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Praying with the Assurance of Faith

According to your faith will it be done to you. (Matthew 9:29)

Praying through something might be defined as follows: "Praying your way into full faith; coming to the point of assurance, while still praying, that your prayer has been accepted and heard; and in advance of the event, with confident anticipation, actually becoming aware of having received what you ask."

Let us remember that no earthly circumstances can hinder the fulfillment of God's Word. We must look steadfastly at his immutable word and not at the uncertainty of this ever-changing world. God desires for us to believe His Word without other evidence, and then He is ready to do for us "according to our faith."

When once His word is past, when He has said, "I will," [Hebrews 13:5 KJV] The thing will come at last; God keeps His promise still. [See 2 Cor. 1:20]

The prayers of the Pentecostal era were prayed with such simple faith that they were like cashing a check. Robert Anderson

"And God said and it was so" Genesis 1:9

L. B. Cowman, Streams in the Desert.

Report from the WYPA International Dream Team Meeting





SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA-March 3-6, 2015, at the Koreana Hotel, 28 international and 26 local leaders came together to plan for the World Youth Prayer Assembly (working title) pegged for 2016 or 2017 16 countries were represented in the meeting-South Korea, the United States of America, United Kingdom, the Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Romania, American Samoa, Nigeria, Fiji, Vietnam, India, and Germany. It was amazing how God has orchestrated the meeting and how He has supernaturally provided to see this happen.

To get everybody on the same page, Pastor Jerome Ocampo re-cast the vision for the WYPA to the young, global leaders present in the meeting. As these leaders made a commitment to run with the vision and to be a part of the International Dream Team (IDT), the planning and stirring team for the event, they were prayed for and anointed by the older generation of leaders who were present. What a beautiful sight of impartation to and empowerment of the next generation!

During the sessions, the IDT was grouped into teams for discussion. It was previously agreed that the WYPA will be an event "for the youth and by the youth." Thus, the young leaders were given a venue for their voices to be heard-- they gave input on the challenges the youth of today face, and generated ideas on how the WYPA can possibly address these issues and how it will be distinct from other gatherings for the youth. Among the challenges that surfaced across all group discussions are the lack of understanding of identity and purpose, and the lack of mentoring and fathering. One of the key elements the team thinks would be distinctive of the WYPA will be "learning conversations with fathers," apart from powerful moments of just enjoying being marked by the Presence of the Lord.

They also brainstormed on the form and content of the event. Some ideas that came up were having prayer tents for the "seven mountains of culture," plus another tent where 24/7 worship will take place. It is foreseen to be highly social and highly interactive; delegates will come out of the event well-connected with people from all over the world who are called to occupy the same "mountain" as theirs.

The team also threw out ideas for the event name, and among the names suggested, "UP: Unified Prayer/ United Prayer" is a direction the team is prayerfully considering going for.

Each of the IDT members were also asked to volunteer for committees they would like to be a part of for the event, aside from committing to mobilize from their respective nations and regions. A faith goal of bringing 1,254 delegates was generated from the commitment of the IDT alone! Faith for fund-raising was also challenged as each member believed for a specific amount to raise for the event.

Dates will be set for the WYPA pending the Korean Executive Team's confirmation.

One of the highlights of the meeting was a trip to the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone)-the border between North and South Korea. In the freezing cold weather, the team's hearts burned in prayer for the unification of Korea. It

was a foretaste of what is planned for the WYPA-to bring the delegates from all nations to the border to release declarations for the freedom of North Korea and for the unification of the North and South.

What was remarkable in this meeting were the relationships forged among these young, global leaders. It was a joy to see them get along so well in just two and a half days of being together! Seeing these strong bonds formed, it will not be a surprise if the IDT will take their friendships and partnerships beyond 2016.

Praise the Lord for all that He has done!

Sarah Torres, WYPA and IDT Administrator

Prayer concerns:

- 1 For the IDT members to move strongly ahead in the work of mobilizing in their nations and regions.**
- 2 For the Korean Executive Team's formation and effective efforts within their nation to bring many other leaders and organizations on board and in support of the WYPA.**
- 3 For Jerome Ocampo and his team in the Philippines to effectively lead and coordinate planning along with the IDT members.**
- 4 For His provision of funding for this major event since there will be very significant financial needs to make it happen.**

North Korea

Over the past months we have been praying for four people in prison in North Korea and China for the sake of the Gospel. South Korean Pastor Kim Jung-Wook is serving a life-sentence in North Korea for his efforts to spread the Good News inside North Korea. Elderly (71 years old) Korean-American, Peter Hahn, has been in detention in Tumen, China since last year. He operated a technical high school and had a number of projects going in North Korea. We have just recently learned that he has now been formerly arrested, charged with embezzlement and is now awaiting trial.

The other two people are a Canadian couple, Kevin and Julia Garratt, who ran a coffee shop in Dandong, China and provided humanitarian assistance in North Korea. They also organized prayer for North Korea. The latest on them is that Julia has been released from detention, praise God, but only on bail while Kevin was moved to a high security prison. Both are charged with spying. Please keep all four of these brave souls, who are suffering for the sake of the Gospel, in your prayers.



Perhaps the gravest concern currently for the people of North Korea is what is called the "barley hump," the period in the spring when last year's harvests are getting depleted and the new harvests have not started coming in yet. This year is of particular concern because of the extended dry winter and now spring. On the market front, there are some mixed messages coming out. On the one hand, restrictions on the age at which women are allowed to set up market booths have been eliminated allowing younger women greater freedom to engage in commerce. On the other hand, travel restrictions have increased as officials everywhere are getting into the act of charging new fees and fines for various types of travel. For those involved in the markets, they see this as just another fee that they

have to absorb. At the same time, there is growing cynicism as people see officials flaunting illegal South Korean products that they have confiscated from the markets.

On the information technology front, North Korea does have an internet, but it is very limited in scope and availability. Here is an interesting article discussing what the North Korean internet looks like. There are a few people who do have access to the big Internet beyond North Korea's cyber-border. They are engaged in collecting knowledge off the 'Net and storing it at a large new data facility being built on an unoccupied island in Pyongyang's Daedong river.

One ongoing prayer is that through access to outside knowledge sources the people of North Korea will continue to learn more about the world outside and understand their own situation better. Lately, a South Korean song titled "Letter from a Private" has been growing in popularity among young men being drafted into the North Korean army...

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After an international prayer initiative for North Korea just completed this week, many are sensing that a new day for a new, united Korea is coming. Let's continue to pray and trust God for the two countries to become one again soon! Here is an encouraging prophetic word that IPC colleague Dr. Leslie Keegel shared in line with this week's initiative:

"A word I received for the group gathering in April to pray for North Korea.

I see the Lord causing a major shift to take place in the supernatural realm over North Korea in answer to the prayers made for that great nation before and also resulting from the prayer initiative in April 2015. The shift in the supernatural realm will dispel the extreme darkness and unseat the principality of lies and deception. That nation has been built on a philosophy based on lies and deception. I see the Lord exposing the lies, confounding the spirit of deception and pulling down that stronghold which has kept people in that nation in darkness and spiritual blindness. The principality power which has blindfolded innocent people and brainwashed them to believe "what is not as if it exists", will be openly exposed and put to defeat and shame.

The falling of that Kingdom of Falsehood will not take place instantly or suddenly, it will be a drawn out process. Nevertheless though quietly, one stone after another from its foundation will be removed very unnoticeably. As those foundation stones are removed, the displacing of such will cause cracks to appear on the walls of the formidable strongholds of that empire. Little by little the cracks will widen and finally will crash with a loud bang shaking the whole earth. The impact of that fall on that nation and the surrounding nations will be huge and crippling economically and structurally. Thousands upon thousands will emerge out of darkness to see the marvelous light, to be confronted with the truth. The Church which now is in that great nation though hidden is strong and beautiful. She will emerge victorious to rejoice with the global body of Christ as the truth and her hope is finally and gloriously unveiled.

I wish to encourage all who have prayed for North Korea with fervency and in travail, keep on in your good work and do not faint. I know it has been hard, but the Lord says, continue to invest your resources of

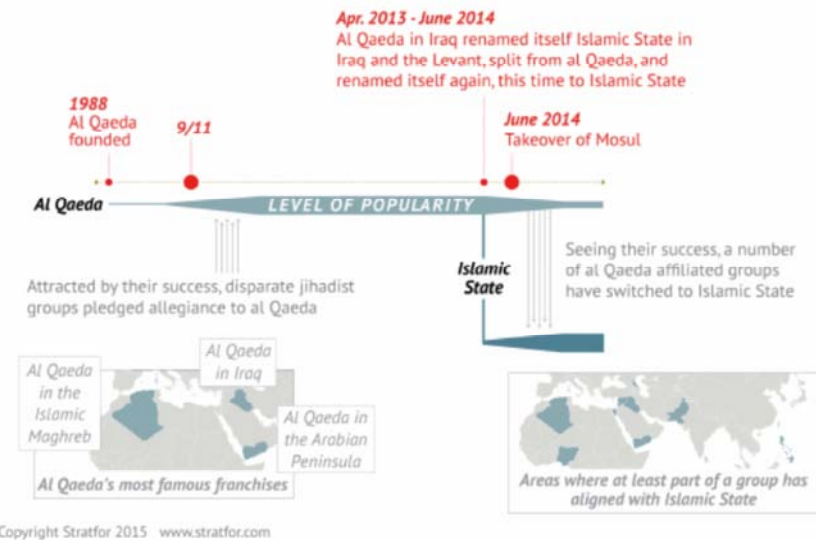
tears, sweat, emotions and strength for great will be your reward. You will see the Church of North Korea emerge to lead the rest of the body of Christ in the final assault of the kingdoms of darkness of Satan and his oppressive reign over the nations."

The Islamic State's Appeal

Excerpted from Stratfor, March 26, 2015

By Scott Stewart

A JIHADIST POPULARITY CONTEST



The events of the past week have created a lot of discussion about the Islamic State's expansion. First there was the March 18 armed assault at the Bardo National Museum in Tunis that resulted in the deaths of 23 people, 20 of who were foreign tourists. Then there was the March 20 triple mosque bombing in Sanaa, Yemen, that resulted in at least 142 deaths. Finally, on March 23, there were rumors that a brigade of al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb fighters may be defecting to the Islamic State and that some al Shabaab members in Somalia also want to join the group.

These developments follow the announcement earlier this month that Nigerian jihadist group Boko Haram has joined the Islamic State, as well as earlier announcements that jihadists in Pakistan, Algeria, Libya and Egypt have joined the group.

The seemingly rapid spread of the Islamic State has caused some concern, and to help understand the group's rise, we first need to understand its appeal.

After the 9/11 attacks, al Qaeda became the leading global jihadist brand. Following al Qaeda's success - and a massive public relations success it was - a number of existing jihadist groups became al Qaeda franchises in an effort to benefit from its popular brand. These included Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's Jamaat al-Tawhid and Jihad group in Iraq, which in 2004 became al Qaeda in the Land of the Two Rivers. After a series of name changes, the group would eventually break away from al Qaeda in 2014 to become the Islamic State.

Other organizations that adopted the al Qaeda brand include the Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat in Algeria, which in 2006 became al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, and several smaller jihadist groups in

Yemen that joined together in 2009 under the leadership of Nasir al-Wahayshi to become al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.

Adopting the al Qaeda brand was seen as a way to rejuvenate the existing jihadist groups by gaining the additional attention, funding and recruits that came with the al Qaeda name. In some places, the strategy worked. For example, foreign recruits and funding flowed into the Iraqi al Qaeda franchise following its entry into the al Qaeda constellation. Indeed, the franchise gained so much funding and manpower that it siphoned off resources from the al Qaeda core to the point where the core leadership had to ask al-Zarqawi for financial help in 2005. But in other places, the al Qaeda branding was simply ineffective; for example, Jemaah Islamiyah in Indonesia, which changed its name to Tanzim Qaedat al-Jihad, withered away.

As we have discussed for the past decade now, once the United States and its allies focused their power on al Qaeda, the group became severely degraded and its ability to launch attacks was heavily affected. As franchise groups in places such as Iraq grew in power and influence, the core struggled for relevance. This struggle was not only on the physical battlefield, but also on the ideological battlefield. There was a lot of ideological tension between the al Qaeda core and some of the new franchises. As early as 2005, this tension became visible from the interactions between core leader Ayman al-Zawahiri and al-Zarqawi. There was also tension within the franchises, especially al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, over whether to continue following the al Qaeda ideology.

The al Qaeda core's influence had diminished so much that by mid-2013, the Islamic State felt it could defy al-Zawahiri. The group split from al Qaeda in January 2014 and declared the establishment of the caliphate on June 29, 2014.

One of the primary factors that contributed to al Qaeda's decline was the frustration that many jihadists felt over al Qaeda's empty claims and threats. The group repeatedly threatened to strike the United States with an attack more devastating than the ones on 9/11, generating a lot of excitement in the jihadist realm. However, as the years passed and al Qaeda was unable to deliver on its threats, the group increasingly became seen as hollow. Indeed, the al Qaeda core has not been able to strike the U.S. homeland since 2001...

Many people have expressed surprise that the atrocities committed by the Islamic State have not alienated more jihadists. This is because the transcendent purpose of the Islamic State is so powerful that it overrides any qualms about how it is to be achieved. To quote leadership guru Simon Sinek, "People don't buy what you do; they buy why you do it. And what you do simply proves what you believe." The Islamic State is pursuing a "why" that has a very powerful appeal to grassroots jihadists around the globe. Its barbaric actions prove that its members are true believers who do not care about any consequences or repercussions.

This is a very powerful force that has an incredible pull - especially on the marginalized individuals who tend to flock to cults, gangs and radical groups. We are seeing this pull not only in the young aspiring fighters and brides that are traveling to Syria, but also in the grassroots jihadists who are practicing leaderless resistance and conducting attacks in other places. However, while the appeal is powerful, it is only powerful for a very limited segment of people. The Islamic State's brutality and attacks on other Muslims have alienated many of their intended audience.

One impact of the Islamic State's appeal that goes beyond branding is that certain groups, such as Boko Haram before it actually pledged allegiance to the Islamic State in August, are attempting to copy its method of operations.

This has included kidnapping large numbers of girls, attacking Muslims declared to be apostates and declaring an Islamic Caliphate after seizing a large piece of territory. Recent suicide bombings of mosques by Islamic State supporters in Yemen also appear to have been influenced by the Islamic State's actions in Iraq and Syria. Such attacks are a way of differentiating Islamic State followers from al Qaeda adherents.

The Islamic state also has shown a mastery of social media that eclipses al Qaeda's. This social media activity, along with the group's dramatic progress in mid-2014, has attracted funding and foreign volunteers. It has also helped motivate a number of grassroots terrorists to conduct attacks in the West. It remains to be seen if the surge in grassroots attacks in recent months is a temporary phenomenon or if it will be sustainable.

It is important to understand that not even a year has passed since the Islamic State declared the establishment of its caliphate. The shine is only now beginning to wear off as the group, which promotes itself as an inexorable force blessed by Allah, experiences significant and repeated defeats on the battlefield. Its leaders will attempt to deflect some of these defeats through apocalyptic ideology that claims the group will suffer heavy losses until a small core of true believers is led by the Prophet Isa, which is Arabic for Jesus, in a final battle at Dabiq in Syria, where they will finally defeat the "crusader forces" led by the Antichrist.

This justification may convince some of the most-hardcore idealists, but it will probably not be accepted globally. The others will become disenchanted once they realize the Islamic State will not be able to deliver on its promises. There have been many reports of foreign fighters being executed for attempting to leave the Islamic State and return home, so disillusionment may be starting to take root and spread through the ranks of the group's fighters. Such executions will even serve to further the spread of disenchantment...

In most cases, pre-existing organizations or splinters of a jihadist organization are rebranding themselves as Islamic State franchises rather than new groups forming to claim the name. There are numerous examples of this: Jund al-Khalifa in Algeria (a splinter from al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb); the Sinai faction of Ansar Beit al-Maqdis in Egypt; Boko Haram; some elements of the Pakistani Taliban; the Dagestani faction of the Caucasus Emirates; and a faction of Abu Sayyaf in the Philippines.

As we noted above, radical groups have a natural tendency to fracture, especially after they haven't proven themselves ineffective in making progress toward their stated goals. However, the Islamic State's emergence and its success in Iraq have dramatically accelerated this process. Moreover, the Islamic State's scathing and repeated public attacks on al Qaeda's leadership will make it very difficult to gloss over the differences and reconsolidate the jihadist movement unless the Islamic State can do so by force, which is not likely, given the constraints the group faces.

Jihadist groups' tendency to splinter means that, rather than adding to the jihadist realm, the Islamic State is siphoning off former al Qaeda jihadists or picking up jihadists al Qaeda did not want or who did not like al Qaeda. In many places such as Syria, Pakistan and Libya, these Islamic State franchise groups have even engaged in combat against other jihadists. This means that as jihadist groups splinter and weaken, and as jihadists kill other jihadists, the global jihadist movement will experience a net loss rather than a victory.

Prayer Concerns from this analysis:

1 Let's give thanks to the Lord for the ways jihadists are becoming disillusioned with Al Qaeda and ISIS and in some cases are even

fighting against each other. This is answered prayer!

2 Pray for the continued splintering, weakening, and defeat of radical Islamic groups like ISIS, Boko Haram (Nigeria), Al Shabaab (Somalia) and other such violent insurgents.

3 Pray that their access to social media and other forms of publicity will be severed and that their funding and support will be cut off. Also that the flow of volunteer fighters will be stopped so that these movements will collapse from within and without.

4 Pray for the international coalition as well as local authorities and their militaries to be united and effective in combating and overcoming these armed militants.

5 Let's trust God to set many of the jihadists free from their failed, false Islamic ideology and that they will come to know the Lord and serve Him with all their hearts.

The Man Who Talks to Boko Haram

**Excerpted from World Watch Monitor
March 26, 2015**

"A year after the kidnapping of 232 Nigerian girls, Australian Stephen Davis still says his contacts indicate government complicity. A year ago April 14, Boko Haram kidnapped 275 girls from the government secondary school in the Christian-dominated town of Chibok, Borno State.



Students reported to the Chibok Government Secondary Boarding School on Sunday, April 13, to take an exam on Tuesday morning, April 15, despite the fact that the government had closed schools across the state because it could not offer protection. At about 11pm armed Boko Haram insurgents broke into the school. They burned the administration block and classrooms. Dressed in military uniforms, they told the girls that Chibok was under attack but that they were there to protect them. The girls believed them and obeyed their orders to mount the vehicles outside.

Forty three girls escaped, some during the attack at the school; others during the journey to a camp in the Sambisa forest, where the captive girls were initially kept.

One year on, the 232 girls taken that night from Chibok remain in rebel custody. It is not clear where they are being held or what circumstances they had been facing this past year. The first of the babies born to the girls since their captivity arrived in mid-February this year. Four girls who managed to escape after their arrival at the Boko Haram camp reported that they were raped almost on a daily basis. They said those who did not cooperate with the rebels faced severe punishment. Some other girls who were captured before the Chibok girls, and who managed to escape after varying time in captivity, said some girls were killed because they would not renounce their Christian faith.

WE THANK THE LORD THAT SOME OF THE CAPTIVES HAVE ESCAPED. LET US HOLD UP IN PRAYER THOSE WHO ARE STILL SUFFERING AND PRAY FOR THEIR FAITH TO BE STRONG.

The Nigerian Government has been under harsh criticism for its handling of the crisis. Critics say it has not done enough to secure the girls' release or to support their families."

Let's be in prayer for the rest of these young Christian girls to be released and for the government of Nigeria, under the new president, to discover and end all complicity with Boko Haram so that they can be rescued and restored to their families soon.

Prayer Concerns for the Yazidi People of Iraq

From a female member of the Iraqi Parliament who is a humble and brave woman, shared during her recent visit to the USA. Here are her prayer requests:



1 Pray that the Yazidi women who have been kidnapped by ISIS are returned safely to their families. The women have been, in many cases, raped repeatedly by ISIS soldiers.

2 Pray for her people that they be protected from ISIS.

3 Pray for anything that her people need since many are refugees now. Her English is broken but her heart is for her people and their protection from ISIS and further persecution. **Pray too for her safety while she is back home in her country as there have been assassination threats against her.**

A Call to Pray for Lebanon



1 Please pray against the threat of violence breaking out in Lebanon.

2 Pray that the lies that people are believing will be exposed. Join our prayer, saying Lord give us more time!
Pray that the Lord keeps the doors of evangelism wide open.

3 Pray with us for the breaking of the veil off people's eyes so they can recognize Jesus the Messiah and accept him as Lord and Savior.

4 Pray for more laborers in the field as the harvest is white

Be blessed and thank you for standing with us!

From Lebanese friends working to help Syrian refugees and also their own people

Calling the World to Pray and Fast for the United States for 7 Days from 30 April - 6 May 2015



The Australian National Day of Prayer and Fasting team are calling the whole world to pray and fast for seven days for the USA from the National Day of Repentance which is held on Thursday the 30th April 2015 - Wednesday 6th May which is the day before the USA National Day of Prayer which is held on the 7th May 2015. We have done this now for two years in a row although this Prayer Call is longer due to the two days being further apart. This will be our third year.

The first year 2013 we called for 3 days of prayer and fasting expecting perhaps a dozen nations to join us. We were greatly encouraged when 28 nations joined our 3 day prayer and fasting call for the USA including Vietnam and China. In 2014 we called for 48 hours of prayer and fasting for the USA and even released a video supporting the call to pray for the USA. At last tally we had over 40 nations join our call to pray and fast for the USA in 2014. Again we were both excited and surprised all at the same time as in the scheme of things Australia is a very small nation.

In August 2014, I put together a video prayer for the USA from an Australian perspective which details some of the rich Christian heritage and several historic calls for prayer and fasting that are embedded in American history but not generally known. This video prayer is a call for America to find her prophetic destiny in Christ. That remains our hope and prayer.

Our team feels to launch out again in this way in 2015 with this longer period of prayer and fasting which is deliberately planned to link the two very necessary days together. The Day of Repentance and the National Day of Prayer. We believe repentance always comes before breakthrough as it says in 2 Chronicles 7:14. The USA needs Revival and Transformation. Australia needs Revival and Transformation. In this we have much in common. The so called western world in particular is spiritually and morally bankrupt. The only way forward is on our knees. Jesus Christ is the light of the world and the hope of the nations. Soli Deo Gloria!

In the light of Lana Vawser's prophetic word for the USA we believe this call for seven days of prayer and fasting for the USA is much needed.

Would love your comments, thoughts and suggestions. Would also greatly appreciate if you are able to send this to your national and global networks. Together we can make difference.

God's Blessings
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Prayer for U.S. Supreme Court Marriage Decision

The eyes of many in the Church are watching closely an anticipated ruling in June by the Supreme Court of the United States regarding same-sex marriage. Many believe that this battle for the family and a traditional biblical view of marriage is already over. From a worldly perspective, that may be true. But we are a people of faith who put our trust in the Lord, not in courts, or presidents, or public opinion. The Word of God is filled with examples of God responding to the prayers of His people in miraculous ways that surprise a watching world. May He do it again as we humbly come before Him in prayer. We encourage you to pray through these points and scriptures regularly.

Here are some ways we might pray:

- 1.Thank the Lord for the gift of family. Express your gratitude that family is God's by design and not human invention.**
- 2.Ask for forgiveness on behalf of the Church for failing to model godly families before our society. We bear much blame for the deterioration of marriage and the family. (1 Timothy 5:8)**
- 3.Pray for help to live out God's intent for the family. May our homes become outposts for God's kingdom. (Acts 10:2)**
- 4.Confess our sins of responding to those caught up in a homosexual lifestyle with anger or hatred. Ask for help to love as Christ loves. (John 8:11)**
- 5.Pray that the Lord would show us in practical ways how to speak the truth in love according to His Word. (Ephesians 4:15)**
- 6.Ask God to pour out His wisdom on His people that we might see clearly the attack of the enemy on His design for marriage. May God's wisdom give us insight into the results of tearing down traditional one man-one woman marriage. (James 1:5)**
- 7.Plead with the Lord for divine intervention upon the Supreme Court. Pray that He would give wisdom and courage to these jurists to respond in righteousness. (Job 21:22; Job 9:24; Isaiah 1:26)**

A Model Prayer

Father, we are grateful to be able to call You that. To know that through Jesus, we have been brought into Your family. Thank You that our earthly families, as imperfect as they are, are a reflection of the eternal family for which You are our forever Father. Forgive us Lord, for not being better pictures of what the family is intended to be. Help us Lord to live out our lives in families with godliness, love, purity, and truth.

This broken world has affected all of us in so many damaging ways. We thank You for accepting us in our brokenness through Jesus, and for Your commitment to bringing us to spiritual and emotional health and wholeness. Forgive us as your people when we have gone on the offensive against those caught up in any sexual sin. Teach us how to live as You lived as You walked among us, Lord Jesus. We want to love as You loved and speak truth as You spoke truth.

From a place of humility before You, we plead with You Lord, to intervene to preserve Your intent regarding marriage. From the High Court of Heaven, would you step down into the Supreme Court of the United States to bring about Your will and purposes regarding the family? Give that wisdom which only You can give. Pour out righteousness upon our land. According to the word of the prophet Isaiah, would You restore our judges that they might rule according to Your purposes and desires? We ask this, for your honor and glory, in the majestic name of Jesus. Amen!

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National Sanctity of Marriage: 5 Days of Prayer and Fasting April 26-30

When: 4/26-30

Details: Join others in five days of prayer and fasting by signing up at nationalsanctityofmarriage.com to receive daily devotions and prayer points.

Sanctity of Marriage Conference Call
When: 4/28
Time: 10:00 - 11:00 ET
Info: 712-432-0075 then 1412452#

Strategic Prayer Guide for Sanctity of Marriage: available for download at nationalsanctityofmarriage.com

ISIS Prayer Guide

Did you know that according to historians the present danger of Islamic Terrorism will be with us for awhile? Let's brush aside the temptation to feel powerless and grab the invitation to impact the outcome of things through prayer.

A powerful new prayer tool has been launched to help you do just that. "Pray for ISIS Members, because Jesus loves them," is ready to lead you into history-making prayer. It's filled with scriptures, prayer guidelines, photos and even songs that will take you straight into God's throne room.

<http://prayforisismembers.com/>

Prayer accomplishes things that can only happen through connecting with a Living God. Jesus said, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

C'mon, let's shift the equation from death to life!

Please spread the word on this new prayer tool that focuses on ISIS. This is a collaborative effort between a number of ministries, each of whom want to remain anonymous.

After the recent tourist attack in Tunisia, the violence of terrorism continues to be a highly-charged spiritual problem. And the spiritual aspect can really only be tackled by believers.

[30-day prayer guide for ISIS members](#)

Retraction on Conversion Story of ISIS Fighter

One of our readers reported that the story we published in our March edition is now suspected to be untrue. He writes:

"I was super encouraged by this testimony about the Isis fighter who converted and



was about to forward it to some friends, until I realized that the story was published by World News Daily Report, a satirical online newspaper. Basically everything in the article is made-up. There is no "Aleppo Herald" for instance. I've fallen for these kinds of things before--basically, the WNDR prints nothing but fake news but in a style that sounds completely legitimate.

<https://ablestimage.wordpress.com/2015/02/28/did-the-aleppo-herald-report-hermann-groschlins-story-of-a-converted-isis-fighter-heres-proof/>

Thanks!

Jonathan

Finishing Well: How to Pray for Ourselves and Others Nearing the End of Life's Journey

For those who have finished well, Bobby Clinton has done comparative study and identified 6 characteristics:

Characteristic 1. They maintain a personal vibrant relationship with God right up to the end.

Characteristic 2. They maintain a learning posture and can learn from various kinds of sources-life especially.

Characteristic 3. They evidence Christlikeness in character as seen by the fruit of the Spirit in their lives.

Characteristic 4. Truth is lived out in their lives so that convictions and promises of God are seen to be real.

Characteristic 5. They leave behind one or more ultimate contributions (saint, stylistic practitioners, mentors, public rhetoricians, pioneers, crusaders, artists, founder, stabilizers, researchers, writers, promoters).

Characteristic 6. They walk with a growing awareness of a sense of destiny and see some or all of it fulfilled. The classic example in the Old Testament of a good finish is Daniel who manifests all six characteristics. The classic example in the New Testament other than Christ is Paul. There are gradations of finishing well. Some finish well but not quite having all six or lesser intensity on one or the other major characteristics.

(Summary of Bobby Clinton's writing shared by Luis Bush, Servant Catalyst for the Transform World Movement .

The fuller article is available from the Clinton Resources at <http://www.bobbyclinton.com>)

Rise-UP Prayer Conference for Europe, May 14-16, Wiesbaden, Germany



As we are all following what's happening in the middle east and north africa, the last 4 years. The lord spoke to our hearts that it's the time to pray for europe, being the first station to host the millions of immigrants coming from the arab world.

It started with a prayer conference that gathered many arabic churches in the u.k. in 2013, declaring at the end that "uk 4 jc", followed by another one in germany for the arabic churches there as well in 2014, the lord lead us to declare "dl 4 jc"..

In october 2014, we called 35 prayer leaders from 15 countries in europe to prepare for the upcoming conference in frankfurt may 2015, but this time not only for the arabs living in europe, but for all christians who could join to seek his face in this critical season.

The lord showed us that there are 2 golden years for the continent to listen to the wake up call from the lord, or significant security threats and economic cracks will start to happen.

Earlier this year, on the 7th of january 2015, the first wake-up call to the continent was ringing in paris, but that tragedy attracted the ears of all.

Beloved, i urge you in jesus name to sound the trumpet calling for prayer for europe, before its too late.

You are all invited to join this one, pr. Sameh maurice from kdec (egypt), alongside the prayer network of egypt, and the arabic prayer network in europe, will be there.

Its a 'kairos moment' for europe's divine visitation.

Please, spread the word to your networks, and come join us.

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40 DAYS OF GLOBAL PRAYER FOR NEPAL
15 APRIL - 24 MAY 2015

PRAYER REQUEST

Nepal, a land of humid and fertile plains in the south, green forested hills in the middle and the majestic snowcapped Himalayas along the north. The people are ethnically diverse with more than 100 people groups and castes, many of whom have migrated to Nepal in earlier generations from the surrounding regions. Of the 27 million people of Nepal, the majority continue to follow the Hindu or Buddhist (or both) traditions which have been intertwined in the social fabric of the culture. It's a country where it looks like time has almost stood still in the remote villages where the vast majority reside, while the capital has become a polluted and bustling metropolis comprised of those seeking a brighter future from the rampant poverty. There is even a large Nepali diaspora who travel overseas in search of labour to improve their family's fortunes.

Since the end of the 10 year civil war in 2006, the governments have repeatedly failed to write the constitution. The main contentious issue is how to divide the country into federal states in a way that satisfies the demands of all the ethnic groups.

Prior to 1952, there were no churches or Christians in Nepal and the borders were closed. However, since then, the church has witnessed remarkable growth through the power of God. There is now at least a church in every district and many new believers sharing the gospel in the face of growing adversity in all levels of society.

It is in these uncertain times of real need that the Christian community of Nepal are uniting as we look to our steadfast Father in Heaven, believing that "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV). God transforms people and nations and we are uniting in prayer to see Nepal become a nation of righteousness, justice, peace and prosperity. Just as our Lord Jesus prayed for 40 days, so we, the Christian community of Nepal, request and invite you to join us for 40 days in praying for this nation and those in authority (1 Tim 2: 1-4). We long for God's sovereign work in healing the nation and we invite individuals, groups, churches and denominations from around the world to join with us in the 40 Days of Global Prayer for Nepal. We kindly seek your cooperation to share this information as widely as possible.

Thank you!
Ghanshyam Dahal CHIEF COORDINATOR
Bhab B. Ghale Facilitator

40 DAYS OF GLOBAL PRAYER FOR NEPAL 15 APRIL - 24 MAY 2015
PRAYER GUIDE
WEEK 1 (15th APRIL - 19th APRIL)

1. PRAYING LORD'S PRAYER OVER NEPAL (MATTHEW 6:9-13)
 1. Pray for God's name to be held in high regard, for His Kingdom come and His will be done in Nepal.
 2. Pray for the provision of the needs of the people in this land of physical and spiritual poverty.

3. Pray for forgiveness and reconciliation at all levels of society - especially among church leaders so that they unite, embrace and forgive each other in Christian love.
Pray for strength during temptation and for deliverance from evil.

4. Pray for many Christians in Nepal and beyond to unite in 40 Days of Prayer for Nepal and to lift the nation up in prayer before the throne of God.

2. PRAYER AGAINST THE POWER OF DARKNESS (2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5)

1. Pray against the strongholds, for evil plans and purposes to be frustrated and destroyed and the power of darkness brought down.
2. Pray against the wall of any evil acts, unrighteousness, idolatry to come down.
3. Pray against the spirit of malice, disunity, deceit, injustice, corruption, crimes, etc. so that they will not prevail in Nepal.

WEEK 2 (20th APRIL - 26th APRIL)

3. PRAISE GOD

1. Nepal is no longer a Hindu Kingdom, and has been declared a secular and federal democratic republic and that the sharing of the gospel and conversion are currently not restricted.
2. Christmas, as declared as a Public Holiday, makes easier for Christians to celebrate and share the reason for Christ's birth to the community.
3. Every year churches go out in the streets as demonstration of unity in celebrating Easter Sunday with singing and dancing with play cards and banners of Easter messages.
4. For continuing growth in the Church throughout Nepal (Government censuses claim only 300,000 Christians in Nepal but the local church estimates and believes this to actually be over 1 million).
1. For the fact that people are responding in faith when they hear the gospel and/or experience the power of God through miracles of healing and deliverance.
2. For relative stability and peace in light of the 10 year civil war which ended in 2006 and killed approx. 13,000 people and maimed and displaced many more.
3. For the growth of the church while the making of the constitution has been stalling. Pray that the constitution will be completed soon and will enable the church to continue to grow in number and depth.
4. For the Nepali churches which are catching the vision to pray for their country and for the growth of a unified prayer movement.
5. Although persecutions are still the reality, until now there has been liberty to worship and share the Gospel in Nepal.

WEEK 3 (27th APRIL - 3rd MAY)

4. PRAYER FOR THE NATION (1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4, 2 CHRONICLES 7:14)

1. For the political consensus on major and core issues affecting the successful completion of the peace process, and the writing and implementation of the new constitution.

2. For the establishment of sustainable peace and stability, as well as good and just government with righteous leaders and a bureaucracy full of integrity.
3. For the country's President, Vice President, Prime Minister, cabinet ministers, Constituent Assembly members, judiciary, defense department, civil society - that they can work together in unity for the benefit of the nation and the people of Nepal rather than themselves.
4. For an end to political instability, violence, crime, impunity, injustice and corruption.

WEEK 4 (4rd MAY - 10th MAY)

5. PRAYER FOR THE SOCIAL ISSUES AND THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE (ISAIAH 58:5-9, MATTHEW 25:31-40)

1. May the church continue to be bold enough to advocate and assign resources to address the issues of major social problems, including corruption, lack of education, caste discrimination, unemployment, violence against women, etc.
2. For the proper rehabilitation of the victims of the conflict and also natural disasters. Pray that people would find God in their times of need and calamity.
3. For Nepali young people to avoid drug-addiction and be engaged in productive activities, and for the Government of Nepal to create increasing employment opportunities for them.
4. Against the trafficking of women and children.
5. For God's value of life to be upheld in the laws and practices concerning abortion.
6. For the children at risk of exploitation and holistic development of all the children in Nepal.
7. For the church's response to social dilemmas and create a healthy society.

WEEK 5 (11th MAY - 17th MAY)

6. PRAYER FOR THE NEPALI CHURCH (ACTS 2:42-47, ACTS 6:1-4)

- May the Nepali Church be united in the vision and active involvement in PRAYING, SHARING THE GOSPEL, DISCIPLING AND ENGAGING IN SOCIAL WORKS and transform the nation.
- For continual unity in the Church in prayer and action.
- May the Church continue to be faithful in living out both the Great Commandment and the Great Commission of Lord Jesus Christ.
- May the Church be involved in and show interest in social work so that it can continue to be salt and light in the society.
- For continued liberty to profess and practice individual faith.
- Against the negative influence of false teachings.
- For effectiveness of organizations working in partnership with the church in Nepal.

WEEK 6 (18th MAY - 24th MAY)

7. FOR GOD'S KINGDOM AND REVIVAL IN NEPAL (ACTS 1:8, JOEL 2:28)

- For a renewed zeal and passion for prayer, and that the Kingdom of God will be established across Nepal.
- To see at least one church and one trained leader in each village throughout Nepal.
- For church growth among the Nepali diaspora around the world.

- For God to be lifted high and blessing to flow from the highest place in the world to the rest of the world.

IPC Calendar

20-24th April 2015 - 4/14 Window Asia Pacific Youth Congress
Place : Bali, Indonesia
info414youth@gmail.com

26-30, April 2015 - National Sanctity of Marriage (5days of Fasting)
www.nationalsanctityofmarriage.com

30 April - 6 May 2015
National Day of Prayer and Fasting Team
www.nationaldayofprayer.com.au
warwick@webshield.net.au

14th - 16th, May 2014 Rise-UP Prayer Conference for Europe
Wiesbaden, Germany
www.riseup-now.com

6-9th August, 2015 - International Children Intercessors Conference
Place: Chennai, India
icic@royalkids.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.

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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.

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