will pray on the venue of the EU-Parliament again. And as to the future we believe that the Lord wants strong representation of His people from all European nations to have supernatural impact and also demonstrate to the public and political world that the Christians are alive and to be heard.

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Escalating Violence further threatens South Sudan



The January ceasefire agreement between warring factions has been a dismal failure. Violence of the last four months has affected every aspect of the world's youngest nation. It has:

- **Displaced more than one million people**
- **Prevented farmers from planting crops**
- **Devastated the oil production, a major portion of the government's revenue**
- **Disrupted education**
- **Created emotional and psychological trauma, especially for women and children.**

Looming large now is the threat of starvation. A UN aid worker, Toby Lanzar warns that South Sudan is now on a par with Syria as 1/3 of the population is at severe risk of starvation. "If we miss the planting season, there will be a catastrophic decline in food security," he reports. Crops must be planted before the end of May.

Caught in the middle of the violence are the children. UNICEF spokeswoman Doune Porter says, "To be able to introduce some kind of normality, some kind of routine by going to school is very important." More than 170 temporary school spaces have been set up.

The battle is a spiritual one. As Christians we must enter the spiritual battle and pray on behalf of those suffering who are precious to God.

Let's Pray:

- **The displaced children to have safe and stable living conditions and continuity of education (The Bible, Matthew 19:14).**
- **Farmer to be protected from harm and upheaval as they plant crops before the end of May (The Bible, Jeremiah 5:24).**
- **Political figures and parties to recognize that their differences are devastating the country. Pray that they will confess their sins and repent of their hunger for power. (The Bible, 2 Chronicles 7:14).**

Continue to Pray for Afghanistan

Afghans went to the polls last month and voted in record numbers in a reasonably peaceful atmosphere for which we give thanks to the Lord. The prayer movement there was also energized by a recent prayer initiative that was jointly led by a local humanitarian organization and the IPC. Thank God also that a planned attack by the Taliban against the whole international Christian community while we were praying was foiled, and the five suicide attackers either blew themselves up or were killed in a fire fight with security guards and the Afghan special forces.



Unfortunately, one week ago, there was an attack on the hospital run by the Christian organization CURE in Kabul. Three Christian doctors from the USA were killed and one of their wives was injured and is in critical condition. The attacker was a security guard at the hospital and it is not clear yet whether he was officially from the police or a Taliban. **We mourn for the loss of our brothers and pray for the**

sister who was wounded as well as for the Christian community and NGOs that are working in the country.

International organizations have been warned of possible further attacks on foreign NGOs. Please pray for the relatives of those that have been killed and our sister that was injured to be restored again. Also the Christian Foreign Community in Kabul city has been hit quite badly and they need prayer, especially the staff of the CURE hospital.

Continue also to pray for the overthrow and dissolution of the Taliban as a political and military movement and for the runoff election to determine the new president of the nation. May he be the man of God's choosing and favor for this time!

Fasting and Praying for Europe

I received this through e-mail yesterday morning and believe it is God's heart for Europe. It doesn't matter that it's already started as it's no problem for people to join in part way through - I believe this will build and build as more and more people join this move of prayer and fasting for the nations of our continent.

I am sending this out to various people in this nation and across the continent and if it witnesses with you would you send it out to people you know across Europe.

I've included 3 small You tube links which explain:

- About the vision behind the prayer and fasting
- The main points to be praying into
- The all night prayer meeting in Geneva Switzerland on May 31st



1. 40 day fast for revival in Europe 21 April-30 May 14, Sharon Stone interviews Lou Engle in London 12 April 14:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxOOtClxEss>

2. Lou Engle speaks on what to pray for during the fast:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SDPUwl3f00&feature=youtu.be>

To pray that:

- Jesus unleashes a revelation of himself to the church all through Europe.
- Unbelievers would be awakened, have dreams, visions and supernatural encounters with Jesus.
- We say "Lord of the harvest - thrust forth labourers into the harvest field"
- In the next 10 years stadiums would be filled across Europe as a great awakening spreads across the continent.
- that the next generation - the young people would be delivered from addictions and would receive a double portion anointing.

3. Culminating in 'The Call' in Switzerland on May 31st

<http://www.thecallgeneva.com/2013/index.php>

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Pakistan Persecution

April 19, 2014

Haroon, 22, a christian youth has been shot and killed by a Muslim co-worker, Farooq, in Pakistan. Farooq mocked Haroon's Christian faith on a daily basis and tried to convert him to Islam so he can get married to a wealthy, beautiful Moslem girl. On Haroon's refusal he shot him in the head. Haroon died on the spot.

Please pray for the protection of God's people in the nation and for the overthrow of the spirit of violence and persecution there.

Altaf and Eileen Naseem
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Egypt



The Muslim Brotherhood (MB) continues to cause havoc and insecurity in Egypt by their terrorism in spite of the fact they are disliked by most of the population (85%). A few days ago, two bombs exploded in 6th October, five minutes from the clinic where our daughter is helping. Also MB residents in our area tried to start a sit-in, which resulted in clashes between the MBs and the police. On a positive note we are delighted that the constitution was passed. Preparations for the presidential elections in the end of May are going quite well. After that the Parliamentary polls will follow.

The country continues to suffer economically. Tourism, a major contributor in the Egyptian economy, is down. Its revenues slid 66% in the first half of fiscal year 2013/2014, according to Ministry of Finance. A reassuring thing is that the majority of Egyptians today are standing up for equal rights for all. That includes the Christians, who should not be considered second-class citizens. For the first time in the history of modern Egypt, the President visited the Coptic Orthodox Pope and congratulated him for Christmas.

From some Egyptian prayer leader friends in the Cairo area

SYRIA - Pray for a peace breakthrough and the healing of the nation

The situation continues to worsen inside the country, and the number of refugees are increasing everyday. It seems there is no end to this tragedy in sight. The Christians continue to face extermination attacks by Islamic fighters and fleeing the country. Large parts of the infrastructure are being destroyed. The three largest cities, Homs, Aleppo and Hamma, are being completely destroyed. There is about 6.5 million internally displaced people (IDP) and around 2.6 million refugees. 9.3 million need humanitarian aid.

Pray for an end to the civil war in Syria. Pray for the refugees that they will be helped and touched by the love of God. Pray for 6.5 million children affected by this war. Pray for a just government and for the church to stand these difficulties, and trials and to be a lighthouse during this time of turmoil.

Pray with us for a hoped-for prayer initiative there, May 27-30, for His unity, anointing and protection for the team and that the Lord will make them a great blessing and encouragement for the Syrian believers.

Report on the Global Prayer and Praise for Youth and Children, April 13-14

Eunice Barruel and Lenny Laguardia who coordinated this 12 hour broadcast from the International House of Prayer in Kansas City reported that 20 different prayer movements and 39 countries took part in this first-run of a globally linked, Internet-driven effort to raise up children and youth through prayer.



Praise the Lord that a template was created for future efforts and we hope to see wider ownership and involvement for the next such initiative. For more information or to see segments of the initiative that are still on the website, please go to www.globalprayerandpraise.com.

We would

greatly value your getting the word out to others, especially children and youth and those who serve them in ministry.

Saudi Arabia

Saudis are some of the most active users of social media in the Arab world. It is estimated that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) currently has more than five million Twitter users. This is more than any other nation in the region. Facebook has over 7.8 million users in KSA alone.

Additionally, many Saudis download popular Apps (via Apple IOS and Android IOS) on a daily basis. According to a popular Saudi blogger, Saudis' lives were isolated and, before the advent of social media, they did not know if other like-minded people existed in the world.

Window International Network has recently released the "Pray4Saudi" Application available for Android and Apple devices. It is available as a free download for the first 10,000 users and will be used in the upcoming "Pray4Ramadan & Pray4Hajj" international Twitter prayer campaigns.

This strategic prayer initiative will begin on the evening of 27 JUNE 2014 and will continue for the duration of the Ramadan season. You can click [here](#) and receive your free download right now. This quick and easy App will equip you to participate in this historic prayer effort.

Emerging social media opens doors for Christians to share the Good News with, and mobilize prayer for, those who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Christian Believers around the world can also unite for a common cause. For example, click the "AMEN" button on the App, testifying your agreement with the daily prayer. Also, you can share the daily prayer, including the hashtag #Pray4Ramadan and/or #Pray4Hajj, to help further the Pray4Saudi movement.

The first 1,000 users to download the App have the opportunity to share a one-sentence biblically based prayer in English on our Twitter feed and Facebook timeline. Can you imagine that your prayer could go around the world, in addition to impacting the heavens?

Prayer Request:

- ***Pray that Christian Believers from Muslim backgrounds are encouraged to witness through emerging social media (The Bible, Deuteronomy 31:6).***

- **SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: Pray for the "Pray4Saudi" Mobile App to be downloaded by over 1,000 users this Ramadan season. (The Bible, Deuteronomy 1:11).**

www.win1040.com/

30 days of Prayer for the Muslim World

Once again I want to commend to you a very timely prayer guide called 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World. As most of you know, Muslims observe a 30-day period of fasting, prayer and seeking God every year that they call "Ramadan." This is an ideal time to pray for God's purposes to be fulfilled in their lives and families. This year Ramadan falls on June 27 to July 28, 2014. An international movement of intercession for the Muslim world has prepared this informative prayer guide. It is translated in more than 20 languages, so Christians from all over the world will be praying in unison for Muslims.

The chaos and uncertainty of today's world may be slowly hardening the hearts of some Christians against the world's Muslims. I know that Bible-believing Christians are among those most likely to pray for Muslim neighbors and nations. I urge you to get your personal copy soon. As you look through the guide, think of other friends who you will want to invite to join with you in praying over these 30 days. Consider involving your church in this special time.

The full-color, illustrated prayer guide is a proven tool to help Christians pray with informed wisdom and hope for Muslim neighbors across the street as well as Muslim people around the world. Each day focuses on a specific issue or area of the Islamic world. As you read through it and pray, you'll gain a better understanding of Muslims and find your hope increase for God's purpose among all peoples. A special "Just for Kids" edition is also available.

Check out a few sample pages and order this 56-page guide at www.waymakers.org. WayMakers has made it easy to order from our website or by phone. The cost begins at \$3 for a single copy (\$3.50 for kids) with discounts as great as 60% when ordered in quantity. Check out the details online at www.waymakers.org or call us at 512.419.7729.

For His glory,

Steve Hawthorne
WayMakers

P.S. The Global Day of Prayer USA ten days of prayer leading up to Pentecost Sunday begins on Thursday, May 29. Check out the details at www.gdopusa.com

National Day of Prayer, May 1

2014 will have profound significance for the USA . It is an unprecedented opportunity to see the Lord's healing and renewing power made manifest when all citizens come humbly before His throne.

The theme for 2014 is One Voice, United in Prayer, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to place their faith in the unfailing character of their Creator, who is sovereign over all governments, authorities, and men. Romans 15:6 as the Scripture for this year: "So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The NDP went very well yesterday with over 43,000 prayer groups and gatherings across the nation and believers from up to 200 nations taking part through the Internet live stream from Washington DC. Anne Graham Lotz, the daughter of Billy Graham, the chairperson for the NDP in 2014, strongly urged us as Americans to humble ourselves and confess the sin of our nation to God who is ringing alarms to get our attention through the climatic disasters, economic downturn and other things to show us that we are not right with him as a nation.

You can still view the excellent program on this website <https://nationaldayofprayer.org/2014-national-observance/> and find other information about the NDP there. Thanks for praying for the USA at this crucial time in our history.

An excellent prayer guide for the USA and the NDP was created by Dick Eastman of Every Home for Christ. It is a colorful and well laid out, multi-page tool that can be folded and kept in your Bible. A map of the 50 states with pictures of our national leaders as well as relevant prayer foci are included. Within the USA, you can get a free copy by calling 1 800 3224693 or at www.ehcprayer.org.

A core value of Prayercast is to make all of our resources available free of charge. They can be accessed, viewed, and downloaded through prayercast.com, a website dedicated to activating prayer around the world. Prayercast functions as a faith ministry that relies on the gifts of those who use its resources. All OneWay Ministries staff are supported missionaries, and we pray that God would use Prayercast to unleash prayer that will have an eternal impact on multitudes around the world as His people call on Him for breakthroughs in the heavenly realm

Jericho Walls International Prayer Network

Vision

To mobilise the Body of Christ to be a house of prayer for the nations.

Mission

- To mobilise, inform and equip the Body of Christ to pray effectively for the fulfilment of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission for the advance of the Kingdom of God. This is done through the following.
- To pray for revival world wide. To pray for world evangelisation (workers, funds, open doors and reaching the lost) and to pray for harvest of lost souls. To pray for global political stability, economic growth, social and moral reform and restoration on all levels, public as well as private.

3rd National Gathering of Prayer Initiatives in Belgium. Saturday 3 May

2014 in Wezembeek- Oppem, Belgium. Pray4belgium, Gebedsnetwerk.be and Gebedsplatform Vlaanderen have planned this day for the third time to bring all the prayer initiatives, prayer leaders and intercessors in Belgium together.

The **heart of Prayercast** is for those who do not know Christ. To this end, Prayercast, a ministry of OneWay, leverages innovative technologies and the help of gifted intercessors and journalist to gather prayers, news, stories and video from around the world. These components are then used to create unique, compelling, and professional quality prayer resources that are distributed around the world using current and emerging technologies. A core value of Prayercast is to make all of our resources available free of charge.

Prayercast exists to activate victorious, world-changing prayer and worship through mass media and the arts to advance the gospel to the masses.

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Jumaa Prayer is an organized prayer movement dedicated to intercession for the Muslim world. Jumaa Prayer lays an important foundation of prayer for reaching Muslims. It also facilitates worldwide prayer every Friday where over 30,000 people in 40 nations pray for Muslims, and it distributes Intercede, a publication of news updates and specific weekly prayer focal points.

Prayer Furnaces. Jesus has called us to call forth a generation that would carry his fire and presence - the fuel for such a movement is through day & night prayer.

Today we are responding to such a call to light fires and to return to our first love being Jesus this is done through Prayer furnaces or what we call (The furnace).

Houses of Prayer that release His Presence, His fire and Glory. The Furnace is a bringing together of those with a gift in the arts, the prophetic, worship, evangelism and intercession. It's about responding to Jesus call to see a restoration of the tabernacle of David and to see his church become a house of prayer once again. We want to see furnaces start in places across Australia- and in nations where there are the most unreached people groups.

The Furnace is a response to the mandate in Ezekiel 10:2 With your hands take a handful of burning coals of fire and take the coals and scatter them over the city.

For more information on these initiatives, please contact the Jericho Walls International Network at www.jwipn.com

IPC Calendar

40 day fast for revival in Europe - 21 April-30 May 14

Gwen Radford - gwen.radford@btopenworld.com

March for Jesus Strasbourg - May 24
www.marchpourjesus.org
contactmarchpourjesus.org

Global Day of Prayer - 8th June, 2014
www.globaldayofprayer.com

Nah El - Conference, Strasbourg - May 8-11 in Strasbourg
www.nah-el-conference.fr
contact@nah-el-conference.fr

The Call - Switzerland, May 31st.
 Gwen Radford - gwen.radford@btopenworld.com

Global Day of Prayer - 8th June, 2014
www.globaldayofprayer.com

7-8 June - World Weekend of Prayer
www.worldweekendofprayer.com

June 18- 22 European Trumpet Call Prayer Conference
 Venko Nakov - vkakov@yahoo.co.uk

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 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 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.

Donating to IPC Through PayPal

PayPal is an online banking service that can receive donations from over 30 currencies worldwide through automatic draft and credit cards. It is safe and secure. International Prayer Connect is a non-profit ministry funded through the Transformation Prayer Foundation and relies on individual donations to keep the work going. If you are willing to provide support, please click below. Thank you for your sacrificial gift to IPC! [Click Here to Donate](#)

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Amazing Grace Cruz, IPC Administrator

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