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# International Prayer Connections

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

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## Intercession is an act of dangerous warfare

**By Jason Mandryk, a member of the IPC leadership team**

The apostle Paul writes to his young protégé, Timothy, "Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them"(2 Tim 2:3-4).

There is a particular lifestyle associated with being a soldier. It is essential to remember that as a soldier, you are no longer a civilian. You are called apart and live separately. Getting entangled in the mundane affairs of the civilian world is not allowed for a soldier on duty; you serve a higher cause. Off- duty soldiers who get caught up in naughty behaviour unbecoming of a man in uniform face more severe consequences than would some random person on the street. Living within the chain of command means that you are accountable to your commanding officers for your actions and attitudes, that you are accountable for those under your command, and that you are accountable to your comrades in arms. When the accountability built into the chain of command fails, the effectiveness of the armed forces declines. The discipline and accountability required of a soldier is there to save his life and the lives of those serving with him.

Moreover, the overarching reality of life as a soldier is not that you get to shoot big guns, travel the world, ride in helicopters and battleships and wear cool gear like night vision goggles. The overarching reality is that you no longer belong to yourself. You belong to a larger and greater cause. Your life is not your own. You don't get to just opt out when things get messy, your unit comes under fire and lives are at stake. Doing so is desertion, a crime punishable by death through much of military history.

As a Canadian, I was taught in high school of the history of Canada's participation in World War. Many regard Canada's participation on the Western Front as a defining coming of age as a nation. The campaign in which Canadian troops especially distinguished themselves was that of Vimy Ridge. That episode in Canadian history is superbly retold by the eminent Canadian storyteller and historian, Pierre Berton, in a book of the same name.

These young men in the Canadian Corps, from places like the Yukon and Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island, went to war in a far-off land, against enemies from foreign country (predominantly Germany), effectively on behalf of yet another country (Great Britain). They sailed to the other side of the world and lived in horrendous conditions. Trench warfare was noted not only for its grotesquely high casualty rates, but for the miseries endured by the living. Life in the trenches was a living hell, full of disease and rats, endless mud, inadequate food and drinking water, and either claustrophobia in airless tunnels or exposure from lack of shelter, not to mention the soul-crushing wait to pile into the meat grinder and die from machine gun fire, artillery explosions, snipers, grenades, bayonets, or most horribly, from poisonous gases now banned by the United Nations. These men from not just Canada, but from Africa, Australia, New Zealand and the far reaches of the British Empire lived and fought and killed and died for a cause that didn't even really belong to them. The majority of them were volunteers.

And yet we, as part of a cause that is infinitely more glorious and eternal, can't even rouse ourselves to a lifestyle of prayer. It's a sobering thought. In the mission organization I serve with, small prayer groups are dotted around the world, interceding for workers serving on mission field. These prayer groups were called "prayer batteries". This is not because of the modern concept of a battery providing energy and power, although that, too, is a good metaphor for how intercession supports those serving in mission. This agency was founded in 1913. It grew out of an era when a battery was understood to be an organized group of artillery pieces. This is a superb analogy. Just as the artillery fire provided cover for advancing infantry, suppressing the enemy and softening the defences for the first wave of ground troops, so too our intercession not only covers the missionaries with spiritual protection, but opens up the ground for the greatest possible impact upon engagement.

Military language and metaphors are no longer en vogue in missiological vocabulary. We recognize that our mission is to demonstrate the love of Christ to all people and to serve others humbly. Adversarial, militaristic language can communicate the wrong idea that we are the good guys and everyone else the bad guys. It can encourage, or at least imply, imperialistic attitudes. Yet we also recognize that our battle is not with flesh and blood, but against spiritual powers that set themselves up against the authority of Christ. Such wicked powers long for the subjugation, degradation, and destruction of all people and societies. In the hyper-technological, modern world many of us live in, to think of a disembodied, Satanic foe seems the subject of a horror film or campfire story. Yet Christ himself as well as many of the writers of the Bible made no bones about the reality of our spiritual enemy. Go spend extended time in a context that is not prosperous, cozy, and insulated from the "real" world by chrome, digital displays, Vicodin, air conditioning, drive-throughs, and hand sanitizer, and you will quickly discover that very modern and educated people know very well the realities of spiritual evil and oppression.

C.S. Lewis sagely wrote that "There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel and excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors, and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight." [i] Yet I do not intend to write a treatise on spiritual warfare. There exist already many excellent resources on that subject, and should you become engaged in a lifestyle of intercession, then I suggest you avail yourself of them.

The truth is that we are in a war, although most of us don't live like it. There will be casualties in a cosmic struggle on such an epic scale. The devil is filled with great wrath, because he knows his time is short. (Rev 12:12) People who engage in shining light into the darkness and setting the captives free from oppression and bondage are going to face opposition. The world, the flesh and the devil do not willingly give ground when the gospel advances. There will be many kinds of suffering. Some of us will die for our faith. And that is to be expected. The devil was overcome by the blood of the Lamb (i.e. Jesus' suffering and death on the cross) and by the fact that the saints "loved not their lives even unto death." (Rev 12:11) There are always casualties in war, and this is the defining war of human existence! When we look at the big picture, whether we live or die is such a tiny issue compared to the grand campaign of bringing Jesus' life and freedom - now and for eternity - to those who suffer in chains.

You know what you never hear in church? "Want to live an adventure? Want to take risks? Want to live dangerously? Come to the prayer meeting!" This is not because such claims are untrue, but because most of us have lost the sense what is at stake in our intercession. We do not see prayer as a dangerous act. Yet true intercession puts us in the crosshairs. Remember that the word itself means interposing ourselves. A life of intercession means that we make ourselves a conduit between humanity and God - on behalf of loved ones, on behalf of the Church, on behalf of our communities, city and nations, on behalf of the whole human race. It also means that we place ourselves between those whom we love and care for and our spiritual enemy, who seeks to kill, steal, and destroy. Standing in the gap in this way certainly can be dangerous. Yet the sense that our prayer lives should be dangerous and risky is missing for so many of us, especially among the younger generation.

There is one other dangerous element in global intercession - the likelihood that God changes you through the process of prayer. Richard Foster states, "To pray is to change. Prayer is the central avenue God uses to transform us."<sup>[i]</sup> God may seize your heart for those suffering or lost, leading you to changes in your lifestyle and faith. The Lord may even call you - gasp - to full time service, possibly even in missions! As Eugene Peterson rightly observes, "Be slow to pray. Praying puts us at risk of getting involved with God's conditions...Praying most often doesn't get us what we want but what God wants, something quite at variance with what we conceive to be our best interests. And when we realize what is going on, it is often too late to go back."<sup>[iii]</sup>

[i] C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters* (London: Fount, 1986), p.9.

[ii] *Ibid*, p. 30

[iii] Eugene Peterson, *Working the Angles* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 1987), 30-31

## Pray for Nepal

You have no doubt heard about the tragic earthquake in Nepal that so far has killed over 5000 people. The toll is likely to go higher. A friend of ours who leads a house of prayer in Kathmandu wrote a couple days ago.



"Please pray for Nepal. Please remember us in your prayer. Praise The Lord still we are safe from His grace but many people died including believers....We just built tent home and we will stay there tonight, please continue pray for us that God be us and protect everyone through His power. May The Lord bless you, Govinda and family".

**Please be in prayer now for the following:**

**1 That the after shocks will calm down and for protection over those huddling in make-shift encampments outside their homes and in public squares.**

**2 For effective and well-coordinated national and international rescue and relief efforts for those who may still be trapped under collapsed buildings as well as for the quick supply of food, medicine and tents and that epidemics will be averted. More than 10,000 also need medical treatment.**

**3 Pray also for God's peace, comfort and love to surround this beautiful nation and this precious people, the great majority of whom still need to find Christ. May this tragedy and the loss of so many be used redemptively by the Lord to break the hold of Hindu and Buddhist idolatry and to bring huge numbers in every unreached people group to deliverance and faith in Him.**

Thanks for your prayers.  
John Robb

## **Pray for the Nordic Summit- for the people of God in our five Nordic countries!**

**Stockholm, 14-16 May 2015**

If you want to see the local church revived, prayer altars raised and the working life released by the Spirit of the Lord and you being part of it, then you should seriously consider attending this Conference. We will gather before the Lord in unity with diversity, representing different



countries, cultures and callings in the church-at-large, with society, working- & business life and prayer in special focus.

Together we will seek God in prayer and worship and let Him speak to us about our common calling as Nordic countries, the current state and future restoration, in seeing His kingdom come and will be done.



We want to rediscover our redemptive purpose in God to manifest the positive spiritual "Viking" inheritance of boldness, dedication and resourcefulness. Embrace the call of being channels of God's power and presence in our societies, proclaiming freedom over our Nordic countries to become a place of refuge, a sanctuary in times of trouble, and to stand in a covenant relationship with Israel.

We want to be relevant in solutions for today's agenda and issues and take responsibility in standing in the gap, in prayer and action, for our nations, as a united people of God. Ezekiel 22:30 - So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- Call forth leaders and elders to rise to the challenge to join in strategic prayer together with those who have a prophetic calling in intercession, church planting and working life.
- Lay the foundation for a solid strategic network of servant leaders between the people of God in different areas in all Nordic countries, with a purpose to become a blessing for society and our countries, not seeking our own blessings. Jer 29:7.
- Be able to form a strategy for an effective coalition of prayer in the Nordic countries.
- Inspire the multitude of Christians to establish altars of prayer in their homes, workplaces, cities and nations, to invite the manifested presence of God.
- Make a prophetic manifestation of unity before God and man.

### **PURPOSE**

Remaining Christ-centered, Spirit-led and securely grounded in the Word of God. Work toward fulfilling the Great Commission through the manifest presence of God, and by overcoming through the word of our testimony, in all spheres of our society and beyond. This means:

- To serve the world - making an impact and manifesting His Kingdom.
- To equip us to better understand God's Yes, His redemptive purpose and calling to us as individuals, as peoples and nations of the North.
- To inspire us all to serve the Lord "fulltime" and to take responsibility by "standing in the gap" for our Nordic countries and our relationship to Israel.
- To gather marketplace & business people, intercessors and church leaders from the Nordic nations to walk in unity as a "people".

It is an Initiative from ICCC in the Nordic countries, but together with many big Christian organizations such as The Oasis movement in the Nordic countries and others. We have connected with the intercessory movement in all the Nordic countries and with leading churches. So the three:



1. Business/working life representatives, like ICCC,
2. Intercessors
3. Church leaders

...are now standing together - calling forth the redemptive purpose from the Lord regarding the Nordic Countries. IT IS TIME FOR THE NEW SPIRITUAL VIKINGS TO TAKR TERRITORY AND BE BOLD IN THE SPIRIT !!

Finally, and from the bottom of my heart I invite you all to the coming strategy and prayer Conference - The Nordic Summit in Stockholm 14-16 May 2015.

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**Prayer requests for the conference could be:**

- A new unity between the Nordic countries and the peoples
- A new, fresh and relevant church - who are bold and take action and stand in the gap for God and his people the Jews and the state of Israel
- A deeper understanding of God's YES to the Nordic countries and the redemptive calling and gifting to be used in anew way in the future
- after the conference
- A better understanding of God's YES to different industries, sectors and issues (Media, education, migration, security, defense and Agricultur, etc. )
- A high level of freedom and liberty in the conference so we reach the purpose and objectives
- That the worship team can deliver what God has on His heart - and that the prophetic actions will be aligned with the Lord's purposes of our time in the Nordics and in the conference

## **World Prayer Centre and Trumpet Call National Prayer Day in the UK**

On July 4th the World Prayer Centre team together with leaders from around the nation are meeting in Birmingham England to hold a Trumpet Call national day of prayer at the International Convention Centre. The ICC site is significant in that from the middle of the 18th century until the middle 1960's great preachers of the Gospel including ,D L Moody, A.R. Torrey, George Jeffrey's and Billy Graham saw many thousands coming to Christ on this very ground.

So we are going back to this site in the heart of our City in the heart of the nation to blow a trumpet of alarm and a trumpet of proclamation.

Our nation that for centuries had the Christian faith as a foundation to its very existence, is saying we don't do God and we don't need God. This is giving opportunity for other religions and ideologies to fill the spiritual vacuum. At this time, God has called us to sound the alarm, declare that we desperately do need God and pray into the following 5 areas.

**To declare the pre-eminence of The Lord Jesus Christ**

**For the release of God's Word and Spirit and the preaching of the Gospel**

**For the power of unity in the body of Christ**

**For the Church to awaken to the seriousness of the situation**

**For a revival in our children and young people producing a harvest generation.**

We would be honoured and blessed if you our brothers and sisters around the world would stand with us on that day.

We would be more blessed if you would like to send a greeting from your nation that we could share with the 3000 folks we are inviting.

We would value prayer for a general election in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. There is much uncertainty as to the outcome and whatever that is, it will have huge consequences for the immediate and for generations to come.

Thank you, together we stand in Christ to see His Kingdom come and His will done wherever you are on earth as it is in heaven.

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## **Australia Calls World to Pray for USA**

For the third year in a row Australia's National Day of Prayer and Fasting team has called the nations of the world to pray and fast for the



USA. This year it will be for seven days from 30 April to 6 May 2015. These dates bridge America's National



Day of Repentance on 30 April and the National Day of Prayer on 7 May. Last year over 40 nations joined. This year they are believing for over 100 nations.

In this Good News Update we urge you to join in prayer and fasting for the USA. What happens there very much affects the world including us.

America is a nation whose greatness is inextricably linked to its motto "In God We Trust". It is a nation which has been a beacon of hope, a bastion of freedom and a bulwark against evil to the nations of the world.

And we must not forget that America is a long time friend of Australia. Both our nations fought together in World Wars I and II and many other conflicts. Now we fight side by side in a spiritual battle for our respective nations.

Indeed no other nation has been used by God as mightily to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. Yet it would seem, at this time, that America is shaking and drifting from its Christian foundations and even sinking. It is in such a time of America's economic uncertainty, social upheaval and increasing international isolation that we are called to pray and fast.

Lana Vawser from Australia said, "There is a fight for the destiny of the USA right now. The destiny of America hangs in the balance. The Lord is calling his people to arise and pray for the United States of America. It is time to contend."

Please view this encouragement to pray and fast for America.  
Global Call: Prayer and Fasting For America - 30 April to 6 May 2015

<http://youtu.be/fppeSN1xBn4>

## Call to Prayer from Anne Graham Lotz, Daughter of Billy Graham, May 15-May 23

**April 28, 2015**

**"For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now..."**

**- Matthew 24:21**

This past Spring, Joel Rosenberg and I taught through the book of Joel as we led a prophecy seminar at The Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove. It was my privilege to give the first two messages that covered Joel 1:1 through Joel 2:17. The impact on me was profound. Both times, when I stepped off of the platform, I knew God had spoken. The messages almost made the hair stand up on the back of my neck. Why? Because God was clearly warning that His judgment is coming on America and it's going to be ugly. I knew it then, and I know it now.

I believe Jesus is soon to return to take all of His followers to Heaven with Him in The Rapture. While this will be deliverance for you and me, can you imagine the impact on our nation, let alone the world, when suddenly every single authentic Christian disappears? Institutions will collapse. Banks will close. The Stock Market will plunge. Planes will fall out of the sky. Cars will crash on the road. Government in America at every level will disintegrate.



Families will be torn apart. In the unprecedented turmoil, our nation will be vulnerable for our enemies to seize the moment and attack us. There will be mass chaos, confusion, fear, grief, despair, anger, threats, danger... judgment.

Just as God allowed the Israelites, His people, to go through three of the ten plagues He sent in judgment on Pharaoh and Egypt in Exodus 6-8, God may allow His people today to go through a time of distress and trouble before the rapture takes place. I believe we are in that time now. I believe it's time to not just pray. It's time to cry out to God on behalf of our nation and our world.

MAYDAY! MAYDAY! is an international distress call that signals a life-threatening emergency. And it's the call to cry out that I am issuing May 15-May 23. These are the nine days between the Day of the Ascension of Jesus and the Day of Pentecost that have Biblically and traditionally been days of prayer and fasting for an outpouring of God's Spirit.

The purpose of MAYDAY! MAYDAY! is ...

- To claim God our Father's promise of an outpouring of His Spirit in these days following extraordinary signs in the sky ...I will pour out my Spirit in those days ...The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. Joel 2:29, 31
- To implore God the Holy Spirit to compel the church to repent of sin and our nation to return to faith in the living God, that times of refreshing may come... Acts 3:19
- To entreat God our Savior for an abundant harvest of souls for His Kingdom in the remaining days. Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35
- To delay or soften God's judgment that is coming on America and on our world. Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing. Joel 2:13-14

I'm asking you to please partner with me, and invite everyone on your email address list, or who follows you on facebook or twitter, to join us. I will be posting a blog this Thursday, April 30, at <http://www.annegrahamlotz.org/mayday/> that will include specific information on how to participate. Please feel free to forward this letter to your constituents or use it in any way that would be helpful.

I will provide a prayer I have written for each of the 9 days to help unite us in one spirit and one voice as we cry out to God. Those who receive the eBlast are invited to sign up for the daily email prayers. Please be assured there is no other agenda to this initiative. This is not about promoting anything or anyone. This is all about calling God's people together to pray, before it's too late, and judgment falls on our nation. [1] Please let me hear back from you as soon as possible. Time is short.  
Urgently,

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress.**

**-Psalm 107:19**

[1] [1] One month after **Mayday! Mayday!** the Supreme Court will make a landmark decision on marriage. And four months after **Mayday! Mayday!** Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish Feast of Trumpets that many people believe

will be fulfilled by the rapture of the church, will take place on September 13-15. Soon after Rosh Hashanah, the fourth blood moon will occur on September 28. The time is critical, and the time is now, to pray!



## Report on the Prayer Initiatives for North Korea and Pakistan (March 2015)

The PINK initiative (Prayer Initiative for North Korea) was a magnificent initiative, one of the best organized and most powerful ones I have been part of. We certainly felt your prayers of support. The Korean organizers did such a great job, and it is always so invigorating to pray Korean style with everyone crying out to the Lord at the same time, a great ocean wave of fervent intercession! There were about 300 participants, with both North and South Koreans and about 10% who were from other nations. The first day focused on repentance, the next on intercession, and the final day on restoration and blessing.

We also made an excursion to the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone), a few kilometers of land between the North and South that are technically still at war. There, in a little church building built on land where many thousands died during the North Korean invasion in 1950, we had our final service of worship, prayer and declaration of His blessings over these two divided nations.

Many had the same sense, inspired on Isaiah 40 and other Scripture passages, that there will be a new super highway connecting the North and South in a reunified nation after the DMZ barbwire fences are torn down and that a move towards reunification was already in process. The Korean organizers are working on a fuller report along with a brief video, which will be shared in Connections when it is completed.

Please continue to pray for the intercessors to be encouraged and to persevere and for the governments of both nations and the surrounding countries to be willing to work together to bring about a new, united Korea.

### Pakistan

Our friend "Michael" also gave me a very encouraging oral and written word about his visit to Pakistan. He said that he "had never walked in such authority" in teaching and in prayer for healing and deliverance. At one place, about 150 children helped to pray authoritatively for the sick and

demonized which was wonderful to hear! He said there were "many answers to prayer and many praises" including good health, safety, and a good reception in every place. People were open to his teaching and eager to learn more about prayer and what they, as Christians, can do in a difficult land.

**He asks that we pray:**

**For Christians as they come under increasing persecution and for God's protection for them against any backlash that would come against those who participated and for their families and that they will be shining lights in a dark place. (For him and his family too.)**

Thanks so much for your prayer support for these important initiatives for His Kingdom.

## More about North Korea

We continue to pray 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. 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. Both are charged with spying. Here is a bit more information on the Garratts and Peter Hahn. Please keep all four of these brave souls, who are suffering for the sake of the Gospel, in your prayers.



Meanwhile life for the people of North Korea continues to be bleak with increased surveillance, ongoing restrictions on travel and even more on commerce, new efforts to quash anti-Kim Jong Un activity, bribery that begets bribery, demands for parents to pay for school upgrades, forced participation in the mass games for what turned out to be a disappointing celebration of Great Sun Day (Kim Il Sung's birthday) and general high level abuse of power. Economic conditions continue to be a concern. Check out this new market roundup report. Respect for their own currency has fallen to such a low level that North Koreans consider finding an NK coin to be bad luck. People have taken to burning books about the Kim dynasty because that is safer than having them in their home and not being able to keep them in pristine condition. The young ruler is also continuing to purge elements in the government who might threaten his authority. There is a new report that he has had 15 top officials executed do far this year.

However, while all this goes on, there are the new wealthy who sport more trendy fashions and are buying up property, especially in Pyongyang. Party cadres are also binging on South Korean TV dramas even though they are supposed to be preventing others from watching them. In addition to expanding markets (often at great personal risk to the women traders who have taken to "hot pepper bombs" for self-protection), more personal farming is going on, which will help the food situation.

As for the leader... well, he seems to doing well as he revives the North Korea leader's traditional pleasure troupe and continues to grow fatter--although this may prove to be his downfall.

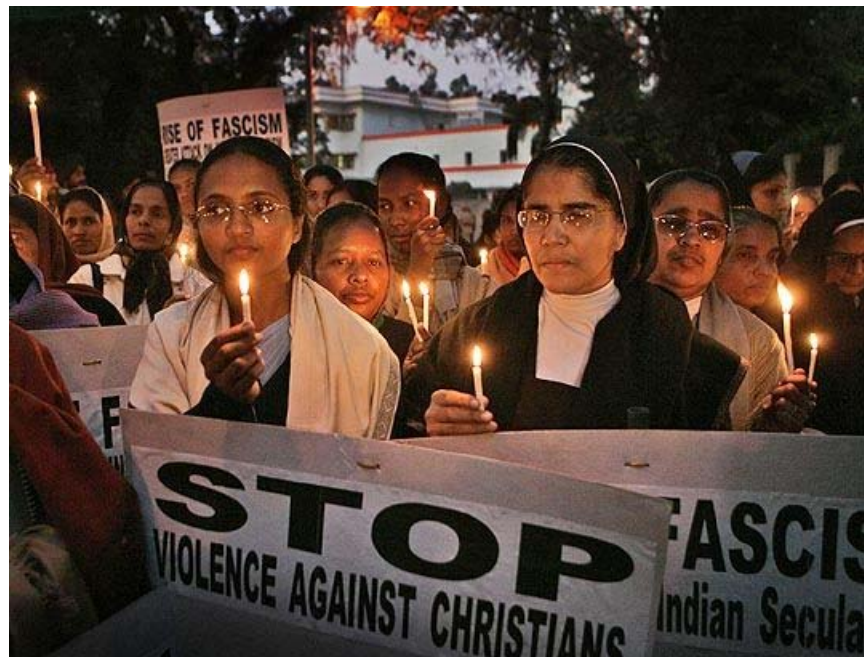
On the international trade front, recent confirmations of large reserves of rare earth minerals (critical to modern electronics and not widely available) are increasing Chinese and Russian involvement. Tourism is also a growing business--or at least the government hopes it will be--and the North is recruiting people to teach English to tour guides... at the teacher's expense.

#### Koinonia and Korea: Thoughts on Unification

This is an anthology of essays by Fr. Archer Torrey that relate to North Korea and the future of the whole land. Released in August of last to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Fr. Torrey's passing away, it is the first time that any of his writings have been published in both English and Korean in one volume. Anyone interested in this important work may order through us if you are outside of Korea or, if you are in Korea, directly from the publisher, Hong Sung Sa or at Christian books stores. If you are ordering from the US, the cost is \$14 plus shipping: \$12 by surface (takes about two months) or \$20 by air. If you order several copies, shipping fees will vary. Email me at [bentorrey@thefourthriver.org](mailto:bentorrey@thefourthriver.org) if you are interested.

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## Persecution and Oppression of Christians and Ministries in India



As you know we are living in very hard times during these days in India. We cannot do anything openly, but we do everything carefully and without any publication. After the present BJP government came to power in the central government, even to distribute a tract is considered as an offence. The police consider this as cause for disturbing the communal harmony and arrest the workers and put them in jail for minimum 6 months even without filing any case. They are doing this to please their political bosses.

The central government is targeting the Non - Government Organizations (NGOs). They have already cancelled the FCRA (Foreign Currency Regulation Act) numbers of many organizations through which NGOs can



get foreign money. In the month of September 2015, they are going to cancel the FCRA number of all NGOs including all Christian mission organizations and they may renew the FCRA number for a few organizations whom they wish to renew. This will heavily affect the Christian missions in India. Kindly pray for this. The fringe groups of RSS continue to attack the Christians across India. In real sense we are living in terror. Kindly pray for these huddles and persecutions to be removed and God to give us full freedom to continue His ministry.

**Please pray for India and its government that those who are persecuting Christ's people will change their attitudes or be removed from power. Pray for special grace for the ministries, mission efforts and Christian leaders to be given special grace, wisdom and endurance in this trying situation.**

## RESET, the Million Youth Prayer Initiative for 2016



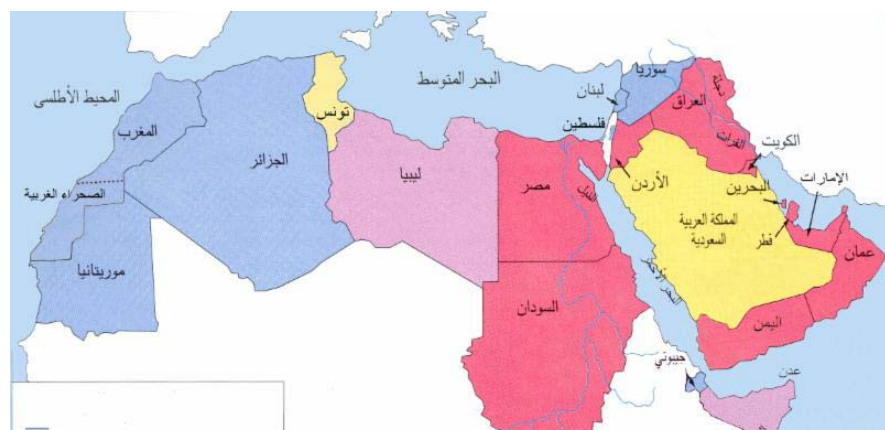
Many ministries are getting on board (especially related to the next generation) and are looking to have a million young people gathering to pray for spiritual awakening. I know you have a heart for the next generation!

If you'd like to know more, the website is [www.resetmovement.com](http://www.resetmovement.com)

Please pray for the youth and other ministry leaders as they meet June 11-13 in Washington, DC to plan this enormous effort. May the Lord give them great unity, clarity and His protection so that this assembly will happen with great impact upon the young generation and generations to come!

## Pray for and Attend Rise Up Now! Arab/ European Prayer Conference

We would like to invite you to the Arab/European Prayer Conference on May 14 through 16, 2015 at Wiesbaden, Germany. We see the countries of Europe at a crucial point in history; we are convinced that through prayer and humbling of His people, God is willing to change the history of Europe. The conference is our first step to bless the European Host countries through commitment in unity and prayer and by encouraging Arab believers to join this; we want to encourage local and Arab believers to participate together in intercession for Europe, to encourage them to pursue God's kingdom in their 'new' home country, Europe.





The initiative is from the Egypt Prayer Movement, joined by Arabic pastors & leaders and churches in Europe. The conference will include worshipping, prayer and intercessions, preaching, accommodation, and meals. We want to dedicate this time as people of God to search him and humble ourselves before him.

For further information and registration  
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Also please announce the Conference at your Churches as soon as possible for spaces are limited.

Online Registration Form will be available on our website within the coming couple of weeks.

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Please pray that the right people from across Europe and other nations will be able to take part; for the leaders; and for His strong guidance, anointing and transformational impact to flow out to the continent from this event.

## European Trumpet Call - Timisoara Romania

**Monday, 31 August - Friday, 4 September 2015**

Over recent years trumpets have been blown in many parts of our Continent as an act of obedience to the Lord. In the UK it started in Birmingham in response to the reading of the scriptures in Numbers 10 v9 which says, "When you go into battle in your own land against an enemy that is oppressing you, sound a blast on the trumpets. Then you will be remembered by the Lord your God and rescued from your enemies." From that and other scriptures we see that the sounding of trumpets were for gathering the people, moving the people, calling the people to war and celebrating the feasts and all that God had done.

As many of you know our brother Werner Woiwode from Switzerland, has not only blown the trumpet across Europe but in many other places around the world. In June 2014 we gathered in Macedonia and the Trumpet Call there encouraged our brothers and sisters across the Balkan nations and southern Europe.

Following recent Skype calls and a gathering of prayer leaders in Brussels, we believe it is right to go to Timisoara, Romania and blow the trumpet for the whole of our Continent. This invitation is to you, your church, your prayer ministry, your mission agency to come and join us in sounding the trumpet again over the Continent of Europe.

Our friends at The Christian Centre Timisoara/Agape Church have kindly made the church available for the week. We shall gather from 31 August early evening through to 4 September where for four days we shall have



continuous prayer, worship, reading of scripture and declaration of the truth of God's word and the frequent sounding of the trumpets.

There is accommodation nearby where you can stay. The Iulius shopping Mall is very near the church with restaurants and coffee shops. There will be a charge of 10 Euros per person to go towards Trumpet Call Timisoara expenses. There will be full details and booking facilities on a Trumpet Call website soon but we were keen for you to get these dates in your diary.

To help in your planning suggest you visit the web site of the International Airport of Timisoara at <http://www.aerotim.ro/index.php?lang=en> from here it is only a short ride to the Christian Centre.

We would appreciate your help in making this known across your networks; we would love to see as many Nations represented as possible. This will be an unique time since friends from the Ends of the World will join us to welcome the King of Glory in our continent.

May God continue to bless you in all He does through you  
On behalf of European Trumpet Call Team

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Ian Cole: UK  
Representing International Prayer Council Europe  
Ortwin Schweitzer: Germany  
Ian & Jill Jeal: France  
Representing European Union of Prayer

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Milo Siilata: New Zealand  
Elijah Titus: Papua New Guinea  
Geoff Armitage: Australia  
Timothy Map: Papua New Guinea  
Hezekiah Loloi: Vanuatu  
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Please pray for the organizers and that the right people will be called to come from across Europe and other nations. May this event be anointed and mightily used of the Lord to bring about a new atmosphere for His Church and for this crucially important continent that needs so much to see a new era of spiritual revival and social transformation!

**IPC Calendar**

May 14th - 16th Rise-Up Arab Europe Prayer Conference  
Website: <http://www.riseup-now.com>  
Email: [info@riseup-now.com](mailto:info@riseup-now.com)

May 15th - 23rd - Call to Prayer from Anne Graham Lotz  
<http://www.annegrahamlotz.org/mayday/>

31st Aug - 4th Sept European Trumpet Call - Timisoara Romania  
<http://www.aerotim.ro/index.php?lang=en>

## The IPC Website

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

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

Please send your suggestions to the IPC administrator Amazing Grace Cruz at [office@ipcprayer.org](mailto:office@ipcprayer.org)

## About International Prayer Connect (IPC)

### OUR VISION:

*"Compelled by God to seek Christ's glory worldwide for the blessing, healing, and transforming of the nations, International Prayer Connect exists as a coalition of prayer networkers and mobilizers working together to motivate, develop and equip national movements and local churches to fill all nations with prayer for the fulfillment of the Great Commandment and the completion of the Great Commission."*

### HOW WE OPERATE:

The IPC is not an organization as such. We are a fellowship of people involved in mobilizing prayer throughout the world. We function as an international "network of networks", connecting international, regional, and national prayer ministries and networks. We also arrange or support special prayer initiatives that bring prayer leaders together from time to time to pray for matters of regional and global concern to the Body of Christ. Regional prayer summits have been arranged or supported by the IPC in most regions of the world as well as international prayer initiatives for the United Nations, Hollywood, and other issues.

The IPC is led by an international leadership team, now called the International Prayer Council, is composed of twenty leaders who coordinate regional prayer networks or international prayer initiatives of various kinds. We seek to be catalysts and connectors within the global prayer movement towards the fulfillment of Habakkuk 2:14- that *"the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."*

We do not have an official membership but connect with individuals and networks through *IPC Connections*, a periodical newsletter distributed via e-mail to give prayer information to interested people. Please share this newsletter with prayer coordinators, prayer network leaders, and others who have an interest in the global prayer movement so that they can be informed about different prayer initiatives, existing prayer networks, and how to participate in them.

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IPC Website (free resources and information for all ages):

[www.ipcprayer.org](http://www.ipcprayer.org)

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