

International Prayer Connections

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1. Praying for International Security

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.[c].. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts...He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields[d] with fire... He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” (from Psalm 46)



Having witnessed with our facilitation teams the Lord bringing an end to eight wars and ethnic conflicts over the last 20 plus years when His people come together in united, focused prayer, I have full confidence that we could see Him do the same in the current, very scary stand-off with North Korea. We must, however, not lose our sense of intercessory concentration on this most urgent international security threat. God will use our united prayers even more than THAAD high altitude missile defense systems to raise up a shield of 24/7 protection, a virtual fortress so that we do not have to fear as the above psalm tells us. He can make this conflict subside and enable a peaceful solution to be reached if we will continue to cover it in ongoing intercession.

Here is the latest on this worsening crisis:

1) The problem with the military option

An article in the Washington Times today offers this perspective:

“The most detailed analysis of all possible scenarios ranging from a “crushing U.S. military strike to eliminate Pyongyang’s arsenals of mass destruction, take out its leadership, and destroy its military” to “removing chairman Kim Jong-Un and his inner circle, most likely by assassination,” is provided by Mark Bowden in The Atlantic. His conclusion: All these options not only will carry huge human and material costs, but their end results will turn both the regional and the global situation from bad to worse.

Gregory Treverton, the former chair of the U.S. National Intelligence Council, agrees that “military options against the North’s nuclear arsenal suffer from two problems: they might not succeed, and Pyongyang has devastating retaliatory options.” (Washington Times, Sept 29)

Let us pray that these violent military options will not have to be used. They could unleash a destructive retaliation that would cause the deaths of many hundreds of thousands if not millions of people.

2) The danger of provocative actions

“Japanese Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera warned Friday that North Korea may engage in dangerous provocations next month. The Japanese defense minister’s call for caution came after South Korean National Security Adviser Chung Eui-yong made a similar warning the day before.

There are several dates North Korea might choose to mark with its own special brand of fireworks. Oct. 9 is the anniversary of North Korea's first nuclear test, Oct. 10 is the anniversary of the founding of the North Korean communist party, and Oct. 18 marks the start of the twice-in-a-decade Communist Party Congress in China." (DailyCaller.com, Sept 29)

Pray that the North Korean regime will be held back from launching provocative operations due to Kim Jong Un's fear of losing face with his own people or as part of these upcoming anniversaries.

3) China's key role and the important use of sanctions

Successive rounds of U.N. sanctions have cut off more than 90 percent of North Korea's publicly reported exports — including coal, iron ore, seafood and, most recently, textiles — and have restricted the regime's ability to earn foreign currency income by sending workers abroad.

China accounts for roughly 85 percent of North Korea's external trade and is seen by many as the key to forcing Pyongyang to at least freeze its nuclear and missile programs." (Washington Post, Sept 29th)

"China and the United States have developed a closer relationship due to North Korea's antics, which former U.S. Ambassador to China Max Baucus describes as genuinely disgusting and frustrating to Chinese President Xi Jinping." (Breitbart, Sept 29)

China is absolutely the key factor for the peaceful resolution of this crisis. Pray that China and the USA will work closely together to solve this great international security problem. Pray that China will continue to effectively shut down their trade and business connections with North Korea and that any smuggling or bypassing of this new embargo will be strictly prevented so that the North Korean regime's economic ability to wage war is choked off.

4) The perilous connection with Iran

"Failure to stop North Korea will almost certainly lead to a failure to stop Iran. In the past, Pyongyang has transferred nuclear and missile technology to Iran, resulting in similar missiles appearing in military parades in both capitals. Iran is now much more developed in science and technology, and is likely to improve on North Korean systems.

Furthermore, Iran can keep within all the restrictions imposed on it by the nuclear deal and still develop and test its nuclear weapon and missile program in North Korea." (Algemeiner.com, Sept 29th)

Let's pray that the relationship of North Korea and Iran will be cut off and that as North Korea is dealt with, Iran's capacity to build up nuclear weapons and missile program will also be curtailed through similar sanctions and united actions by the international community.

Thanks for continuing to cover this alarming situation in your prayers.

John Robb, IPC Chairman

2. Vision 2025 – Global Prayer Gathering Oct 15

Please join us in praying for the first annual Global Prayer Gathering held by the Seed Company on October 15th, 2017. The gathering is focused on celebrating God's goodness in accelerating the Bible translation movement over the past 25 years.



The Global Prayer Gathering also calls the Bride of Christ to pray and join Vision 2025, the effort to reach the remaining 1,671 languages that completely lack Scripture by the year 2025.

The gathering will both take place at Pantego Bible Church in Ft. Worth, TX and be livestreamed globally on October 15th.

Come to the [FREE] event or live stream it from anywhere. Will you join us?

http://prayforzero.theseedcompany.org/?utm_source=The+Seed+Company&utm_campaign=2f09bde2a7-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_PrayforZERO_Invite&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_226cd9a254-2f09bde2a7-&mc_cid=2f09bde2a7&mc_eid=%5bUNIQID%5d>

Pray for God to bring international prayer leaders to the gathering who will dramatically help with Vision 2025.

Pray: for the worship leaders and speakers for the gathering.

Pray: for God to both guide the selection of worship leaders and speakers and bless their efforts as they begin to prepare for the gathering.

Pray: for blessing and favor upon Pantego Bible Church as they host the gathering and have given generously towards the cause.

Pray: for unity and support amongst other Dallas/Ft. Worth churches for the event.

Pray: for spiritual protection, unity, wisdom, and divine creativity over the Seed Company prayer mobilization team as they lead the event.

Pray: that God would use the design of the website and featured content to lead many into praying for Vision 2025.

Pray: for the development of the Bible translation prayer app. We are believing for it to be running smoothly by October 15th.

Pray: for the global marketing and networking for the prayer gathering. We are praying for 1,600 attendees in person and for one million worldwide to view the event online live or after the gathering.

The Spirit of God is moving like a mighty, rushing wind in the Bible translation movement, and it is time for the entire body of Christ to play its part in this historical moment.

It is time for you to become a part of His solution in rescuing the nations out of darkness with the light of His Word. It is time to Pray for ZERO.

Samuel E. Chiang

President and CEO - Seed Company

3. Children in Prayer Myanmar Conference Oct 7

On Oct 7th, there will be a children's intercession prayer conference with 1000 children.

All the children come from different orphanages and different churches too.

In this conference, the children participate in praising, worshiping, preaching and praying together for all the nations.

Please pray for our children's prayer conference.

And please pray for our country too.

We believe that by our children's prayers God will do a great thing and a new thing in our country again.

Thanks and with much blessing,

Nandar



4. Prayer for Pakistan

Christian High School Student Killed in Pakistan

The father of a 17-year-old Christian who was killed in a school in Pakistan by at least one Muslim classmate said the attack was religiously motivated, a charge that police dispute.

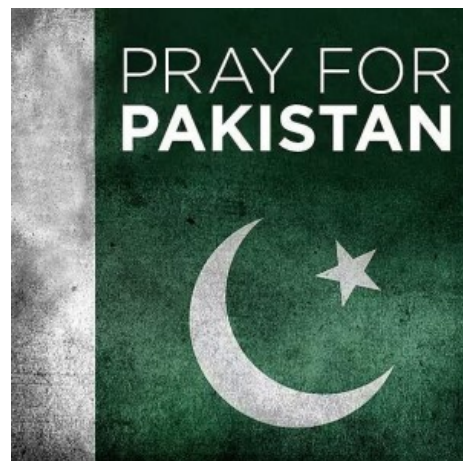
Ilyasab Masih (father of the victim) stated that a teacher had sent a strong non-verbal message of anti-Christian hostility by hitting and humiliating his son, Sharoon Masih, the day before the assault on Aug. 27.

Pray: for God's comforting presence over all those grieving the loss of Sharoon Masih;

Pray: that the authorities will take action against the unjustified killing, and the perpetrator will be brought to justice.

Christian Father of Two in Pakistan Sentenced to Death for 'Blaspheming'

Prophet of Islam



Christian father of two in Pakistan has been sentenced to death for blaspheming Islam's prophet in a phone text even though he is illiterate, sources said.

Nadeem James, 27, was charged in July 2016 in Gujrat District after a friend, Yasir Bashir, complained to police that he received a poem via WhatsApp instant messaging that was derogatory towards Muhammad and other revered Islamic figures. Court sentenced James to death on Thursday (Sept. 14), as per sources.

Pray: that God would strengthen and comfort James and his family members during these trying times;

Pray: that the authorities will take measures to amend these stringent laws;

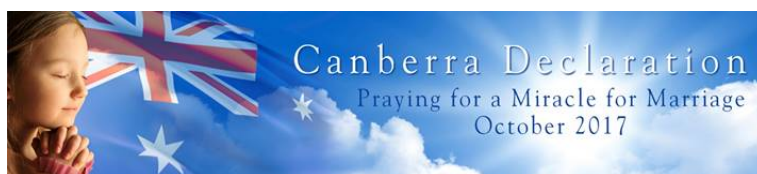
Pray: that authorities would intervene and release James;

WEA RLC Prayer News | Religious Liberty Prayer News

5. Australia Call for Prayer in October for Plebiscite on Marriage

Month of Prayer & Fasting to Protect Marriage

Australia is in the middle of a government mandated postal survey to decide the future of marriage between a man and a woman. The



polls are predicting a defeat for those who believe in the biblical definition of marriage. Australian Christians are asking for prayer from all over the world for a "miracle for marriage" in Australia. The ballots must be posted back by the end of October. The Catholic Church has called for a month of 'Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Families' through the month of October 2017. See the Catholic Promo Video Here. The broad Australian church is also supporting this historic call for prayer and fasting.

James Condon, a Commissioner with the Salvation Army, and the head of Strategic Church Relations for the National Day of Prayer & Fasting said, "Support for this historic initiative by the Catholic Church is gathering momentum. Key Aboriginal Christian leaders are also supporting this call for prayer and fasting to protect marriage from redefinition. In fact, three Indigenous leaders will feature in the digital devotions that will be released daily, during the month of October. Marriage between a man and a woman is sacred in Indigenous culture." For more information regarding the Indigenous perspective on the sacredness of marriage go to: www.ulurubarkpetition.com

Ps Peter Walker, an Indigenous leader from the Uluru Bark Petition said, "I congratulate the Catholic Church, together with all these leaders, for showing leadership and taking the initiative to launch a call for a Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Families. In our indigenous culture, which has continued for thousands of years, marriage and family are paramount. Marriage is between one man and one woman."

Warwick Marsh, spokesman for the Canberra Declaration and a coordinator of the National Day of Prayer & Fasting said, "For this period of prayer and fasting we ask that you only fast as you are able. See our Promo Video Here. To inspire you in your prayers the team at the Canberra Declaration, in collaboration with Christian leaders from all over Australia, will provide a daily email devotion. The National Day of

Prayer & Fasting is also going to help get the word out. To get the free daily devotional delivered to your inbox throughout the month of October click [here](#).”

Marsh continued, “We also invite those in other countries to join with us, if they are able, on our National Zoom Prayer Conference Call three times a day. The hourly sessions will occur at 7AM, 1PM and 8PM Eastern Australian Daylight time. (NSW Time) These video prayer calls will go daily for the full 31 days of October.

To register and get log in details for the Zoom conference call go to www.prayercall.com.au

David Rowsome, prayer coordinator and co-writer for the Canberra Declaration said, “We as believers must approach these issues with great humility as marriage has been greatly damaged under our watch. Collectively, we as nation must ask God for forgiveness for our failure and truly repent. At the same time, we need to pray for God’s grace to be shown to marriages and families in distress. The good news is that we all gain great hope from the scriptural promise found in 2 Chronicles 7:14, “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Canberra Declaration: <http://www.canberradeclaration.org.au>

National Day of Prayer & Fasting: <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.com.au>

6. George Soros, global agitator

George Soros. Who are we dealing with? By some he is described as a wealthy philanthropist and others say he is the most evil man in the world and that Satan is using him around the world. In the last couple of months I have met with numerous people from India, Europe, South America and North America who immediately say, “This is one of the worst men being used by the evil one to bring down our countries. Anything you organize to pray about him we want to be part of it.”

We know his history. He was born a Jew in Hungary. His family survived World War II by changing their name. He ended up in England going to school and then working in banks; then moving on to the United States. His life continued to change as he was influenced by many demonic influences, some of them world religions.

He is a well-known supporter of the American Progressive movement, American liberal politicians, and liberal politicians worldwide.

His clear purpose is to bring down Christian America (and other countries around the world) and turn them in to Liberal Communist/“Progressive” societies. (For those of you in Europe, (Read more: <http://www.wnd.com/2017/07/hungarian-pm-soros-empire-plans-to-de-christianize-europe/>)

Consider some of the consequences of Progressive political activism over the past eight years:



These were summarized by those who have studied this in depth. They pertain to the United States and the world.

A growth industry trafficking in human baby organs and body parts – funded and defended by the Democratic Party.

The abandonment of a biblical view of marriage that protected and liberated children and adults from centuries of pagan slavery, poverty, polygamy and non-life-giving sexuality.

The Transgender agenda imposed by Obama-government edict, including gender re-education to be forced on our citizens, businesses, schools, military and churches.

Doubling of our national debt, economic stagnation and increased welfare dependency.

Increased minority unemployment, poverty and violent inner city lawlessness, with an accompanying loss of opportunity, self-determination and family stability.

Heightened racial division and tension, and the growing phenomenon of paid demonstrators being recruited and dispatched to instigate protests that often become riots.

Open borders and 'sanctuary' cities increasing drugs, disease, crime, gangs and terrorism.

Forced refugee resettlement in hundreds of American cities without citizen consent, mandated by the federal government in collusion with the United Nations. "Refugees" are primarily non-assimilating Muslims, while authorities reject persecuted Christians.

Hostility towards Judeo-Christian religious liberty in our courts, media and universities including the suppression of conservative speakers, free thought and moral education.

The widespread, political use of the IRS to intimidate conservative, patriotic and Christian groups that disagree with the current political establishment.

He disperses his donations through his foundation Open Society Foundations . A look at some of these gives you a quick idea of some of the evil that he supports. I have listed just a few from the website

Activities:

The Open Society Foundations reported annual expenditures of \$827 million in 2014. Its \$873 million budget in 2013 ranked as the second largest private philanthropy budget in the United States, after the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation budget of \$3.9 billion.

According to the foundations' website, 1993-2014 expenditures included:

\$2.9 billion to defend human rights, especially the rights of women; ethnic, racial, and religious minorities; drug users; sex workers; and LGBTQ communities;

\$2.1 billion for education;

\$1.6 billion on developing democracy in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union;

\$1.5 billion in the United States to promote reform in criminal justice, drug policy, palliative care, education, immigration, equal rights, and democratic governance;

\$737 million for public health issues such as HIV and AIDS, TB, palliative care, harm reduction, and patients' rights;

\$214 million to advance the rights of Roma communities in Europe.

Expenditures in 2014 included:

\$277.3 million - Rights and Justice

\$238.0 million - Governance and Accountability

\$116.0 million - Administration

\$91.7 million - Education and Youth

\$60.0 million - Health

\$43.8 million - Media and Information.

He is involved in funding 206 organizations in the United States.

One of the best critiques of Soros is a video explaining him and what he does. I would suggest you watch this. See video: https://americanevangelicals.com/#toc_top

To accomplish the downfall of America he has said, (from the video)

THE KEY: A well-organized minority to overwhelm the unorganized majority

..... hostile to society and the Church.....

“How do arrogant global elite control a free people?”

Destroy the foundations:

1. Christianity and the value of the human person
2. The family, children and education
3. Private property and national sovereignty”

End goal - Demoralize the once strong America.

OVERTHROW AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND TRUMP

To overthrow our American government and Trump we are seeing demonstrations on the streets, destruction of property, university rioting and the list goes on.

To some of us it seems more like what we have seen overseas than a “democracy.” Millions of dollars are given towards this to support this destructive activity.

I saw a video of man who once had a good job and is now being paid by a Soros group. Each day he gets up in the morning, reads his email of where he is to go to lead demonstrations or carry out some other activities. Ask around and you will see this repeatedly. Detailed directions are sent out for each

demonstration on where to meet, what and how to carry out activities, a buddy system, even down to where to get medical help if needed. "A well-organized minority overwhelms the unorganized majority."

For example, in March Soros gave \$246 million to groups participating in a Day Without Women protest. Paid workers to bring down society and the government, and bring in their own socialist progressivism.

Another thing he is using is "Indivisible – A Practical Guide for Resisting the Trump Agenda." This is one of the scariest, most well-written documents that I have seen. Written by congressmen, staffers, etc. who understand how the government works. It is a manual on how to defeat President Trump on every move he makes. And how to pressure your congressmen to change their minds and vote for something they may not even want to do. It is masterfully written and organized. They state, "Together, we have the power to resist—and we have the power to win." No wonder we cannot get agreement in Congress.

Link (You will need to download the pdf file from this site: <https://www.indivisibleguide.com/guide/>)

ASPEN

There is no doubt that George Soros has been influenced and is being used by demonic forces. I believe there is a religious spirit that has influenced him in almost everything he is doing today and that is Buddhism.

Buddhism, we know, has the power to change the mindset. The Dalai Lama was invited to Aspen, Colorado, a perfect place for him to share his "enlightenment." Many, including George Soros, have come under his influence.

The Aspen Institute was first established in Aspen Colorado. (Its headquarters has now changed to Washington, DC.) The organization is dedicated to "fostering enlightened leadership, the appreciation of timeless ideas and values, and open-minded dialogue on contemporary issues." (Aspen Institute-Wikipedia) Through seminars it promotes policy matters, leadership development, etc (in America and overseas). Soros has used the Aspen Institute as a central forum for much of what he does in this country and around the world. One night I was awakened by the Lord and told to google, "Is George Soros connected to Aspen Institute?" I came up with a list of many, many pages and results. see websites His involvement in the U.N. and its many pursuits, health issues like abortion, new world order, the environment, the list goes on and on. It is like the list above of 206 items. His involvement sounds like an agenda the devil made up.

Aspen Institute is used for carrying out many of his evil exploits. There are several in the United States and many around the world. This website (Aspen locations) lists those in the U.S. and many international ones. If yours is not there, you can easily find it on the web.

In many countries they may not be called Institutes but they are extension institutes where they have teaching seminars or forums. These are usually held repeatedly in the same place.

As the "watchman on the wall," prayer leaders, intercessors and Christians, the time for bickering is gone. We have to come together in UNITY under God's leadership, or in the "blink of an eye" our nation will be taken from us and we will lose everything. This means revival, or for us to be put on the persecution list. I do not say this rashly but out of experience of living in two countries where this has happened.

As God's watchman we have the authority to overcome and see God have the victory through UNITED prayer. (Mt 28:18)

PRAYER

We must pray that George Soros is changed and brought to Christ or brought down.

He has two sons, Robert and Alex. His son Alex is expected to take his place. Both need to be prayed for that they be changed or brought down.

Pray for this man and his associates.

PRAYER TEAMS

We need prayer teams to prayer walk around the Aspen Institutes in the U.S. and around the world.

For those outside of the United States please develop your own teams.

Prayer teams will need to find all the various headquarters of groups associated with demonstrations and bringing down the government in your state, area or country.

A Concerned American Prayer Leader

7. Pray for Awaken the Dawn & Rise Up - Washington DC Oct 6-9

Thank you for your willingness to pray for this unprecedented moment. It is our longing to meet face-to-face with Him on the National Mall. This is America's Tent of Meetings.

AWAKEN THE DAWN



It is our conviction that we must pray like never before as we approach this holy moment before Him. We do not want to show up empty handed. Rather we pray for grace to mobilize a prayer movement now to cover this gathering. What is prayed in secret today before the Father will be seen by all on the National Mall come October.

We want to invite you to pray into these seven themes for Awaken the Dawn.

TENT OF MEETINGS

The Tent of Meetings represent the raw, unfiltered presence of God, unrestrained by cultural norms—extending an invitation to weak men and women to cry out to meet with Him, face-to-face. This is the cry that must arise from the generations as we tabernacle together on the National Mall: We want to meet with you face-to-face!

PRAY: John 1:14 declares that “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us”—we want Jesus to tabernacle among us on the National Mall in His full splendor.

PROCESSION

The “procession of my God, my King” (Psalms 68:24) is a procession of musicians, singers, worship leaders, evangelists and simply laid down lovers of Jesus from all 50 states converging on the National Mall for America’s Tent of Meetings. Each person in this procession is bringing an offering before the Lord—their very own lives as a “living sacrifice” (Romans 12:1) unto the Lord. It will be a procession for the ages: men and women; young and old;

PRAY: Singers, musicians, and worship leaders will respond to this unprecedented call of God to tabernacle before the Lord as they represent their state on the National Mall, and for thousands of praying women to gather at The Call on October 9th.

BEAUTY OF JESUS

In the midst of crying out to meet with Him face-to-face is the need to encounter Him afresh. This is nothing short of the beauty of Jesus unveiled to the human heart. The revelation of the beauty of Jesus causes the human heart to surrender all to His worthiness.

PRAY: The Spirit of wisdom and revelation will unveil the beauty of Jesus to the hearts of this generation.

WORTH OF JESUS

We are going to gather around the indescribable worth of Jesus. The only thing that is adequate to fully communicate His worth is the full surrender of the human heart to Him.

It is our longing to summon a generation to the National Mall to express even out of our weakness the worth that is ascribed to Him—and Him alone!

PRAY: Revelation of His worth—the inexpressible glory of the God-Man, Christ Jesus would be multiplied within the hearts of all.

SACRIFICIAL LOVE

The worth of Jesus compels us out of love to surrender all. Surrender involves sacrifice.

A broken woman broke her alabaster jar containing expensive ointment to anoint Jesus’s feet—this was a love motivated sacrifice. Love sees no sacrifice too great for the One who sacrificed all for us.

PRAY: One aspect of sacrificial love that we must humbly share is the need for financial provision to pull off a gathering of this magnitude. Please pray for surrendered hearts to lavish sacrifices of love at the feet of Jesus.

NEW JESUS MOVEMENT

Jesus responded to the countercultural revolution of the sixties with his own revolution:

The Jesus Movement. This unprecedented move of God galvanized a disillusioned generation into the heartbeat of God. Today we are contending for the unveiling of the beauty of Jesus coupled with the demonstration of signs and wonders to awaken a generation unto the worth of Jesus. There is no backup plan. Only one antidote in this hour will work: the worth of Jesus burning in the heart of the Millennial Generation.

PRAY: Cry out to the Father for a new Jesus Movement to apprehend and capture the heart of the Millennial Generation. Declare Acts 4:30 over this generation: “Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

MISSIONS MOVEMENT

Missions movements historically follow a genuine move of the Spirit as sons and daughters surrender their lives to make Christ known to the ends of the earth. Many in this hour are praying Matthew 9:38—“therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

PRAY: To the Lord of the harvest to send forth—ekballo—laborers into his harvest fields.

Organizers of the Awaken the Dawn <http://www.awakenthedawn.org>

Pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit on each of the 50 plus prayer and worship tents representing all 50 states of the USA. May this lead to a Third Great Awakening that with the revival and transformation of American society and government that so many have been seeking God for!

8. Modern-day Muslim Saul’s story from underground church

A Muslim who says he beat and killed Christians because of their faith and says he was miraculously healed from bullet wounds he received in one of those attacks has not only converted but become the pastor of a home church in an undisclosed Islamic country, according to Bibles for the Mideast.



Zakkir, a pseudonym, and his father lived to uphold the many religious rules governing their solidly Muslim country, one of the strictest in the Middle East. They followed Islamic ritual practices fanatically, and if they witnessed anything or anyone “out of order,” had no reservations about resorting to violence.

Zakkir’s father served in an often-merciless Islamic religious force known as Muttawa, while his son headed up an outlaw gang of angry young militants. All were fully committed to punishing anyone daring to defy the stern laws and practices of Islam.

“If anyone passed along the road by the mosque at the time of Namaz [Islamic prayer], our gang would stop and brutally beat them for not attending,” Zakkir said.

One day, he noticed some Christians distributing sample gospels and, he says, trying to convert several Muslims. The gang determined to put a stop to the evangelical activities.

“We attacked their office,” Zakkir said, “and killed three of them.”

Soon they were back at their post, stopping those passing by the mosque at the time of Friday prayer, insisting they come in. They pulled over one man in the midst of rushing his sick child to hospital.

“I dragged him out of the car myself,” Zakkir confesses. But as he did, the distraught father grabbed a gun from his glove compartment and fired off three shots directly into his assailant’s chest. Zakkir fell to the ground, and the man jumped back into his car and drove off.

Zakkir's friends sped him to the hospital where surgeons managed to remove only two of the bullets, deciding that taking out the third, lodged in a dangerous position in his chest, would mean certain death.

He remained in a coma for several days, and doctors gave up hope for his recovery. Friends and relatives who had been by his hospital bed from the beginning gave up as well, leaving him alone in the hospital to die.

Meanwhile, Bibles for Mideast director Pastor Paul "just happened" to be visiting the country with several other missionaries at the time. While in prayer, he says he received clear instructions about Zakkir and his condition in a vision, even though the two had never met.

"Not only did the Lord ask me to visit him," he recalls, "but He told me to bring him back with me from the hospital! We fully trust our Lord, so without any doubts we went. My co-workers suggested we take along separate clothes for him, since he would be in a hospital gown."

He and three other evangelists headed off to the hospital, found Zakkir's room, and began to pray over his comatose body.

"At this moment," Zakkir recalls. "I had a dream that Jesus Christ came to me and said, 'I am your Lord and Savior, I have been wounded for you, and by my stripes you are healed. I choose you as one of my vessels to bring many to my fold.'"

He says the Lord then touched his wounds with His own nail-scarred hands.

"Suddenly, the remaining bullet jumped from my chest automatically, as I felt new blood flow through my veins," he said. He opened his eyes to see four people praying over him.

"I thought they were angels of the Lord," he says. Pastor Paul made clear they were simply servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that they'd been given instructions to come and pray for him. He also explained to him the way of salvation.

Zakkir hardly needed convincing. He got up, accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. The missionaries helped him into his 'new clothes' and then secretly whisked him away.

"No one knew about my escape with the pastors," he explains. As only Jesus could work it, Zakkir now heads up an underground Bibles for Mideast house church in his country.

Zakkir said: "I am not worthy to be a pastor of our Lord's church, for I was persecuting the church," he says, sounding like the Apostle Paul writing to the Corinthians. "But I am pastoring an underground church. We are taking care of the persecuted Christians who were former Muslims."

Paul, previously known as Saul, had murdered and arrested Christians in Israel before his miraculous conversion on the road to Damascus.

In 1 Corinthians 15:9, Paul said: "For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God."

Read more at <http://www.wnd.com/2017/09/modern-day-muslim-saul-story-from-underground-church/#ej8hGtRsPkQfxMsc.99>

Pray: That Muslim radicals will encounter Jesus as this man did.

9. Pray for SureFire Prayer International

We are based out of Atlanta, and have a mission to equip families to pray together in the home.

Most of our ministry to date has been in Latin America and the Middle East. We are beginning

to make stronger connections in the USA, and are hoping to forge relationships with others to see the Lord raise up children who believe it's normal to have an ongoing conversation with the Lord through prayer each and every day.



SureFire Prayer International

Our next large initiative is a partnership with the India Gospel League in 2018. We will be training 250 leaders within their network who oversee 400,000 children. We would certainly like prayer coverage for these children, leaders, and all the families represented!

Here is a video that explains a little more about SureFire Prayer:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=FDatx_K3ha0

Paige M. Kolb - President, SureFire Prayer International

www.SureFirePrayer.org | "Healthy Families Make for Healthy Churches"

10. Praying for children accused of witchcraft.

"May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendour to their children. May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us — yes, establish the work of our hands." — Psalm 90:16–17.

Bethany Children's Trust's training resource, entitled "the Heart of the Matter", for pastors and community leaders, has now been piloted in Lomé, Togo. In total 23

attended the workshop, none of whom had engaged openly with this issue before. All have been encouraged and challenged by the training.



Testimony

"It was a wonderful day. The participants are very proactive in the group work and sketches; they are asking questions and humble." — local trainer.

"Alleluia, thank you for your quality training, your life and your fire that we have received." — local community leader.

Thank God

Praise God for Gad and Liz Numadi of MECI, Togo, that champions the cause of these children who are accused and abused. Thank God for their vision, passion, and initiative to bring people together to tackle this issue.

Thank God for all who attended this workshop in Lomé, including some civic leaders as well as pastors from the churches.

Please Pray

Ask God to stir all these local pastors and leaders to be change-makers in their community, using their influence to persuade and empower others, and never to become weary or fearful of tackling the issue of witchcraft related child abuse.

Pray that the increased awareness of the harm that these accusations cause will change perceptions in Togolese society, and provoke an active response to protect the most vulnerable.

May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us. — Psalm 90:17

Susie Howe - Director

The Bethany Children's Trust

<http://www.bethanychildrenstrust.org.uk>

11. Defending Unborn Babies - ACLJ Appeal

100 babies will be murdered in the time it takes us to read this article.

We're just hours from a major U.N. deadline to defend unborn babies.

It's estimated that now more than 28 million defenseless babies have been needlessly slaughtered worldwide by abortion - over a million by Planned Parenthood alone.

It's horrendous. It's sickening. If we don't act, more babies will die.

Even worse, the U.N. is poised to rewrite the international legal definition of the "right to life" to become the right to abortion.

For decades we've been defending life worldwide. We're aggressively engaged in two major pro-life cases at the U.S. Supreme Court - one could save lives; the other could devastate Big Abortion.

Today, we have a critical opportunity to defend babies globally. In just moments, we are making an urgent oral intervention at the U.N. defending the defenseless. And in just weeks, we're making a massive U.N. legal filing...

Following the horrific violations of human rights that occurred during World War II, much of the world recognized the importance of establishing laws to protect the inherent right to life of all persons. As such, www.ipcprayer.org



Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) states, “Every human being has the inherent the right to life. This right shall be protected by law.” Yet the U.N. Human Rights Committee is rewriting the definition of the “right to life” to mean the right to an abortion: the right to kill innocent children.

The ICCPR is a treaty that was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1966 and went into force in 1976. The ICCPR is part of the International Bill of Human Rights and enumerates the right to life, freedom of religion, and freedom of speech. It has been ratified by 169 States.

The U.N. Human Rights Committee is attempting revise its General Comment on Article 6 to now include support for abortions and even assisted suicide. The draft forbids States from introducing “burdensome requirements on women seeking to undergo abortion,” and provides that States “must provide safe access to abortion.”

Babies are being slaughtered worldwide at a horrific pace, and it is estimated that 27 million babies have been aborted across the world already this year. This revision by the U.N. Humans Rights Committee will only further advance the slaughter of innocent babies across the world.

It is not only the unborn that are at risk, but also the elderly and sick. In the draft, they also include protections for assisted suicide: “State parties [may allow] [should not prevent] medical professionals to provide medical treatment of the medical means in order to facilitate the termination of life of [catastrophically] afflicted adults, such as the mortally wounded or terminally ill, who experience severe physical or mental pain and suffering and wish to die with dignity.”

This is just the latest move in the attack against the sanctity of life. Recently, we have witnessed Iceland embrace the practice of eugenics in order to “cure” Down Syndrome through abortion. In England, doctors decided to take Baby Charlie off of life support and leave him to die even when there were other options.

Every life is precious. Every baby deserves to live. Now we have an opportunity – and a responsibility – to act.

The ACLJ, along with our international affiliates, have been asked to submit critical legal filings at the U.N. to defend the lives of unborn babies. This is the most critical U.N. filing for life we’ve ever made.

American Center for Law and Justice website www.aclj.org

Jay Sekulow - ACLJ Chief Counsel

Pray for the ACLJ and other pro-life organizations to be effective and united in their advocacy with those in political power to overturn rampant abortion around the world. These are God’s beloved kids that the “liar and murderer from the beginning” wants to destroy so they do not fulfil their God-given destiny.

12. Answered Prayer: Finnish Aid Worker Released

Breaking News: The sister we asked IPC Connections readers to pray for that was kidnapped on May, 20th 2017 was released!

Praise be to God and thank you for your prayers.

The original report is here:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-41265834>

A Finnish aid worker kidnapped in Afghanistan in May has been freed, Finland's foreign ministry says.

The unnamed woman was working for a Swedish group, Operation Mercy, in the capital Kabul, when gunmen attacked the guesthouse she was staying in.

A German colleague and an Afghan guard were killed in the attack.

Finland's foreign ministry said the woman was "safe" but gave no further details of her release, asking people to respect her privacy.

"The well-being of our colleague is being assessed at this time," it said in a brief statement.

No group has said it carried out the guesthouse attack.

Kidnappings, sometimes for ransom, are a serious problem in conflict-hit Afghanistan and aid workers are often targeted.



13. WELCOME THE KING OF GLORY, 9-13th October

The Pavilion, Jerusalem, Israel

The Holy Convocation in Jerusalem to Welcome the King of Glory!

Shalom from Jerusalem, the City of the Great King!

Two thousand years ago our Lord and Messiah, Yeshua, commanded his disciples to take the Gospel from Jerusalem to Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20). Six hundred years before this, the prophet Isaiah saw that the glory of God would reach even to the islands from the rising of the sun (east), and also to the "ends of the earth" (Isaiah 24:15, 41:5, 42:10).

In our generation, these prophecies of the Great Commission are being fulfilled. The Gospel has reached to the distant islands of the Pacific, exactly on the other side of globe from Jerusalem. And now, peoples from every tribe, tongue and nation, are desiring to bring the Good News and the Glory back to Jerusalem - all in preparation for His glorious return!



We are a group of Israeli, Messianic leaders who have come together to “Welcome the King of Glory.” King David was the first to welcome the King of Glory when he brought the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem. He did this both as an individual worshiper, but also on behalf of his people, Israel.

For many reasons, we believe that this year of 2017 is prophetically significant. Together with a remnant of believers from many tribes, tongues and nations, we desire to welcome the King of Glory into Jerusalem once more. We believe we are on the cusp of a new season of His glory residing in His Body worldwide - according to Isaiah 60. We also believe that this will mark a new season of God’s presence among His people in Israel, and the beginning of a season of the fulfilment of many End Times’ events. (We are not necessarily declaring this season as the time of His Second Coming!)

We want to invite you, your family, your tribes and nations, to come up to Jerusalem for this special gathering during Sukkot 2017. The Lord is about to arise over Jerusalem to mark the beginning of the Day of the Lord and the End Times.

Arise and shine for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! For behold the darkness shall cover the earth and great darkness shall cover the peoples. But the LORD will arise with His glory upon you, the Gentiles and their kings shall come to your light (Isaiah 60:1-3).

Let us gather in Jerusalem, to welcome the King of Glory, who is strong and mighty! Lift up your heads, O you gates...and the King of Glory shall come in! (Psalm 24)

The “Welcome the King of Glory” (WTKOG) gathering will take place at the Pavilion from October 9-13. You can find details at www.wtkog.com

We look forward to seeing you in Jerusalem, in the Name of our Messiah Yeshua!

Avi Mizrachi Israel Coordinator

Welcome the King of Glory<http://wtkog.com>

Pray that this not be just another conference. Instead, like the original Day of Pentecost, may the King of Glory visit Jerusalem in a unique and mighty way and may those Messianic Jews and Gentiles taking part in this event be endued with power from on high for the mission He has for them at this time in history.

14. Prayer for North Korean Refugees

"Rescue those being led away to death"*

We are bringing you this article which was originally to highlight North Korean Refugees Day, which has past, but it brings some informative information to guide our ongoing prayers for this troubled nation...

We cannot allow the latest provocations of the Kim Jong Un regime to divert us from the root cause of this problem: the atrocious violations of human rights being committed by this Kim regime and abetted by Xi Jinping.



Eighty percent of North Korean escapees carry poison so they can kill themselves if they are arrested in China. They would rather die than be repatriated to North Korea. China's "repatriation policy is a death sentence for North Koreans".**

Why Should We Care? The situation for North Korean refugees is worse than ever before. There is nothing that Kim Jong Un fears more than the PEOPLE of North Korea who are the ones who have educated us about the horrible suffering in the DPRK. Kim will do everything in his power to prevent their escape and China's communist government will comply with his wishes despite China's international treaty obligations. Just recently, a family of five committed suicide rather than face repatriation to North Korea. In this case, a senior member of the North Korea's Worker's Party with his wife, son and two daughters begged the Chinese security forces not to force them back to North Korea. The World Tribune reported: the Chinese police instead followed an order from Beijing to escort them with heavily armed security guards thousands of miles away to the northeastern province of Liaoning which borders North Korea. Fearing certain torture and imprisonment and possible execution, the family committed suicide by taking poison.

The defectors have repeatedly told us about the close cooperation between the Chinese and the North Korea security forces.

What the Chinese authorities are doing is inhumane, barbaric and illegal. It is a violation of international law as China is a signatory to the refugee convention which it signed in September of 1982 (The People's Republic of China signed the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol on September 24, 1982.)

Consider that the Chinese government refuses to allow the UN High Commissioner for Refugees any access to these refugees but gives free reign to the DPRK's Ministry of State Security agents to hunt down refugees and to murder those who try to help them. Even Chinese citizens have been jailed and murdered for helping North Korean refugees.

Will you take a stand for these men, women and children whose only crime was to try to live? We will provide you anything you need to take part: a sample letter of petition, posters, videos, prayer points, so you can take part. If action is already planned in your city, we will connect you with your city coordinator.

Here's how you can participate – two possible ways.

Be a City Coordinator: If you live in a city with a Chinese consulate, the role of the city coordinator is very simple: deliver a letter of petition on Friday, September 22nd to the Chinese embassy or consulate calling on the PRC to stop repatriating North Korean refugees. You can plan any additional activity you wish. For example, here in Washington, D.C. the North Korea Freedom Coalition will also hold a demonstration and a candlelight vigil, while in Seoul, South Korea, the Lawyers for Human Rights and unification of Korea are planning a protest, while in Pretoria, South Africa, Ata Gallous is hosting a conference to raise awareness in South Africa about North Korea's suffering.

Be a Solidarity City Coordinator: Solidarity city coordinators are in cities with no Chinese consulate but who wish to take action for North Korean refugees. You could host a film screening, a prayer vigil, collect signatures, host any event to raise awareness and raise funds for organizations that rescue North Korean refugees. For example, in Ithaca, New York, debuNK is hosting an event to educate students at Cornell

about the plight of North Korean refugees, while in Traverse City, Michigan, Sally Jo Messersmith is gathering with friends to pray for North Korea at the Korean War memorial there.

Last year 24 cities worldwide took part in Save North Korean Refugees Day from Pretoria, South Africa to San Francisco, California, from Seoul, South Korea, to Paris, France. For inspiration, you can see the full report of last year's Save North Korea Refugees Day on our website at www.nkfreedom.org. If you are interested in being a part of Save North Korean Refugees Day, please reply to this email. If you would like to support these efforts websites are listed below.

We need your voice to be heard!

ACTA NON VERBA,

*Proverbs 24: 11

**testimony of North Korean defectors during North Korea Freedom Week 2017

Suzanne Scholte - Seoul Peace Prize Laureate

President, Defense Forum Foundation

Chair, North Korea Freedom Coalition

www.defenseforumfoundation.org | www.nkfreedom.org

Please be in prayer for the plight of the North Korean people who have suffered so much under the brutal dictatorship of the Kim family for many decades. Pray for China to change its attitude to North Korean defectors so that they can be welcomed and helped across the border in China rather than be sent back to almost certain death.

15. Egypt: How United Prayer Changed the Course of a Nation

"Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, doing wonders?" Exodus 15:11

We often hear of the encouraging revivals of the past, when God did amazing things way back then, in the Great Awakenings in USA, the Welsh revival, the Korean revival, etc.



However, God is still at work today as well doing great and mighty things around the globe, and it is encouraging and inspiring to hear about what He is doing here and now.

The following is a PrayTV Studio production in which Gregg Healey, a prayer leader in Connecticut, interviews Pastor Khaled Ghobrial of the Arabic Baptist Church in Boston. Pastor Ghobrial shares how God has used and is still using the united prayers of the church in Egypt to change the course of that nation since 2011. The link below is a playlist with five segments that constitute the entire interview:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoJ7NaibJ99D3PhnRnmvZYGGg9wDVmzoF>
www.ipcprayer.org

Background:

* Egypt is a country of 90 million people with 85% Muslim and only 15% Christian. Christianity came to Egypt in 42 A.D. through the Apostle Mark who wrote the Gospel by that name. The original inhabitants of Egypt are the Coptic people (equivalent to the Native Americans in USA, or the Maori people in New Zealand).

* The Arabs invaded Egypt in 639 AD and brought Islam. Since then, the church in Egypt has been under various degrees of persecution throughout history. This drove the Church to its knees in prayer. As you know, biblically and historically, pressure and persecution causes the Church to thrive, while prosperity and times of ease often cause the Church to slumber; thus the pressure on the church in Egypt fuelled her prayers.

In this video:

* In the 1980's a prayer movement started and had five stages of growth. The stages included:

1. The Church in Egypt learning from the prayer movement in Korea.
2. The charismatic movement influence and a new understanding of the centrality of prayer and intercession in revival.
3. A crisis that fuelled the prayer movement.
4. Learning from the prayer movement in Uganda.
5. Growing in unity across denominations and generations on a national level, and having a united vision for revival and a great harvest in Egypt. The church cried fervently, "Lord, make your name known in our land!".

* The Church in Egypt continued to suffer persecution under former President Mubarak.

* The Church continued to pray fervently, in unity, that the Lord would expose and displace the darkness and shine the light of Christ.

* In 2011, Egypt had a revolution that toppled President Mubarak. In its essence, it was like the French Revolution where the masses revolted against a corrupt regime. God had answered the prayers of the Church and exposed darkness!

* The Church continued to pray fervently and on 11/11/11, a united, multi-Church prayer meeting took place in Cairo with 75,000 in attendance. It was a 12 hour prayer meeting for Christ to be known and magnified in that land!

* In 2012, the revolution was hijacked by the Muslim Brotherhood, and a Muslim Brotherhood President named Morsi, came to power. The Muslim Brotherhood vowed to remain in power for decades if not centuries.

* The Church was disappointed and confused as to why after all these years of prayer for revival, God allowed the Muslim Brotherhood to take power.

* Despite the disappointment, the Church in Egypt continued to pray in unity, fervently crying out, "Lord, expose darkness, come with a mighty move of your Spirit in our land!"

* Only one year later, 33 million mostly Muslim Egyptians took to the streets demanding the ousting of President Morsi. Some world newspapers, including the Huffington Post, called it, "The largest demonstration in the history of mankind." For 33 million Muslims in a strongly Islamic country to reject Islamic rule is historical and unprecedented. The US equivalent of that would be millions of Americans rejecting secular humanism, and realizing that it does not make sense.

* The Lord has once again heard the united prayers of His Church in Egypt and exposed the darkness in the land!

* In addition to the millions of Muslims coming to Christ, other amazing changes are happening in Egypt.

* The Egyptian constitution was re-written to provide Christians more rights and protection.

* Muslims recognized and expressed that the toppling of the Muslim Brotherhood government was the result of the prayers of the Church. They even asked the Church to continue to pray!

* In October 2015, the Egyptian Ministry of Education banned the teaching of Islam in Egyptian public schools, and substituted it with a subject called Virtue and Ethics. The US equivalent of that is for the US Department of Education to ban the teaching of evolution and stop promoting secular humanism!

* On January 6, 2016, the current president of Egypt was the first Muslim president in the history of the country to visit the Coptic Church Headquarters. He apologized to Christians publicly on live television for their persecution, bombed and burnt church buildings, and he vowed to advocate for them and protect them. He is the best president Egypt has had since its independence in 1952. All this happened in direct response to the united prayers of the Church there!

* Lessons from the prayer movement in Egypt:

1. It takes time and persistence in prayer.
2. It takes individuals taking ownership and responding to united prayer. It is not someone else's problem.
3. Kingdom mentality, relational unity, and united prayer is key: focusing on what unites us, not what divides us.

This is what happens when Church leaders respond to God and walk in unity, consecration, and prayer!

What would happen if we all walked in unity and together mobilized the body of Christ in our region towards a united prayer movement, with a vision to see the glory of God in our midst and the subsequent outbreak of revival, where thousands of people reject secular humanism and embrace Christ?

As you know, the Scriptures contrasts for us people and generations who understood their times and responded to what God wanted them to do, and those who did not. It describes the "Sons of Issachar" in 1 Chron 12:32 as having "Understood their times, and knew what Israel ought to do." In contrast, Jesus wept over Jerusalem, because "They did not understand the times of their visitation" Luke 19:42.

We want to be people who understand our times and what God is inviting us to, which is nothing short of changing the spiritual atmosphere in our region in the same way that the Church in Egypt (and elsewhere) changed the spiritual atmosphere in their own country.

By PrayTV Studio

Pray for the Egyptian Christians to go from strength to strength and for similar movements of prayer to arise in other challenging areas of the world and especially in the Muslim-majority nations.

16. Germany - CALL OF THE WATCHMEN

Send forth Your light and Your truth!

How often have we proclaimed this word of the Lord over our land – and that God has answered! At the German Prayer Conference in Berlin, from September 1 to 3 ,

we experienced the revelation of God's light and truth in a special way! This helped us to recognise the influence of the spirit of the age on our thinking and to be released from it.



True repentance begins with a change in our thoughts ("metanoia" in Greek). The word of God is our guide and help: "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:5).

Pray: Let us continue to pray in faith for our land: "Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me, let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell." (Psalm 43:3). -RS

Universities and centres of further education

In the coming months after the prayer conference we want to concentrate on how we can make a change in our way of thinking in our society. The Holy Spirit wants to bring about transformation in our society and culture. God wants to permeate our education system to break the power of ungodly ideologies and thought structures. Our thinking is always subject to the influence of the "spirit of the age".

Knowledge is never neutral and unbiased, but formed according to prevailing and generally accepted beliefs. Nowhere are the thoughts and actions within each generation so strongly moulded and influenced as within our universities and other centres of further education.

Many of the 2.8 million students today will one day be our leaders and will in many ways influence all areas of social life: justice, business, philosophy, education, theology, literature and politics. For too long the thinking of the '68 movement has been influencing all of these areas. The Spirit of God wants to permeate the centres of thought formation in our land once again. In past centuries God has inspired many in our universities to take his kingdom into the world.

God is the source of ideas and solutions to all questions in life. He has all the help and answers that our land so urgently needs. But we also need creative thinkers with a servant's heart who together with the Holy Spirit can develop innovative ideas and influence thought within Germany for the good of our land. God is the one who gives people the gifts, talents and grace to be a blessing to the world. Germany has often been known as the "land of poets and thinkers" and is very open to new ways and ideas.

May the Holy Spirit come into our universities and centres of education to renew our way of thinking and bring forth new life in our land.

Pray: For a transformation in the ways of thinking in our society in a move to draw us closer to God. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

Pray: For a movement of the Holy Spirit in our universities and other centres of thought formation. (Acts 4:29-31)

Pray: That creative thinkers will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to find answers and solutions for the needs of our land. (Daniel 1:7,20; Proverbs 3:5-6)-AS

Formation of a new federal government

The German Federal Parliament was elected four years ago on September 22, 2013, but the election of the federal chancellor did not take place until December 19, 2013. There is no deadline for this election in the German constitution. Protracted considerations as to which parties should form a coalition and the difficulties in the negotiations towards a coalition agreement delayed the formation of a new government. This can definitely happen again if one believes the opinion polls. As this prayer letter was being written, the result of the new elections on September 24 was not yet known. Angela Merkel recently stated regarding the election: "Until Sunday evening I can still do something, then I am constrained to remain passive

Afterwards we just have to wait and see. It is like waiting for your school report card." But what happens next? Many questions must be answered in Berlin: which parties are able to form a coalition? What positions (ministers, state secretaries...) does each party get? Who are standing for these positions, which political wings within the parties will be involved, which federal state interests must be considered? How many women should be included? Who will be vice-chancellor? All these decisions will determine the direction of our country for the next four years.

Pray: That God lifts up and brings down people during the process of forming a coalition and the new German federal government. (Luke 1:51-52)

Pray: That trustworthy, visionary and God-fearing parliamentarians will fill the important positions in government (in the foreign ministry, for example). (Proverbs 8:15-17)

Pray: For the coalition agreement; that the needs of our people and the role of our country with regard to Europe, Israel and the world will be Spirit-led and guide us into the future to the praise of God's Name. (Romans 15:8-12) -JB

Family-related policies

Family-related policies in Germany have been subject to fundamental changes for some years as the meaning and role of marriage, family and parenthood have been redefined without regard to traditional Biblical values.

Marriage has lost its exclusive status as a covenant between a man and a woman by the introduction of "marriage for all". The term "family" has already for a long time not been regarded as exclusively reserved for "a father, a mother and their child(ren)" in accordance with God's order in creation.

Parenthood was also redefined by the decision of the constitutional court (2013) to the effect that legal parenthood and fatherhood can also exist without a biological or traditional family relationship to the child. At the same time the state took over more and more duties to educate and raise children disregarding traditional family responsibilities.

Under new buzz-words and catch phrases such as “marriage and career compatibility”, “partnership-life” (replacing “family-life”), “well-being and equal-opportunities for children”, etc., the number of children under 3 years of age in some form of state care country-wide rose from 14% in 2006 to 33% in 2015, and the number of mothers of 2 to 3 year olds in a gainful occupation rose from 42% to 58% in the same period. The place of the family in the traditional Biblical sense as the very original core element of our society has in the past years been eroded step by step and deprived of any significance. Let us pray that we will see a major change in family-oriented policies as the next federal government in Germany is built, with completely new appointments in the ministry for families, women, seniors and young people!

Pray: For God-fearing personnel to be appointed in the new ministry for families. (Psalm 111:10)

Pray: For a complete turn-around in the family-related policies in our land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Pray: That for the sake of their children mothers will not want to work and will receive support from the state. (Psalm 127:3)-TF

A new reformation

The ten year programme of events within the Lutheran Church which started in September 2008 (“Luther-Dekade” in German) and the final year of commemoration of the Reformation come to an end on October 31, 2017.

Countless events, exhibitions and writings will have been dedicated to this anniversary, half of the city of Wittenberg renovated, and Luther will have been disputed, pulled apart, held in somewhat high esteem and celebrated. By the end the numbers of visitors at church conferences and world exhibitions will remain well under expectations and the positive outcome that was anxiously awaited will feel more like a depressive hangover. What will remain from the anniversary of the Reformation?

As the official activity in the past years comes to an end, the faith for a new reformation has grown. Under the title “New Reformation” thousands of young Christians met in June in Prague and prayed in expectation for a reformation that does not divide us but rather unites us in Jesus Christ and brings millions back to Him. We believe that we stand on the threshold of a new reformation that will once again bind the church to the Word of God, as first happened 500 years ago, and from there bring a change in our society and throughout Europe. And that the cloud of witnesses from the reformers and generations before us will stand with us before the throne of God and pray that the spiritual inheritance of the church in Germany will now be restored.

Pray: That on this 500 anniversary the doors will be opened for a new reformation in Germany. (Psalm 24)

Pray: Lord, take back the lordship over your church of the Reformation! (Matthew 16:16-19)

Pray: For visible unity between the churches, for healing and reconciliation. (John 17:20-23) -KH

The German-Israeli Parliamentary Group

The basic function of parliamentary groups in the German Federal Parliament is to maintain mutual contacts with other national parliaments in the world. In the new legislature period, the German-Israeli Parliamentary Group, as all the groups, will be rebuilt from the newly elected members of parliament. In the last legislature period there were about 50 members in the group, representing all parties within the parliament. Membership is voluntary and the parliamentarians are united by their interest in Israel.

They deal with general aspects of German-Israeli relations, work to provide clarification on Israeli issues to parliament and the media, and are important contacts for the Jewish community in Germany. As a counterpart in the Israeli Knesset there is an Israeli-German Friendship Group of Israeli parliamentarians.

The work of the German-Israeli Parliamentary Group has particularly caught the attention of the general public, not least because of the dedication of the chairman Volker Beck of the Greens Party, who will no longer sit in the new German parliament. Let us now pray for a Spirit-led composition of parliamentarians in the next German-Israeli Parliamentary Group.

Pray: Thanks for the friendly connections between the German and Israeli parliaments. (Psalm 133:1)

Pray: That the Spirit of God will call dedicated people into this German-Israeli Parliamentary Group and that they will be a true voice for German-Israeli friendship.

Pray: For the new chairman to be influential and dedicated. (Psalm 119:30) -RS

Keep praying: Relationship between Germany and Turkey

The relationship between Germany and Turkey gets worse day by day. Increasingly German citizens are finding themselves under interrogation, arrest and detention. The arbitrary arrests have led to travel warnings. The German government now takes the position in the European Union that it would be right and proper to break off membership negotiations with Turkey. This however must be a majority decision. At this time there is no majority. The negative influence of the Turkish Islamic Institute for Religion which is controlled from Turkey comes more and more into the picture. See also: "The Turkish Islamic Institute for Religion (Ditib)" in the prayer letter from November 2016.

Pray: For the re-evaluation of the relationship between Germany and Turkey in accordance with God's plans and purposes. (Proverbs 2:6) -RS

Dates for your diary

01.10 International Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem (Robert Stearns - Eagles Wings).

31.10 Reformation Day in Germany.

God's blessings from Rosemarie Stresemann and Team

www.waechterruf.de

17. IPC Calendar

2017 1 Oct Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem

<http://www.god.tv/video/day-of-prayer-for-the-peace-of-jerusalem/day-of-prayer-for-the-peace-of-jerusalem/2016>

2017 7 Oct Children in Prayer Conference - Myanmar

2017 9-13 October Welcome the King of Glory Ramat Rachel Resort, Jerusalem, Israel <http://www.wtkog.com> 2017

15 Oct Pray for Zero Ft Worth, TX

<http://prayforzero.theseedcompany.org/>

2017 26 Thru 28 Oct - Balkan Call Prishtina, Kosovo sbeiler@eurasiaregion.org

2017 5-7 December Finishing The Task Conference 2017 Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, CA
<http://www.finishingthetask.com>



18. Uprising: United Prayer Rising Events

UPRISING Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia - October 5-8, 2017

UPRISING Cochabamba, Bolivia - November 29 -Dec 2, 2017

UPRISING Chennai, India - March 2018

UPRISING Toronto, Canada - first quarter 2018

UPRISING Ashburnham Place, East Sussex, UK - June 2018

UPRISING Sao Paulo, Brazil- October 10-13, 2018



19. 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.



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If you have:

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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.

20. 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.

21. Donations

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!

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22. Contacting the IPC Office

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IPC Website (free resources and information for all ages):www.ipcprayer.org

Twitter:www.twitter.com/ipcprayer

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