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# International Prayer Connections

## *A Monthly Journal to Guide Intercession for Our World*

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## Intercessory Prayer

**An excerpt from "The Powers that Be: Theology for a New Millennium" by Walter Wink.**

"Intercessory prayer is spiritual defiance of what is in the way of what God has promised. Intercession visualizes an alternative future to the one apparently fated by the momentum of current forces. Prayer infuses the air of a time yet to be into the suffocating atmosphere of the present. History belongs to the intercessors who believe the future into being. This is not simply a religious statement. It is also true of Communists or capitalists or anarchists. The future belongs to whoever can envision a new and desirable possibility, which faith then fixes upon as inevitable. This is the politics of hope. Hope envisages its future and then acts as if that future is now irresistible, thus helping to create the reality for which it longs. The future is not closed. There are fields of forces whose actions are somewhat predictable. But how they will interact is not. Even a small number of people, firmly committed to the new inevitability on which they have fixed their imaginations, can decisively affect the shape the future takes.

These shapers of the future are the intercessors, who call out of the future the longed-for new present. In the New Testament, the name and texture and aura of that future is God's domination-free order, the reign of God.

No doubt our intercessions sometimes change us as we open ourselves to new possibilities we had not guessed. No doubt our prayers to God reflect back upon us as a divine command to become the answer to our prayer. But if we are to take the biblical understanding seriously, intercession is more than that. It changes the world and it changes what is possible to God. It creates an island of relative freedom in a world gripped by unholy necessity. A new force field appears that hitherto was only potential. The entire configuration changes as the result of the change of a single part. A space opens in the praying person, permitting God to act without violating human freedom. The change in one person thus changes what God can thereby do in that world.

All of Jesus' teachings on prayer feature imperatives. (See for example, Luke 11:9 "Ask.....search.....knock.") In prayer we are ordering God to bring the Kingdom near. It will not do to implore. We have been commanded to command. We are required by God to haggle with God for the sake of the sick, the obsessed, the weak, and to conform our lives to

our intercessions. This is a God who invents history in interaction with those "who hunger and thirst to see right prevail" (Matt. 5:6, REB). How different this is from the static god of Greek philosophy that all these years has lulled so many into adoration without intercession !

Praying is rattling God's cage and waking God up and setting God free and giving this famished God water and this starved God food and cutting the ropes off God's hands and the manacles off God's feet and washing the caked sweat from God's eyes and then watching God swell with life and vitality and energy and following God wherever God goes.

When we pray we are not sending a letter to a celestial White House, where it is sorted among piles of others. We are engaged, rather, in an act of co-creation, in which one little sector of the universe rises up and becomes translucent, incandescent, a vibratory centre of power that radiates the power of the universe.

History belongs to the intercessors, who believe the future into being. If this is so, then intercession, far from being an escape from action, is a means of focusing for action and of creating action. By means of our intercessions we veritably cast fire upon the earth and trumpet the future into being."

## Corporate listening to God in a local congregation or prayer group (Acts 13:1-3)

### I. Church Leadership

#### **1. It builds on common conviction among the leadership**

**a. Believe The Lord continues to speak to His children nowadays** - through the Bible, through an idea in our mind, through dreams and visions, voices (inner and outer), daily devotion, sermon messages etc.



#### **b. Children of God are able to receive different messages of God's direction to His Church.**

Some are left-sided brain, which is more rational and prone to receiving more messages through reading of the Bible, devotion, listening to sermons and thinking; the others are right sided brain and would be more intuitive, and easier to get visions, ideas, voices and sensations. Some would even be equally strong on both sides too. Nevertheless, no one would be able to have all channels of reception and that is why we need each other in order to understand the Father's will to the Body as a whole.

#### **c. Believe Jesus Christ is Lord, Head of the Church.**

As part of the Body, a local Congregation eagerly desires to become healthy and function effectively to let everyone who is equipped be able to build together in the same direction. Expanding the kingdom should be the first priority of the Church!

#### **d. Leaders believe that their first responsibility of leadership is to lead people into understanding the will of God.**

This form of leadership in the way of corporate listening is not to fulfill anyone's presumed idea or agenda. So during this process of listening, no

one is supposed to add any of his own presumed idea, but to simply come together before God and let Him speak to the whole Congregation, so that they can understand His will all together.

**e. Leaders believe that once they understand clearly what the Lord says, His instruction is practical.**

Those leaders who have the gifting of strategy and organization would be able to contribute more in the second stage. And leaders ought to be very determined to obey what the Father shows them at all costs.

2. Everyone in the leadership ought to participate and agree on the above convictions. However, corporate listening should not be only a meeting, but is a process of waiting on God and needs enough time to do so. To begin with, it takes two whole days to wait on God and cannot be done in a hurry.

**II. How to do?**

1. Two or three together in the leadership, one leads and the other one or two persons assist, helping in discernment and decision making.

2. The leader first briefly explains and instructs the congregation what to do.

3. The worship team and intercessory team prepare the people and lead them into the presence of the Spirit. These two teams are the catalyst in the listening and they are very important. That is why we need to make sure that they are the right people with the right spirit, mature, with the sign of God's favor upon them.

4. Two or three other persons would be needed to help in recording all messages, including songs, scriptures and where these songs came from, who has spoken, who has prayed and what was shared. Everything should be recorded for later reference.

5. Worship is continuous without stopping, even when someone shares, until to a certain point of brief conclusion, in the form of a declaration, confession, prayer of conviction and repentance, related prophetic acts or an explanation. Every session may last for about two hours, depending on how long people can concentrate. Nevertheless, the duration of a session should not be limited to a definite time that it ought to be stopped. The most important here is to be very sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

The last small session can be used to listen to one other about what they feel most strongly and any messages they received during the whole process, including their own personal perception or struggle that may need to be openly discussed.

**III. How to help the congregation to grasp hold of the messages that Father God says?**

1. Assume everyone is able to listen. For the first three years, we may need to help those who are inexperienced in listening to God's voice by some simple teachings and minister to each one personally in prayer.

2. Brief explanation in the beginning, of the purpose of obeying His instruction is to acknowledge His headship and exalt Christ as our Chief Commander, so that the Body can move forward accordingly.

3. During the time of worship, encourage people to come out to share anything they received, without requiring any interpretation. This can be in the form of a word or a phrase, a picture without understanding of its meaning, an idea that comes to their mind, a scripture, a song or a prayer one feels he should pray out. One's responsibility is to fully participate and be faithful in reporting to the others according to what each receives.

4. The responsibility of the leaders is to discern continuously all the different revelations received. This is to discern what the direction the Lord shows as well as any strategies from Him. Allow human mistakes, but do not concentrate on any false perception. Focus only on finding out the right direction and not integration of every thought, as our Father would never make any mistake of instruction. This is the benefit of corporate togetherness to allow people to grow into maturity during the process.

#### **IV. Suggestion of doing the first time:**

For the first time of doing this corporate listening, the run-down can better be started as follows. In later years, some time can firstly be spent on examination of some working reports and evaluation of some previous data.

1. Welcome each other
2. Brief explanation of why and how to do corporate listening.
3. Look back into the history of this congregation to understand what are their strengths, weaknesses and points of thanksgiving to the Lord.
4. Worship and thank the Lord, focusing on what He has done in this Congregation, thank Him for His resources that has been gracious provided, thank Him also for those who has brought an influence in the past as well as every kind of goodness from Him.
5. Dedication to the Lord of our own selves, rededicate the Congregation back to Him, and proclaim His lordship and headship over the whole congregation. Declaring our willingness to surrender to His leadership, welcome The Lord and let Him know that we will do whatever He is going to reveal, direct and assign to us. Then follow the flow of the Holy Spirit into His guidance accordingly. The whole process needs about 2.5 to 3 hours.

#### **V. How the Church grows into maturity through the process of corporate listening?**

1. Unity can be achieved and passed on to others in the future by walking forward together according to what Father God says rather than by pure discussion, human wisdom, organization and leadership skills.
2. The whole Congregation can embrace the same vision for God's kingdom. Everyone can then be fully involved in carrying out the Lord's assignment through their own different forms of contribution such as time, money and gifting, leading to almost 100% mobilization.
3. People's spiritual character grows more mature as they begin to love praying, seeking the Lord, reading the Bible, outreaching to the community, showing mercy to the poor and responding to the Lord and going on short term missions. People are becoming more like full time ministers.
4. The implementation of the vision will bring tremendous impact to the society and government, leading to popular respect for the church, and huge numbers of people will hear the gospel with church growth, like what has been happening in Taiwan, Malaysia, mainland China and elsewhere with overseas Chinese.
5. Some far reaching impact of this approach includes:
  - A. Evangelism Campaign in HK (from 1996 to 2004) has now become a prototype of pioneering in Taiwan, Malaysia, schools, factories and communities in different provinces of mainland China.
  - B. Quality changes of the Congregation to equip them to become visionary leaders who are equipped to show mercy to the poor, cooperate in working with the Holy Spirit.
  - C. Sichuan disaster relief (since 2008 May till now), helping in restoration and building up of victims involved and those "left behind children".
  - D. Serving the children in China (since 2009 till now) envisioned an organization to reach out to those "left behind children" with HK churches.

- E. Intercession for Israel and the Muslim world (since 10 years ago).
  - i. Pray for the reconciliation between the sons of Ishmael and sons of Isaac.
  - ii. Organize intercessory teams to Muslim countries.
  - iii. Intercede for those women and children who are under the bondage of sex slavery.

#### **VI. What I have learnt from this experience?**

1. Becoming more convicted in this kind of leadership in the local congregation.
2. Humbled by God to see we are only His vessel and it is a great privilege being able to be used by Him.
3. Becoming more united and trusting with other leaders, knowing that we need each other to build up a congregation that can obey the will of God.
4. Church growth is no longer a target but the fruit of walking in the right direction.

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## **Report from the National Prayer Assembly: Seeking the Face of God for America, October 29-30, 2014**

**Washington, D.C. area (Pentagon City, Arlington, Virginia)**

Approximately 85-90 ministry leaders, issue experts and intercessors from throughout America gathered for two days of all-out prayer for the USA one week before its mid-term elections (November 4). We were determined to avoid the syndrome of most American conferences- lots of talking and very little praying- so the many excellent presentations were limited to 10 minutes and we tried to spend twice as

much time praying in response. The Lord was with us to lead and anoint this approach as we heard from many well-informed people, who each presented a brief overview and strategic prayer concerns for a particular issue facing the USA at this time.



We identified and repented for the sins of the nation, most of which we had to acknowledge were the result of the Church not providing sufficient "salt and light" to the surrounding culture and nation and because of its general prayerlessness. We also prayed for reconciliation and the healing of division between leaders, churches and para-church organizations, including the racial divide that has torn us apart and continues to sow bitterness, especially among African Americans and the growing number of Hispanics. We asked the Lord to grant us spiritual revival and moral restoration.

Other issues that we focused prayer on were the following:  
 Government and the mid-term elections  
 Business and the marketplace  
 Education and the government's plan to introduce Common Core  
 The Family, an institution under assault

The battle for life and protection of the unborn  
 Reaching the lost  
 The unity and strengthening of the prayer movement  
 Youth, children and for emerging leaders of the next generation  
 Religious freedom endangered by recent decisions of the courts in favor of same-sex marriage  
 The media  
 False religion and the occult invasion  
 National security issues, including our military forces and the threat of radical Islam and ISIS.

We concluded by focusing on the supremacy of Jesus Christ our Lord and with a few minutes of complete silence on our knees together.

We heard encouraging prophetic words from one prophetic leader who told us that he saw a vision of a coming storm that would break the power of the dark forces with which America is struggling and bring in a new era of spiritual revival and restoration. Another prophetic message from an Arab American participant is attached below. What welcome messages these are!

We believe that history does belong to the intercessors and that the Lord will do "far more abundantly" than all we have asked or imagined during the NPA. He will bring about true "hope and change" for the USA as we continue to pray and trust Him along with hundreds of thousands of others across the nation.

#### Prophetic dream

I saw a physical map of the United States. Then the map transformed into a giant bride that stood up slowly. She was dirty and her dress was dirty. However, she started shaking her self from her head to her feet till all the dirt and soot fell off. I saw all kinds of evil and creatures fall off of her. She looked at her dress and was happy with what she saw. Next, the US bride turned around, extended her arms , embraced and hugged the world real tight. End of vision

**Please pray with us for the USA to stand up and shake off the numerous bad moral, political and spiritual influences that have weakened and besmirched her. Pray that strong, good leaders will be put into power and that spiritual revival and moral restoration will soon grace our nation to the glory of the Lord.**

## Collusion between ISIS and the Taliban

**WASHINGTON** - The Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan - the Taliban group that seeks the overthrow of the Pakistani government - has sworn allegiance to the Islamic State, or ISIS, and has directed jihadists across the region to help ISIS set up its caliphate.

ISIS declared its caliphate from territory seized last June from northeastern Syria to western and central Iraq, and threatens to take over all of the Levant that includes Jordan, the rest of Syria, Lebanon and Israel. ISIS and its caliph, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, already have received backing from Abdul Maulana Aziz, a follower of the Afghan Taliban supreme leader Mulla Mohammad Omar who led the infamous Red Mosque rebellion in Pakistan. Aziz also is close to the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan, or TTP, as WND recently revealed. The TTP seeks to



overthrow by violent means the Pakistani government, which possesses nuclear weapons.

Aziz's support for Baghdadi and ISIS comes as Pakistan, a predominantly Sunni country, faces yet another political crisis that threatens the existence of its democratic secular government. Political opponents of Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif have demanded his resignation, which he has refused. His opponents want sweeping constitutional reform to replace parliamentary democracy and to confront alleged corruption that has crept into the electoral process. However, jihadist groups see an opportunity now to assert their influence as Pakistan's political crisis grows worse.

Until now, the Afghan Taliban had been aligned with al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri. As further evidence of the TTP's allegiance to ISIS, the jihadist group's supporters have been seen in the Pakistani

city of Peshawar distributing pamphlets praising ISIS. In addition, ISIS flags have been seen in street rallies in Indian-administered Kashmir.

The TTP announced its support for ISIS in a message celebrating the Muslim holy festival of Eid al-Adha. "Oh our brothers, we are proud of you in your victories," the message said. "We are with you in your happiness and your sorrow."



"In these troubled days, we call for your patience and stability, especially now that all your enemies are united against you. Please put all your rivalries behind you. ... All Muslims in the world have great expectations of you," the message added. "We are with you, we will provide you with mujahideen (fighters) and with every possible support."

The message was released following posting of a video on Friday of the beheading of ISIS' latest victim, British aid worker Alan Henning. Like ISIS, the TTP is funded by supporters in Gulf Arab countries to include Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. TTP's swearing of allegiance to ISIS potentially extends the jihadist groups influence and potential for a caliphate from the Middle east into South Asia.

Although the TTP and the Afghan Taliban are separate entities with differing goals, they have been known to collaborate on occasion. The Afghan Taliban seeks to take over Afghanistan itself. With the Afghan Taliban biding its time until U.S. forces completely leave Afghanistan by 2017, ISIS has the opportunity to extend its influence in that country as well.

The TTP's support for ISIS is just the latest indication that a number of jihadist groups, previously affiliated with al-Qaida, are calling for a truce between the two groups to unite against the western "Crusader attacks." The call comes in the form of a proposal titled "An Initiative and Call for a Ceasefire Between Factions in Syria."

"Due to the Crusader attacks on our Muslim brothers in Syria and Iraq," the proposal called on all jihadist groups to put aside their disagreements, many of which have resulted in fighting among the various factions.

"We call on all factions in Syria and Iraq to cease fighting among themselves no later than the evening of (Oct. 3, 2014), for perhaps Allah most high will descend his mercies upon Syria and its people in the prayer of Muslim crowds on that great day.

"And we request from all the factions that they announce their position regarding this initiative in their manner in three days from the date of the



publication of this statement, so that it can be made known and clear who rejects this blessed initiative."

The jihadist proposal pointed out that 40 countries had united "and gathered together to wage war against" Islam itself. "So, does our loyalty to Islam and its people not require of us to stop the infighting under the bombardment of this Crusader campaign at the very least if a permanent end to it is not possible?" the proposal asked.

Since last year, ISIS has been in a pitched battle with al-Qaida-affiliated Jabhat al-Nusra, although there have been increasing indications that many fighters from al-Nusra are joining ISIS due to its declaration of a caliphate over territory it has captured and occupied. Al-Qaida similarly seeks a caliphate but hasn't taken over territory as ISIS has.

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Read more at

<http://www.wnd.com/2014/10/pakistani-terror-group-swears-allegiance-to-isis/#4rmTQyql5evCMDBJ.99>

**Please pray for the overthrow of any intended cooperation between these terrorist movements and that both of them will be defeated by the governments and military forces trying to stop them.**

## Pray for The New Afghanistan!

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 1 Tim 2:1-2*

### Pray for the new government in Afghanistan

Afghanistan's new President, Ashraf Ghani, is casting a vision for The New Afghanistan. He is speaking about tackling the major issues confronting this troubled country.



In his first few days in office he is calling for unity among all Afghans and demonstrating his commitment by forming a unity government. He has pledged to take on corruption at all levels and asked the Afghan people to hold him accountable. He has stipulated that all new government hires be based on merit, not nepotism and cronyism. He is honoring the former President by giving him an office and asking him to be his advisor. He has announced plans to reform the judiciary and get his country operating under the rule of law. And he has signed the bilateral security agreement with NATO and told the insurgents to come to the negotiating table or suffer the consequences.

Ashraf Ghani's wife of 38 years, Rula, is a non-Muslim, some say a Christian, originally from Lebanon. She will play a significant role in the new government and is already a beacon of hope for women and minorities throughout Afghanistan. All of these bold initiatives reflect



kingdom values. The Afghan people are hopeful that this is indeed a "new day for Afghanistan." After all, why do we elect leaders? Don't we look to them to bring order out of chaos? Let's join together and pray for his success!

**Pray against the work of the enemy.**

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 2Cor 10:4

**We know the enemy is working actively against the success of this new administration. Let's join together to bind the work of the enemy, to cause disruption and confusion and dissent among their ranks and to foil all their evil plans and to cause despair and hopelessness for their cause.**

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## Lebanon and the Threat of Militant, Sectarian Violence

With all eyes on the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria group's onslaught in Iraq and Syria, a less conspicuous but potentially just as explosive front line with the extremists is emerging in Lebanon, where Lebanese soldiers and Shiite Hezbollah guerrillas are increasingly pulled into deadly fighting with the Sunni militants along the country's borders with Syria. The US has been speeding up the delivery of small ammunition to shore up Lebanon's army, but recent cross-border attacks and beheading of Lebanese soldiers by ISIS fighters - and the defection of four others to the extremists - has sent shockwaves across this Mediterranean country, eliciting fear of a potential slide into the kind of militant, sectarian violence afflicting both Syria and Iraq, and increasingly prompting minorities to take up arms. Read more here

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/perspective/analysis/2014/10/18/Lebanon-pulled-into-war-with-ISIS.html>

**Please pray**

**For the Lebanese Army  
For the Lebanese civilians  
For the safety of the Lebanese borders  
To elect a Lebanese President  
For all Syrian and Iraqi refugees in Lebanon  
For Lebanon's economy  
For Lebanon safety from Isis and other fundamentalists groups  
For the Western Allies in Lebanon.**



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## Update for Prayer about the Exposed Campaign to Eliminate Corruption

We have begun the G20 countdown! Amanda Jackson is already in Australia and the worship, citizen action and business events are all shaping up really well. Please see below for how you can follow her and the Australia team for the big finale of the EXPOSED campaign (after 2 long years!).



1. Follow Amanda's specific G20 blog at [exposedcampaign.com/brisbane](http://exposedcampaign.com/brisbane) (there's a great pic of her buried in trillion dollars!)

#### **SHINING A LIGHT ON CORRUPTION**

2. Use the G20 '10 Days of Prayer to Change the World' prayer guide at [exposedcampaign.com/resources](http://exposedcampaign.com/resources) (live, but officially starts next Thurs 7 Nov)

3. Watch out for daily @exposedcampaign and #shinethelight tweets especially from next Thurs as we tweet the prayer and blogs from around the world

Many thanks for being a part of this. We are no way near our original target, but are taking over 83,000 voices with us - and still have a few days for more!

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## **4-14 Window and Children in Prayer Video Resources**

Here are the videos that I think are the best related to 4/14 Window and Children in Prayer. Most are brief. These are all the English versions.

### **4 to 14 Window Videos**

**1. Overview of 4 to 14 Window - done for North American Region - Animated - (Great Reviews) 2:58 minutes -**

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCx0KFujeqY>

**2. It's Time To Wake Up - Animated on Vimeo - 6:10 minutes -**

Link: <http://vimeopro.com/clarioncreative/english/video/68355122>

**3. A Biblical Testimony - Animated on Vimeo - 2:40 minutes -**

Link: <http://vimeopro.com/clarioncreative/english/video/79768175>

**4. Turning A Curse Into A Blessing (Dr. Dan Brewster) - Animated on Vimeo - 2:10 minutes -**

Link: <http://vimeopro.com/clarioncreative/english/video/76690622>

**5. Globalized Youth (Dr. Bambang Budijanto) - Animated on Vimeo - 2:27 minutes -**

Link: <http://vimeopro.com/clarioncreative/english/video/74767122>

**6. The Challenges in Equipping Children - Rick and Becky Olmstead on Vimeo - 3:16 minutes -**

Link: <http://vimeo.com/72330232>

**7. Including The Next Generation - Rick Olmstead, Vineyard Church of the Rockies on Vimeo - 3:48 minutes**

Link: <http://vimeopro.com/clarioncreative/414-global-summit-iv-video-interviews/video/83832126>

**7a. Including The Next Generation - Rick Olmstead, Vineyard Church of the Rockie - Amimated on Vimeo - 3:05 minutes - Link:**

<http://vimeopro.com/clarioncreative/english/video/88216159>

**8. A Transformed Life - Jimmy Seibert, Antioch Community Church, Waco, TX - on Vimeo - 3:03 minutes - Link:**

<http://vimeopro.com/clarioncreative/414-global-summit-iv-video-interviews/video/84736162>

**8a. A Transformed Life - Jimmy Seibert, Antioch Community Church, Waco, TX - (Same as above but Animated and called Ian's Story) - on Vimeo - 2:13 minutes -**

Link: <http://vimeopro.com/clarioncreative/english/video/89573976>

**9. 4 to 14 Window Explained - Dr. Luis Bush - Animated - on Vimeo - 1:59 minutes -**

Link: <http://vimeopro.com/clarioncreative/english/video/74462043>

**Plenary Sessions from the 4 to 14 Window Global Summit in Bangkok in Oct 2014**

These are probably too long but maybe would work in a Plenary setting.

**10. God's Love for a Billion Children - Dr. Susan Hillis, Senior Scientist with the Center for Disease Control - on Vimeo - 27:43 minutes (One of the most powerful presentations at the Summit.)**

Link:

<http://vimeopro.com/clarioncreative/414-global-summit-iv-plenaries/video/83655835>

**11. The Role of Children in Kingdom Building - Anton Cruz, Royal Kids - Chennai, India - on Vimeo - 19:30 minutes - Link:**

<http://vimeopro.com/clarioncreative/414-global-summit-iv-plenaries/video/83655752>

**Children in Prayer:**

Indonesia is leading the way in may aspects. This video is an example.

**12. Daisy Testimony from Indonesia for World Prayer Assembly - Children in Prayer in Surabaya, Indonesia - 5:19 minutes -**

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

And from India.

**13. Royal Kids in Chennai Overview - (Shares the ministry of Royal Kids with support response at the end - so you may need to end before the credits. Very powerful example of children at prayer) - 16:13 minutes -**

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEKEz1TUL10>

**Global Children in Prayer.**

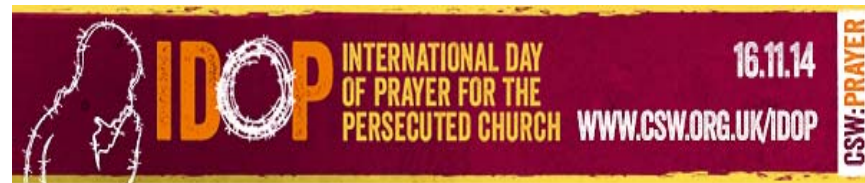
**14. Children in Prayer Video** - from the International Prayer Council. This documentary video was done by Media Village and captures examples of the Children in Prayer movement around the world. (We have plans to do a new version in the near future - but this one is still very powerful.) - 10:4 minutes - Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chHtlnBKmtw#t=21>

Our 4 to 14 Window site has just been updated so you can find a lot of additional resources on it - in multiple languages. If you click on the languages tab you'll find several languages under South Asia, including Tamil and Sinhalese as well as Malayalam and Hindi. Here's the link for the website: [www.4to14window.com](http://www.4to14window.com)

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## International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, November 16



Only two weeks to go! The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) is on 16 November this year. Find out more about IDOP 2014 and your free resource pack here.

Whether you can get a slot in your church service, lead the whole service, or whether you're praying with your small group or children's group - we've got what you need

Your IDOP pack contains:

- \* Sermon ideas
- \* Small group Bible study
- \* Children's activities
- \* Creative prayer ideas

...and more!

Have you ordered postcards or posters? We'll be sending them to you next week, so keep an eye out for them.

Please join us, and thousands of Christians around the world, in marking the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Click here to download your pack.

If you've got any questions, do get in touch on 0845 456 5464 or [admin@csw.org.uk](mailto:admin@csw.org.uk)

Blessings  
Emma

P.S. Go to [www.csw.org.uk/idop](http://www.csw.org.uk/idop) to watch Kenia from Cuba explain the transforming power of prayer in her life. You could show the video in your church too, as a lead in to prayer for persecuted Christians like Kenia and her husband Omar.

## Nepal House of Prayer Seminar Report



Thank you so much for your prayers for 14-15th Oct. 2014 Prayer Seminar! Yes God did miracles through this Seminar. We couldn't do more good, but God has done more through the Indonesian prayer leaders.

In the first day of program, there was heavy raining in whole day and I was thinking people will not come, but God sent more than our expectation. Almost 300+ Pastors and Leaders joined in this historical Prayer Seminar. Daniel and other pastors talked through His power and God spoke through Daniel. He prophesied "Nepal Prayer Assembly" in 2017 in Nepal. Praise the Lord!

Yes God was glorified through this program. We had Nepal top leaders dinner meeting on 15th October. All the pastors and leaders were blessed by God. The Holy Spirit moved all for His Kingdom.

On 16th October Ps. Daniel, Ely, Ps. David, for people went to Lumbini and did ministry there with our Ps Sunil. And other 6 people and me went to do prayer meeting at Thankot and 10 Church people gathered and had Prayer meeting among 110 people. On 18th Ely has taught about House of Prayer to our prayer warriors among 90+ people, it was really effective.

Many blessings for all of us. May the Lord bless them abundantly!

Thank you so much for your love and prayer. All the glory to God. Here I am sharing some pictures of Seminar, I am sure you will enjoy with these His works in Nepal.

With much love and prayer,  
Govinda and Sujita  
Kathmandu, Nepal

## Terror Group Inadvertently Creates Gospel Curiosity in Iraq

Ruth Kram, October 13, 2014

Iraq (CAM) - Editor's Note: We share this news story released by Christian Aid Mission.

Working in northern Iraq's Kurdish region day and night to help meet the needs of people displaced by the threats and violence of the terror group

Islamic State (ISIS) in Mosul and other areas, members of an Iraqi ministry team recently came into contact with a colonel from the Kurdish forces battling ISIS.

The colonel was serving as a division commander of the Peshmerga, the Kurdistan Regional Government's armed forces, which have helped to slow the incursion of ISIS in its brutal push to establish a caliphate imposing a strict version of Sunni Islam. With the aid of U.S. airstrikes, the Peshmerga have also slowly retaken some territory. They are helping to secure the Kurdish capital of Erbil, where the ministry team assisted by Christian Aid Mission is supplying displaced people with food, clothing, beds, and medicine.



The colonel had a few questions for the team members: What was the reason for offering all this aid? What was the motivation, what was the source of it? "We spoke with him explicitly, explaining everything to him, saying that Christ taught us to love and express our love to the people in a practical way," said the team director, who informed the officer that all relief items had been donated or purchased locally.

The Peshmerga colonel, whose name is withheld for security reasons, was quick to respond. "You see the Arabs around you in the Gulf states, which claim to be religious Muslims, have not sent us anything but terrorists," he told the ministry team members. "But you who follow Christ send love and peace and goodness to people every day."

The conversation continued at length, the ministry team director said. "After we had a long talk with him about Christ, he bowed and prayed, asking Christ into his life," the director said. "And he said, 'Today I am the happiest person! I've had the privilege of making this decision,' and he received a copy of the Bible."

The colonel's experience was just one of many taking place in Iraq. In cities of refuge like Erbil for people displaced from their homes in other parts of Iraq, people are turning to Christ at a stunning pace. Tent churches are springing up in the makeshift camps. Under normal circumstances, mission strategies focus on how to proclaim Christ effectively, but the challenge now is keeping pace with the number who would receive Him, the director said.

"The greatest challenge in the ministry right now is not whether these people will accept Christ or not," he said. "In all our travel to deliver the aid and preach God's Word, we did not find anyone opposed to or rejecting our message. The challenge is how and when we will reach all those people with the message of salvation in the squares, sidewalks, roads, inside the tents and out, and everywhere."

Christian Aid Mission's Middle East director said that as a result of this trend, some church leaders and workers for ministry organizations are remaining in Iraq even as the cruel practices of ISIS-beheading Iraqi children who refuse to deny Christ in Qaraqosh and Western journalists elsewhere-gain greater notoriety.

"I think of workers who stayed behind in Mosul and the surrounding areas because there are so many who are receptive to the gospel," he said. "They are willing to risk being in an area under the rule of ISIS for the privilege of more and more fruit for Christ."



Forced to trust God more than they ever have before, these Christians are growing in their relationship with God in ways they had never imagined, he said.

"I respected them before the Arab Spring because they were serving in Islamic areas, but now they are serving more and maturing even more," he said. "We need to intercede for these workers. They are all always in danger. They need God's power to show His love to the thousands of helpless people."

"God has put within the hearts of thousands of Muslims a desire to read His Word."

**Let's keep praying for Syria and Iraq and that the current conflicts and suffering will bring large numbers of Muslims to Jesus Christ. Pray for the overthrow of the ISIS terrorists and that His peace to come to these troubled nations.**

## How Prayer is Transforming Nations- A Video Testimony from Testify World?

Video Link: <http://youtu.be/aGTUcQLPhuk>

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## Praying for the G20 Summit in Australia

To help you to pray effectively we have set up [www.prayerforleaders.com](http://www.prayerforleaders.com)



I would encourage you to log on to the website and check out the various information that is there.

In essence apart from praying for the G20 summit generically, we are encouraging you to pray daily for one of the leaders who is attending the summit.

So every day from the 1 October, 2014 we will be putting the bio information up of a leader who is attending and encourage you to pray for them, to bless them during the day, to write to them and let them know you are praying and then to encourage others to do so as well. We now have two days of prayer requests up on the site.

**On the right hand side of the website there is a "follow me" option. If you click on this you will be automatically emailed when we put updates on the site. This is the easiest way to keep up to date.**

This event is considered one of the largest events that Australia has ever hosted.

It is a key event where decisions concerning not only ours but the worlds economic future will be discussed.

Plus no doubt there will be other side issues being discussed particularly in relation to Russia and ISIL.

There will also be some key Christian events being planned around the G20 including a church service being held on the Sunday morning at the City Tabernacle Baptist Church and a Forum on the Thursday night. We will be sending out more details concerning these shortly.

If you know of other Christian events being held around the G20 please let us know.

Please take a moment and check out the website and share it with others.

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## Religious Liberty Struggle in Houston

I am writing at the request of FRC President Tony Perkins, to ask you, as one of America's Prayer Movement Leaders, to urge those in your prayer networks to appeal to heaven on behalf of 5 pastors in Houston, Texas, who have been ordered by city officials, under threat of fines and jail, to turn over all copies of speeches, presentations, and any other communications, public or private, having to do with homosexuality, transgender identity, the Mayor of Houston, or Houston's Equal Rights Ordinance (H.E.R.O.).

A coalition of over 400 area ministers is opposed the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance ("HERO" - a homosexual rights "bathroom" ordinance like others that have passed in a number of jurisdictions across America. It would allow transsexual, transgender and transvestite boys and men to use the girl's and women's bathrooms and locker rooms, etc. and vice versa.

Following a remedy provided by city and state law, the ministers organized a petition and obtained over 50,000 signatures, for the ordinance to go on the ballot for Houston voters to approve or reject in November. The pastors gathered three times the number of voter signatures required for such a referendum, but the city rejected the petition. Representatives of the coalition filed lawsuit. Then, Houston Mayor Annise Parker had the above-mentioned unconstitutional subpoenas issued.

Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) lawyers are on the case, but the city has, so far, not backed down in its effort to intimidate the pastors.

Tony has conferred with subpoenaed pastors and other coalition leaders who are willing to go to jail rather than comply with the Mayor's demands. Fox News Commentator Todd Starnes has been covering the story extensively. Except for Fox News - the national media is mostly ignoring the story. But we have gathered 40,000 online petitions during the last two days in support of the pastors and calling on the Mayor to rescind the subpoenas...

Here is Todd Starnes' Facebook post:

<https://www.facebook.com/ToddStarnesFNC/posts/729131513828350>

See also iStandSunday. On Nov 2nd, pastors from across the nation will travel to Houston to rally in support of the targeted Houston Pastors. That evening, we will air a nationwide Webcast to acquaint Christians nationwide with what is happening in Houston.

(Note from the IPC editor: The latest news is that the mayor backed down on demanding the subpoenaed sermons of the 5 pastors.)

**Pray for the people of Houston to prevail over this "Bathroom Bill" and for the Mayor and other city officials to cease its hostility toward the churches.**

Sincerely, in Christ,

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## Prayer Ninjas Welcomed to Hollywood

**October 5, 2014 by S David Acuff**



(Excerpted)

Founded by Karen Covell in 2001, the Hollywood Prayer Network began as a resource for entertainment professionals in the faith-based community; it equips creative artists and professionals to thrive personally and professionally in the arts, media, and entertainment industries.

And it just so happened they were partnering with "The National Day of Prayer" group for an event called "The Summons." For 5 days in Hollywood, strategic prayer partners from all over the US met with Hollywood Insiders to hear how God is moving in the Film and TV industry. The goal was not just to be blown away by Tinseltown stories and testimonies, but so that they could come alongside these Hollywood professionals to support them in prayer and intercession.

Now, there are people who pray, and then there are Prayer Warriors. Just like there are people who play paintball in the woods, and there is Seal Team 6. You must imagine that this group that gathered from across the United States was the Seal Team 6 of Intercessors. A Task Force of Prayer Ninjas headed up by Shirley Dobson.

Everyone was encouraged to hear that when The Hollywood Prayer Network began, they were able to find about 8 Christians around Hollywood. Today there are over 10,000. That is quite a remnant the Lord has established.

"You know it surprises me how many Christians are in the industry here," said Nathan Wisener from Colorado. "My mindset was that I didn't think there was anyone out here. You know you're always given the impression from other people that it's a very dark place. But I came here and saw some light."

Each of the Hollywood Insiders had stories about being involved in Projects that they initially wanted to run from, but told how, because they stayed, God was able to use them to change lives, redirect scripts and to be a shoulder to lean on for other crew members in crisis. Karen Covell, for instance, was mortified when she was assigned to Produce a one-hour TV story on Playboy Creator Hugh Hefner. But God had other plans.

It culminated with an interview in which the icon of sexual promiscuity told about being raised by harsh, distant parents who never told him they loved him. "His mother never hugged or kissed him, he said, because of her fear of germs." In the opulent Playboy Mansion, surrounded by Playboy bunnies, the interviewers brought Mr. Hefner, clad in his black pajamas, to confess that "he's still just a little boy trying to find love." They exposed his futile attempt to substitute sex for love and the pain behind the Playboy façade, the God-shaped vacuum in Mr. Hefner's heart (worldmag.com).

That interview which Hef described as "my favorite interview" opened doors for Covell to encourage him on a couple of different occasions. And baby steps like that are happening all across Los Angeles.

Dean Batali is a Television Writer and Executive Producer who wrote for "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "That 70s Show." He talked about being

the Salt and Light described in Matthew 5:13. He explained that while Salt has healing properties, in certain instances its primary use is to slow down decay. His continued prayer is for the Lord to lead him to the projects where he can do good - and from SpongeBob to UpTV it's been a fascinating journey.

Os Hillman is president of Marketplace Leaders, an organization whose purpose is to help men and women discover and fulfill God's complete purposes through their work and to view their work as ministry. He explained how Christians have fled from the 7 Cultural Mountains for years: Government, Education, Media, Religion, Family, Business and Arts&Entertainment. Their absence has created a void that now requires agents of change - talented and Godly individuals to climb back up those mountains to lead and direct.

Many of the Hollywood Insiders talked about their daily struggle in the workplace to be a force for the good, the true and the beautiful. They discussed openly the resistance they received from their secular co-workers - which they fully expected - but also, surprisingly, from Christians across the country who attacked them regularly.

For example, despite the major miracle for Martha Williamson to get a show on CBS Network Television about Angels dispensing God's love and mercy in every episode - "Touched by an Angel" - she got vehement letters from Christian brothers and sisters for selling out and for "hiding" Jesus and watering down the Gospel, etc.

In fact, what many of these Hollywood Insiders had found in their time in LA as they built relationships with Studios and Networks was that so many of the "anti-christian" voices in Los Angeles were people who at one time had been chewed up and spit out by the church.

Hm. Something to reflect hard upon.

So, after each Hollywood Professional had a chance to speak, the tables were turned and the Prayer Ninjas gathered around and went to work praying for each person. "I'm a Lutheran," one Producer joked, "I don't know what to do!" and the team laughed and told her to just sit there and receive their prayers. Another script writer admitted afterward that although he has been prayed for in the past, the three times he was prayed over at The Summons was unlike anything he had experienced before. With tears in his eyes, he thanked the group for their ministry, their encouragement and their Godly insight.

While one group of Prayer Ninjas sat in on various sessions, the others were sent out on buses to key locations around Hollywood, onto Studio lots, Scientology Headquarters, etc, just to walk and pray over the workers there.

"The hurts and facades of people are exacerbated in this city," lamented Dr. Lou Shirey of Oklahoma City. "I think that's what hits me so deep. A place of just insecure people who gathered together and if they can just hear the Good News of Jesus and have the security of Christ," he paused here tearing up at the thought of it, "ah, it just hits me so."

The National Day of Prayer Task Force considers this short term mission trip a huge success. "Because what we found is that God is alive and well in this city," said John Bornschein from Colorado. "He is moving in the hearts of people. We've been in Studios where the Executives are Christians, where staff are Christians, to find out there's 10,000 believers here who need us to come alongside and affirm them; letting them know that the Saints are going to be praying for them for the work that they're doing here in the Tribe of Hollywood!"

Whew. And all of this barely even scratches the surface of what took place over the last 5 days in Hollywood, California. I came away from the event with dozens of new friends, 15 business cards and industry contacts, a to-do list as long as my arm and at least 5 Prayer Ninjas who promised to pray for me, my family and my personal Hollywood Journey. Welcome to Hollywood.

Please thank God and continue to pray for the transformation of Hollywood, an industry that has such an enormous influence on our world, either for good or evil. Our prayers will help determine which influence that will be.

## IPC Calendar

**Nov 16th - The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**  
[admin@cswworld.org](mailto:admin@cswworld.org)

**Nov 7 - G20 "10 Days of Prayer to Change the World"**  
[www.exposedcampaign.com/resources](http://www.exposedcampaign.com/resources)

**January 9-11, 2015 - National Weekend of Prayer to End Slavery and Trafficking** <http://www.nwoprayer.org>

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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](mailto:office@ipcprayer.org)

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*"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."*

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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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