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Isaiah 19 and Prayer for the Middle East

1. Prayer Initiative for the UAE, February 18-20

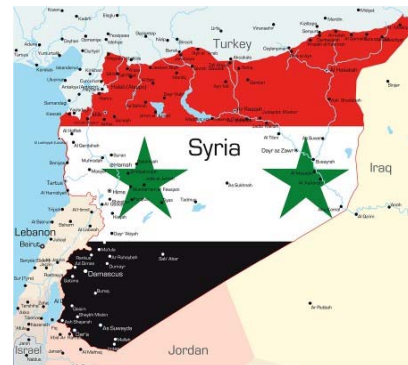
It was a blessing and joy to serve with 23 others on a large international ministry team for a national prayer initiative for the United Arab Emirates held in Dubai, February 18-20. Some were colleagues from the leadership of the IPC and others were prayer leaders and intercessors that wanted to take part. About 250 local participants representing many of the 64 churches in the Emirates took part and the local organizers were so gracious and sensitive to the work of the Spirit in our midst.



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Alert: Pray for the Peace of Syria!

"Backers of the cease-fire in Syria are meeting in Feb. 29 in Geneva after France called for emergency discussions on alleged breaches of the U.S.- and Russia-brokered truce, AFP and Reuters reported. Turkey, Russia, Saudi Arabia and the Syrian opposition have traded accusations of repeated violations. Asaad al-Zoubi, the head of the Saudi-backed High Negotiations Committee's delegation to peace talks, said that the fragile truce faced complete nullification because of at least 15 attacks by Syrian government forces and Hezbollah, as well as Russian airstrikes. On Feb. 28, Russia said there had been at least nine violations, including from Turkish territory. The current cease-fire agreement is patchy at best, and the fact that Jabhat al-Nusra and the Islamis State are specifically excluded all but guarantees that war will continue in Syria." Stratfor.com



Please join the Syrian believers in praying that the current cease-fire will hold, that humanitarian shipments will get to those who need help

deep within the conflict zones and that peace will come about through this cessation of fighting and the continued diplomatic efforts to bring an end to this horrifically destructive war.

Contend for Syria and the Refugee Crisis

We invite you to join in Praying for the Refugee Crisis this month.

This month we provide a prayer guide for praying for the refugee crisis which has received global attention.

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North Korea

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There is quite a bit of turmoil in North Korea as February included several missile launches following the claimed, but strongly doubted, detonation of a hydrogen bomb as reported here last month. The next big shock to come was the execution of army chief of staff, Ri Yong Gil. In the North, it is becoming increasingly dangerous to hold high office. This latest execution may well generate some strong responses domestically. All of this was followed by South Korea closing down the Kaesong Industrial Complex in response to the North's missile launches and the North retaliating by freezing what assets it could. Of course it is the "little people", the NK workers and the small to medium SK firms that bear the brunt of this. Here is some analysis of the situation. This, too, is causing increasing unrest in the North. The government's typical domestic response to all of these events is increasing propaganda that increasingly falls on deaf ears and calling for greater sacrifice such as the "70 Day Battle" leading up to 7th Party Congress in May.



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Christian Prayer Network Leaders Call for 30 Days of Prayer for the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States as They Prepare to Hear 'The Texas Case' on March 2, 2016

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The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) recently rejected the Arkansas case which banned abortion after 12 weeks and the North Dakota case which banned abortion after six weeks. Both of these states had even offered, by law, to care for until adulthood every unwanted child so that any woman that wanted the liberty to be free of unwanted child care could do so.



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Prayer Resources for the USA

You may not realize it down in the trenches of prayer ministry in your church, but a new wave of interest in prayer is rapidly growing in the United States. Thanks to the upcoming elections and the continued moral and economic downward spiral the U.S. is experiencing, there is an increasing sense of desperation among believers. And that turns them to prayer.



As you will see in this edition of Prayer Leader OnLine, there are many opportunities and resources available to help fuel your people. I encourage you to take some time with this issue and check out all that we and our ministry partners are making available.

We especially encourage you to purchase copies of the new [Election Prayer Guide](#) for your congregation. Get everyone praying God's purposes over then elections, rather than their own fear!

Please also check out our new section at PrayerShop on [Praying for Elections](#). Take full advantage of this increased interest in prayer to disciple the believers in your church!

Blessings,

Jon Graf,
Pray Magazine

The 2016 World Weekend of Prayer for Children at Risk

You and your church can join us for this global campaign, which unites hundreds of thousands of people across more than 40 countries in prayer.

The theme this year is 'small



but mighty'.

God uses children to change nations. No one is too small or insignificant in his eyes! The Bible is full of children who have been used by God, and of children who've overcome the odds to become great men and women of God.

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Turning our hearts towards Turkey

We thank God for the recent discovery of an underground church in Cappadocia, where intercessors from all over the world will gather together to pray for a great revival in Turkey and Middle East.

We thank God for the news that Malatya Church has been growing and that more Christian workers are needed to help with pastoral care.



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Intercede for the South Asia Regional Prayer Consultation, April 11-13, in Dhaka, Bangladesh

In today's context, the need for raising more systematic prayers for the countries is very much felt and God has put an urge in everyone's heart to raise concerted prayers. It is essential that our work need to be saturated with fervent prayer and intercession. In line with this, we are organising a 3 day prayer consultation to raise more prayers for the nations in the South Asian Region.



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Prayer Partner,

I recently attended the National Prayer



Committee meeting in Orlando, FL, where prayer leaders from around the nation gathered to pray and share reports of what God is doing. Four years ago, I remember a lot of discouragement among the leaders. It seemed the prayer movement was stagnant and struggling. One prayer leader, Dr. Bob Bakke, stood up and declared that the Church needs a unifying clarion call to revival and spiritual awakening.

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U.S. DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE CHIEF PREDICTS INCREASED ISIS ATTACKS

Islamic State is likely to step up "the pace and lethality" of its attacks in the months ahead as it seeks to fan the flames of international conflict, the director of the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency said on Monday. Speaking to a security conference, Marine Corps Lieutenant General Vincent Stewart linked his warning to the militant group's establishment of "emerging branches" in Mali, Tunisia, Somalia, Bangladesh and Indonesia.



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Pray As One: A Call to Prayer Walk the USA

Uniting as one, appealing to heaven to change the spiritual climate in our nation.

As One is a national call to prayer.

The basic strategy revolves around two 40-day periods of prayer walking, fasting, and corporate prayer events.

The first will start on Easter Sunday, March 27 and run through the National Day of Prayer on May 5. The second begins on September 30 and ends on Election Day. In addition, there will be much collaboration with major national prayer events that are happening throughout the year.



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Intercessors for America

The United States is at a critical turning point! With the contentious election cycle upon us, it is time for believers across our nation to get on their knees as never before! Prayer can change the course of the election and our nation. Intercessors for America has developed some powerful resources that can inspire, challenge, and equip you and your



prayer groups to pray on target for this nation.

We encourage you to check out our new products related to praying for the elections. The [Get Out The Prayer 2016](#) section of our web store has some very practical resources to help you motivate believers in your sphere of influence to pray. We especially encourage you to purchase the [Get Out The Prayer Campaign Box \(\\$24.95\)](#). It will provide multiple ways to encourage prayer for the nation and elections.

Please take a few moments to review some other resources we list here--and the more than 100 at our store. We believe these resources can make you more effective in your intercession over our nation!

[Intercessors for America - IFApray.org](#)

Make China a Blessing to All Nations: Now is the time for China Mission 2030

Excerpts from report By Luis and Doris Bush

Missions to China have been going on for the last 200 years. Now is the time for Missions from China. We have been inspired by the Korean Church as they have engaged in missions for the last fifteen years. Mission China 2030 is the turning point because of the revival of the Church in China,

because of the eighty million Chinese Christians in China. If there is one missionary in 1,000 Christians, there will be 80,000 missionaries. Furthermore, China's economic development has brought opportunities. The global technology revolution has brought opportunity for mission from China. Migration of the world's population brings opportunities. Universal Chinese network brings opportunity. This is the time to move together in faith.



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United Cry DC16

United Cry DC16 is a concerted effort to gather pastors, church leaders and intercessors, to help reclaim America's future through a bride that is re-firing in prayer and obedience to our God in the Lord Jesus Christ. None is looking for an event, but for fully embracing His Kingdom come, His will be done, ongoing beyond any one day. We rejoice in the many ways God is moving this year. God bless the Kingdom work you are all doing for His great glory.



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Pray for the Jews of Israel

* That Jews throughout the world will have revelation about the One portrayed in the Psalm 22; that they will *"pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star arises in their hearts!"*



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"News from the front-line, testimonies of what is happening amongst the fleeing refugees into Europe."

This week our co-worker here returned from a nearby country where there are countless Syrian refugees. He and his team went to the refugee camps to talk to and pray for the people there. He could not believe the spiritual openness and hunger! He said that probably half of those they talked to had had dreams of Isa (Jesus) ! They were able to share the love of God with these hurting people. They also saw God perform miracles of healing as this team ministered to the people there. What an opportunity! Pray for God to open more and more hearts and lives!



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IPC Calendar

7 - 12 Mar, The Movement for African National Initiatives, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia maniafrica.com

27 Mar - 5 May and 30 Sep - 8 Nov
40-day Prayer Challenge
PrayasOne.org

9 Apr United Cry - DC 2016
<http://faithdialogue.org/?event=united-cry-washington-dc>

11 - 13 April South Asia Regional Prayer Consultation [see March newsletter for details]

5 May, National Day of Prayer
www.nationaldayofprayer.org

15 May, International Year of the Great Commission commences

17 - 21 May, UPM-IPC Prayer Gathering in Cappadocia, Turkey
www.globalupm.net

4 - 5 Jun World Weekend of Prayer for Children at Risk



www.worldweekendofprayer.com

15 - 22 Jun Global Proclamation Congress, Bangkok, Thailand
gprocongress.org

16 - 19 June Rise Up Now in Milan, Italy
www.riseup-now.com

16 July Together2016
reset2016.com

26 - 30 July UPRISING: World Youth Prayer Assembly in Seoul, Korea
<http://unitedprayerrising.com/video/>

27 - 28 Oct National Prayer Assembly for the USA, Washington, DC (by invitation only for prayer ministry leaders- contact Lisa Crump, National Day of Prayer, for more information Lisa.Crump@nationaldayofprayer.org)



The IPC Website

The IPC website is part of a hub that aims to equip and inform the Church worldwide. We run it as a service to our partner organisations and ministries to help them to publicise their prayer alerts, news, events and resources. We would invite you to get involved.

If you have:

1. News / Events: news of international prayer-related interest such as upcoming initiatives and conferences
2. Regional Prayer Requests: strategic prayer requests and alerts for your nation or region
3. Resources: teaching articles, media or testimonies

... we can, in most cases add them to the website. Please send copy along with images and hyperlinks to any existing online content that we can point people to for further information.

Articles for inclusion should be submitted 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

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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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