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Dealing with Spiritual Powers for the Deliverance and Destiny of Our Nations

"No one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house." (Mark 3:27)

"All over the world the Church is called to cast out demons, not only out of individuals but also nations. God wants the Church to rule, to bind principalities and powers with authority, and to determine the politics of nations." - Ingolf Schmidt, German pastor



Recently a group of prayer leaders met in the USA to consider the presence of spiritual strongholds in our nation and how they are affecting our political and social context. Some helpful research underlined to us that we must not be "ignorant of the enemy's devices" as the apostle Paul exhorts us. We came to the conclusion that it is crucial to further unite intercessors and prayer networks to stand together for the deliverance of the nation. On one level, bringing deliverance to our nation seems like a daunting project. However, it is encouraging to reflect on the fact that just as Jesus sailed across the Galilee with His disciples to bring deliverance to the Gadarene demoniac and his territory, so He is still in the boat with us to help us bring the same liberation to our nations of today!

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Pray for Turkey's National Prayer Initiative, May 18-21, 2016

Dear Prayer Partners for Turkey and the Middle-East,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We, the United Prayer Movement(UPM), are planning an international prayer



gathering of intercessors and worshippers from Turkey and the rest of the world in 2016. This gathering will be at Kapadokya (Cappadocia) in Turkey from May 18th to 21st, 2016.



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God's Fingerprints in Japan: Praying with Insight for the Japanese People

HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN JAPAN:

Although I am of full Japanese ancestry, I am a third-generation ("sansei") American and thus not fully versed in Japanese history or language. However, I have lived in Japan for 4 years and have ministered there for over 20 years.



I begin by quoting Shusaku Endo (1923-1996), probably the most famous Christian novelist in Japan, who has called Japan a "swamp" that "sucks up all...ideologies (including Christianity), transforming them into itself and distorting them in the process" (*Silence*, xix). Christian missionaries often call Japan, a "graveyard of missionaries," for despite the absence of legal restrictions on evangelism in the 20th century and the valiant efforts of generations of missionaries, Japan remains merely 1-2% Christian. Why?

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Pray for Together 2016: A Nationwide Call for a "Reset" of America

Over this last month, we have seen incredible momentum build toward Together 2016. Partnerships have grown and more ministries are jumping on board. Jesus is showing up in amazing ways. We want to fill you in on more exciting ways you can be part of Together 2016 and remind you of our upcoming monthly ministry partner call.



How you can be part of Together

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There is still time to register for the UPRISING, the World Youth Prayer Assembly!



We in the IPC are deeply involved in putting on the UPRISING: World Youth Prayer Assembly this July 26-29 in South Korea. Up to 2000 on-fire young people (under 35 generation) are expected to come from around the world to pray for their generation, get connected with one another, and become His movers and shakers to mobilize others of their generation in their own nations and regions for Christ's global mission. These next generation leaders will become change-agents in all the Seven Mountains, including business, media, the arts, and other walks of life besides serving in church and missions leadership. We anticipate the WYPA being an ignition point for a developing global youth prayer and mission movement that will grow to a much larger gathering in Indonesia in 2018 (up to one million).



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Pray for Iraq and Syria: Assorted Reports about the Struggle against Radical Islam and ISIS

(From the Iraq-Syria Update by Robert Lee Maginnis
Author of 2015 book by Defender:
Never Submit: Will the Extermination
Of Christians Get Worse Before It
Gets Better?)



APRIL, 2016

Syrian peace talks unravel. *Peace talks in Geneva to end Syria's civil war seem all but finished after the main opposition body, the High Negotiations Committee, decided to formally suspend its participation, Deutsche Welle reported April 20. A Western diplomat close to the situation said an end to talks now would be devastating, adding that they might not restart for at least a year. The opposition's announcement followed reports that airstrikes in Syria's Idlib province on April 19 killed more than 40 civilians. The U.S. State Department said the Syrian government was likely*

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Australia calls World to Pray & Fast for America 30 April - 5 May 2016

The team behind Australia's **National Day of Prayer & Fasting** is calling the nations of the world to pray and fast for six days for USA from this Saturday 30 April - 5 May 2016. **Watch this promo video.**



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National Day of Prayer: Prayer is a Powerful Weapon

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into

captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled." 2 Corinthians 10:4-6 NKJV
C.H. Spurgeon often referred to one of these 'weapons' as the 'weapon of all prayer'. In one of his sermons titled *Prayer is a Never-Failing Resort*, he expanded upon the Apostle Paul's instruction. As a seasoned and gifted shepherd, he said "Prayer is the never-failing resort of the Christian in any case, in every plight. When you cannot use your sword you may take to the weapon of all-prayer. Your powder may be damp, your bow string may be relaxed, but the weapon of all-prayer need never be out of order. Leviathan laughs at the javelin, but he trembles at prayer. Sword and spear need furbishing, but prayer never rusts, and when we think it most blunt it cuts the best. Prayer is the open door that none can shut."



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Seeking God's Face for the Deliverance and Destiny of America: An Invitation to the National Prayer Assembly October 27-28, 2016 in Washington, DC

Dear Prayer and Ministry Leader,
You are 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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Hebrew Performance of the Messiah in Israel

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!

"KI-YELED YULAD-LANU . . ." "FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN . . ."

FOR THE FIRST TIME, HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH' IS PERFORMED IN JERUSALEM-IN HEBREW!



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Movement of African National Initiatives and the Changing Faces of Christianity

The changing face of Christianity has been dramatic in our time. The Pew Foundation completed a six-year study of what Christianity will look like by 2050. They project that four out of every ten Christians in the world will live in sub-Saharan Africa.

Whereas in 2010 they found that 25% of Christians are in Africa, by 2050 they project the percentage is going to go up to 40% of the world's population. One of the reasons could be MANI: The Movement for African National Initiatives. You can read all about the story and the latest gathering in the following MANI 2016 Press Release.



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Welcome the King of Glory in the Southern Gate of Africa

Invitation

You are invited to a **Prophetic Prayer Assembly in South Africa** to:

1. Welcome the King of Glory in the Southern Gate of Africa through a prophetic action
2. Welcome a prayer team from the Pacific Islands on their journey towards Jerusalem (APPA)
3. Pray for God's plans for Africa and for the fulfilment of many prophecies concerning Africa and her role in this season of advancing God's kingdom on earth, and especially for the fulfilment of the Isaiah 19 Highway
4. Release a 'New Song' from 'Beyond the Rivers of Cush' as prophesied in Zeph.3:10



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A Testimony and Call to Pray for Pakistan

FORGIVE your enemies. LOVE your enemies. PRAY for your enemies.

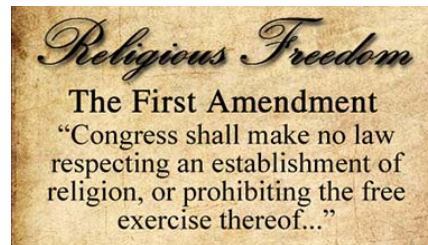
Easter's blasts were planned to be much larger. At the entrance gate security guards caught one person who immediately let off his bomb. Three others escaped. The bombers did not get to the place where they wanted to be, where it would have been more populated. Think what it would have been if four bombs had gone off. A friend shares, a nurse from our hospital and her baby and husband were at this park. He went to get tickets and was killed.



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Religious freedom vs. LGBT activism

The success of the Lesbian Gay Bi-Sexual Transgender (LGBT) rampage continues. Simply put, we live in an era that has ushered in the end of religious freedom in favor of "gay rights." Any resistance to redefining the nation by a sexual perversion is considered an affront, resulting in the silencing of any Christian belief.



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New Resource for the Prayer Movement

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The newly published Prayer Magazine is out now and is available from Life Bookshop. It is full of resources and information to encourage us in our prayer lives and will be available from the website below for \$3.00.

<http://www.prayermagazine.com/>

Kind regards,

Andy Page
IPC Leadership Team (U.K.)

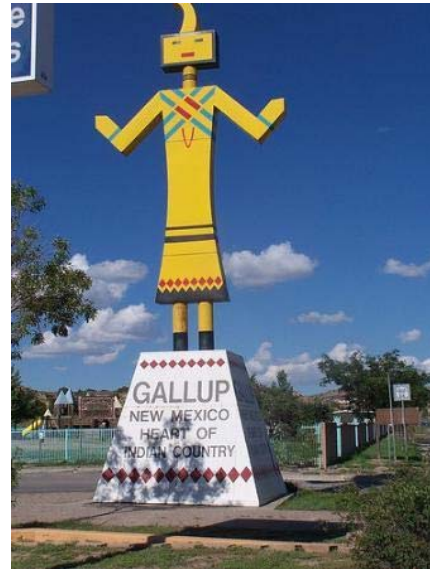


Inter-tribal Prayer Training, June 23-25, Gallup, New Mexico



The goal is to have from four to seven tribes represented at this gathering: the Apache, Hopi, Paiute, Zuni, Ute, Arapahoe, and Northern Cheyenne. The leaders who invited them to come expressed grave concern about people in their tribe who were attempting to draw their people back into traditional religious belief systems, so he asked if that was one area we might focus on.

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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

30 Apr - 5 May, Australia Pray & Fast for America
<http://www.nationaldayofprayer.com.au>

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



15 May, International Year of the Great Commission commences

18 - 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

23 - 25 Jun - Inter-tribal Prayer Training, Gallup, NM

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/>

22 - 26 Aug - Welcoming the King of Glory in Africa
welcometheglory@gmail.com

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

27 - 30 October - "Awaken the Dawn: Geneva 2016", Geneva, Switzerland

<http://www.24-7prayer.com>



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.

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

www.ipcprayer.org

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