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Love with prayers of faith- a powerful way to navigate a dangerous world

A year ago I wrote, "the world is becoming a more dangerous place in which to live than we have experienced before". Nothing in the intervening twelve months has changed that - only confirmed it. We've watched as a modern-day exodus has unfolded before our eyes, with hundreds of thousands (even millions) of people trekking across Europe fleeing persecution, war, terror, and economic deprivation in countries of the Middle East and North and East Africa. We've been horrified - even alarmed - as multiple terrorism-inspired violent acts have been inflicted in many countries. The various terrorist groups have made their cause global. Nowhere is safe. Every nation is at risk. Islam is at war within. Most of the killings taking place are because of Moslems fighting Moslems.

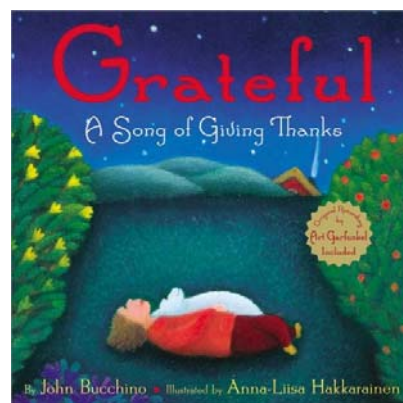


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"Grateful"

Friends and Colleagues in the Prayer Movement,

Happy New Year to you! A couple weeks before Christmas, we attended a wonderful concert put on by the Santa Fe Opera and St. John's Cathedral here in Albuquerque, New Mexico where my wife and I live. One of the songs sung was "Grateful" by John Bucchino. We found it so touching, and I thought you would enjoy hearing it sung by another tenor. The lyrics are so meaningful and appropriate as we look back at 2015 and move into 2016.



I don't know about you, but I can fall into the error of taking His blessings for granted and sometimes forgetting to be as thankful as I should be. Several days

after the concert, I had to go for emergency abdominal surgery which laid me up for a week of persistent pain and discomfort right through Christmas week. I have a new sense of appreciation and compassion for those who suffer as well as a renewed sense of gratitude that my health and strength are now returning. Bucchino's song movingly reminds us not to take for granted all His blessings but to be truly grateful. I want to make that one of my resolutions for 2016.

Double click to enjoy the song and let's be grateful for all the ways He has blessed us.

John Robb

[Grateful - John Bucchino](#)

Promises of God that can Transform both our Personal and National Circumstances

Nowadays, there is a lot of talk about entitlements, those perks and privileges, usually of a material kind that are meted out by our governments to those who either have genuine needs or clamor the loudest and most persistently to get them. In the book of Revelation, the one who has overcome, the risen Messiah, offers the *ultimate entitlements* to those who will be like Him and overcome a world that is hostile to their faith. To each of the seven churches, Christ describes and offers a different aspect of the privileges that His followers can expect as they share His throne with Him in the coming age.



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IPC Leadership Team - Some Prayer Concerns for our World

1) UPRISING: World Youth Prayer Assembly, July 26-30, 2016, South Korea. Up to 2500 youth and young adults supported by adults and children (three generations together) will gather near the Demilitarized Zone with thousands more from South Korea to seek the Lord together for this important middle generation, its unique mission for our world as well as the calling He has for each of those participating. An important aim is mobilising young people to initiate prayer around the globe.



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Belgistan? Sharia Showdown Looms in Brussels



Here is an important documentary CBN has done on the potential threat of increased Islamization in Europe through the admittance of hundreds of thousands of Muslim refugees. May the Church arise and carry out Christ's mission of sharing His love and truth among them!



[CBN TV Widget - Belgistan? Sharia Showdown Looms in Brussels](#)

Overcoming Global Terrorism through United Prayer

We need to continue to engage in specific ways with the threat of global terrorism that has captured international news in Paris, San Bernardino and other places. During a monthly prayer call last month with some knowledgeable friends, the following prayer concerns were raised:



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Continue to Pray for Syria and Iraq

May we ask for your prayer for the nations of Iraq and Syria that are suffering so much from the predations of ISIS? We have our attention on the recent terrorist incursions into France and the USA, but large parts of Iraq and Syria are the ISIS headquarters where everyday can be a terror for millions of people who are confined there under their brutal sway.



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Moravian Revival: A Story to Encourage your Prayer Life

The Rev. John Greenfield, an American Moravian evangelist, published his book "Power On High" in 1927 on the 200th anniversary of the Moravian revival. The information in this article is from that book, now out of print. The Moravians, a refugee colony from Bohemia, settled on the



estates of Count Nicholas Zinzendorf in Herrnhut, Germany, where a powerful revival began in 1727. It launched 100 years of continuous prayer and within 25 years 100 Moravians were missionaries, more than the rest of the Protestant church had sent out in two centuries.



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Burma Army Offensives Against Ethnic Tribes

15 December 2015

Kachin State and Shan State, Burma
Burma Army intensifies attacks against ethnics in spite of elections.

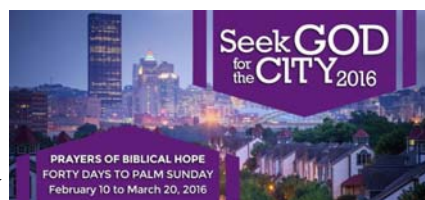
During October and November 2015 the Burma Army increased their attacks against the Shan, Ta'ang Kokang and Kachin peoples, displacing 10,000 people in Kachin State and Northern Shan State, Burma. In spite of elections and talks of ceasefires, the Burma Army troop presence, reinforcements, and resupply in Kachin and Northern Shan States has risen to levels not seen since the Burma Army broke the 17-year ceasefire agreement with Kachin State in 2011. Similar to the 2011 offensive, the Burma Army has employed helicopter gunships and fighter jets to target ethnic resistance groups. This heightened aggression came both prior to and after the November elections and indicates a desire by the Burma Army and Burma government to gain complete control over the ethnic peoples. And in terms of the transition to democracy, General Min Aung Hlaing, commander of the Burma Army, was recently quoted by the editor of Network Myanmar as saying : "We must change gradually. Right now we are not ready for change".



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Seek God for the City

As we continue to press on by faith and cry out to God for His purposes and will to be done in these days, we want to encourage you to unite your prayers with many thousands of others during the 40-day *Seek God for the City* season. The prayers in *Seek God for the City* are written to help sustain you and your church or prayer network to pray solid, biblical prayers of hope and blessing that God intends for your city and community.



WayMakers is able to provide you with several versions of *Seek God for the City* which will help you as you pray through this 40-day season:

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USA: 21 Days of Prayer for Southwest Border Security

Islamic Incursion Across the Southwest Border

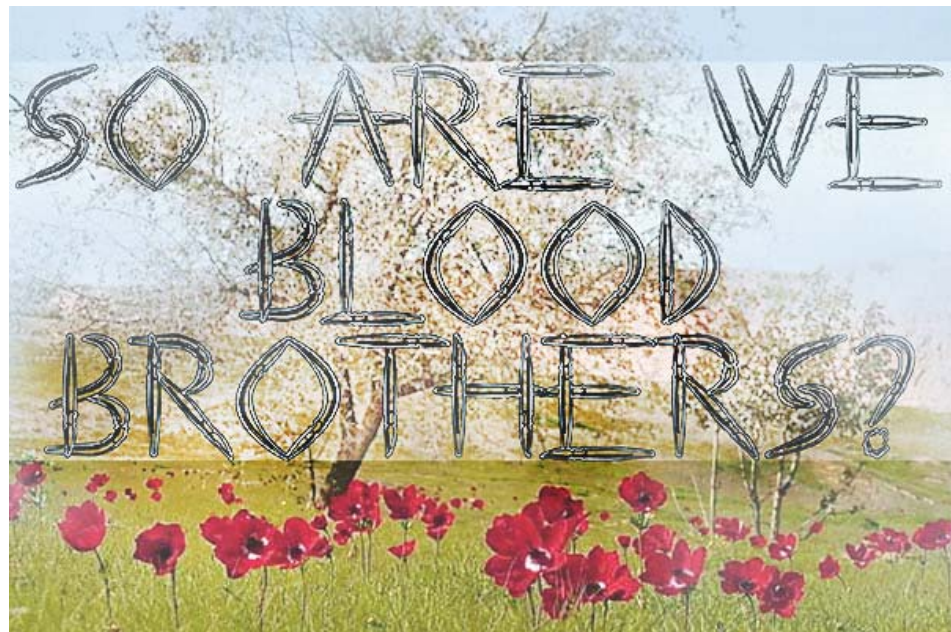
In light of the recent terror massacres in Paris and San Bernardino, CA, public attention has turned to lone-wolves or Islamic sleeper-cell attacks and the possibility that would-be terrorists are among those seeking to come to America as refugees or immigrants.



Equally concerning however, is the **Islamic infiltration across our Southwest border that has been ongoing for years.**

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Blood Brothers: Praying for His reconciliation in the Land of Abraham



As a Jewish believer in Messiah Yeshua, who lives in a Druze/Arabic community in Israel, with dear Arabic Christian friends and spiritual family, I yearn to share with you, and with the Church at large, my perspective on Israel and our peoples. FYI, I pray several times a week with Arabic and International friends, and worship several times a week with Jews and Internationals. Both sides cry with a combination of pain and hope. Both sides share deep-seated fears and amazing faith. Both ache and believe for God's timing to bring forth His unity in our Land. Both yearn to accelerate that timing through prayers and worship.

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The Spread of the Gospel - A Video to Encourage you

Clicking on this video link will in just a few short minutes give you a visual history of the way the Gospel of Christ and Christianity has spread around the world in spite of huge challenges to become the most dominant faith around the world. **Let's indeed pray for it to keep on spreading to those still unreached around us and to the ends of the earth!**



[Watch Video](#)

Life under the Cruel Taliban

AFP December 31, 2015 10:55pm

Freed Afghan village reveals key to Taliban 'success'

QARA GHOILY (Afghanistan)

(AFP) - Flanked by shaggy-haired gunmen, commander Ghulam

Farooq peered out from a hilltop at

the biggest military prize of his fabled career as a warlord -- a mud-walled Afghan village captured after five years of Taliban control. The village of Qara Ghoily in the remote northwestern badlands bordering Turkmenistan offers a rare glimpse into life under Taliban rule and encapsulates governance failures that have helped the Islamists gain ground against NATO-backed Afghan forces. When Farooq, a powerful anti-Taliban militia commander in Faryab province, wrested control of the village in August after a scorched-earth offensive, he found a population deeply disaffected with the government despite years of hardline Taliban rule.



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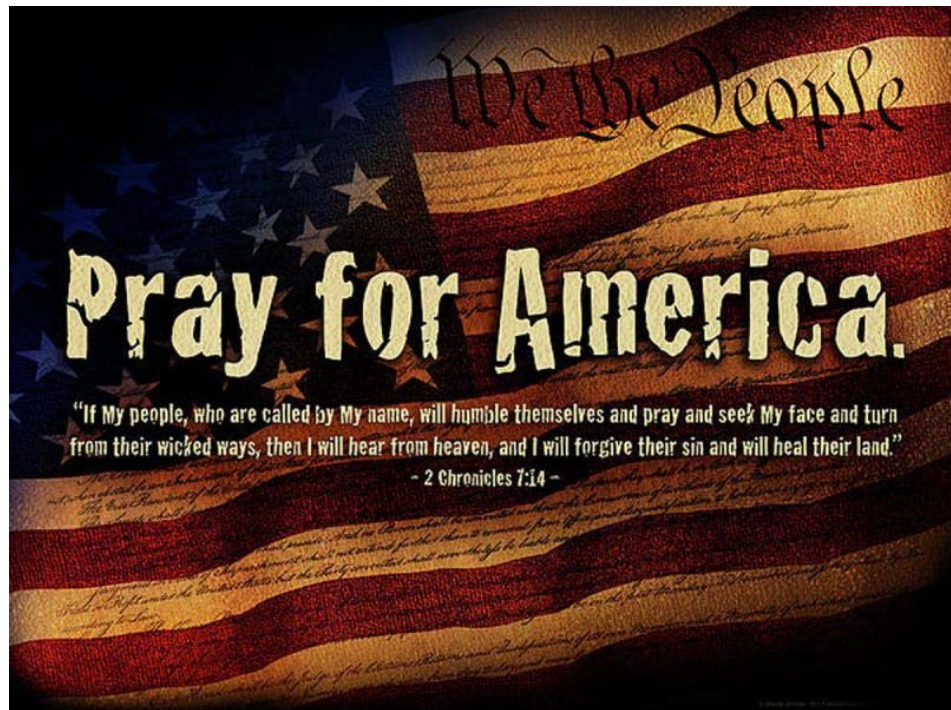
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We praise God for the year 2015 and for all the long commitments.

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Important Year for the USA!



Some who have looked into what is behind the current climate change movement and its link to the Agenda 21 effort of the United Nations are concerned that this is not about climatic developments, the evidence for which numerous scientists have challenged. Rather, they allege, it is an effort by global elitists with Marxist and occultist connections who want to establish a new form of global tyranny. Of course, the spiritual being called "the prince of this world" does want to establish greater domination and control, the hallmark of the demonic realm, to enslave humankind through any means and agents that can serve this purpose.

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Together 2016: Praying for a Reset of America



Up until now, we've referred to Together 2016 as *next year*. But now next year is here-and as we turn our calendars to January, we begin praying more expectantly. If a million people are going to gather on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on July 16, there is much that God must accomplish before then-fueled by our prayers! January is also a month when churches start out the year with an emphasis on prayer. This year, multiple churches and ministries are partnering in 21 days of prayer and fasting from January 10-31. **Praying with Jesus: RESET My Generation** is a national expression in support of what God is doing through Together 2016 and other national initiatives. We will be uniting with all generations to pray for revival and spiritual awakening in our nation.

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IPC Calendar

8 - 10 Jan, National Weekend of Prayer



10 Feb thru 20 Mar Seek God for the City

www.waymakers.org

11 - 13 Mar, Taking Back the Land in Washington, DC

9 Apr United Cry - DC 2016

<http://faithdialogue.org/?event=united-cry-washington-dc>

5 May, National Day of Prayer

www.nationaldayofprayer.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/>



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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