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01 Editorial: 'Snowflakes' by Jason Mandryk (IPC / Operation World)

A Call for Patience and Persistence in Intercession and Mission

Our IPC colleague, Jason Mandryk, who has a global perspective on both the prayer and mission movements, gives a helpful and needed perspective that also underscores the importance of united, persistent prayer, which like snowflakes accumulating become more and more weighty and can be used by God to change even stubbornly resistant situations and conditions over time. Please let us know what you think.



The year is 1891. It is the First International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement (SVM). Gathered in Cleveland, Ohio are 6200 fervent students; it is the largest student gathering of its era.

The rallying cry of this convention and indeed of the entire movement is “the evangelization of the world in this generation”, a cry that was repeated across the years to come.

The SVM had been formed specifically for the purpose of mobilising university students into world mission. The evangelistic crusades of D.L. Moody and the campus speaking tours of the renowned ‘Cambridge Seven’ were fresh in the public consciousness of Christians in America and Britain. In the 1890s, missionary leaders such as A.T. Pierson and A.B. Simpson were convinced that the world could be evangelized by the year 1900.

Yet, here we are, 127 years and several generations later, and the world is far from evangelized. Literally millions of missionaries sent across these years, billions of dollars donated, hundreds of Bible translations completed. And yet, 28% of the world can still be considered unevangelized - 2.1 billion people who do not have access to the gospel. What’s more shocking is that the world’s unevangelized population is actually increasing by over 50,000 every day.

During the heady and ambitious days at the turn of the century in 1900, when many thought the Great Commission was poised to be completed, the words of Gustav Warneck, ‘the father of missiology’, must have seemed a rather wet blanket: “Missionary results are not to be reckoned by years but by centuries.” His caution was echoed in 1912 by missionary statesman John P. Jones: “Let us not fall into the error of thinking that Christianizing the nations and bringing the world to the feet of our Lord is the task of a day or of a generation.”

An important lesson, to be sure, but what does this have to do with prayer and intercession?

We live in a fast-paced world. My ‘microwave generation’ expects immediate results for minimal effort. Businesses tend to think in quarterly profits and not long-term strategy. We grit our teeth in frustration if our favourite Netflix episode downloads too slowly or if the pizza takes longer than 30 minutes to arrive.

The stunning Sagrada Familia Cathedral in Barcelona, is one of Europe’s iconic buildings. Long queues of people wait to buy tickets to visit its interior every day. Work began in 1886, but it remains incomplete. When pressed on the seemingly interminable project timeline, the architect, Antoni Gaudi, retorted, “My client is not in a hurry.” As with learning a language, mastering an instrument, or building a deep relationship, we know that the greatest accomplishments and most beautiful achievements take time and patience. It is perhaps even more so for the things of God.

Breakthrough in world-changing, nation-shaking, community-transforming ways through prayer and intercession doesn’t happen overnight. This is true for prayer, and it is true for mission. The two are quite intimately and

irrevocably connected, after all! Missions works, but it takes time. Intercession brings fruit, but persistence is required.

Hearken back to the year 1900 again. Christians in Africa, Asia, and Latin America (the main mission fields of those days) represented 17% of all Christians. Today, these continents represent 70% of all Christians. The difference is even more pronounced among evangelicals, where these regions account for nearly 80% of the global total.

How did such a monumental shift occur? How did the mission fields of the 1900s become the dynamic centres of global Christianity today? Precisely through the faithful, sustained efforts of missionaries and prayer warriors focusing on the regions for over a century and not giving up. Year after year, day after day, thousands upon thousands of saints, interceding for lost nations and tribes and going to live among them, shining the light into the darkness.

It's a simple formula. Prayer + mission + time = breakthrough. There are always factors that prevent us from precise spiritual algebra - the fact that the remaining unreached groups are the hardest to reach, the fierce resistance of the Enemy, our own lukewarmness and disobedience, and the mysteries of God's providence. But the gates of hell will not prevail! "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God for the pulling down of strongholds." (2 Cor 10:4)

As we feel our world accelerating into a future marked by uncertainty, we can reliably observe that God is accelerating His own agenda. There is much work to be done - over 7,000 unreached people groups still in need of missions breakthrough. But we can be greatly encouraged by the explosive multiplication of prayer and missionary sending movements from the Global South. Indonesia, Brazil, Nigeria, Philippines, Ethiopia, China, Romania; nations that have for years been mission fields and the subjects of countless prayers are increasingly the powerhouses of global mission and intercession. Missions works. It just takes time.

In 1982, Brother Andrew (a.k.a. 'God's Smuggler') called for seven years of prayer for the Communist Bloc. Seven years later, the Berlin Wall came down, beginning a chain of events that saw the fall of the Iron Curtain and the opening of previously closed countries to the Gospel.

25 years ago, Christians around the world began to annually observe 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim world, in conjunction with the dates of Ramadan. Is it any wonder that in these recent years, we are seeing the greatest movement of Muslims to Christ in all of history?

Prayer works. It just takes time.

The mission base in England where I lived for years had beautiful gardens, containing many fine specimens of trees and shrubs from around the world. Among them was a particularly glorious Turkey Oak tree which rose to well over 100 feet in height. It towered over even other arboreal giants; it seemed invincible.

One winter we had a particularly cold snap, punctuated by a rare night of snow. A thunderous crack had awoken a number of us in the night.

The next morning we were shocked to see that the almighty oak had toppled. Its ancient heart had been revealed as weak and rotten, and the accumulation of snow had added just enough weight through that cold night to bring it crashing down. Which single, tiny snowflake had been the one that had sealed the oak's fate?

Our prayers are snowflakes. In a cosmic sense, each prayer is virtually weightless, almost negligible. But their persistent, patient, nearly imperceptible but relentless accumulation will, in time, bring down even the mightiest of giants.

Jason Mandryk

IPC Leadership and author of Operation World, a global prayer handbook

Prayers for the World:

02 Famine Crisis in Yemen

The UN says Yemen is facing the world's worst famine in 100 years if the war continues

"Half the population of war-torn Yemen - 14 million people - are facing "pre-famine conditions", the UN has warned...

Medics say the number of deaths linked to food-related factors is rising.

Yemen has been devastated by a conflict that escalated in 2015, when a Saudi-led coalition intervened after the rebel Houthi movement seized control of much of the west of the country and forced President Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi to flee abroad.

At least 6,660 civilians have been killed and 10,560 injured in the war, according to the UN. The fighting and a partial blockade by the coalition have also left 22 million people in need of humanitarian aid, created the world's largest food security emergency, and led to a cholera outbreak that has affected 1.1 million people... Every day, 130 children under 5 were dying from extreme hunger & disease in [#Yemen](#) at the end of last year. Nearly 50,000 children during the course of a year.

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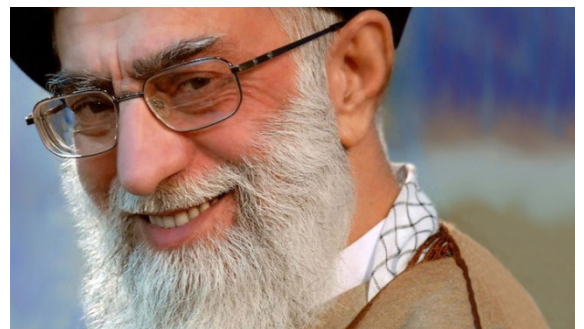
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-45964795>

Let's pray for an end to the hostilities and the economic crisis in Yemen, for the return of peace to this long-suffering nation, and especially for the provision of food and other essential resources needed so desperately right now.

03 Iran: Nuclear weapons development

Iran was closer to developing nuclear weapons than was previously thought

"This is courtesy Barack Obama, who enabled the Iranian nuclear program to take a giant leap forward with his disastrous nuclear deal, a deal that John Kerry and the Western European "allies" are still trying to keep alive. That deal was, as President Trump said, the worst deal ever entered into by any American President. Get the details of just how bad it was, and how much more dangerous a place it made the world, in my book [The Complete Infidel's Guide to Iran](#).



“Think tank: Iran was closer to nukes than we thought,” by Yonah Jeremy Bob, [Jerusalem Post](#), October 24, 2018:

Iran was closer to developing nuclear weapons than previously thought, according to a think tank report issued late Tuesday.

A report by the Institute for Science and International Security said that combining new information produced by the Mossad during its [January raid on a Tehran warehouse](#) along with satellite imagery “conclusively shows that the Parchin site did house high explosive chambers capable for use in nuclear weapons research and development.”

While the focus of the report is Iran’s activities up until 2003, the premise of the report and of the documents which the Mossad appropriated from a site in Tehran (which had not been disclosed to the IAEA) is that the tests performed mean Iran could be capable of building a weapon faster than previously thought.

There are unending debates about whether the Islamic Republic is currently around 12 months or closer to six months from being able to produce a nuclear bomb, if it chose to do so.

Iran has already overcome some of the obstacles to building a bomb which experts thought it had not yet overcome, based on the new report. This would shorten the countdown number.

Moreover, the report implies that based on photos from the Mossad appropriated documents, Iran has not accounted for complex equipment that would be used for the process of developing a nuclear weapon – meaning the IAEA should be confronting Tehran about where and whether it is hiding it....

The report said that the Mossad-obtained “nuclear archive shows that Iran conducted at Parchin more high explosive tests related to nuclear weapons development than previously thought...this work appears to have involved more than what the IAEA called feasibility and scientific studies,” as the IAEA asserted in a December 2015 report....”

Jihadwatch.org

Pray that the Iranians would be foiled in developing or getting access to nuclear weapons which would be extremely dangerous and destabilizing for our world.

Pray for the overthrow of the tyrannical Muslim mullahs that dominate that nation and are the world most significant source of international terrorism.

Pray also for the rapidly growing underground movement for Christ in that country.

04 Day of Prayer for Iran – 4 Nov 2018

Bringing Hope to the People of Iran

Calling all followers of Jesus Christ around the world!

On November 4, 2018, join Heart4Iran, multiple ministry partners, and thousands of Christian brothers and sisters worldwide to pray for Iran and bring hope to her people.

God is moving mightily in and through Iran, reaching millions of Persians with His love and truth. Together, we can continue sharing the Gospel with Muslims throughout this nation.



For years, the growing Christian movement in Iran has been largely ignored in the mainstream media, and Iran is consistently vilified by the Western world. But God is moving mightily in and through Iran, reaching millions of Persians with His life-changing, heart-transforming love and truth!

November 4, 2018, marks, to the day, the 39th anniversary of the hostage crisis in Iran with the U.S. Embassy. This is a critical time to come before the Lord in prayer alongside Iranian Christians and for the nation of Iran.

On the International Day of Prayer, a brand-new prayer program in Farsi will air on our partner stations, Mohabat TV, SAT-7 PARS, and Shabakeh 7. This insightful, heartfelt call to prayer will share *why* prayer is so important for the people of Iran, as well as specific prayer needs.

We will also be broadcasting the JESUS film and two other transformational videos. Our hope is that these moving productions will draw Iranians who don't yet know Jesus Christ to seek Him. Please pray these four broadcasts will accomplish this goal – and that everyone who watches will be impacted by the truth of the Gospel.

Our ultimate goal is that thousands of men, women, and children will join us in prayer on this special day. Please visit roozedoa.com to learn more about the International Day of Prayer and discover prayer needs unique to Iran. Plus, you'll be able to let us know you are praying and encouraging our Iranian brothers and sisters.

Ultimately, the mission of the International Day of Prayer is to pray diligently for and with the people of Iran and continue seeing lives impacted by the eternal Gospel throughout this nation.

Again, for additional information please visit: www.roozedoa.com.

International Day of Prayer: Pray for Iran November 4, 2018

Bringing Hope to the People of Iran Prayer Points

- **Pray for peace across the nation of Iran and in her relationships with other nations.**
- **Pray for the Western world to see the people of Iran for who they really are as children of God, replacing any prejudices with Christ's love and compassion.**
- **Pray that God would raise up and equip strong Christian leaders in Iran to help lead the house church movement. Pray for these leaders to walk together in unity.**
- **Pray that every Iranian follower of Jesus Christ will discover a house church where he or she can build relationships, study God's Word, and grow in the faith.**
- **Pray for persecution of Christians to cease immediately.**
- **Pray for Christians to be brave and full of faith as they share the Gospel.**
- **Pray for God to open the hearts and minds of Muslims, preparing them to hear the Gospel and respond.**
- **Pray for Iran's leaders and her people to experience the life-changing, heart-transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ.**
- **Pray for thousands – even millions – of Iranians to watch the broadcasts of the prayer program, JESUS film, and other transformational videos. Also pray they will hear and understand the truth of salvation through Jesus Christ and respond to it.**
- **Pray that every person in Iran will have access to a printed, digital, or audio Bible in their own mother tongue.**
- **Pray for God to hear us on this special International Day of Prayer, according to His will.**

05 Persecution in China intensifies

"Earlier this year we sent out a newsletter entitled "A Special China Issue," which told of the massive and brutal persecution of Christians underway in China. Many people were shocked by what we shared, and some even doubted if it was true, as other sources weren't reporting the trouble.



In the following months it became clear that God's people in China are not merely going through a regular season of hardship, but a major effort is underway to completely control the Church, backed by new technology that creates challenges to the Body of Christ that have never been encountered before. In this newsletter we will update you on the crisis in China, while attempting to answer some of the common questions people have asked.

What's the Latest News from China?

In recent months the government has markedly increased the pressure on Christians throughout the country. We received an unconfirmed report from a long-term China missionary stating that **314 house church Christians have been killed** in recent months, and hundreds more are missing. Most house church leaders have gone into hiding and have disconnected their phones and other devices because of the incredible surveillance capabilities of the state.

Thousands of house churches (which are considered illegal in China) have been closed. **Reflecting the actions of Mao's Red Guards in the 1960s**, religious symbols such as crosses and Scripture posters have been torn down and replaced by flags of China or portraits of President Xi Jinping.

Note: Our website version of this newsletter includes several important links to articles and videos to help people understand what's going on in China and how best to pray. Please visit www.asiaharvest.org for more detailed information.

Links to articles:

[Updated: Large Beijing house church banned as China continues Christian persecution](#)
[Inmates initiate hunger strike amid mass incarceration crackdown](#)
[China Uighurs: Xinjiang legalises 're-education' camps](#)
[Leave no dark corner](#)

Some congregations have been ordered to sing the national anthem or other patriotic songs at the start of their services. Others have been ordered to install government facial-recognition surveillance cameras inside their worship halls, and those that have refused to comply have been forced to shut down.

Landlords who rent buildings to Christians are being heavily fined by the government, with new laws allowing fines of between 20,000 to 200,000 Yuan (almost US\$30,000). This has created a climate of fear and suspicion, and **thousands of fellowships have been forced out** of the premises they were renting. On the streets, the police have the power to stop and search anyone they wish and to check their phones and other devices for content they deem a threat to society. These threats may include the presence of a Bible app or visits to Christian websites, or any communication considered unpatriotic.

The most severe persecution is occurring in the vast Xinjiang region in northwest China. In recent years a promising church movement had emerged among the Uyghur, Kazakh and Kirghiz people groups, but most of the church leaders have been arrested and taken to concentration camps in the desert. Reputable news organizations estimate at least one million people are being detained and tortured in those camps right now. Many suburbs in cities like Urumqi, Hami and Kashgar are now depopulated and countless buildings have been boarded up. Although this initiative was designed to target Muslims in border areas, almost all Uyghur and Kazakh church leaders have also been taken away. **The government doesn't care whether someone is a Muslim or Christian. It's all the same to them.**

Spiritual Forces Behind the Persecution

While there are human reasons for the dramatic persecution, we should never lose sight of the fact that Satan and his fallen hosts hate God's people, and they never rest in trying to destroy them. We recently updated our Christian stats for all 2,866 cities and counties in China, and the end result was a marked increase since the last time we reviewed our figures. Currently, we estimate a total of **129.7 million professing Christians** in China, of which 109 million are Evangelical believers. The Chinese government is fully aware of the explosive growth of the Church in China, and they are determined to stop it. They don't want China taking over from South Korea as the number one Evangelical country in Asia.

Political Ambitions

If you have read our Asia Harvest newsletters for some time you will know we don't usually mention politics at all, as our call is to equip the Church in Asia and not to be entangled by civilian affairs (2 Timothy 2:4). Our goal is not to favor one political system over another, but to see all people groups of Asia hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If one quote sums up what we think about politics, it would be this famous one from an economist in the last century: **"Under Communism man oppresses man. Under capitalism it's the other way around."**

To understand the human reasons of why China is so determined to destroy the Church, however, it's helpful to grasp the historical background behind China's geopolitical ambitions. Starting in the 1800s, China was dominated by foreign powers that carved up various parts of the country and exploited their natural resources. The Chinese consider this the darkest period in their history, and have labelled it "The century of humiliation." Chinese resentment and desire to revenge their "loss of face" runs deep. Japan was one of the foreign nations that dominated China during this period, inflicting shameful cruelties on the Chinese people. A few years ago a survey in China found that 82 percent of respondents said China should launch a war with Japan before the end of this decade.

In a bid to try to erase the painful memories of the past, China believes they have an opportunity to be the new world super-power, replacing the United States and the West. To achieve this lofty goal, President Xi Jinping has stopped at nothing to implement his "One Belt, One Road" initiative, which would result in China having the most powerful economy and military on earth. To help him succeed, earlier this year Xi was appointed 'President for life'. Whereas often in the West we think in terms of months and years, the Chinese think in terms of decades and even centuries. They are not in a rush, and are determined to gradually work their way toward becoming the undisputed world power.



The Communist leaders trying so desperately to implement their global vision are God-hating atheists, and they are determined not to let anyone or anything stand in their way. They want absolute power over what people do, say and think, and Christians, Muslims, or anyone else who may pose a threat to their goals are being subdued, controlled, or eradicated. These are the reasons behind the current campaign to wipe out the Church in China. Mao tried to do this from the 1950s to 1970s, and **Xi Jinping seems determined to finish the job that Mao failed to do....**

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Let's continue to pray for a change of policy by the Chinese government that will permit religious freedom.

Pray for the encouragement and strengthening of our brothers and sisters in Christ and that the Lord will use the persecution of His people to greatly expand the ministry of the Church and the turning to Christ even more huge numbers of this most populous nation.

06 USA Mid-term Elections November 6th 2018

Please join in praying that the crucial U.S. elections next week will bring to power those who have strong Christian values and "bring down the wicked" as the psalmist prayed. Lawless, leftist, socialist groups want to reshape the country into a totalitarian state to become part of a globalist New World Order that diminishes national sovereignty and human freedoms. Surveys reveal that about half of the Millennial generation, who are largely ignorant of history and political science, now believe in



socialism even though that form of government has never resulted in any good for the nations that have tried it. Venezuela is a recent example of a once prosperous land that has been brought down to poverty and despotism by that delusion.

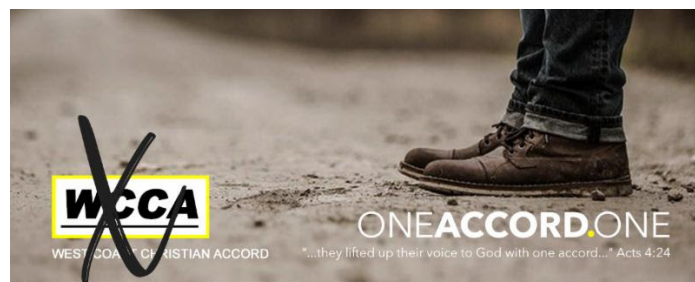
In this battle between Americanism and socialism, pray that the American people, especially the Christians, large numbers of which do not even vote, will not succumb to such deception, and rise up to vote for their Christian values. May the Leftist/socialist forces, often financially supported by George Soros (called “the most wicked man in the world”), be decisively defeated at the polls and may America’s traditional values that come from the U.S. Constitution and the Bible be reaffirmed and upheld for the blessing of the coming generations.

07 OneAccord.One-Canada

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, from the River to the farthest parts of the earth. Psalm 72:8

Dearest Pastors and Signatories,

The Accord Movement is growing daily! In the last 3 weeks we have had over 10,000 people visit our website with an average of 103 people signing daily. There are now more than 418 Pastors who have signed on worldwide. The Accord is becoming more and more International. In my first update, people from 20 Nations had signed on as of today that number has more than doubled going over 50. The top 5 nations and provinces are:



TOP 5 NATIONS

1. Nigeria - 85
2. United States - 76
3. United Kingdom - 72
4. Australia - 11
5. Ghana – 10

TOP CANADIAN PROVINCES

1. BC - 1980
2. AB - 295
3. ON - 249
4. MB - 164
5. SK - 87

We have sensed that in order for this to become the global movement that we are sensing God wants it to be that we are needing to change the umbrella name to OneAccord.

BC will continue to operate under the name West Coast Christian Accord. But the movement will be called OneAccord from now on and the website will soon be converted over to www.oneaccord.one

We would hope to establish chapters across Canada and the world. I will be traveling to present OneAccord in Calgary and Edmonton early next month. Pastor Giulio will be presenting in Saskatchewan. I just now got off the phone with a key Pastor who was inquiring for Quebec. Bless the Lord. Ontario is right now in the planning stages for launching D21.



ELECTIONS BC
Province of British Columbia

As we all know we are only days away from the municipal election. What I am finding is that there are so many people running in every municipality that people are genuinely confused about who is who, and their positions. NEWS1130 just sent out a voter position guide. I posted this on my own personal FB page - maybe you could too:

<https://www.citynews1130.com/2018/10/15/anti-sogi-endorsements/>

You can also refer to letsvote.ca and elections.bc.ca

Over 3,199 committed Christians have signed the West Coast Christian Accord (WCCA), a declaration of covenant upholding Biblically-based truth on human identity, sexuality, marriage and the responsibility to protect all children.

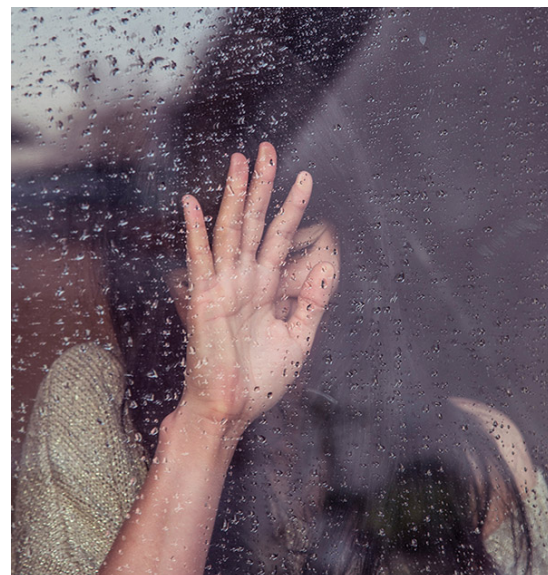
<http://newwestcommunitychurch.ca>

08 Israel Needs Rain!

"A PRAYER FOR RAIN...THE NEED IS BECOMING SERIOUS.

On Shmini-Atzteret—the last day of the fall festival of Sukkot (1 October this year), it is traditional to pray for rain. For the “former rains”, which in Israel begin in the fall. The “latter rains” fall roughly from Passover in the spring, until around middle May. Afterwards, there is usually no measurable rain in Israel for five months—we are dependent upon the former and latter rains.

We have often mentioned in these prayer updates the need of rain in Israel. but during the past five months acuteness of this need has become more evident. Israel recently completed her fifth year of an officially-declared drought. On August 26th, an article in *The Times of Israel* was entitled, **“Israel enters 6th year of worst-in-a-century drought, girds for even worse.”** The article points out how *“Many of Israel’s lakes, riverbeds and aquifers are at unprecedented 100-year lows, with the Sea of Galilee [the nation’s largest natural water source] dangerously close to its “black line,” the level below the intake pipes of the water pumps that send the lake’s water to nearby towns.”* Many of the springs in the north, whose streams supply much of the waters to the Sea of Galilee, have slowed to a trickle. In May, the Water Authority launched a public awareness campaign to make Israelis aware of the shortage and to encourage them to conserve their water usage.



But with the construction in recent years of five large desalinization plants (which now effectively provide drinking water from the Mediterranean for the country’s most populated regions along the coast), Israelis have tended to put away concern about water. After all, Israel invented “drip irrigation” (virtually all her produce is now economically watered that way); 86% of her wastewater is purified and used for agriculture. And now redeeming water from the Mediterranean Sea seems to be taking care of our needs. Except that it isn’t—even with the two new plants which are being built, there will not be enough for crops necessary to feed this population. And if the Sea of Galilee continues to sink, it will mean an ecological disaster there, down the Jordan River and the Dead Sea. Israel is planning to pump desalinated water into the lake—but that is really a stop-gap measure. And the de-salinized water is lacking in many nutrients, and is even being presently studied in Israel as a possible contributor to heart disease.

Israel—and our neighbors—are desperately in need of rain water. The scientists are pointing towards Global Warming as being the most probable cause of the drought. Yet, the Scriptures often connect the coming or withholding of rains in Israel with the favor and mercy of her God (the *Creator* of the “globe” which is warming!), and with the humility of His people in acknowledging awareness of their need of that mercy:

PLEASE PRAY:

*** That God will in mercy send abundant rains on His Covenant Land this year...a land which was meant from the beginning to, “drink water from the rain from heaven, a land for which the LORD God cares; the eyes of the LORD God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year” (Deuteronomy 11:11-12).**

*** That Israel will awaken to her need for water—and an awareness that her God is the source of that water—as He was for our Fathers in ancient times, when they drank from the spiritual rock which followed them around the desert...and that rock was Messiah! I Corinthians 10:4).**

*** That believers in the Land will ourselves take this need seriously, will humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and turn from evil ways—cry out to Him for this need, that He may hear from Heaven and heal our land.**

Martin and Norma Sarvis

09 Children accused of witchcraft

‘The man asked him, “What is your name?” ... “Jacob,” he answered. Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel”.’ — Genesis 32:27–28a

“Jacob was one of many people recorded in the Bible as being given a new name by God. Jacob was the second-born of twins, who were said to have ‘jostled’ during their mother’s pregnancy. Jacob was named as such as he was born holding the heel of his brother, who was born first. Commentators have associated this name, figuratively speaking, with deception by this act of trying to come first. In Jacob’s life, he continued to seek the importance of the first-born status and fully achieved this when he deceitfully received his father’s blessing instead of his older brother. But that is not his lasting inheritance: God changes Jacob’s name to Israel when, in later life, Jacob shows his dependence is on God. The names we give can reflect our appreciation of a person, but God gives names that reveal his heart for a person.



“The thing that causes me pain very much is when my mum's younger sister started calling me a witch. Often, when I sleep I wet the bed at night, or I speak to myself, and they started calling me a witch.” Naomi told her pastor of the accusations and she says that “the pastor came to our house. He made my parents sit down, and told them not to call me a witch.” Naomi, 15 years old, D.R.Congo

THE NATIONS WILL SEE YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL KINGS YOUR GLORY. YOU WILL BE CALLED BY A NEW NAME THAT THE MOUTH OF THE LORD WILL BESTOW. — ISAIAH 62:2

Things to thank God for...

- Give thanks that God has created all of us in his image. None are excluded from receiving his love and grace.
- God knows us intimately and names us with purpose. Even when we have been known by our past actions and behaviours, we are not bound to that reputation throughout our lives.

Please Pray

- **Many accusations of witchcraft against children can start from or be influenced by a family member or a community or church leader. Please pray that families will cease calling their children ‘witches’. Please pray that, before this name is given to a child, people will consider the devastating and awful consequences of such a label.**
- **Please pray for reconciliation in families and acceptance of children who are living with wider family members.**
- **Please pray for all children who are living on the streets because of witchcraft accusations. Pray for their protection today and healing from the trauma and rejection they have experienced. Pray for a welcoming home, a place of safety and the opportunity to begin to hope.**

<https://www.stop-cwa.org/posts/prayer-campaign-12>

10 Europe: Human Prayer Chain - Germany

We are building a Human Prayer Chain for Germany and the European Continent

Hand in Hand praying for our country / our countries!

Come and join us in prayer on 09. November 2018 at 11am and 3pm. MEZ / CET at 100 locations along the German border!

The time is **NOW!**, there is a need to act! We have seen a dramatic change in Germany and in other European countries in the last few years. Prayer is urgent, because we all need God's encounter in our country and on this former Christian continent!

Our aim is to build teams of German believers and believers from other countries as well. Denominations do not matter, only living faith in our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Two times Christians were praying in unity for Germany and Europe along the German border, in October 2015 and during Pentecost 2016. We have been obedient according to the call of God and we have another opportunity this year. That's why we are planning to do it a third time to pray and proclaim intensely and in unity along the border to our European neighbours.

Friday 9 November 2018 is a very historic day for Germany. We will come together at 11am. and 3pm. MEZ / CET again to pray at exactly 100 locations (you will find them under "locations" on this page). We will go to the German border again - the common border with nine European nations - to plead to God the Father in the name of HIS Son Jesus Christ for HIS encounter for Germany and Europe.

Be one of the living stones, Jesus Christ can use to rebuild the spiritual wall around Germany and the other European countries. Pray with us for God's protection and a spiritual breakthrough. We need HIS encounter NOW! It is time for the body of Christ to arise and to take responsibility for our nations!

We call the believers of The Netherlands, Denmark, Great-Britain, Poland, Austria, Switzerland, France, Russia, Bulgaria, Spain, Italy, Finland, Sweden, ..." Come and join us!"

Brothers and sisters from other continents, from the USA and Canada or South America and Australia as well as Asia for instance - you are also invited! We will be glad when you join us on those days. If you cannot join us in prayer here in Germany, then please consider supporting financially or / and come together in your church or prayer group just where you are and pray on the same day and the same time with us together. We will be one in the spirit!

We don't want to wait for a better time and there may not be a better time than this. **The time is NOW! We are standing up and taking responsibility for Europe. These are OUR countries!**

Many have been working before us. We now step into their foot steps. Let us pray for the Salvation and Future of our countries and our nations!

IT' S TIME FOR THE REIGN OF GOD.

Your Save Europe Team

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Webpage: www.SaveEurope.de

The Vision: <https://youtu.be/jLVqVCprPR4>

What you can do



to support the call for the salvation and rescue of Europe?

- ♦ Forward the video <https://youtu.be/jLVqVCprPR4> , the webpage www.SaveEurope.de , the vision and flyers in eight languages to all of your friends. Ask them to do the same and to forward the information about the „Human Prayer Chain - Save Europe 2018“ to all of their friends, so that they will know too.
- ♦ Everyone, who is a believer in Jesus Christ and also those, who stand for Christian values in Germany and abroad as well are invited to come to the common boarder of Germany with 9 European nations and to pray together with us **at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. CET / MEZ** for a spiritual breakthrough in Germany and Europe. We urgently need God's encounter, we need a miracle to save our nations and to rescue the continent.
- ♦ If you cannot be with us on that day in Europe, please organize prayer, just where you are; **on Friday 09 November** at the same time together in your church or home group.
- ♦ Support others, so that they can come to stand with us as „The Human Prayer Chain“ (Bank Account you will find on the webpage www.SaveEurope.de under „Spenden“
- ♦ **Pray, that our heavenly Father opens the hearts of the people, that we can come together in unity, because He gives His blessings to those who are united.**

To find out the time change: <https://www.timeanddate.de/uhrzeit/>

The flyer in English, you will find flyers in 8 languages also under download on the webpage www.SaveEurope.de.

11 Pray for Pakistan: Asia Bibi acquitted

Asia Bibi, a young mother of five who has spent 8 years behind bars unjustly accused of blasphemy against Muhammad by Muslim neighbors, has now been finally acquitted by Pakistan's Supreme Court of the charges against her. Friends who monitor the situation there now write:

"This is indeed good news, but now Asia Bibi, her whole family and the whole Christian community need much prayer cover, indeed anyone involved in this case, the judges, the lawyers, also the government. Several groups have already sworn to take revenge on the Christian community. One of our team members in Lahore was visiting family across the city because of a death in her family. She is caught there and cannot return as there are threats of riots and people have been told to stay inside their houses."



Another ministry leader who has spent his life working in that region wrote: "This is an important time to pray for Pakistan for different reasons. Now the Christian community is in danger of getting attacked and the extremists want to see revenge, but we should also pray that the government would back up the decision of the Supreme Court. This was a very encouraging and courageous ruling. There are many others still in prison for the same wrong charges."

1 Please pray that the police and authorities will be able to keep control of this situation and stop any rioting by the Islamic extremists of which there are many who will be very angry about this ruling.

2 Pray that this court decision will not result in bloodshed which is always possible in this spiritual dark, majority Muslim country.

3 Pray that the blasphemy law which enables such false accusations, often attended by terrible violence against the Christians, will be rescinded and others who have been imprisoned unjustly will be acquitted and released.

4 Pray for His peace to settle over this land, for the protection and empowering of the Christian community, and that the oppressive spiritual bondage will be broken over Pakistan so that many of the majority will come to Christ.

More info: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-46040515>

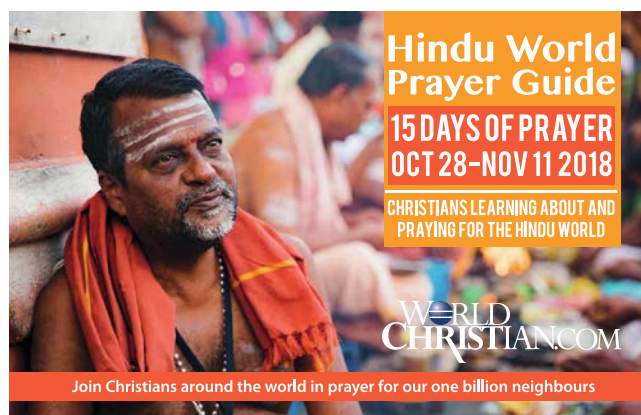
Resources

12 Hindu World 15 Days Prayer Guide

Dear Friend, colleague, Prayer Mobilizer,

I am attaching below the PDF copy of this year's (second annual) **15 Days Hindu World Prayer Guide** (booklet) for your information.

Please consider participating or letting others know about this prayer focus (starts Oct 28). Feel free to pass the PDF on to people *who you know or think have an interest in mobilizing* and educating the/their church about our world's Hindu neighbors.



Please also direct them to 15DaysPrayer.com to read more about it and to order printed or PDF copies of the booklet for themselves or their audience, supporters or ministries.

Thank you,

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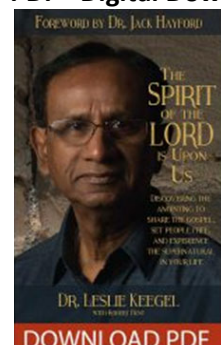
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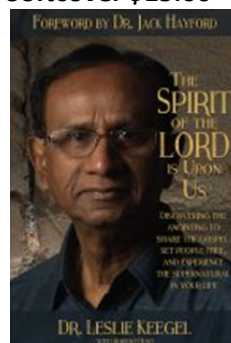
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Movement for Prayer News & Events

14 IPC Calendar

Americas National Day of Repentance

<http://www.dayofrepentance1.org>

Nigeria: Year of Prayer – 1st May 2018 – 30th April 2019

<http://www.pray4nigeria.org/>

SPN-MANI Prayer Missions Consultation – Nairobi, Kenya 6-10 November 2018

Email: tbammodu@yahoo.com

Ethne18 - a missions gathering in the Mediterranean December 3-7, 2018

Email ethne@2414now.net

New Year's Day SUNRISE PRAYER RELAY 1 Jan 2019

<http://www.sunriseprayerrelay.org/>



15 United Prayer Rising Events:

UPRISING Global: Jakarta, Indonesia - January 23-26, 2019 (WYPA)

<http://unitedprayerrising.com>

World Generation

Jakarta, Indonesia, January 23-26, 2019

Please pray for and consider taking part in this world youth prayer assembly in January. Here is a video and details to register. You will want to forward this to younger generation believers but anyone is welcome.

<https://youtu.be/3xrEI4UdsTE>



16 Pray for Go 2020!

Prayer Points Suggested for GO-2020:

1. Pray that as the call to GO-2020 goes out, every believer wakes up to fully seek first God's Kingdom and His righteousness, realizing the time is short. (Rom. 13:11-14; Luke 19:13; Psalm 90:12)
2. Pray that every follower of Jesus is BEING a disciple who fully follows Jesus in loving God, loving others and making disciples that make disciples. (Acts 1:8; Matt. 22:37; Prov. 11:30; Matt. 28:18-20)
3. Pray that believers see the hearts of those the Holy Spirit has prepared to hear and that they share in a way that can be understood and responded to. (John 4:36; John 6:44; 2 Tim. 4:2)
4. Pray for every people group with little gospel witness to be adopted for prayer and outreach then engaged with a Kingdom multiplication strategy, so that there will be no place left without gospel witness in every tongue, tribe and nation. Currently ¼ to 1/3 of the world has little to no gospel witness (Unreached people groups) and 401 people groups over 500,000 in population have less

Go 2020
Together we can reach the world!

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Reenergizing the church to share Jesus and reach every person everywhere

Denominations, ministries and churches around the world have already agreed to:

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- Plant 1 million new churches especially among those people groups that are still unreached
- Integrate 50 million new believers into existing

Every Believer is a Witness

We invite every church, every ministry and every believer to participate in «Go 2020».

We call the whole body of Christ to action as an answer for a lost world.

Steve Douglas, International President of Campus Crusade for Christ

Warner Kuchipudi, International President of Global Outreach Day

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than .1% Christians among them (these represent 88% of the remaining task. (Matt. 9:37-38; 2 Cor. 10:16; 2 Peter 3:9; Rev. 7:9)

5. **Pray for access to the entire Word of God in every language since at present only 7% of the world's languages have a full Bible and only 1 in 5 Bible Translation Projects focus on translating the Old Testament. (Matt. 9:37-38; Heb. 4:12; Rom. 10:17-21)**
6. **Pray for the Body of Christ to recognize our call to see His Kingdom coming and His will being done (not building our own kingdoms) and that we work together in the unity of the Spirit keeping the bond of peace for His glory among the nations. (Matt. 6:10; Eph. 4:3; Matt. 12:22-26)**

About IPC

17 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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