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# **MAKING HIS GLORY KNOWN THROUGH PRAYER - AUSTEN C UKACHI**

## **01 Editorial: Making His glory known through prayer (Austen C Ukachi)**

“God’s glory is the perfect harmony of all his attributes into one infinitely beautiful and personal being.”- John Piper

Everything God does is for his glory, which includes missions. It is humbling to know that God has called us to partner with Him to ensure that his glory covers the whole earth as the waters cover the sea. And one way we can achieve this is through prayer. God’s ultimate desire is that “the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.” (Habakkuk 2:14 NKJV)

For this goal to be achieved, two things must be done. First, we must “Go” to the nations. The more we send committed men and women to go in the name of the Lord, the more the knowledge of God’s glory increases and extends all over the earth. Secondly, we must pray for God to send out the men and resources needed to “Go” to the nations. Prayer must precede the “going” before God’s ultimate goal, which is, to see his glory cover the whole earth will be achieved. Prayer paves the spiritual highway for the going into the nations.

Prayer is necessary to actualize the goal of missions because in prayer we tap into God's omnipotence for wisdom and strength to achieve his purpose on the earth. When we pray for missions, we submit ourselves to God who owns the work of missions. As Piper wrote, "Prayer is the essential activity of waiting for God — acknowledging our helplessness and His power, calling upon Him for help, seeking His counsel. Since His purpose in the world is to be exalted for His mercy, it is evident why prayer is so often commanded by God. Prayer is the antidote for the disease of self-confidence, which opposes God's goal of getting glory by working for those who wait for Him... God is not looking for people to work for Him, so much as He is looking for people who will let Him work for them. The gospel commands us to give up and hang out a help-wanted sign (this is the basic meaning of prayer). Then the gospel promises that God will work for us if we do. He will not surrender the glory of being the Giver."

## **THE ROLE OF MAN**

Some have asked, does man have a role to play in the extension of the glory of God on the earth? Isn't God sovereign? Is he not omnipotent? Does he need the help of a fragile creature like man, to make his glory known on the earth? The answer to this question is a big "yes". God needs a person. God has committed himself to work with a person in the advancement of his purpose on the earth. Prophet Isaiah addresses this issue in Isaiah 66:18-20, he said, "I can see what they are doing, and I know what they are thinking. So, I will gather all nations and peoples together, and they will see my glory. I will perform a sign among them. And I will send those who survive to be messengers to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (who are famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to all the lands beyond the sea that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. There they will declare my glory to the nations." (Isaiah 66:18-19 NLT)

Another text that supports the involvement of man in the task of making the glory of God known in the nations is Psalm 72. This Psalm is about the universal reign of an earthly king believed to be Solomon. It is also believed that this earthly king under reference prefigured Jesus Christ whose glory would cover the whole earth. The kingly Psalm ends with these words, "This ends the prayers of David son of Jesse." (Psalms 72:20 NLT). But what were the prayers David made for the reign of Solomon? They include his enduring reign and the spread of his glory. David's prayers are contained in the whole Psalm, especially in verses 17-19, "May the king's name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun shines. May all nations be blessed through him and bring him praise. Praise the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does such wonderful things. Praise his glorious name forever! Let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and amen!" (Psalms 72:17-19 NLT)

Thus, from the above two texts, we see that man shares in the responsibility of making the glory of God known to the nations. As earlier stated, one means of achieving this is through prayer. David prayed for the glory of the king to be felt among the nations.

## **NEED FOR PRAYER**

Unfortunately, among all the activities needed to actualize God's ultimate goal, prayer is the least done. We do not lack in ideas, we do not lack in vision and strategy, we do not lack in mission programs, what we lack is a fervent, effective and sustained prayer for missions. Wesley Duewel once said, "The greatest lack today is not people or funds. The greatest need is prayer."

## **STATISTICS**

It is said that there are about 12,000 people groups on earth, some of which have heard the Gospel and developed movements to Christ; others have still not had that opportunity. About 5500 Unreached People Groups still do not have an indigenous movement of believers with numbers and resources to reach their groups (less than 5% Christian). An even needier subset- 4700 "frontier" or least reached people groups are less than 0.1% Christian. Effective prayer is indispensable if we are to complete such a vast task of reaching the remaining unreached peoples with the gospel.

## **WE MUST BE STRATEGIC IN OUR PRAYERS**

To extend God's glory to the ends of the earth, our prayer must be intense, consistent and sustained. Our prayer must also be strategic. Strategically, we must target the unseen powers that have held sway over the lives in each Unreached People Group. We must strategically target the barriers that inhibit the efforts to reach the remaining unreached peoples in our prayers. These barriers include cultural and spiritual strongholds; the physical barriers; the communication barriers; the geographical barriers; the religious barriers; the economic barriers; and the political barriers.

Prophet Isaiah reveals what would happen when we intentionally pray to break down these barriers. He says the veil that is over the nations would be broken. "And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations." (Isaiah 25:7 NKJV) There is no question that the remaining UPG are all locked up behind spiritual barriers that keep them away from the light of the gospel. Paul, like Isaiah, agrees that these veils or strongholds could be broken off the minds of people so that they can embrace the light of the gospel. "Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ," (II Corinthians 10:5 NKJV). May the Spirit of prayer be poured out on the Church so that we would be able to complete the remaining task among the Unreached Peoples of the earth.

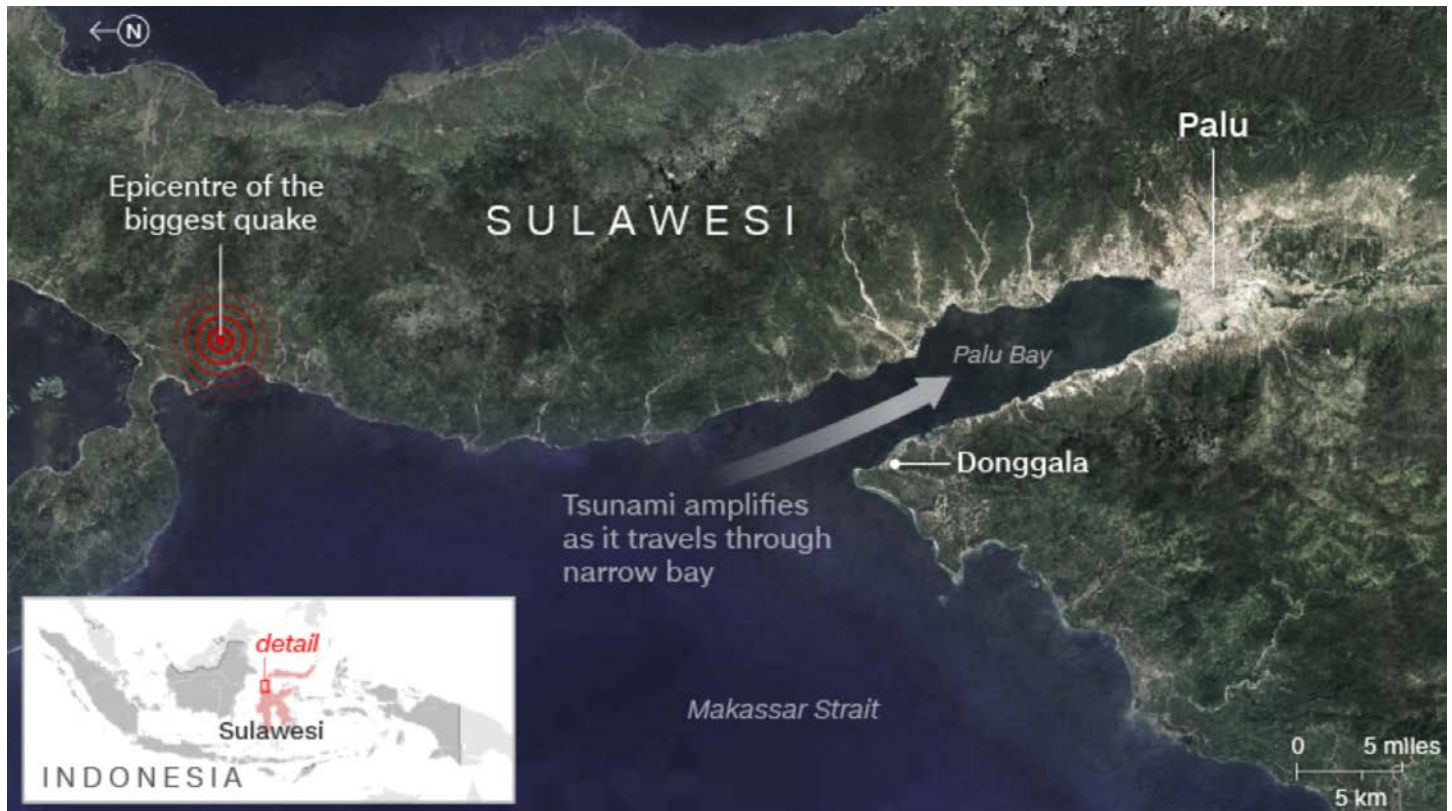
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## Prayers for the World:



### 02 Prayers for the Indonesian Earthquake and Tsunami

Please pray for the relief effort to help the people of the region of Palu, Sulawesi in Indonesia that was hit by a destructive tsunami caused by a 7.5 earthquake three days ago. Towns are cut off from communication and people are desperate for clean water to drink, food, and other aid. The streets are lined with outdoor, make-shift morgues and the death toll is likely to climb dramatically. The airport has been damaged, making it challenging to get relief to them. It is “an excruciating recovery effort that is just beginning to get underway as the death toll climbs. To date, more than 1,000 people have died in the catastrophe, but a local report has described scenes of widespread tragedy, with “[bodies everywhere](#).”

Please see this link for more information:

<https://abcnews.go.com/International/bodies-34-children-discovered-indonesias-sulawesi-volunteers-dig/story?id=58203430>

- Please pray for Indonesia and the people affected by this disaster during this urgent time of recovery.
- Pray especially for the effective coordination and distribution of aid in time to help those still alive.
- Pray for God’s comfort for those who mourn the loss of their relatives and friends and for His redemptive working to bring good out of this awful situation.

### 03 China's growing crackdown and persecution

*Articles on different aspects of this troubling phenomenon*

“Over the past few weeks, the Chinese government has escalated its persecution of Christians by destroying crosses, burning Bibles, confiscating religion materials, and closing churches.



This week the Beijing city authorities banned Zion Church, one of the largest unofficial Protestant “house” churches in the city and confiscated “illegal promotional materials.” The crackdown started in April, after the church rejected requests from authorities to install 24 closed-circuit television cameras in their building.

Bob Fu, president of China Aid and the recipient of ERLC’s Religious Liberty Award in 2007, told the Associated Press that the closure of churches in central Henan province and a prominent house church in Beijing in recent weeks represents a “significant escalation” of the crackdown.

“The international community should be alarmed and outraged for this blatant violation of freedom of religion and belief,” said Fu.

Fu also provided the AP with video footage of what appeared to be piles of burning Bibles and forms stating that the signatories had renounced their Christian faith. Fu said that marked the first time since Mao’s 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution that Christians had been compelled to make such declarations, under pain of expulsion from school and the loss of welfare benefits.

Chinese law requires Christians to worship only in congregations registered with the Three-Self Patriotic Movement, but many millions belong to so-called underground or house churches that defy government restrictions...

Churches in China that are not part of either the state-sanctioned China Christian Council or the Three-Self Patriotic Movement are considered “house churches.” The term can be misleading, though, since it can refer to any unauthorized church, regardless of size or meeting location. Some “house churches” in China are mega-congregations. The Zion Church in Beijing had 1,500 members.

Freedom of religion is technically guaranteed in the Chinese constitution. The Constitution of the People's Republic of China of 1982 specifies that:

Citizens of the People's Republic of China enjoy freedom of religious belief. No state organ, public organization or individual may compel citizens to believe in, or not to believe in, any religion; nor may they discriminate against citizens who believe in, or do not believe in, any religion. The state protects normal religious activities. No one may make use of religion to engage in activities that disrupt public order, impair the health of citizens or interfere with the educational system of the state. Religious bodies and religious affairs are not subject to any foreign domination.

The constitution protects the right to hold or not hold a religious belief, and protects "normal religious activities," that is, religion groups that submit to state control through the State Administration for Religious Affairs. China has five officially sanctioned religious organizations: the Buddhist Association of China, the Chinese Taoist Association, the Islamic Association of China, the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association, and the Three-Self Patriotic Movement.

As Brian C. Stiller, the Global Ambassador of the World Evangelical Alliance, says, "The issue isn't so much freedom of *religion* as it is freedom of *assembly*. The government seems not as concerned about what people believe, as they are over people gathering in large groups or by becoming too public."

<https://stream.org/brutal-truth-persecution-christians-china/>

In recent months, there have been increasingly disturbing [reports](#) about the persecution of Christians in China...There were over 240,000 recorded examples of persecution in China in 2017, up from roughly 48,000 in 2016. This represents a very concerning spike in hostile activity...



Specifically, "By 2020, the Communist Party will attempt to monitor its citizens through a massive surveillance system called China Skynet.

"China's Skynet combines mobile phone GPS tracking, text message collection, 170 million security cameras, to make sure everyone is harmonious to make sure no one does anything illegal.

"China also controls the media. There is the state-run media but private networks are censored. So, while China, today, barely resembles the Communist State of the 1950s and 1960s in terms of economic structure, it still retains almost all if the other aspects of Communism.: state control, censorship and mass surveillance."

### ***The 14-Year-Plan***

According to the detailed report sent to me, the government has implemented a three-phase, 14-year plan:

"During the first 2-year phase, 2012-2014, it further eased persecution of the underground church, enticing more of them to surface and be identified." ...

"During the second 2-year phase, 2014-2016, it invited and then pressured the identified underground churches to register and become Three-Self government churches.

"In the current third, 10-year phase, the gloves have come off as both the remaining underground churches

and even Three Self churches are being persecuted using Mao-era brute-force, as well as mass surveillance, artificial intelligence, and big data.”

### ***The Persecution***

What, exactly, has been taking place? According to the report:

- ♦ Over 2,000 crosses already have been burned or ripped down from church buildings.
- ♦ Many churches have been demolished.
- ♦ Thousands of pastors already have been arrested, beaten, tortured and/or sentenced to years in prison.
- ♦ By 2020, 600 million CCTV cameras – nearly one for every 2 Chinese citizens – will blanket China. They are being forcibly installed inside church buildings to record 24/7 the entrances, stairwells, offering boxes, and Bible counters to monitor who attends church, buys Bibles, and where those Bibles are taken.
- ♦ The Chinese government’s new “social credit system” has begun to assign social credit scores to its citizens for not loitering, not jaywalking and other compliant behaviors, which eventually will include not attending “illegal” [underground churches](#).
- ♦ Chinese Christians will only be able to purchase the Communism-friendly version of the Bible that the Communist Party is presently translating.
- ♦ In February of 2018, the Chinese Communist Party also drastically increased its penalties and restrictions targeted against Christians. The government will also tighten up control over religious activities in schools, religious postings online, and trips overseas for religious training.
- ♦ Recently, the State Council endorsed the penalties, adding that anybody providing a venue for an “illegal religious event” will face a fine of between 20,000 yuan (\$2,900.00 USD) and 200,000 yuan (\$29,000.00 USD).

Also, in September of 2017, the Chinese government announced that: “Anyone who organizes an unapproved religious event will be fined 100,000 to 300,000 Yuan (\$14,500 USD to \$43,500 USD).” And, “Anyone who rents or provides the venue for such an event will be fined 20,000 to 200,000 Yuan (\$2,900 to \$29,000 USD).”

In addition to this, there are nationwide efforts to exalt the rule of President Xi (this has been reported in the west as well; see here), even in Mao-liketerms. Xi has said that religion must be guided by the party to adapt to socialist society, and with that, the government-run churches have announced plans for the “[Sinicization of Christianity](#).” Specifically, this refers to “bending Christianity to submit to the will of the Chinese Communist Party.”

**But what is clear is that millions of our brothers and sisters in that vast and important country are really suffering. Let us pray for them and for their government. And let’s ask our government to address this humanitarian crisis today. This is the very least we can do.”**



## 04 China's Pastors Take Their Stand

"When thinking of the golden age of the Church, many of us hearken back to the book of Acts, when Peter and John stood up to the religious authorities, who told them to be silent about Jesus the risen Messiah. "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God," they answered, "you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." Then they prayed for boldness, and the Church exploded across much of the ancient world.



But there's a golden age for the church going on right now—with the same kind of courage, persecution, and Spirit-empowered growth. Where is it? In communist China.

World missions historians tell us that when all the foreign missionaries were kicked out of Mao's China a few years after the Second World War, there were probably no more than 3 million believers in Jesus Christ in the whole, vast nation. But today, seven decades later, the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life counts 67 million Christians of all kinds—35 million independent Protestants, 23 million Protestants in government-sanctioned churches, and 9 million Catholics. Other estimates go even higher.

Whatever the true number is, it's almost as many as there are members of the Communist Party! Maybe that's why the government is cracking down on Christians. According to Christianity Today and other news outlets, Under President Xi Jinping, China's government has been tightening its grip on religious affairs.

In February, regulations aimed at religious groups have brought increased pressure on churches to be "Chinese" culturally and to submit to the authority of the Communist Party. Churches are being told to burn their crosses and replace them with Chinese flags and to display slogans praising the Communist Party. Some are being forced to join the government-sanctioned churches and permit video surveillance of their services.

Meanwhile, in Jiangxi province, authorities have forced at least 40 churches to display banners forbidding foreigners from preaching and anyone under 18 from attending. In August, they even published new rules stating, "Party members who have religious belief should have strengthened thought education."

In the spirit of Peter and John, a group of at least 250 Chinese pastors has publicly signed a joint statement opposing the new regulations. In the statement they declare that Jesus is Lord of all, offering eternal life to anyone who will repent and believe in Him.

But they also say, in a challenge to the Chinese communists, "God hates all attempts to suppress human souls and all acts of persecution against the Christian church, and he will condemn and judge them with righteous judgment."

Then, like Peter and John, they pledge obedience not to the earthly authorities but to King Jesus, no matter what. "We declare that in matters of external conduct, churches are willing to accept lawful oversight by civil

administration or other government departments as other social organizations do. But under no circumstances will we lead our churches to join a religious organization controlled by the government, to register with the religious administration department, or to accept any kind of affiliation.”

They close their incredible joint statement with the bracing yet sobering words, “For the sake of the gospel, we are prepared to bear all losses—even the loss of our freedom and our lives.”

Friends, is it any wonder that the church in China has grown, and continues to grow? What we’re seeing before our eyes is the golden age of the church in China. How can we not pray for these wonderful brothers and sisters? And more than that, how can we not emulate their costly faithfulness in our own little corner of God’s world?”

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**Please pray for the government of China and President Xi to repent of this new policy against religious believers and their gatherings. Pray that religious freedom can be restored and that in the meantime, Christian leaders and believers will be greatly strengthened to be bold like lions and continue their ministries across the land with its vast population still needing to come to Christ.**

## 05 Significant threats to Freedom

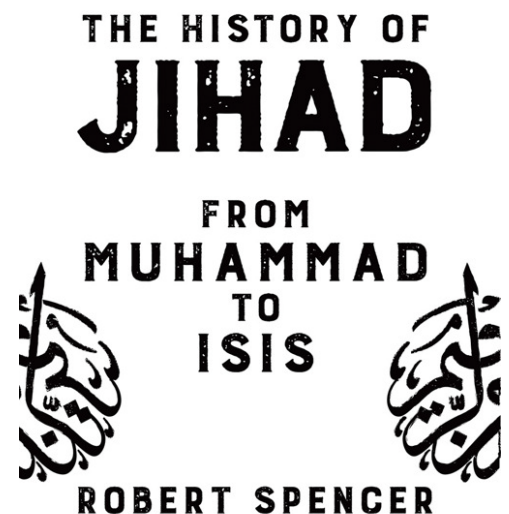
*Articles on the history and nature of Islam, the Islamic Jihad, Islamofascism and the growing connection with Leftist Totalitarianism*  
Excerpted from JihadWatch.org)

### *The History of Islamic Jihad*

“For those who still think — and, alas, there remain many — that Islamic terrorism has emerged only in the last forty years or so, [\*The History of Jihad From Muhammad to ISIS\*](#), Robert Spencer’s carefully researched work on jihad from the beginning of Muhammad’s political and prophetic career to the acts of terrorism of September, 11, 2001, will be a salutary shock...

One of the chief merits of Spencer’s account of Muhammad’s career in this book’s first chapter is that he relies entirely on those earliest extant Arabic sources, and if the picture that emerges of the Prophet of Islam is far from flattering, Muslims, at least, cannot complain that it is a portrait painted by the enemy or infidels. Unfortunately, much of the subsequent bloody history of Islam that is recounted in this book can be seen to derive from the example set by its founder: his intolerance of non-Muslims, his anti-Jewish sentiments, his attitude to women, all are attested to in the Islamic sources.

*Thanks to Spencer’s book, we can no longer pretend that Islamic fundamentalism is an aberrant form of Islam. The seeds of violence and intolerance are already there in seventh-century Arabia, and in the life of Muhammad..*



Along the way, he shatters many myths, such as the myth of the Golden Age of Spain, a putative period of ecumenical harmony, a kind of perpetual medieval Woodstock Summer of love. He also puts the Crusades into perspective, and reminds us that the Crusades were a belated response to years and years of jihad, and persecution of Christians. Spencer brings the story up to modern times, not forgetting the Armenian genocides perpetuated by the Turks between 1915 and 1923.

Robert Spencer's work is essential reading for all of us, for all those who want to defend our values from the relentless jihad that has not ceased for fourteen centuries."

### ***The threat of Islamicization coupled with Leftist totalitarianism***

"As totalitarianism overshadows America, no one can say that they were not forewarned. Both Horowitz and Spencer have been sounding the alarm for years; the Muslim Brotherhood plan for North America has been public knowledge for years. Its [Explanatory Memorandum](#) is expansive and detailed in describing its mission:

"The process of settlement is a 'Civilization-Jihadist Process' with all the word means. The Ikhwan [Muslim Brotherhood] must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and "sabotaging" its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God's religion is made victorious over all other religions."

9/11 "mastermind" Khalid Sheik Mohammed stated:

"We will win because Americans don't realize . . . we do not need to defeat you militarily; we only need to fight long enough for you to defeat yourself by quitting."

Mohammed was correct. Far too many citizens of the West have quit — they take their freedoms of granted and are in denial, having not learned the lesson of history that fascism is insidious and does not take control of societies suddenly, as many seem to think. Its invasion is methodical and gradual.

Some examples of how businesses have joined the totalitarian initiative:

Kellogg Co. announced on November 2016 its decision to pull ads from Breitbart "because its 45,000,000 monthly conservative readers are not 'aligned with our values as a company.'" Here we see Kellogg's attempting to control the thoughts of citizens and impose its values on consumers. Fortunately, Breitbart "launched a #DumpKelloggs petition and called for a boycott of the ubiquitous food manufacturer, which lead to plummeting stock and reported \$53 million loss in the fourth quarter." The arrogance of Kellogg Co. was astounding, with CEO John Bryant claiming that the company's massive losses were just a "coincidence" and not due to the boycott.

In the three months following Kellogg's war against Breitbart:

the company has faced allegations of racism toward factory workers and has been accused of allegedly profiting from the use of child labor. Its non-profit W.K. Kellogg Foundation's ties to radical anti-American billionaire George Soros, hate group Black Lives Matter, and deceased Cuban dictator

Castro have been exposed, and the Michigan-based company is set to shutter dozens of distributions centers and lay off more than 1,100 full-time employees...

These are but a mere few examples, but they go on and on. What normal citizen can point out the “hate” in exposing such news? Every single day, reports emerge from the four corners of the earth about human rights abuses committed in the name of Islam, Islamic supremacist incursions into once-peaceful countries, the slaughter and injury of innocent people committed in the name of Islam, and jihad attacks. If reporting and discussing these facts are an offense to Muslims and deemed to be “hateful” and “racist,” then we need to have serious open discussions about why and how this is so. But there is a strenuous effort to shut down all discussion of these matters...

*It is by degrees that totalitarians manage to seize control. The establishment media becomes a mouthpiece of the people in power, and soon, the population becomes enslaved to their ideologies, as we see with Islamofascism. It is abusive, oppressive and aims to silence all dissent as it marches against the House of War in order to subvert it and bring it into the House of Islam. This 1,400-year-old doctrine has infiltrated the West in the private and public sectors, and the Muslim Brotherhood, in accordance with its memorandum, has managed to redefine “hate” to mean any criticism of Islam...”*

### ***The Success of Islam***

SEP 15, 2018 9:00 AM BY AMIL IMANI

“The religious aspect of Islam played a minuscule role in the propagation of Islam, as evidenced by the fact that Muhammad’s preaching in Mecca for thirteen years converted only 150 followers. Keep in mind that this is the period when Mohammad was meek, powerless and a “crazed poet.” Nearly all his Mecca Quran dealt with mystical and religious type issues, with Allah’s hell and paradise.

It was during following nine years in Medina, where a religious-mystical preacher was replaced by a violent and combative activist, when tens of thousands flocked to his faith. The Arabs of the time lived with chronic violence, one tribe against another. Warring among themselves was a major way of gaining wealth and making a living. Hence Muhammad’s success against the Jews of Medina began to attract others in droves to the booty of wealth, women and children.

The success of Islam from the early days depended on war and violence. During thirteen years in Mecca, Islam expanded by about twelve followers a year. But the Islam of Medina, based on war and violence and the enticement of booty, expanded the rank of the creed exponentially. It is estimated that Islam’s numbers swelled to nearly 100,000 by the time of Muhammad’s death.

Clearly, Islam surged at the point of the sword, with the dictum of polarization. Muslims were considered righteous irrespective of their deeds, while the kefir (infidels) were stigmatized as enemies of Allah and subject to maltreatment and death.

For a belief system with such lofty claims as the perfect prescription for eternal life authored by the creator of universe, Islam is anything but logical and consistent. It is more like sleight of hand. Now you see it, now you don’t. Situational ethics, contradictions, and outright errors are rampant in Islam’s scripture.



For example, Quran 2:219 admonishes the faithful to be forgiving and tolerant of Jews and Christians. Yet Quran 9:29 directs Muslims to attack them until they are humbled and made to pay the jizyeh, the dhimmi tax. And Muslims to this day do exactly that. They act tolerant toward the People of the Book until they gather enough power. Then they proceed full force to subdue, humble and make them pay backbreaking Islamic taxes and submit to Sharia.

It is instructive to note that much of the Meccan Quran, the mystical poetic and more gentle Quran, characterized by tolerance and acceptance of others, is overturned by the intolerant and combative Quran of later Medina. Powerlessness was accompanied by meekness, while power unleashed savagery and violence.

Another telling point about this Islamic expediency and hypocrisy is clearly seen in the two parts of the Quran. The gentle Quran of Mecca is very Jewish. It is full of accounts about Jewish figures such as Noah, Adam and Moses. By contrast, the brutal Quran of Medina is full of negative assertions, and is anti-Jewish...

Once in Medina, Muhammad hit on a most powerful formula for success. He justified everything by claiming that Allah wanted it this way. And Allah was nothing to trifle with. He held the key to the most magnificent paradise as well as to a dreadful hell. The duty of every good Muslim became unquestioning obedience to everything that Muhammad said and wished. Muhammad became Allah's gatekeeper to paradise and hell.

Muhammad's formula worked magic with the Bedouins of Arabia, who thrived on robbery and killing. His religion spread in no time at all.

As Muhammad gathered more and more followers, he turned on the Jewish community of Medina, killed the men, plundered their belongings, and captured their women and children as slaves. That was the birth of "Jihad." Be meek and deceptive first, until you gather enough power then unsheathe the sword. It worked then and it is working today.

In no time, the savages of Arabia were lured by the win-win promise of Muhammad: you kill, you get the booty from your victims in this world, and if you get killed, your abode will be the unimaginably glorious sensuous paradise of Allah. Sword in hand, they sallied forth to lands near and far..."

Jihadwatch.org

**Please pray for our government authorities in our various nations to clearly see the growing danger of Islamicization and its connection with the "politically correct" and insidious Leftist totalitarians who seek the overthrow of traditional values of limited government and the protection of religious and personal freedom for individuals.**

**Pray with the Lord's delegated authority that the principalities and powers behind these false and deceptive and destructive ideologies will be bound and driven out of our nations and governments.**



## **06 Pray for Bosnia**

As Christians start taking prayer seriously in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Unbelievers will hear about this and start coming to Christians for prayer. Unbelievers will see the power of the Christian's faith.

- Pray that Christians living across Bosnia and Herzegovina would be praying for Unbelievers around them.
- Pray that the Christians would take the power of prayer to the streets and pray over Unbelievers.
- Pray that unbelievers who are hungry to be touched by God will seek out Christians to pray for them.
- Pray that God would continue to prepare unbelievers hearts for the Good News.
- Pray for dreams and visions of Jesus among unbelievers from Muslim, Orthodox and Catholic backgrounds.
- Pray for healings where Bosnian Unbelievers know it was Jesus who healed them.
- Pray that the Bible will become a greatly honored book in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Pray for men of peace to come to Jesus.
- Pray for leaders to come to Jesus.
- Pray for repentance of sin and the coming of the His Kingdom.

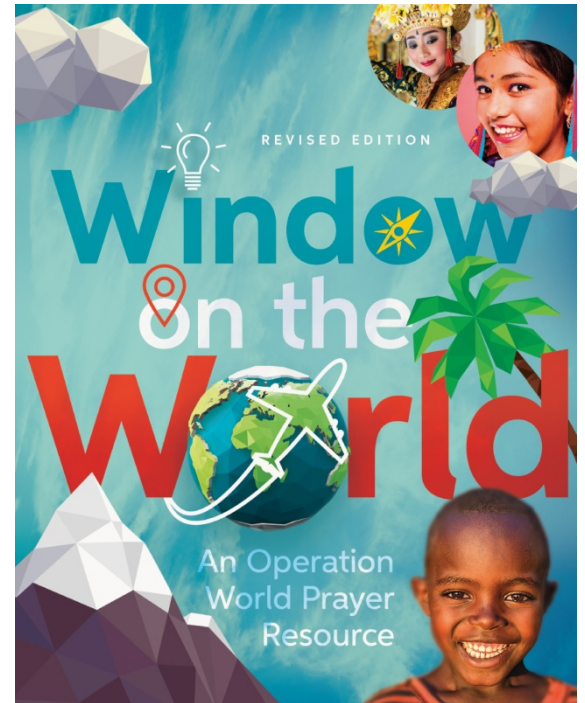
## Resources

### 07 Children's version of Operation World

God is raising up prayer all around the world - and He is clearly using children in prayer to make an impact on a scale never seen before.

The Operation World team have released a new prayer resource for the world aimed at informing and mobilizing families and children - Window on the World. Although it's full of colourful photos and interesting facts, the purpose of this resource is to nurture in kids a spirit of prayer and a missional vision for God's world.

There are over 100 two-page spreads sharing stories and prayer needs of various countries, people groups, and religions around the world. It rests on Operation World's foundations of solid research, relational networks with Christian leaders all over the world, and a Biblical worldview in step with the Spirit.



This new edition (the previous one being published in 2001) includes a number of new entries in keeping with the needs of our world in 2018 - nations like Syria and South Sudan, peoples like the Rohingya and Somalis, and issues like Third Culture Kids. But beware: using with children might lead to them becoming intercessors, missionaries, or both!

If you have any specific ideas about movements and countries that might be interesting in larger scale purchases, I would expect that we might be able to negotiate special prices, or possibly even local print runs in other countries. One of the design elements was the ability to publish in full colour or in black and white if necessary. We're very keen to see it translated into other languages and printed and distributed where those other languages are spoken, for prices in keeping with those local economies.

Window on the World was Edited by Jason Mandryk and Molly Wall.

**Order Window on the World:** <https://www.ivpress.com/window-on-the-world>

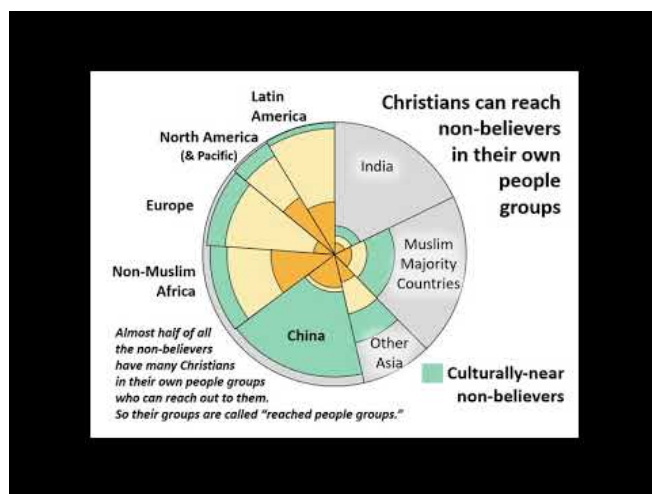
**Contact Jason Mandryk / Operation World:** <http://www.operationworld.org/jasonow-team>

## 08 New video on the unfinished mission task

Rebecca Winter Lewis, daughter of missiologist Ralph Winter, has done us all a great service to put together this Youtube video that lays out the remaining task of sharing Christ's Gospel with the Unreached Peoples of our world.

Please have a look on the link below and use it in your prayers and mission efforts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLADjrnCuDs&feature=youtu.be>



## Movement for Prayer News & Events

### 09 IPC Calendar

Americas National Day of Repentance

<http://www.dayofrepentance1.org>

Nigeria: Year of Prayer – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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

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

Email: [tbammodu@yahoo.com](mailto:tbammodu@yahoo.com)

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

Email [ethne@2414now.net](mailto:ethne@2414now.net)

New Year's Day SUNRISE PRAYER RELAY 1 Jan 2019

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



### 10 United Prayer Rising Events:

UPRISING South Africa, Johannesburg – October 4-6, 2018 - <http://www.uprising-south-africa.org/>

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

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

[www.ipcprayer.org](http://www.ipcprayer.org)

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## 11 An Update on the 24:14 global coalition

### Join the 24:14 Prayer Team

Church Planting Movements (CPMs) are preceded by prayer movements. Join 24:14 in beseeching the Lord of the Harvest for more workers! You can find a myriad of ways to engage with 24:14 in prayer on our prayer page, but here are two practical ways:



1. Sign up to get prayer newsletters
2. Set a 24:14 alarm on your phone for 12:14 pm every day to remind you to pray for fulfillment of Matthew 24:14

We are a global coalition praying and working together to start kingdom movement engagements in every unreached people and place by 2025.

### Upcoming 24:14 - Related Events

There are several important meetings on the horizon that we want you to know about.

Ethne18 is a missions gathering in the Mediterranean December 3-7, 2018. This is a gathering of missions leaders from around the world and the focus of the meeting is the 24:14 vision of catalyzing biblical, kingdom movement engagements in every unreached people group and place in the world by 2025. A pastors track will be in place to help senior pastors learn more about movements and how their church can be a part of catalyzing movements.

To attend Ethne18 you have to be approved. This is both for security reasons and because we don't want too many Westerners. Simply email [ethne@2414now.net](mailto:ethne@2414now.net) with your name, contact information, and any current involvement that you already have in 24:14 or DMM/CPM to be considered.

We want to invite you to Within Sight, a missions conference put on by Finishing the Task (FTT) on December 4-6 at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California. Finishing the Task has been instrumental in uniting many organizations toward engaging every Unengaged Unreached People Group (UUPGs). These people groups have no missionaries, no churches, and not even one known believer! 24:14 is partnering with FTT to work with movement leaders globally to engage UUPGs with movement strategies. 24:14 will have a presence at this important conference, which will focus on the remaining task and the pathway to completion. To learn more, please visit Finishing the Task's website at [www.finishingthetask.com](http://www.finishingthetask.com).

### Assembling a Team in Southeast Asia

Thank you for praying for the 24:14 Southeast Asia meeting held earlier this month. This meeting was a critical step toward getting to full movement engagement in the region. Many key movement leaders from the

region convened to discuss and dream together about what it will take to finish engaging every unreached people and place with a movement strategy with urgency.

Out of this meeting, a 24:14 Southeast Asia facilitation team was formed that will lead the 24:14 efforts in the region. Several individuals also stepped up to help with research coordination efforts. The first project of this team is to develop a plan to engage over 50 UUPGs in the region.

### **24:14 South Asia Team Meeting**

We also just concluded a small gathering of South Asian movement leaders following our 24:14 South Asia meeting held in February. The purpose of this meeting was to help key leaders of the region take the next step toward forming a facilitation team for the region which champions movement engagements in every unreached people and place. There was great buy-in and renewed vision coming out of this meeting, and the 24:14 South Asia facilitation team is now working toward practical next steps for the region.

### **Make the 24:14 Commitment**

24:14 is an open-membership movement. Make the 24:14 COMMITMENT by doing four things:

1. Commit to fully reaching the UNREACHED peoples and places of the earth
2. Reach them through CHURCH PLANTING MOVEMENT strategies
3. Engage them with URGENT SACRIFICE by 2025
4. CONNECT to others in the 24:14 movement so we can make progress together

### **Join 24:14**

### **Pray**

- Pray for momentum and strategic insight for both the 24:14 Southeast Asia facilitation team and the South Asia facilitation team.
- Pray for Implementation Coordinators (ICs) and Facilitation Teams to be formed in every region of the world
- Pray for an effective funding strategy for 24:14 global efforts
- Pray for God to be glorified through upcoming meetings such as Ethne18 and the Within Sight conference in December
- Pray for every region and country of the world to be covered by Geographic Stewardship Team members, who collaborate with other leaders in their geographic region to ensure engagement. To volunteer or learn more, email [GST@2414now.net](mailto:GST@2414now.net)

## **12 Vision for a Global Alliance of Prayer for Mission**

Deliberations from a recent gathering of mission and prayer leaders

One North Star trumps all others: Pray towards the fulfilment of God's Great Commission.



There are 5+ billion people unsaved/unchurched. Of these, 1 billion have never even heard of Jesus. Of the 2 billion claiming Christ, how many are living out a Great Commission lifestyle? How many in the Church have been equipped to pray for the lost in their sphere of influence, in their city/nation/regions?

How can prayer strategically undergird and help pave the way for the fulfilment of the Great Commission?

### **Vision**

Raise-up a mobilized prayer army of 500 million intercessors (reproducing prayer igniters) for God's Kingdom come.

With a vision this big, we need everyone involved. There's a role for every praying network, prayer-leader in activating Kingdom-based, global prayer.

### **Mission**

Every believer, family, church, mission agency, nation, region, city, campus digital community having a covering (canopy) of fruitful GC prayer (Isaiah 62:6; I Thes 5:16-17; Eph. 6:18).

### **Purpose**

To help convene, serve and support a growing global prayer network that further activates GC intercessory prayer.

### **Why bring prayer networks together (for a Global Alliance of Prayer)?**

There exists one overarching, shared North Star: to pray for the fulfilment of God's Great Commission. (\* G.A.P. we are seeking to see the Lord fill the Missional GAP-between the Plentiful Harvest & the Need for Laborers/Harvesters-Milt).

Bringing praying networks together - even with multiple, varying expressions of prayer - can offer support for networks as well as greater clarity of paths for prayer engagement for the The body of Christ. In part, a healthy, robust alliance of prayer would help to:

- Model greater unity (John 17)
- Uplift best practices, initiatives and strategies
- Enhance stewardship of resources
- Leverage existing prayer platforms
- Add clarity as to how believers can engage in GC prayer.

### **Samples of Some Network Prayer Coverage Offerings**

24/7 day/night prayer canopies (coverings): e.g., One Church Initiative, houses of prayer, congregational/ministry/city/national prayer chains, prayer towers, other).

### **Every Non-Believer Consistently Prayed for by Name**

Every member of a global army of 500 million praying, multiplying disciples challenged to consistently pray for 10 unsaved people (some of whom they know) and perhaps adopting one unreached people group for which to pray.

**NOTE:** 500M (25% of current believers) each praying for 10 unreached people (ideally, a few of those they know) approximates the 5 billion presently outside the Kingdom.

Prayer coverage for every believer/family: Among the growing prayer army, promotion of PIT Crews globally so that every believer has at least a small team of other believers praying for them/their family, establishment of prayer in every Christian marriage/family.

**Adopting a GACX church plant:** GACX is focused on the goal of five million congregations planted - a local church existing for every 1,000 people. A mini-alliance of networks grouped could offer this: Networks adopting specific areas where church plants are beginning. As capacity exists, networks are kept informed of immediate, intercessory needs of those seeking to plant new churches.

**Adopting an Unreached People Group:** Every unreached people group adopted in prayer (By individuals and/or networks focused on such).

**Targeted Prayer Campaigns:** Pray 2020, 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World (during Ramadan), 10 Days of Prayer, 40 Days of Love, Praying through the Window etc.); 4-14 prayer campaigns; others.

**Christ Day Movement Prayer Global Initiative (rallying leaders):** Leaders of nations coming together in a call of repentance toward renewed, sustained Great Commission praying.

### **One Closing Thought**

Different parts of the prayer army will inevitably be called to focus on different aspects of the fulfilment of God's Great Commission; but this shouldn't hinder us from uniting our prayer efforts, it should instead drive us to see our need for one another and the various expressions that we bring to His mission.

### **With an Invitation Extended to You**

Would you join us in helping to give shape to an alliance of prayer in support of God's Kingdom come?

Please pray for this bold vision for a global alliance of prayer to be fulfilled and that even 500 million believers will be drawn to get involved in prayer for the fulfilment of Christ's Great Commission.

For more information about how you and others you know can get involved, please contact [office@ipcprayer.org](mailto:office@ipcprayer.org)

## **About IPC**

### **13 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

## 14 The IPC Website

The IPC website is part of a hub that aims to equip and inform the Church worldwide. We run it as a service to our partner organisations and ministries to help them to publicise their prayer alerts, news, events and resources. We would invite you to get involved.



If you have:

1. News / Events: news of international prayer-related interest such as upcoming initiatives and conferences
2. Regional Prayer Requests: strategic prayer requests and alerts for your nation or region
3. Resources: teaching articles, media or testimonies

... we can, in most cases add them to the website. Please send copy along with images and hyperlinks to any existing online content that we can point people to for further information.

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