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Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry

As an often burnt-out mid-career missions leader in the early 1990's, I remember being deeply impacted by the writings of the Dutch theologian and contemplative, Henri Nouwen. His book *The Way of the Heart* describes the all important role of solitude and silence in our lives to purify us from being driven by the "false self"-- the constant need to conform ourselves to the expectations of those around us rather than living life from the inside out, from who we really are in the Lord.



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Pakistan Easter Bombing Death Toll Climbs Past 70

As Pakistan began burying its dead Monday, authorities counted 29 children among those killed by an Easter suicide bombing in an amusement park, victims of a terrorist attack that has reinforced growing feelings of dread here. Although 2015 was relatively quiet, horrified Pakistanis are again asking what their government can do to protect them from extremist violence. More than 70 people in all were killed in the devastating attack Sunday in Lahore. Officials vowed to hunt down the Islamist militant



bombers who claimed they targeted Christians - yet killed many of their Muslim brethren in the bargain.

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Pray as ONE

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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Franklin Graham: Will you Stand for Biblical Values?

Are you praying for our nation? Are you praying for its people and its future?

We have come to a defining moment in this country. A secular worldview hostile to biblical values has overrun our culture and permeated our government.



Rather than seeking to stem the tide, our educators, politicians, and judges aid the advance of godlessness. This cannot continue if our children and grandchildren are to live in a country that still recognizes God and upholds religious liberty.

No political party or candidate is capable of providing the solution. Only God can turn our nation and the hearts of its people. That is why I am going to every state capital in America this year to call churches and Christians to repentance and prayer for our land, challenge believers to engage in the election process at every level, and proclaim the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I have just returned from leading prayer rallies at the state capitols in Columbia, South Carolina; Atlanta, Georgia; and Honolulu, Hawaii, as part of our 50-state Decision America Tour. More than 27,000 people have participated at the prayer events in the first seven states, and hundreds have told us they made a decision for Christ after hearing the Gospel at one of the rallies.

Large numbers of people have pledged to pray fervently and faithfully for the nation, take an active stand for Jesus Christ in their homes and communities, and vote for the candidates they believe are most likely to uphold biblical values and the principles of religious freedom. Will you do the same?

www.decisionamericatour.com

Together 2016?

July 16 is coming quickly, and it's time to solidify your plan for joining us there!

Are you in?



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Azusa Now in Los Angeles, April 9

I write to the body of Christ around the world, all who are connecting with the Azusa Now gathering at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on Apr 9th. I have rarely seen such a stirring of expectancy as I am seeing now. It's really not about a stadium event. Instead, everywhere, men and women are laying hold of the



kingdom in such a way that Azusa Now may be a collective flashpoint. The great intercessor Frank Bartleman wrote of such a time just before revival broke out at Azusa in 1906. Listen to his words, written just a few months before the outpouring began:

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South Sudan's Human-caused Catastrophe

You're used to hearing from FRONTLINE about new documentaries. Today, we want to share with you a new *kind* of documentary: an immersive journey filmed in 360° and published on our Facebook page, taking you inside a catastrophe that is entirely man-made. *On the Brink of Famine* is an up-close look at



South Sudan's brutal civil war and the resulting hunger crisis-in which more than 2.8 million people are going hungry, and at least 40,000 are near starvation. You'll ride along on a critical mission to drop food by plane to those trapped in swamplands. You'll travel inside a United Nations camp where more than 120,000 people have fled in search of safety. You'll meet families who have risked everything to escape violence, and you'll visit a clinic where Doctors Without Borders cares for children suffering from acute malnutrition.

Experience *On the Brink of Famine* now on FRONTLINE's Facebook page. There's no gear needed-just make sure you've downloaded the latest

version of Facebook. We hope you'll leave a comment letting us know what you think.

Please pray for those suffering the ravages of war and famine in South Sudan. Pray for and end of this senseless conflict, for His peace to reign, and for effective humanitarian efforts to those in need.

Seeking God's Face for the Deliverance and Destiny of America

An Invitation for Prayer Network and Organization and/or Denominational Leaders

National Prayer Assembly, October 27-28, 2016, Washington, D.C.



If you are the leader of a

prayer organization or network, or a denominational leader, this is for you. You are warmly invited to an assembly of national prayer, denominational, and kingdom network leaders from across the nation. America is at a historic crossroads with growing threats within and without. It is a tumultuous election year and an absolutely pivotal time in our history. A dysfunctional and divided government has become increasingly ineffectual in dealing with our growing national problems, including a \$19 trillion debt hanging over our heads. In addition, our society is becoming progressively apathetic-even cold to the things of God. Surely, we need a new Great Awakening to turn America around. A critical component in this pursuit of awakening is the coming together of both America's prayer and denominational movements to seek His face. We need to join forces, praying with one heart and mind for a fresh, massive outpouring of His Spirit that will bring revival and transformation to the United States of America.

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Middle East Strategic Prayer Concerns

May we place these important concerns before you for your prayer participation?

1 For the United Arab Emirates believers to go forward together, especially the ministry leaders, after the recent national prayer initiative there in a united prayer and mission movement that God will use to bless that nation and the world like a new Antioch.



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Please pray for all the refugees and asylum seekers coming to Europe. They have tremendous needs, the greatest of which is to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ. In June, Arab and European believers with a burden to pray for the European continent and the migrant exodus from the Middle



East, Central Asia and North Africa will gather to pray in Milan, Italy. Please consider taking part. Here is the website for more information and to register. Approximately 1000 are expected to participate. www.riseup-now.com

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UPRISING, the World Youth Prayer Assembly, July 26-30.

WHAT IF THE "DAVIDS" OF THE NATIONS GATHERED TOGETHER IN UNITED PRAYER TO CONTEND FOR THE DESTINY OF THE NEXT GENERATION?

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NORTH KOREA

For Immediate Release

[March 21, 2016, Seoul, Republic of Korea]

No Chain (The Association of North Korean Political Victims & Their Families) has received news from inside North Korea through its sources, that barbed wire fencing from one of its political prison camps, Camp 22 (Hoeryoung gwan-li-so, closed in June 2009), is being used as border fencing along the North Korea-China border, with



work starting earlier this month.

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Terror in Belgium and the need for pre-emptive prayer for other terrorism developments

Belgium has now experienced firsthand the horror of Islamic terror with the deaths of 34 and 270 injured in two attacks at the Brussels airport and in its subway. Some of those who survived lost limbs and several children were among those most severely maimed by the suicide



bombers. A colleague of mine from the UK described the atmosphere of fear and foreboding in Europe about the possibility of additional attacks which could happen anywhere and anytime. Certainly we in the USA feel similar concerns. Indeed, no part of our world is exempt from such demented and devilish terrorist strikes.

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Global Proclamation Congress

Prayer Points for March 2016

The Global Proclamation Congress

- June 15-22, 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand

Why are we praying? "This is the first time in the history of the Christian faith that pastors are the primary focus at the round table of global ministry architecture."



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Appeal To Heaven

"The Year of Joel 2:16" Dutch Sheets, Dallas, TX

As we have heard from many prophetic voices, the year 2016 is full of promise for seeing a great turning in America. At the start of the year, the Lord also spoke to me about this season we have stepped into, telling



of spiritual recalibration and a great convergence within His Church. He spoke of restoring our passion, our vision, our heart for service, and our love for His Word. The Lord even told me of a great shift toward righteousness within our government in 2016. What the Lord made clear to me, however, is that all He desires to do this year can happen only as we make prayer our priority.

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Temple of Baal Will Be Erected in Times Square Next Month

In an attempt to "preserve history," two exact replicas of the 50-foot arch that stood at the entrance to the temple will be erected in April 2016 in Times Square in New York City and in Trafalgar Square in London. (Reuters) Join us on our podcast each weekday



for an interesting story, well told, from Charisma News. Listen at charismapodcastnetwork.com.

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The UN is Trying to Sexualize Children - Please Help Us Stop Them!

I am writing to you with an urgent plea. I am at the United Nations headquarters in New York, where two important UN documents are being considered ("Agreed Conclusions" and a resolution on HIV/AIDS) at the UN Commission on the Status of Women.



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IPC Calendar

27 Mar - 5 May and 30 Sep - 8 Nov Two 40-day Prayer Challenges for the USA 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 June 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" on the Washington DC Mall reset2016.com
- 26 30 July UPRISING: World Youth Prayer Assembly in Seoul, Korea http://unitedprayerrising.com/video/
- 27 28 October 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



www.ipcprayer.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 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

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