International Prayer Connections

A Monthly Journal to Guide Intercession for Our World









Greetings!

We are pleased to bring you IPC Connections for February 2019.

We trust you will be blessed and encouraged as you read the editorial this month, which discusses the importance of connecting prayer and mission in a seamless integration so that we flow together in reaching the unreached in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In this edition, we also introduce you to IPC's newly appointed Executive Coordinator, Dr. Jason Hubbard. Please pray for him and his family that they will be anointed, guided and protected being blessed to full measure as Jason works with our team to facilitate the work of the IPC as a "network of networks" connecting God's people to pray for the transformation of our world. More about Jason follows below.

A number of IPC colleagues and partners have just returned from an inspiring and encouraging week in Sentul City, Indonesia, holding IPC Leadership Team meetings and taking part in the 'World Generation Gathering UPR'. We are thankful to our Indonesian friends who planned and hosted this event and gave so generously to ensure that the delegates were looked after and the event ran smoothly. We thank our readers for covering the event in prayer. There was a tremendous day on the Saturday, when we held a Solemn Assembly in Jakarta. See here



The next United Prayer Rising event will be held in July, 2019 at Ashburnham Place, in the UK. Full details about Uprising Europe can be found below and on their <u>website here</u>. We continue to uphold this movement that aims to encourage and mobilise the younger generations in prayer and mission.

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Thank you for partnering with us in prayer in these crucial times.

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01 Editorial: Flowing Together through United Prayer to Reach the Unreached

The Amazon is the mightiest river in world. It covers 40% of South America, 2.7 million square miles, discharging 209,000 cubic meters per second. It is composed of over 1100 tributaries. It is a powerful metaphor of what God wants the prayer and mission movement to be like-- flowing together in the same way to become an unstoppable force for breakthrough after breakthrough, for the evangelization and transformation of the nations. If *Go 2020* is to succeed in mobilizing 100 million believers to pray and reach out to one billion



unreached, hundreds if not thousands of prayer and mission networks and ministries must flow together, giving up some of our independence and identity for the greater good in order to become the Lord's unstoppable force for the fulfillment of His Great Commission in our time.

Another helpful image about flowing together comes from the *Gladiator* movie when Maximus, the Roman general still incognito orders his rag tag group of individualistic fighters to "Stand together". As they coordinated and fought together, they overcame a much stronger barbarian horde with all its superior weaponry, including chariots. In the same way, we are battling principalities and powers, facing massive spiritual and human opposition to the cause of Christ. There is no excuse for going our own way and doing our own thing when our General, the Lord Jesus Christ is telling us to "stand together"!

In assessing the tragic failure of his generation to evangelize the world by 1900, A.T. Pierson attributed this most of all to the lack of prevailing prayer.

"Every time the church has set herself to praying there have been stupendous movements in the mission world. If we should but transfer the stress of our dependence and emphasis from appeals to men to appeals to God-from trust in organization to trust in supplication-from confidence in methods to importunate prayer for the power of the Holy Spirit, we should see results more astounding than have yet been wrought."

The biggest shortcoming and danger of global campaigns like *Go 2020* is that we will underestimate our need for united ongoing prayer. We can so easily begin to rely on human-conceived programs, plans and organization rather than following the early church's example of starting with the Lord before mission activity. Acts 1:14 describes their culture of prayer that carried through the whole book of Acts and resulted in breakthrough after breakthrough in evangelism and cross-cultural mission. God wants and deserves to be the Senior Partner. We need to prayerfully submit to His guidance from start to finish and let Him open the way before us as Head of the Body, the General of a worldwide army of brothers and sisters, men, women and children that He wants to call and use to reach the unreached. Prayer and surrender is always prior to mission strategy and deployment.

The New Testament urges us to always start with intimacy with the Lord (John 15 "abide in me and I in you" so that we can go and "bear fruit that remains".) Spiritual fruit along with divine strategy and guidance comes out of that dependent, intimate relationship. We are not wasting time seeking God in prayer. Jesus clearly commanded the early disciples in Acts 2 that they were first to "stay in Jerusalem and receive power from on high" before putting any plans or programs into operation. More than 30 times in the subsequent pages of Acts, as the early missionaries and evangelists sought God through united prayer, they experienced the intervention of His almighty Spirit, often in spectacular ways.

Missions and evangelism are supernatural endeavors and need supernatural partnership with the Holy Spirit. He will go before us to open doors, provide what we lack and above all arrange divine encounters with people whom He has prepared to come to Christ. They in turn will become His specially ordained instruments in their own cultural and language spheres.

Let's therefore recover this dynamic of the early church. Start with God and those around us in prayer, then sharing the Gospel as He leads us. Cultivate the "ministry of availability", both for people closest to us and those at ends of earth, the 4700 least reached people groups that are still largely cut off from hearing the Good News. As well as evangelizing our own neighborhoods and cities, let's join many others in adopting each of these people groups for prayer, and help make sure they do not remain lost but get at least one opportunity to hear about the Lord of life! May the result be like the awesome Amazon, an unstoppable force for seeking and hearing from God, then carrying out evangelism, discipling, church planting, and other vital ministries for reaching all the remaining unreached peoples.

For more information and resources on prayer and mission to the unreached, please see www.joshuaproject.net.

Do watch, and share the links to these excellent new videos entitled 'Reaching the Unreached – Prayer that Empowers Missions' - that focus us on the need to pray for the 4,700 unreached peoples' groups. They were produced by the acclaimed Videographer / Director, Michael Lienau, a friend of IPC:



3 minute version: https://vimeo.com/311331983

9 minute version: https://vimeo.com/311342648

Prayer Triplets are a wonderful way of doing corporate prayer in an ongoing way focusing on those around us who need to come to Christ as well as for an unreached people group across the world. It is difficult by ourselves to maintain such a prayer focus but "a three-fold cord is not easily broken" as the Bible tells us.

Find two others who want to connect with the Lord for the harvest and begin to pray and then make yourselves available to share His Good News with others!

Pray in Triplets

- 1. That we can all abide in the Vine (Christ), going deeper in intimacy, surrendering all that we are and want to do to Him and His purposes (John 15:4, 16)
- 2. That we may have the "ministry of availability" to those around us now, not only those at the ends of the earth that are in our plans and strategies. (Jesus with individuals like Bartimaeus, Nicodemus, the woman with the flow of blood, the thief on the cross, etc.; Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch. Paul and Lydia.)
- 3. That together we and others in the missions community can recover the early church's dynamic culture of united prayer that led them into supernatural breakthroughs of God's mighty working with great numbers coming to the Lord and Christianity, spreading eventually throughout the whole then known world. (Acts 1:4-5, 8; 4:31,33; 5:12, 16; 6:7)
- 4. That all the 4700 least reached people groups (less than one believer per thousand among them) will be adopted by praying churches, organizations and individuals and rapidly reached with the

Gospel.

5. That the Lord will use Go 2020 as an effective rallying cry to the global Church that call 100 million believers into a lifestyle of focused prayer and outreach for the unreached around them and at the ends of the earth.

John Robb IPC Chairman

Prayers for the World:

02 New Executive Co-ordinator for the IPC!

Dr. Jason Hubbard has just been installed during the IPC planning retreat in Jakarta and will be taking over the executive responsibilities from John Robb. John will remain chairman but take a long-anticipated writing sabbatical.

The IPC leadership team rejoices at Jason's willingness to serve us and the international prayer movement.

Please pray for him and his family that they will be anointed, guided and protected being blessed to full measure as Jason works with our team to facilitate the work of the IPC as a "network of networks" connecting God's people to pray for the transformation of our world.



Introducing Dr. Jason Hubbard

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LIGHT OF THE WORLD PRAYER CENTER, BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON, USA

By the grace of God, my desire is be an extravagant worshipper of Jesus, an anointed deliverer of men and a godly husband and father. I have been married for 26 years to Kristie, and have 3 beautiful kids, Jasmine (22), recently married to Tyler Hanon (25), Gracelyn (17) and Joshua (13).

Previously I worked as the Associate Pastor of Prayer and Bible at Christ the King Church (3500 members) in Bellingham, WA for 10 years. I completed my Doctorate in Discipleship in 2013 at Talbot Seminary.

For the last 10 years I have been working as the executive director of Light of the World Prayer Center (www.lowpc.org). I also serve as a board member on 4 prayer ministries: America Prays (www.americaprays.org), the National Prayer Committee (www.nationalprayercommittee.com), Greater Commission Coalition (www.greatcommissioncoalition.com) and the International Prayer Council (www.ipcprayer.org/ipc-home).

Our mission statement at Light of the World Prayer Center is to "Exalt Jesus, through united, day and night, prayer, praise and worship for Global Harvest." Our primary objective is to see Whatcom County transformed to the Glory of God, that the Lamb may receive the due reward of his sufferings. We have 40 Spirit-led, worship-fed, Scripture-based weekly prayer meetings (80hrs per week) at our city-wide house of prayer.

We also have 45 local churches that each take a day of prayer once a month every month, asking God for a massive Christ awakening to erupt in this region and bring about societal transformation!

We have established 9 strategic teams in 9 different spheres in society (family, business, education, government, media, health-care, social services, global missions and church) that help us pray strategically!

We have seen noticeable church growth in many of our local churches, several new church plants, and 60-90 pastors meeting together for prayer on a regular basis!

You can hear about some of the amazing testimonies of transformation in a short 13-minute video documentary called, "The Whatcom Story 2" www.lowpc.org/whatcomstory

Favorite scriptures: Colossians 1:15-18, John 17 & Luke 18:1-8

03 Go 2020! - How to get involved

Current Goals for Go 2020 (by the end of May 2020)

- Mobilize 100 million Christians to share the Gospel during May 2020.
- Reach 1 billion people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 1 million new churches, faith communities and small groups.
- Disciple 20 million new believers and integrate them into existing and new churches.





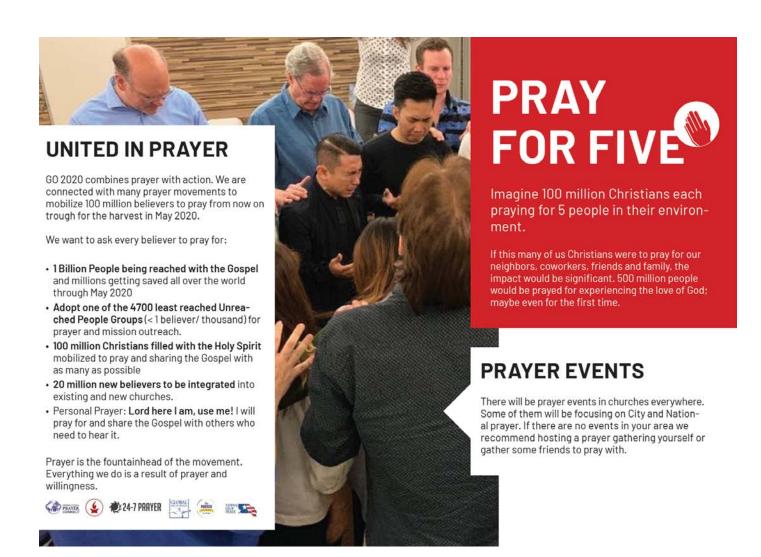
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GLOBAL OUTREACH DAY

100 million Christians all over the world will unite in prayer for the harvest.



Please continue to pray for Go 2020 leadership and participating mission agencies for unity and clarity and protection.

Pray also for the prayer mobilization task force to be effective in networking the Body of Christ to help get 100 million praying for and reaching out to 1 billion. Youth and children especially need to hear His call to get involved.

For more information about Go 2020 visit http://www.go2020.world

Download the above brochure **HERE**

John D Robb – Chairman IPC Prayer

04 Iran: Revolutionary's daughter says Islamic Republic could collapse

The daughter of one of the founders of the Islamic republic has warned that, while still strong, the system her late father helped establish some 40 years ago is weakened and could someday collapse.



Faezeh Hashemi, the daughter of former Iranian President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, said in an interview with a Tehran daily published on December 27 that "intimidation" and "fear" were the main things propping up the Islamic establishment.

"In my view, a breakdown [of principles] has already happened, there hasn't been a physical collapse, but I see that as very likely," Hashemi told the independent Mostaghel newspaper.

Hashemi, 56, a former pro-reform lawmaker who was jailed for six months in 2012 after being convicted of antiregime propaganda, said one doesn't see the open and physical crackdowns on dissent like those seen in the antigovernment protests of 2009, but a lot of repressive measures are taking place behind the scenes.

"In every segment of society, groups of activists are in jail, from workers to teachers, truck drivers, women's rights activists, environmentalists, students..., [those involved in economic activities], and citizens who are either in jail or have been sentenced to jail," she said.

A collapse isn't imminent, she noted, "but there's been a breakdown. Everywhere you look there's inefficiency, there's a lack of leadership and reason, everything is abandoned, there's no attempt to find solutions to the problems or if there is then things only get worse, there are no signs of improvement."

'Trampling Everything'

Hashemi has previously come under pressure from hard-line conservatives attempting to smear the legacy of her father, who died in 2017, and also due to her own stances and support for reforms. They denounced her and called for her punishment in 2016 for meeting a leader of the persecuted Baha'i faith with whom she used to share a cell in Tehran's Evin prison.

In March 2017, the hard-line judiciary sentenced her to six months in jail for charges that included "antistate propaganda, spreading lies against the judiciary, and the Revolutionary Guards Corps," the opposition website Kalame reported. She was also briefly detained in the 2009 crackdown.

Hashemi appeared to place much of the blame for the country's current problems on the hard-liners, accusing them of interpreting religion to serve their own interests and "trampling on everything" to remain in power.

But she also criticized President Hassan Rohani, who is in his second term and is seen as a relative moderate.

"The president says things as if he's not the president, he talks in a way as if he were [a member of] the opposition," she said. "I know that the government is not in charge of major issues, there are significant barriers, but there are problems even in those segments under the control of the government."

Hashemi said Iran needed to seriously review and update laws and practices that have gone wrong.

Her comments come amid heightened U.S. pressure on Iran and the reimposition of tough economic sanctions, including penalties targeting the country's oil exports that contributed to a collapse of the national currency earlier this year. The rial has strengthened in recent weeks, but the cost of living remains significantly high.

Protests over economic problems and corruption spread to more than 80 cities and towns last December and in early January. Since then there have been sporadic protests during which protesters have chanted slogans against the establishment.

In a June interview with the Financial Times, Hashemi said that the survival of the Iranian establishment depended on reforms and also negotiations with the United States under President Donald Trump, who has taken a hard line on the Islamic republic.

See the full article on Radio Free Europe - Radio Liberty: https://www.rferl.org/a/revolutionary-s-daughter-says-islamic-republic-weakened-could-collapse/29681911.html?ltflags=mailer

Let's pray for the government and nation of Iran to experience full reformation and deliverance from the oppression of radical Islam.

Pray also for what is perhaps the fastest growing Christian movement in the world, that the Gospel will spread to every sector and person of the nation.

05 North Korea still needs our prayers

Every January First, the leader of North Korea gives a New Year's speech that sets the tone for the year. Everyone is expected to memorize the speech and discuss it at special meetings.

There is a lot of anticipation as to what Kim Jong Un will have to say on Tuesday. Following a very eventful year which he rounded out with a letter to South Korean President Moon Jae-in, Kim is expected to lay out his own plan for diplomacy on the Korean peninsula for 2019.



The world awaits. North Korea is also using the year-end to vaunt its nuclear program with a celebration of the first anniversary of developing nuclear weapons.

In the meantime, people still try to leave the North but it is increasingly difficult. New video cameras have been installed along the border in full view to discourage defectors. Ministry of State Security (MSS) agents have also been luring people to defect in order arrest them and increase their own "scores." MSS Bureau 12, tasked with monitoring cell phone use has been re-named to Bureau 15 and has broader powers. The bureau functions as the mobile-

phone anti-espionage bureau tasked with preventing communications into and out of the country as well as a front line to prevent defections. There have been a number of defectors who have returned to North Korea--some voluntarily, some under duress. They are being exploited to discourage others from defecting.

Kim Jong Un's zeal for new construction continues with mass mobilization for the Wonsan-Kalma Coastal Tourist Zone project even as other needed renovation projects languish for lack of man-power and materials. Along with construction projects, the leadership extolled farm workers with a special rally in December even as the farmers themselves are anxious about being able to make it through the winter. Sanctions continue to have an impact as shown by these photos from the Rason Economic Zone but the "Singapore" shops in Pyongyang continue with business as usual.

Meanwhile both North and South Korea are moving forward on the inter-Korea railway project celebrated in a special ceremony on December 26th with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on the northern side of the

border following assurance from the UN Security Council that the sanctions would not be applied to the project.

We all know that the authorities are working to stamp out the viewing of South Korean media in the North but it seems that they are also heavily involved in spreading it around. A couple final notes: New Kim Il Sung-Kim Jong II high prestige badges are being distributed. Here is a new searchable detailed digital atlas of North Korea. Take a look around...

Remembering Our Brothers in Prison We continue to pray for six South Koreans held in the North as well as Daily NK journalist, Choi Song Min (alias). <u>Here's information</u> on the pastors and others who have been detained and released. Please remember them in your prayers.

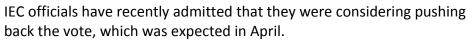
Ben Torrey - Director The Fourth River Project, Inc. www.thefourthriver.org

Pray for the upcoming second Trump-Kim summit planned for the end of next month. Pray for the denuclarization of the Korean peninsula. Pray for the closing down of the prison camps and freedom for North Korea as a result.

06 Afghanistan Delays Presidential Vote Until July

KABUL -- Afghanistan's election authorities say they have decided to delay a presidential election by three months to July 20 due to delays in registration and ongoing technical issues.

IEC chief Abdul Badi Sayyad added in an announcement on December 30 that provincial and district council elections, as well as a previously postponed parliamentary vote in Ghazni Province, will be held on the same day, according to AFP.





"April will be very difficult because of the harsh winter and transporting election materials, security, and the budget issues," Sayyad told a news conference in Kabul. "To better prepare for the vote, we have decided to hold the election in July next year."

Candidate registration started on December 22 and was supposed to continue until January 2. But the date is likely to be extended due to the lack of registration by any candidate, IEC spokesman Zabi Sadat told RFE/RL on December 27.

The IEC is trying to avoid a repeat of widespread technical and logistical problems during the October parliamentary vote.

The IEC is still finalizing results of the parliamentary vote and observers had expressed concern that it would struggle to organize a presidential election in April.

The IEC had already considered delaying the poll once, but vowed in November to hold it on time.

The election is complicated by diplomatic efforts to start a formal peace process with the Taliban, whose representatives have met U.S. special peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad for several rounds of direct talks.

Khalilzad has said a peace deal with the militants could be reached by April.

More at:https://www.rferl.org/a/afghanistan-delays-presidential-vote-until-july/29684103.html?ltflags=mailer

Pray for a positive outcome from these peace talks, that will lead to a long-term stability in Afghanistan. Pray for safe, free and fair elections, without civil unrest or bloodshed.

07 Afghanistan: Former Top U.S. Commander Warns About Troop Withdrawal

Retired General Stanley McChrystal says a major withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan, which the White House is considering, would damage peace talks with the Taliban and shake Kabul's confidence in its alliance with the United States.

Speaking on the ABC news show "This Week," the former top U.S. commander in Afghanistan said on December 30 that a significant troop reduction in Afghanistan would trade away "the biggest leverage point we have."



"I think the great mistake in the president's leaked guidance is that just when we were starting to sit down with the Taliban, just when we were starting to begin negotiations, he basically traded away the biggest leverage point we have.

"If you tell the Taliban that we are absolutely leaving on a date...their incentives to try to cut a deal dropped dramatically," McChrystal said.

The general's comments come just over a week after U.S. media reported that President Donald Trump is considering a "significant" withdrawal of American troops currently serving in Afghanistan, which currently number about 14,000.

The Pentagon has declined to comment on the reports, but they come shortly after Trump announced that the United States would be pulling out all of its forces from Syria, a move that ignited a storm of criticism from Republican and Democratic lawmakers and former government officials.

Afghan military officials have warned such a withdrawal would pose a danger to the country's undertrained and poorly equipped forces.

McChrystal noted that it could also damage relations between the two countries at a time when U.S. officials have been attempting to push the Taliban to the negotiating table with the government in Kabul.

"Of course, I was worried about the confidence of the Afghan people because at the end of the day, that's what determines who wins in Afghanistan," McChrystal said.

"And I think we probably rocked them -- we rocked them in their belief that we are allies that can be counted on," he added.

McChrystal, a 34-year veteran of the U.S. Army, served as the head of the Joint Special Operations Command from 2003 to 2008 and later assumed command of all international forces in Afghanistan in June 2009.

Source: https://www.rferl.org/a/former-top-u-s-commander-in-afghanistan-warns-about-troop-withdrawal/29684246.html?ltflags=mailer

Please keep this troubled land of Afghanistan in your prayers that His peace may finally come and the war will be brought to an end.

Pray that radical elements like the Taliban and ISIS will give up their struggle and work with the government to better the lives of the precious peoples of this long-tortured land.

08 Turkey: Pray for His breakthrough!

Pray for His Mighty works in Black Sea region.

Thanks and Prayer Letter of January 2019 from Samsun.

- Pray that God will continue to open doors for Gospel to be preached and for the new churches to be planted in the Black sea region
- Pray that the 2 young men, Tansel and Onur would be continue grow and be trained as future church leaders and the church planters
- Pray that God would add those who are being saved daily to His churches in Samsun and the Black Sea region



09 Prayer Concerns from the North American Prayer Summit

MEXICO & USA

Please pray for great wisdom mixed with compassion for both President Trump and the new Mexican president Lopez Obrador, for the resolution of the still ongoing border crisis.

Migrant caravans with multiple thousands from Central America are coming through Mexico to escape poverty and violence in countries like Honduras, Nicaragua and Guatemala.

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MEXICO

Meanwhile, migrants who arrived with the last large

caravan in October are still waiting out the asylum-seeking process at overcrowded shelters in Tijuana. Border cities like Tijuana could become, in effect, giant waiting rooms for the U.S. immigration system.

Mexico is not prepared to provide housing and other services, according to officials and migrant advocates. Officials in other border cities express similar concerns. A major shelter in Ciudad Juárez, also called Casa del Migrante, announced this week that it did not have enough resources to accept any more newcomers.

See: https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6536565/Another-migrant-caravan-15-000-people-set-depart-Honduras-month.html

CANADA

For the OneAccord team who feel led to start a national movement in 2019 with Provincial infrastructure, to mobilise pastors through prayer and fasting to inspire the church to arise and wake up to the massive attack on the culture by sexual activists. The first time of D21 days of prayer and fasting starts on Monday, Jan 7th - D21 stands for Daniel Fast, 21days.

We have to pray because our Government is progressive on basic issues:

- 1. Bill S-206 is to take away the rights of parents to restrain or discipline their children. If this bill passes, we can expect that there will be an increasing number of children put into foster homes and the parents to be in prison or fined.
- 2. Bill C-32 has been introduced to lower the legal age of consent for anal sex from 18 to 16. Would this be the beginning of legalization of pedophilia if the bill passes? The newly created term for pedophilia is "pedosexuality".
- 3. Legalization/decriminalization of all illicit drugs, including cocaine, heroine, etc.
- 4. Changes to doctor assisted suicide to include minors, the disabled and the mentally ill
- 5. Leniency towards crime and terrorism with reduced sentences.
- 6. Sovereignty eroded by signing onto the recent UN Global Compact For Migration.

Lord have mercy on Canada and the Nations - mulitudes in the Valley of Decision (Joel3)

10 Transgender Taboos

Don't Question . . . Or Else

by: John Stonestreet & Roberto Rivera

Category: Christian Worldview, Life and Human Dignity

January 3, 2019

"There are a growing number of people who transitioned from one gender to the other, only to regret it, and then try to reverse the process. Why aren't we hearing their stories?



Here's a fun fact: the word "taboo" came to the English language from natives on what is now the nation of Tonga. Believe it or not, when British explorer James Cook first visited the remote island, he noticed that certain things, in particular certain foods, were strictly off-limits. When he asked why, they replied these things were "taboo," which meant "consecrated, inviolable, forbidden, unclean or cursed."

Now in English parlance today, we tend to use the word "taboo" as a figure of speech or hyperbole. We don't think of whatever is being referred to as literally being "consecrated," "inviolable," "uncleaned" or "cursed."

Or do we?

A <u>recent article</u> in Canada's National Post identified something it called the "new taboo." It's off-limits to even talk about the increasing number of people who, having undergone gender-reassignment surgery, now not only regret their decision, they want to reverse the procedure.

Five years ago, Dr. Miroslav Djordjevic, described in the article as "the world-leading genital reconstructive surgeon," met a patient who had undergone the male-to-female surgery at another clinic but now wanted it reversed.

It turned out to be only the first of many stories Djordjevic would hear "about crippling levels of depression following their transition, and, in some cases, even contemplated suicide." He told the National Post "It can be a real disaster to hear these stories."

Why then are these disaster stories so rarely heard? Because they are taboo.

The very same article told readers about allegations that Bath Spa University in England turned down "an application for research on gender reassignment reversal" because the project was deemed 'potentially politically incorrect." Or perhaps a more accurate word would be the one chosen by the National Post: "taboo."

Recently on BreakPoint, I told you about a stunning piece in the New York Times written by a man planning to have gender-reassignment surgery. In it, he not only admitted the surgery would not make him happier, he admitted that the very prospect of the surgery made him more depressed and suicidal.

The author deserves our pity, but the decision to run the article without even questioning what on earth is going on, is the very definition of something being "taboo." Questioning the sacredness and inviolability of the desire to transition invites the digital equivalent of the wrath of the gods that ancient Polynesian feared for violating taboos.

That's hyperbole, you say. Is it? Because there are many more examples. Like the July/August issue of the left-of-center publication, the Atlantic Monthly. It contained an article that merely counseled caution in treating young children who claim to be transgender.

It didn't matter that the author, Jesse Singal, was on solid scientific ground to urge caution. It didn't matter that a 2013 study found two-thirds of pubescent children who experience gender dysphoria no longer have those feelings five years later. Singal and the Atlantic violated the taboo, and they were digitally stoned for it.

In fact, this cultural taboo is so strong, it can cost parents custody of their children. Recently, a Christian family in Ohio lost custody of their 17-year-old son because he wanted to begin hormone therapy. A family court awarded custody to the child's grandparents, because they were more amenable to his desires.

Instead of asking the more obvious question—Can't we just wait a year and not do anything drastic until he's 18 and doesn't need parental permission?"—the judge removed a minor from his home. This is taboo in action.

All who interfere with one's desires to transition these days are simply considered cursed. Meanwhile, victims' stories go unheard."

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Pray for His deliverance of those who are gender confused and tormented by the evil one with this perversion of their true identity as God's beloved children.

Pray for those who seek to counsel and bring freedom to those who are bound and are harming themselves with such a lifestyle.

11 Canada: Islamization Threat

"Islamic party of Ontario to run in next election, says Islam is Canada's native religion, "anti-hate" groups silent.

The Islamic Party of Ontario, is a new political party that plans to run in the next Ontario provincial election.

Among the party's principles and policies:



Islam is the only and oldest DEEN of GOD brought and started by Adam (p.b.u.h.), the first man and the first messenger of God, created by God without mother and father. It is the same DEEN brought by Jesus (p.b.u.h.) before Muhammad who born without father. It is a misconception that Islam is a "religion" created by Muhammad. Islam is the only way to attain peace and justice and provides laws without any prejudice....We understand and believe that Islam is the native DEEN of Ontario and Canada.

This did not happen overnight. Due to the ongoing silencing of critics, promotion of Islamic supremacists and "anti-racism" peddlers (very different from true human rights advocates), the Islamization of Western societies is advancing. In Canada, it's progressing fast, especially following the passage of anti-Islamophobia Motion M03 by Parliament.

Social media and email correspondence is abuzz with the revelation that the Islamic Party of Ontario plans to run in the next Ontario provincial election, but who is to blame? Is it really Islamic supremacists who have long spoken openly about their global agenda? Or is it their Leftist water carriers and other enablers who have facilitated them in chipping away at the cornerstones of democracy, primarily the freedom of speech?

The second article below focuses upon the "Curious Lack of Response from Anti Hate Media Regarding Exposé of Hate Speech from Islamic Organizations."

What isn't yet understood is nonetheless a simple phenomenon: Islamic supremacy is no respecter of (infidel) persons. Its proponents utilize the victimology subterfuge while the willfully blind help them do so in the name of tolerance and diversity. (Ironically, Sharia respects neither of those.) These enablers are generally employed in the "anti-racism" industry.

Leftist hypocrites are forceful opponents of "hate," yet the "anti-hate" industry is dominated by the worst purveyors of selective hate and propaganda. The "anti-hate" peddlers benefit from their status as leaders in a sphere that thrives on maintaining and manipulating victimhood for the benefit of certain individuals and groups. While they fan the flames of the worst kind of bigotry — the bigotry of low expectations of visible minorities — they care very little, if at all, about the intolerance and bigotry that define normative Islam.

Their careers are defined by their lambasting of white people against essentially everyone else (visible minorities), and assume and insist that white privilege is to blame for the world's woes. Never mind 1400 years of jihad. So Islamic anti-semitism, Islamic bigotry against gays and blacks, Sharia supremacy of men over women, and even the color prejudice that exists within Islam (and also other visible minority groups) are ignored as a matter of course by these self-styled "anti-racism" crusaders.

These types, however, smear and bully those who call out the abuses and those who even attempt to engage in facilitating real dialogue. They routinely resort to name-calling, defamation and falsehood. As the Center for Investigative Research Canada pointed out about the Antihate.ca group, which has been focusing its attention on maligning those who call out actual hate:

Antihate.ca is an organization in Canada intent on exposing hate speech and action. They have been focusing on organizations that expose actual hate speech coming out of the Islamic community.

The safest haven for every race and creed is a free, democratic society, of which free speech is the cornerstone — a safeguard against the fascism that endeavors to muzzle and control citizens.

Calling out abusive ideologies is not hate. It is acting to prevent hate. With regard to Islamic supremacists who are adept at the victimhood narrative, a former imam and member of the International Institute of Islamic Thought, Abdur-Rahman Muhammad, captured the reality well in reference to accusations of "Islamophobia":

This loathsome term is nothing more than a thought-terminating cliche conceived in the bowels of Muslim think tanks for the purpose of beating down critics. Muslims are everywhere in this country, doing practically everything. There are Muslim doctors, lawyers and businessmen – like Park51 developer Sharif El-Gamal, who went from waiting tables just a few years ago to being a multimillionaire. There are Muslim soldiers and CIA agents. Could this be possible if America were Islamophobic?...

Over the past several weeks, we have also learned of current and former operations of a mosque based in Scarborough, Ontario, Salaheddin Islamic Centre, a mosque that hosts and has hosted guest Imams, Imams that call for the death of non Muslims and Jews. Imams that suggest that it is not good to be friends non Muslims "Allaah also forbids the Mu'mineen [Muslim believers] from taking the kuffaar [disbelieves/infidels] as their confidantes...".....

Source:https://www.jihadwatch.org/2019/01/islamic-party-of-ontario-to-run-in-next-election-says-islam-is-canadas-native-religion-anti-hate-groups-silent

Jihadwatch: JAN 3, 2019 9:00 AM BY CHRISTINE DOUGLASS-WILLIAMS

Let us pray for the exposure of radical jihadists in North America and Europe and other nations where they are active.

Pray that governments will stop them, overthrowing their efforts to infiltrate and subvert democratic institutions.

Pray that the apparent alliance of Leftists and Muslim activists will be frustrated and brought to an end. Pray also that these jihadists will encounter the Lord Jesus as many other Muslims are elsewhere in the world through visions and dreams as well as prayers and loving outreach of His followers living among them.

Resources:

12 VIDEOS: Reaching the Unreached – Prayer that Empowers Missions

We would encourage our prayer partners to watch, and share the links to these excellent newly re-mastered videos entitled 'Reaching the Unreached – Prayer that Empowers Missions' - that focus us on the need to pray for the 4,700 unreached peoples' groups. They were produced by the acclaimed Videographer / Director, Michael Lienau, a friend of IPC. There is a 3 minute and 9 minute version:



Play / Download 3 minute version: https://vimeo.com/311331983

Play / Download 9 minute version: https://vimeo.com/311342648

13 Give Your Church a Vision for the World

Most of us recognise that we live in a very big, very complex world where there's a lot going on in the global church that we're not aware of or that we don't quite understand.

Most of us also recognise that God desires his people to pray for his will to be done, and his kingdom to come, on earth as it is in heaven.

And a lot of the time, we don't really know quite how to put these two together.



That conundrum is why Lausanne and Operation World have partnered to put together what we hope is a step in the right direction.

We're pleased to share the launch of a new resource for churches around the world. It's called *Praying for the World*, a series of 52 weekly inserts for church bulletins (printed or digital), which, over the course of a year, will take you and your church on a journey of exploration of how God is working in the world. It is a unique opportunity to get an overview of the global church, learn about the greatest challenges and opportunities for global missions today, and be inspired about how to pray for them. It's short (one A5 sheet, double sided), it's simple, and it's free.

Once a week, subscribers will receive a brief summary of at least one country or region of the world, highlighting how believers can pray. It will also feature a thematic topic that affects the world beyond one specific geographic area. That might be something like human trafficking, least evangelized peoples, children at risk, or creation care. We always try to keep it interesting, informative, and simple, and we always shape the material to lead toward prayer. View a sample and learn more about Praying for the World.

All *Praying for the World* bulletins will be made available as they roll out, so you can either follow our yearly schedule or begin at any time and go at your own pace. Our original vision is that this bulletin insert would become a regular part of congregational prayer life, but the materials are designed so they can be

used in any way that people imagine, such as in small groups or for your own personal prayer time. If your church does not have a printed bulletin, you can incorporate either the PDF or the text version in an email newsletter or other digital format. For Operation World (OW) users, the selection of countries in Praying for the World synchronizes with the OW prayer calendar, so you can join in with thousands of others around the world each week in praying for the same countries.

Praying for the World is just one of several ways that Operation World and Lausanne are collaborating together for the Great Commission. But this particular resource was the result of a God-ordained meeting. A Greek pastor and a Canadian missionary—that is, Sotiris Boukis and I—met at the Lausanne Younger Leaders Gathering in Indonesia in 2016. We discovered that we both shared the same vision for a weekly church bulletin insert that would help to inform and inspire churches to engage with the world through prayer. With the support of Lausanne (including a Spark grant), with persistence, and with the help of several others in Operation World and Lausanne, this vision is finally becoming a reality.

Pray with us that God will use this humble little project to grow greater passion to impact the world among the churches that use the bulletins—both for the congregations corporately and for individuals within them. Surely a growth in prayerful, missions-focused churches is an outcome that pleases him! Additionally we believe that an increase in prayer for the nations will eventually bring an increase in answers to prayer for the nations. May God work powerfully through the prayers of his people!

Pray with Us

Lord, we are grateful and humbled that you have chosen to entrust your heart for the nations to your church. What a beautiful privilege to be your ambassadors to the world. What a responsibility to stand in the gap for the lost, broken, and needy! May you awaken global vision in every congregation of believers who meet to worship you. May you stir up a spirit of prayer in every person who follows after you. And may you use our responses to bring glory to your name.



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Read more Give Your Church a Vision for the World

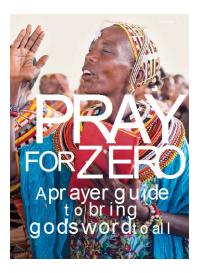
14 Pray for Zero – 2019 Prayer Guide

'God's Word In Every Language'

Seed Company is at the cutting edge of bringing the Bible to people who have never had God's Word in a language they understand.

Working with over 1400 global partners, they serve the local church by providing training, consulting, funding, and project management that leads to a meaningful, accurate translation in the local mother tongue. Thousands of prayer partners provide a solid foundation for the work.

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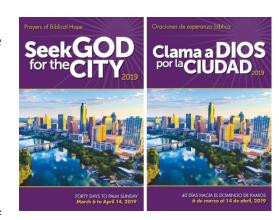
Interactive ideas for growing in prayer
Amazing stories of God transforming lives through Bible translation
Urgent, up-to-date, prayer points to bring God's Word to ALL

Sign up here: http://www.prayforzero.com/

15 Prayers that anchor your hope in God.

God is relentlessly pursuing His purpose to gather back to Himself a family from all the peoples on the face of the earth. He will not fail to fulfill all that He has spoken in scripture. In these days of uncertainty, I want to encourage you to pray with unwavering hope that our Lord will bring forth all He has promised.

We don't always know what is coming, but we do know who is coming. The prayers in Seek God for the City are focused on Christ fulfilling the Father's global purpose in local settings. Seek God for the City helps people pray in the beauty and authority of



biblical promises of Christ bringing His life to our communities in the power of the gospel.

Now is the time to order the booklets at the same low prices as previous years. A Spanish translation will be off press within days. Unite your praying with Spanish-praying people of your congregation or Spanish-speaking churches in your community. Download the children's version at no cost from our website.

I'm thrilled with the new app. The Seek God 2019 app is now available from iTunes or Google Play for your smartphone or device for only \$0.99. This app links to the awesome Prayercast videos and puts the rich info of Operation World at your fingertips.

Check out our website for these and other great tools and resources.

I urge you to join me, and many thousands of others, as we seek God for the transformation and blessing of our cities. The prayers of Seek God for the City begin in early March. Order today to be sure you get all the books you will need to equip the people you are leading.

"Rejoice in hope! Endure in troubled times! Be persistent in prayer!" (Romans 12:12)

Gladly in His grace,

Steve Hawthorne - WayMakers https://www.waymakers.us

16 Pray for the 31 - Prayer Guide

One fourth of the world's households live in Frontier People Groups - with virtually no contact with believers, and no sign yet of a gospel movement bringing God's promised blessing to their families.

Half of these households live in these 31 largest Frontier People Groups.

This is a Prayer Guide for the 31 – an invitation to the Body of Christ to Pray for the Harvest.

Download the PDF guide from this link below. Print copies are available.

https://inheritthenations.net/resources/the-31-a-prayer-guide/

17 Buddhist World 15 Day Prayer Guide

World Christian's FIRST annual Buddhist World Prayer Focus calls Christians and churches worldwide to set aside ANY 15 days in 2019 to learn about and pray for our world's over half a billion Buddhist neighbors. The informative prayer guide booklets will help Christians to know how to pray for the people(s) growing up within this major world religion.

It is not our intention with this prayer focus to disparage Buddhism's attempts to understand the mystery of life and to seek solutions to the problem of human suffering. We

acknowledge that Buddhism is a great and enduring tradition, and as such it would be inappropriate to simply or easily condense, explain or take lightly within a mere booklet.

At the same time, however, it is no secret that as Christians, we long that all the world's people(s) will have tangible opportunity to freely see, hear and understand the grace of God incarnated in Jesus Christ. To this end we inform ourselves, pray for and want to support respectful efforts to make that grace known also within the world's Buddhist communities.

We invite all Christians and churches to participate, and to learn about and pray for Buddhists.

More info and order here: https://www.worldchristian.com/productdetails.php?product_id=37788





Movement for Prayer News & Events

18 40 Days of Hope, California

March 6 - April 14, 2019

This is Your Invitation to Join The Journey

In 2013, the Body of CHRIST united around the things GOD cared about on 2nd street in El Cajon, California. This set us on a path to continue to expand each year to what is now known as 40 Days of HOPE for California. The LORD used a street full of homelessness, underage drinkers, and businesses struggling, to ignite the Body of CHRIST to pray, love the lost, and be a part of the solution to these problems.



Today, across California, the Body of CHRIST is being invited to unite around the areas that we all value; to pray, fast, worship, and do outreach together for 40 Days leading up to Palm Sunday to be a part of the solution to California's problems.

This is our first year opening up this initiative to California. Will you join us, and believe with us, that GOD's heart is fixed on California? HE loves California and is awakening HIS Body to join HIM in bringing HIS power and solutions to our great state.

Here is how it works...

For 40 days we are asking you to pray with us by following our daily prayer prompts and fast, as the LORD leads you, during this time.

We are also asking that you join or lead prayer meetings, worship events or outreaches and open them up to your community so other people from different congregations can unite and join with you. (Don't miss this part...when the Body is joined together in our regions and state, this is where the power of GOD is poured out.)

Sign Up for Prayer Prompts

<u>Promotional Resources</u>

www.40daysofhope.net

19 UPRising Europe 8-11 July 2019

An invitation is going out across Europe for a unique gathering of 3,000 young people from all 51 nations of the continent, taking place in July 2019. United Prayer Rising (**UPRising**) **Europe** will draw together believers for 72 hours of united worship and prayer with a mandate to contend for a youth awakening across Europe.



JJ Waters, Director of **UPRising Europe** said, "Following God's lead, we are incredibly excited to gather together people from every nation in Europe to contend for a youth awakening. This is such a critical time for Europe – much is being shaken whilst at the same time God is moving powerfully in many nations. We believe He is doing something beautiful in the hearts of young people, in what is now one of the most unreached continents on earth. Now is the time to come together from different nations, across denominations, honouring fathers and mothers, and to worship and pray for a mighty move of God in Europe."

We want to invite young people and anyone with a heart for Europe, to save the dates – 8th to 11th July 2019 and to plan to be part of this event.

The backbone of **UPRising Europe** will be 72 hours of non-stop worship and prayer led by worship teams of young people from all over Europe. We want to see young people from each of their nations bringing their own unique flavour, style of music and worship songs in their own language alongside English songs. These are the grassroots, passionate worship and prayer leaders who are faithful to where God has placed them and willing to contend for Europe.

Out of this will flow prayer and intercession for Europe, with occasional inspiration from speakers in our main sessions and seminars. There will also be prayer for these young people to be sent with a lasting fire to see their cities and nations changed by Jesus.

UPRising Europe is part of the global UPRising movement that was birthed out of the World Prayer Assembly in 2012 in Indonesia. The first UPRising event was in Seoul, South Korea in July 2016. Since then, there have been UPRising events in the Philippines, South Africa, Mongolia, Bolivia, Malaysia, Canada, Chile, Mexico and California.

UPRising Europe will take place at Ashburnham Place, Battle, East Sussex – a Christian retreat and conference centre set in beautiful grounds with three lakes, gardens and an abundance of nature. Delegates will be able to stay in Ashburnham place itself or camp in the spacious grounds. We want to bring together young people from every nation in Europe and to make this event accessible to all. In order to do this, we intend to make ticket prices reasonable for those from all parts of Europe. If anyone or any church wishes to help subsidise these costs, please contact us via the website.

Anyone interested in finding out more and pre-registering for UPRising Europe can do so at the website: www.uprisingeurope.org Also, follow us on social media. Pricing and tickets will be released shortly.

20 IPC Calendar

Nigeria: Year of Prayer – 1st May 2018 – 30th April 2019 http://www.pray4nigeria.org/

40 Days of Hope, California. March 6 - April 14, 2019 https://40daysofhope.net/

Americas National Day of Repentance http://www.dayofrepentance1.org

United Prayer Rising Europe – 8-11 July 2019 www.uprisingeurope.org

Go 2020 May 2020

https://www.go2020.world



About IPC

21 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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