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The Hands of God

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! I have engraved you on the palms of my hands." (Isaiah 49:15)

In December 2001, close to the time of the first IPC gathering near Ground Zero in New York, I was arriving with a team of prayer facilitators for a national prayer initiative in Monrovia, Liberia. As I entered the hotel entrance, a man selling mahogany wood carvings of all kinds, mostly of various African animals, excitedly handed me a different-looking one. "This one's for you," he proclaimed, no doubt anticipating he would make yet another sale to a foreign tourist.

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Some Important IPC Prayer Concerns



In our monthly IPC leadership team conference calls, because of His promises in Matthew 18:18-20, we always have a good time of sharing and prayer and know that such agreement in prayer will make a crucial difference across the world. *What can be more strategic for His Kingdom than to connect the leaders of international and regional prayer networks to share and pray together?*



Here are some current prayer concerns that were raised that we would like to share with you:

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National and International Security Prayer Concerns

In the USA, prayer network and ministry leaders are feeling led of the Lord to connect in intercession for our nation every week by conference calls until October. October 18-20, we plan to gather as many of them as possible to Colorado Springs for a face to face time of standing in the counsel of the Lord together to hear presentations on the current national security threats, to pray in response and to seek God for a united strategy of national spiritual preparedness. The details are attached below if you are a prayer network or ministry leader and would like to take part.



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Afghanistan: Hope through Persevering Prayer for a Land in Conflict

One of the countries that we often pray for is Afghanistan. This Central Asian land that has known awful invasions and bloodshed for hundreds of years has made considerable progress in national development since the Taliban were overthrown in 2002. Women have been able to go back to work, children back to school, and many other encouraging changes such as the opening of hospitals and universities and the building of new roads and infrastructure have occurred over the last decade. These gratifying changes have been brought about by the democratically elected government and a committed international humanitarian community. However, unfortunately, the Taliban have regrouped and with the drawdown of American and Coalition forces, they have become far more bold and aggressive in attacking the army and police as well as in launching suicide attacks in the capital.

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Taliban Confused and Nervous

The Taliban carried out many deadly remarkably vicious attacks in Kabul in recent days which claimed many innocent lives. These attacks may be an apparent attempt by the Taliban leaders to portray unity, boost the morale of the cadres and to show that the jihad against government forces and their foreign backers continues despite internal chaos.



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ISIS: Pray for the Women They are Abusing

"In the August 13th edition of the New York Times there was an article titled, "[ISIS Enshrines a Theology of Rape](#)." It is the most disturbing piece I have ever read. We are familiar with the atrocity of rape in our nation, but here the perpetrator is hunted down. It is a crime punishable by imprisonment. Not so in Iran and Syria, where it is now perceived in ISIS circles as an act of worship! Recently, twenty-one women and young girls escaped the Islamic State and one of them, a twelve-year old girl, agreed to an interview, if her identity were hidden.



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Tensions between North and South Korea

According to a report by Yonhap News, envoys from North and South Korea have reached a deal to end some of the most recent tensions that have plagued relations between the two countries. The agreement ends "marathon talks aimed at defusing tensions on the Korean Peninsula," the South Korean news agency reported. Most recently a standoff involving an exchange of artillery fire had pushed tensions between the rivals to a recent high. CNBC.com August 24



Let's pray for His peace between the two nations and that God will use the current tensions for good towards their eventual reunification.

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World Youth Prayer Assembly Launch in Malaysia, August 6-7

The launch of the World Youth Prayer Assembly (UPrising- United Prayer Rising) for the nation of Malaysia went very well. About 70 Christian leaders met the first night followed by 700-800 youth the second night. They were strongly challenged by Pastor Jerome Ocampo, the WYPA convener, to embrace the vision of mobilizing the youth and children to gather in South Korea next July 2016 (26-30). I was also able to share with them.

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Prayer for Hajj

Hajj Prayer is a 3-day effort to pray for people going on the Hajj (Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca) from 21-23 September, 2015. All the Hajj Prayer 2015 information can be found at the Praying Through the Arabian Peninsula website: <http://www.pray-ap.info/hajj>. There is a Hajj video and also a three-day prayer guide. The day when Muslims are on Mount



Arafat, seeking forgiveness of sins is Yom Kippur, the day Jews are also seeking forgiveness of sins-their calendars are aligning to make this happen.

We encourage everyone to pray for one-fifth of the world during these days.

21 Days for Global Harvest

We wanted to bring to your attention the upcoming '21 Days For Global Harvest' prayer campaign and to especially request your kind support and assistance as a friend of SVM2 and a stakeholder in passing on the information and promoting this global prayer campaign among your IPC networks around the world..

Here are a few ways we suggest you could possibly do this

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Movement Day Global Cities, New York

I want to encourage you to register to receive an early invitation to participate in a highly strategic gathering of leaders October 24-28, 2016, in New York City: Movement Day Global Cities. Since 2010, New York has hosted Movement Day, a cutting-edge consultation for leaders growing collaborative city movements. Under the leadership of Dr. Mac Pier and the New York City Leadership Center, I am serving as the Coordinator of the Global Cities Leadership Community, a rapidly growing network of kingdom leaders engaged with city movements that are already existing, or emerging



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India: Pakistan Calls Off National Security Advisor Talks

Stratfor.com August 22, 2015

Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced Aug. 22 that Pakistan will not attend the planned national security advisor talks citing "preconditions" set by India earlier in the day, the Express Tribune reported. The Pakistani government specifically mentioned that it could not accept India's conditions to limit the talks to ways of ending terrorism and maintaining tranquility on the Line of Control. Representatives of the Indian government denied that they had set preconditions. Indian Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj said earlier that talks could be delayed if Pakistani National Security Advisor Sartaj Aziz insisted on meeting with Kashmiri separatist leaders.



Let's pray for the soon rescheduling of these security talks. The border between India and Pakistan is probably the most dangerous one on earth since both nations have nuclear weapons. May there be a thaw in the relationship of these South Asian enemies!

Australian Miracle for Marriage!

Abraham Lincoln once said, "I have been driven to my knees many times by the conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for the day".

Such was the case when key Christian leaders got together at the beginning of July 2015

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Israel Prayer List

American Christian Trust

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Thank you so much for your concern and dedication to pray for Israel. Below is an alphabetical list of current news sources that you may use to keep up on current events regarding Israel. We hope this will help you to pray appropriately.

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Nigeria: Boko Haram Leader Replaced, Chadian President Says

August 13, 2015 | 12:07 GMT

Chadian President Idriss Deby said Aug. 12 that Nigerian jihadist group Boko Haram, which now calls itself Wilayat al-Sudan al-Gharbi, has elected a new leader, heightening speculation that the previous chief, Abubakar Shekau, may have been killed. This Day Live reported Aug. 13. The new leader reportedly is Mahamat Daoud. Shekau has not been seen any of the group's videos for months. Chadian efforts to combat Boko Haram have succeeded in decapitating the group, Deby said, and the campaign will be completed by the end of 2015. Small groups of Boko Haram members remain scattered throughout northeastern Nigeria, near the Cameroon border, he said. Jihadist groups continue to function even after their leaders are killed.

BBC.com

Thank God that progress is being made in overcoming the Boko Haram terrorists. Pray that their new leader will be brought to justice along with all the BH members who have carried out so much destruction in West Africa. Pray for the return of all their captives and for the healing and restoration of the areas they have harmed.

Pray for Pakistan

Pakistan is going through some hard times, first with extreme heat with thousands dying. Now the monsoons have hit and there is heavy flooding across much of the country. Several years ago we had extremely heavy flooding. In the last two years Tarbala and Mangla (two of the largest dams in the world) have been very low with not enough water for irrigation. Both dams are now full to within a foot of the top. And the monsoons are not over yet. To let the water go means even more flooding in the lower plains. There are more than a million people who have lost homes, cities, livestock. Fields are being swept away. Our tribal people who live on the edge of the desert and perhaps get 1/2 inch of rain a year say their mud homes are standing in water and collapsing. For those of you from the west, think of this - people have no insurance, no help. When they lose everything, they become destitute

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Iraq: Bombs Go Off Across Baghdad

A spate of bombings across Baghdad left 24 people dead Aug. 15, Reuters reported. The blasts went off in Taji to the north, Jisr Diyala, Madaen, Iskan and other areas. The deadliest of these was carried out in the Shiite district of Habibiya and killed 15, wounding 35 others. Earlier, an Islamic State truck bombing in Sadr City killed 70 people Aug. 13. The Iraqi military and allied militant groups are currently fighting the Islamic State in Sunni-dominated areas of Iraq. Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi is attempting to prevent the country from further fragmentation.



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Shining His Light in South Asia

The Global Isaachar Group for South Asia met for the first time in Sri Lanka in August. Forty mostly senior leaders from the region (plus a few Westerners) came together for sharing insights and prayer. Presentations were made about the battle between darkness and light in each nation, and we noticed some of the similarities between the various gods that were still worshipped by millions in the region.



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1st Global Day of Prayer for Care of the Creation

Virtually the entire global Christian Church has embraced next Tuesday, September 1 as



a Global Day of Prayer for Care of the Creation. Patriarch Bartholomew of the Orthodox Communion has long recognized the prayer day; last week, Pope Francis did so for the world's Roman Catholics; and now, the Protestant World Evangelical Alliance, representing more than 600 million Christians worldwide, and the World Council of Churches have both endorsed the Day of Prayer.



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When a Nation Forgets God: 7 Lessons We Must Learn From Nazi Germany

September 13-27, 2015



In his 2010 book, Erwin Lutzer uses the example of Germany and Hitler's Third Reich to reveal trends that can transform a modern, educated, well developed society into a oppressive, barbarous, genocidal one that caused the deaths of tens of millions before and during World War II. As you read it, you will most likely see some of the same kind of trends appearing in our own nations, especially in the West. For prayer people, understanding such patterns and where they lead can be helpful in counteracting such moves through prayer and action before they bear such horrific fruit.

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IPC Calendar

31st Aug - 4th Sept, European Trumpet Call - Timisoara, Romania

<http://europeantrumpetcall.org/en/>

Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Call to FAST and PRAY for National and International Security. Weekly conference calls with God's principles from 2 Chron 20: Wednesdays, 12 Noon CT,, 11 am MT, 10 am PT continuing 8/12, 8/19...through 10/1
USA phone: 712-432-0075, code 4961322#



13-27th Sep, Children in Prayer - Jerusalem House of Prayer of All Nations

Convocation - Jerusalem, Israel

<http://www.jhopfan.org/en/>

27 Sep thru 17 Oct, 2015 - 21 Day for Global Harvest;

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18-20th Oct, "Seeking God's Face for the Deliverance and Destiny of America":
A National and International Security Prayer Initiative, Colorado Springs, Colorado
(for prayer network and ministry leaders only)

<http://nationaldayofprayer.org/event>

26-30 July 2016, UPrising: World Youth Prayer Assembly in Seoul, South Korea

www.unitedprayerising.com



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 at office@ipcprayer.org

About International Prayer Connect (IPC)



OUR VISION:

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

HOW WE OPERATE:

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

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

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

Donating to IPC Through PayPal

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

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