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Greetings!

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

We trust you will be blessed, inspired and encouraged as you read the editorial this month, entitled 'Christ in the Feast of Tabernacles' in which our Executive Coordinator, Dr Jason Hubbard reminds us of the significance of this feast. He exhorts us to reflect the Light of Christ in our daily lives and through love motivated prayer that burns to see nations changed!

In this edition, we focus prayers on a number of nations where Christians are facing persecution. We also read about President Trump's speech highlighting the issue to the United Nations – it's apparently the first time that this has happened in this particular way.

We would encourage all of our readers and their partner networks to prayerfully consider the nature of their involvement in the GO2020 initiative, which seeks to mobilise prayer cover for 100 million people as they take part in a worldwide outreach during May 2020 that seeks to reach 1 billion people for Christ. For more info and to sign up, please see the article below or visit [www.go2020.world](http://www.go2020.world)

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If you can make a gift towards our costs by giving to our funding arm, the Transformation Prayer Foundation, we would appreciate it. Please [click here](#).

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

Wishing you His continued blessings,

**Jason Hubbard - Executive Coordinator | John D Robb – Chairman - International Prayer Connect**

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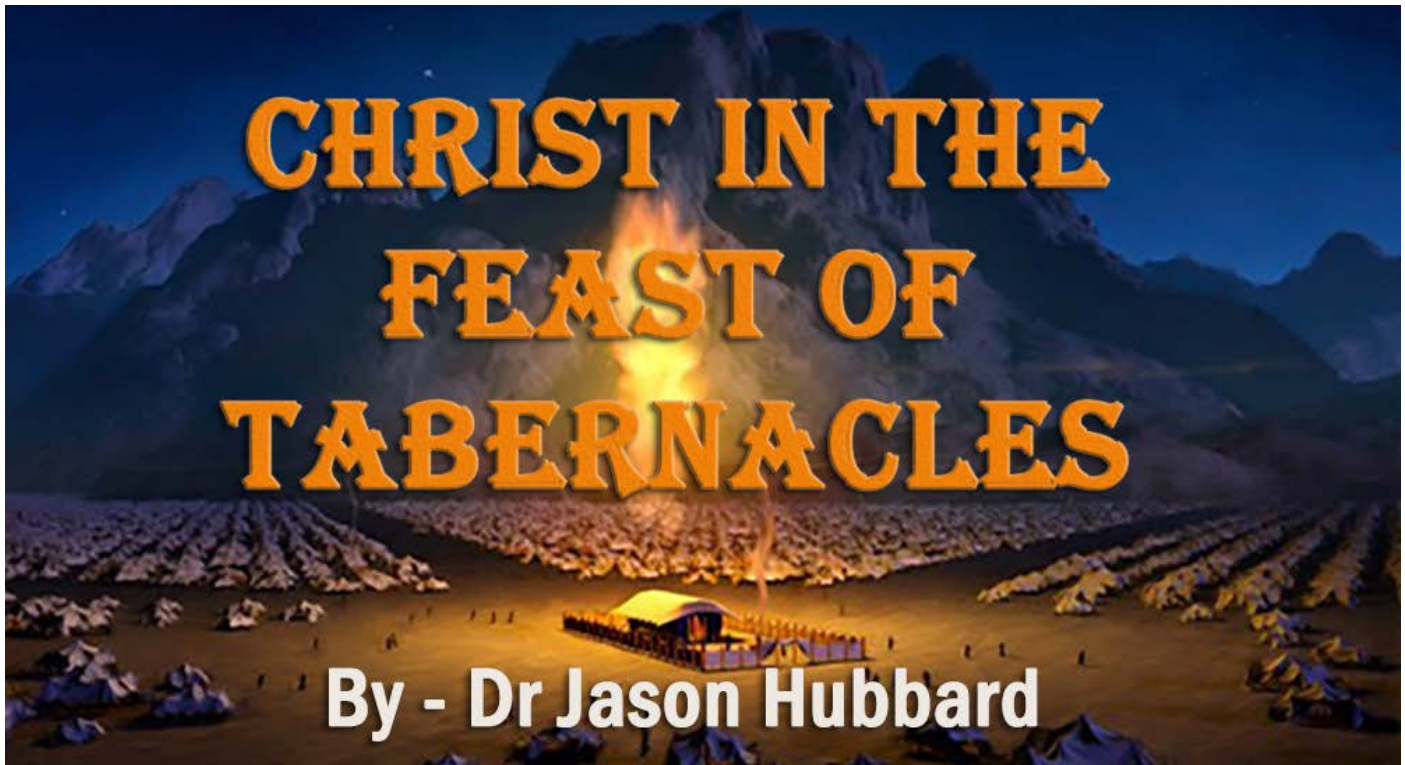
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### ***The Feast of Tabernacles***

At the time of Christ, the Feast of Tabernacles was extremely rich with symbolism, and theology. God gave his people two primary reasons to celebrate the feasts. First to remember, and second to renew hope.

God gave them the feasts to help Israel remember her deliverance and her provision from Yahweh and also to renew their hope! If God had delivered and provided for them in the past then they can trust him to do so in the future!

In Leviticus 23:34-43, God instructed the people to build temporary shelters (sukkah) and to live or tabernacle in them for 7 days to remind them that God tabernacled among them in the desert. The Feast of Tabernacles was held in the fall where worshippers would live in little ‘huts’ or ‘tents’ to recall the days when their ancestors lived in tents as they made their way through the Sinai desert. They remembered how God-the Living God himself-graciously chose to come and live with them in a tent called the Tabernacle.

One of the major ceremonies during the feast of tabernacles at the time of Christ was the light ceremony. Jesus claimed, “I am the light of the world; follow me and you will not walk in darkness but will have the light of Life” (John 8:12). Jesus could have made that claim anywhere, to anyone, at any time but he chose to make it in a particular context during the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:2).

On the first night of the Feast, when the sun had set to the sound of joyful singing, they would light four, twenty-foot high candelabras, looming over the city so that all of Jerusalem was aglow with light! During this ceremony they would recall how God had guided them through the desert with a pillar of fire by night and cloud of glory by day. God could guide because God is Light. For seven nights people celebrated God as Light and then on the eighth night the candles were extinguished and they looked forward again to next year when light would light up the city of Jerusalem again. It was on the eighth night when Jesus, walking through the court of women proclaimed, “I am the Light. I am the Light of the World.” His statement is

brilliant in every sense of the word! It's as if Jesus is saying, "I am the light that pierces the darkness every night, illuminating the whole world." As William Barclay writes of Jesus, 'I am the light that never goes out.' Staggering! And not just light 'of the world,' but light 'for the world.' As it says in Isaiah 9:2,

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

As the apostle Paul declares, "God who said, let light shine out of darkness' has shone in our hearts to give us the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ' (2 Cor. 4:6). Jesus Christ, the Morningstar, shines out during the darkest and the coldest time of the night. He is the brilliant one. He is the dazzling one. He is the chandelier of heaven! He is clothed in garments of light. His face shines brighter than the sun. His eyes are like flames of fire, with burning desire to do the will of the Father!

Jesus calls us to follow him and be the "light of the world" (Matt. 5:14-16). He calls us to reflect the light of his life to those around us! Those who love the light come into the Light so that all will be exposed. Nothing is hidden from God. Light reveals and exposes all things. There is no such thing as a "private moment."

The true acid test of whether we are being the light of the world, is whether or not we love one another. I John 2:10, "Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble."

As the IPC global family, we want to grow in radical love for Christ, love for one another and love for the lost and broken of our world. One of the best ways that we can love well is through a lifestyle of prayer!

All true intercession is born out of love. May God grant to us the grace to grow together in Love-motivated prayer. As Dr. Alvin VanderGriend writes, "Love motivated prayer is a love-motivated plea to a love-giving God, on behalf of love-needy persons who live in a love-starved world"

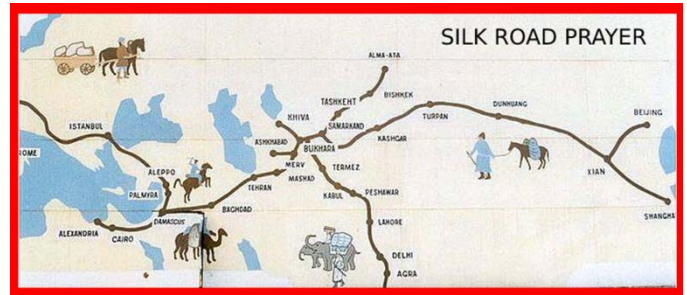
Let's ask the Father to "Light up every nation" with the brightness of his glorious Son. Come Lord Jesus and 'tabernacle' in our midst as we mobilize love-motivated prayer across nations, denominations, and generations for the fulfillment of the great commission!

**Dr. Jason Hubbard – IPC Executive Coordinator**

## Prayer News & Events

### 02 Re-launching Silk-Road Prayer

Recently, a group of key Central Asian pastors and leaders gathered for 3 days of fasting and prayer. Out of this meeting our vision to raise up strong, unified, consistent prayer for this region of the world was re-ignited.



In partnership with Central Asian Consultation, we are launching "Silk Road Prayer". We will be sending out regular prayer updates with specific information on how to pray for current needs in the region. We will also be using Social Media to quickly spread information necessary for focused prayer. Within Central Asia, we will be working with pastors and prayer leaders to mobilize more united prayer!

Thank you for joining with us in this effort to see God move in a new and unprecedented way all along the ancient Silk Road!

"...The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]." James 5:16 AMPC

**Eunice Danielson**  
**Silk Road Prayer Coordinator**

#### Current Prayer Needs:

- **Pray for believers and churches that are facing persecution across the region; pray for His great strength to stand strong**
- **Pray for justice in a court case against a leading church in Kazakhstan**
- **God is answering prayer for the church in Uzbekistan! The government now seems willing to grant registration to churches which in the past were unable to register. Pray for every church that is submitting applications to be granted registration so that they can meet freely without fear of persecution**
- **Pray for the church in Turkmenistan to have favor with the government, pray that they also will be granted registration and freedom to meet**
- **Pray for safe and fair elections to be held in Afghanistan this weekend**
- **Pray especially for the Uighur (and other Muslim minority) people of NW China. Over 1 Million (possibly up to 3 Million) are being imprisoned and tortured in "Re-education Camps". This includes many of our Christian brothers and sisters. Pray for God to use this horrible situation to draw many to Himself.**

### 03 GO2020 – Reaching 1 Billion with the Gospel in May 2020

Global Outreach Day is a Global Missions Network that calls the Church worldwide to focus on praying and sharing the Gospel with the un-churched in the



month of May each year.

This coming year, May 2020 the vision is to mobilise 100 million people in united prayer.

We are calling this initiative Go2020!

Already, Christians in 250,000 churches across 140 nations are part of this global outreach strategy to pray and witness towards the fulfilment of God's great commission.

Can you imagine with me - God calling 100 million Christians to united prayer for the global harvest?!

We know that Jesus said that the harvest is ready, but the workers are few. Pray then to the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest fields of the nations. (Luke 10:2 ESV Paraphrased)

**Would you join us in praying for Go2020?!**

**Together, we can reach 1 billion people with the Gospel!**

For more info and to sign up, visit [www.go2020.world/prayer](http://www.go2020.world/prayer)

**Dr Jason Hubbard - IPC Executive Coordinator**

## **04 24:14 – Prayer and Mission Unite**

24:14 is a community of people catalyzing, nurturing, and supporting church planting movements globally.

The vision of the 24:14 Coalition is to see every unreached people and place engaged with a reproducing Church Planting Movement team by the end of 2025.

### **Strategic Prayer for Movements**

The vast majority of new movements are started by existing movements. Supporting existing movements through prayer (receiving specific prayer requests from existing movements) gives strategic prayer access toward seeing more movements started, and thus, the fulfilment of the 24:14 vision.

God is joining prayer movements directly with mission movements through trusting relationships. As a result, the 24:14 prayer team has launched a unique prayer initiative for mission work today amongst the least reached peoples and places. They are receiving prayer news and requests from church planting movement leaders around the world, and sharing these with the wider Body of Christ.

These valuable insights into the needs and opportunities in movements, and work amongst unreached people groups, give strategic prayer access toward Kingdom advance. Each week the requests focus on a different region of the world. They are sent out via email on Sundays (September only), Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Join us as we pray for movements and movement catalysts to find and fill every gap where there is not yet CPM engagement!



## [Sign Up For Prayer Updates from Church Planting Movement Leaders](#)

For more information about the 24:14 Prayer Team please email us at: [prayer@2414now.net](mailto:prayer@2414now.net)

### **05 UPRising South Africa – 4-6 October 2019**

UPRising South Africa - 'PRAYER By Youth For Youth' - 4-6 Oct 2019

The young people of UPRising (United Prayer Rising) are saying that as young people in the church, we are Uniting in Prayer, Rising as a body of young people, forming a revival wave, taking a stand, marching to the gates of Hell to give the devil back his surname and take our Identity back.

And Uniting in prayer together, black or white, every tribe, putting our differences aside and praying non-stop with every young person across South Africa, Africa and around the world. Because where there is United Prayer, (Psalm133:1-3) God is present and where God is, there is hope, love, transformation and honour.

**UPRising South Africa aims to mobilise young people in every street, every township, every city, every province to Pray, BELIEVING.... and to see great and wonderful things happen as a result!**

**We will gather. We will pray. We will see change across our country.  
4th - 6th October, Orange Farm, Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa.**

**Bishop Peter Sekhonyane - IPC Leadership Team**

**More at: [www.uprising-south-africa.org](http://www.uprising-south-africa.org)**



### **06 IPC Calendar**

50 Days of Prayer for Revival of Korea and the Korean Church – 1 Sep to 20 Oct

Everyday at 8pm, ANI Centers (Seoul, Daejeon, Daegu)

<http://aniprayer.org/2247-2/>

10 Days - 24-7 Virtual Prayer Gathering - 29 Sep - 9 Oct 2019

[www.10days.net](http://www.10days.net)

12 Days of Prayer for Transformation of Iberoamerica- 1-12 Oct 2019

<https://www.facebook.com/ministerio.reina>

Nationwide Prayer Assembly - South Korea – 3 October 2019

United Prayer Rising – South Africa – 4-6 October 2019

[www.uprising-south-africa.org](http://www.uprising-south-africa.org)



South East Asia Prayer Council Conference – 8-11 October 2019

<https://www.seaprayers2019singapore.org/>

Hindu World 15 Days of Prayer - 20 Oct - 3 Nov 2019

[www.15daysprayer.com](http://www.15daysprayer.com)

Go 2020 Prayer Gatherings - 1st May 2020

<https://www.go2020.world>

One God - One Day - One Africa – 31st May 2020

[www.1gda.org](http://www.1gda.org)

## UPRising Events Calendar

UPRising South Africa – October 4-6, 2019, Johannesburg  
UPRising North Mindanao - October 28-30, 2019 - Cagayan de Oro, Philippines

UPRising Magpet - November 8-9, 2019 - North Cotabato, Philippines

UPRising Mexico - November 7-10, 2019 - Juarez, Mexico

UPRising Australia - July 14-18, 2020 - Sydney, Australia

UPRising New England - November 19-21, 2020 - New England, USA



## Prayers for the World

### 07 Nigeria: shocking story of martyrdom

ABUJA, NIGERIA – Chuck Holton of CBN visited a refugee camp for people who have been internally displaced from their villages in the north and to the west. 'There are about 2.5 million internally displaced people within Nigeria, and that makes this one of the largest humanitarian crises in the world right now. And the thing that all of these people have in common is that they are Christians,' said Chuck.



Much of Boko Haram's terror is directed at Christians. Enoch Yeohanna was in a village invaded by them. "They started with burning churches, killing the pastors, and killing the members. Shutting them down," he said.

"On 29 September 2014 was the day that they attacked my village. Around ten I had a call that they have killed my dad. They asked him to deny Christ and when he refused they cut off his right hand. Then he refused [again], they cut to the elbow. In which he refused, before they shot him in the forehead, the neck, and chest," Yeohanna went on.

Many of the 1,500 Christians living in this camp have similar stories.

The Nigerian military has mounted large offensives against Boko Haram in recent months, and even with heavy losses on both sides, there seems to be no end in sight. Despite the hardships, these displaced Christians are firm believers in the power of prayer.

"If there is peace, there is nothing that will stop us from going there," Enoch Yeohanna said.

"My faith has helped my prayer life and I believe the prayers of the saints around the world have helped us make it through these tough times,"

Enoch's neighbour, Aisha Walla said - "My hope is that God will bring all those displaced back to their homes so we can worship God together and live in peace."

**Full story at:** <https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2019/august/when-he-refused-to-deny-christ-they-cut-off-his-right-hand-nigerian-christians-describe-horrific-attacks-by-boko-haram>

**Pray:** for the thousands of families displaced in this disaster, largely Christian – that they will find strength to endure these times of hardship and that they will soon be able to return to their homes safely.

**Pray:** for those living with the traumas and shocking memories, for healing of their minds and peace.

**Pray:** that those aligned with Boko Haram will find Jesus, repent and turn from their wicked ways.

## 08 Iran has the world's 'fastest-growing church'

Iran has world's 'fastest-growing church,' despite no buildings - and it's mostly led by women:  
documentary | Fox News

A new film tells the story of the "fastest-growing church" in the world, an underground, persecuted Christian movement in a country known for exporting radical Islamic terrorism -- Iran.

But the Muslim-majority nation's citizens are reportedly fleeing Islam in droves, as believers bow their knee to Jesus, and become aggressively pro-Israel.



"What if I told you Islam is dead?" one unidentified Iranian church leader says in the film, which was directed by Dalton Thomas and produced by Frontier Alliance International Studios.

"What if I told you the mosques are empty inside Iran?" he continues. "What if I told you no one follows Islam inside of Iran? Would you believe me? This is exactly what is happening inside of Iran. God is moving powerfully inside of Iran."

The pastor adds: "What if I told you the best evangelist for Jesus was the Ayatollah Khomeini? The ayatollahs brought the true face of Islam to light and people discovered it was a lie...After 40 years under Islamic law — a utopia according to them — they've had the worst devastation in the 5,000-year history of Iran."

The documentary, "Sheep Among Wolves Volume II," directed by Dalton Thomas and produced by Frontier Alliance International Studios, a non-profit group "dedicated to disciple-making," highlights the untold story of the persecuted church in Iran.

Thomas calls the movement "the Iranian awakening."

"It owns no property, no buildings, no central leadership, and is predominantly led by women," he said in a statement.

**More at:** <https://www.foxnews.com/faith-values/worlds-fastest-growing-church-women-documentary-film>

**Praise God - for the many testimonies to people finding Jesus through natural and supernatural encounters.**

**Pray: for those for whom renouncing Islam comes at a huge personal cost.**

**Pray: for this 'church without walls' to continue to grow and nurture those young in the faith.**

**Pray: for the Supreme Leader of Iran – using this [video](#) from PrayerCast**

## **09 South Korea - Prayers for the Church**

With ever-escalating political divides and turmoil sadly being superimposed on the church, many churches in Korea have split apart, made strife with one another, and altogether have been too eager to find reasons to be in antagonism rather than in unity.

Well-known leaders of the church publicly denouncing one another has earned the scorn of many and has left the younger generation disillusioned.

Young adults in the church are confused, leaving the church, or downright apathetic. And this is why we believe the turning point is near.

As many are disillusioned, a hopeful number of believers are springing up from various groups and churches all across Korea who believe this is surely the time to get down to our knees. Many are starting to cry out to the Lord with greater resolve to see revival.

**Please pray for the Korean church to be united, not by ideological/political sameness but by sameness of our passion for Jesus and His Kingdom.**

**Please pray that the church would be fervent in our love for the Lord and for one another.**

**Pray that believers in Korea would diligently live out the calling to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.**

**Please pray for those who are at the forefront of bringing unity especially among the leaders, that the Lord would give these reconcilers/intercessors words to convict, change and inspire hearts.**

**More info:**

<http://news.kmib.co.kr/article/view.asp?arcid=0011325679>

<http://www.christiantoday.co.kr/news/>

**Becky Park - IPC Leadership Team**



**Let's join with many across Korea (and worldwide) in 50 Days of Prayer for Revival for Korea and the Korean Church - September 1 'til October 20th.** <http://aniprayer.org/2247-2/>

## **10 China: harvesting human organs from religious minorities**

China is killing religious and ethnic minorities and harvesting their organs, UN Human Rights Council told.

Lawyers for independent China Tribunal say UN member states have 'legal obligation' to act.

The Chinese government is harvesting and selling organs from persecuted religious and ethnic minorities on an industrial scale, the UN Human Rights Council has been told.



Speaking at the council's headquarters in Geneva on Tuesday, lawyer Hamid Sabi presented the findings of the China Tribunal, an independent tribunal on allegations of forced organ harvesting.

Mr Sabi told the council that UN member states have a "legal obligation" to act after the tribunal's final report in June found that "the commission of crimes against humanity against the Falun Gong and Uighur [minorities] had been proved beyond reasonable doubt".

The China Tribunal was chaired by Sir Geoffrey Nice QC. It concluded that there was clear evidence China had been extracting organs from, and thereby killing, members of the Falun Gong spiritual group for at least 20 years, and that the practice was ongoing today.

Detainees were "killed to order - cut open while still alive for their kidneys, livers, hearts, lungs, cornea and skin to be removed and turned into commodities for sale", the tribunal's final judgement said.

The tribunal said there was also possible evidence, though in less volume, of forced organ harvesting in detainees from the Uighur Muslim minority, as well as Tibetans and some Christian sects.

China's campaign of detention and "re-education" of more than a million Uighurs in the northwestern Xinjiang province has gained significant international attention and condemnation. The tribunal found evidence they were "being used as a bank of organs" and subjected to regular medical testing.

China has repeatedly denied the use of unethical organ transplant practices, and said that it stopped using the organs from executed prisoners in 2015. In a statement earlier this year, it accused the London-based China Tribunal of perpetuating "rumours".

But Sir Geoffrey said the evidence collated by the tribunal meant the international community "can no longer avoid what it is inconvenient for them to admit".

The organ transplant industry is estimated to earn China more than \$1bn (£801.4m) a year, according to the tribunal. Sir Geoffrey called on the International Transplant Society and national medical associations dealing with transplant surgery to "face up to what is revealed in the China Tribunal judgment and act".

The International Coalition to End Transplant Abuse in China (Etac), which initiated the China Tribunal, said it expects a private members bill to stop unethical organ tourism will be tabled in the UK parliament in October. Etac is hoping its findings will prompt the Human Rights Council to open up a UN Commission of Inquiry into forced organ harvesting in China, said Susie Hughes, the organisation's executive director.

**Adam Withnall Asia Editor - Independent**

**More at:** <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/china-religious-ethnic-minorities-uighur-muslim-harvest-organs-un-human-rights-a9117911.html>

**Pray: that the international community will take a stand against this shocking and inhumane treatment of minority groups.**

**Pray: for the 're-education projects' to be closed and for the human rights of all people across China to be restored and respected.**

**Pray: Lets pray continually, for the church in China, that despite persecution, it will grow stronger. (Matt 5:10)**

## 11 Trump takes first UN stand to stop religious persecution

Trump takes first UN stand to stop religious persecution.

President slams world leaders for 'silencing, shunning, or censoring the faithful.'

NEW YORK—President Donald Trump called on countries to end religious persecution around the world, asking governments to release prisoners of conscience and repeal laws that restrict religion and belief.



World leaders gathered in New York recently for the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). Trump started his meetings by hosting the “Global Call to Protect Religious Freedom” event on Sept. 23 at U.N. headquarters.

In his keynote remarks, the president said that he was the first leader to initiate discussion of religious freedom and persecution at the UNGA high-level meetings. He added that the meeting was long overdue.

“I was shocked when I was given that statistic that I would be the first. That’s very sad in many ways,” he said. “Today, with one clear voice, the United States of America calls upon the nations of the world to end religious persecution.”

Trump urged governments around the world to stop persecuting their citizens, release prisoners of conscience, eliminate laws that restrict religion, and protect oppressed people.

“Our Founders understood that no right is more fundamental to a peaceful, prosperous, and virtuous society than the right to follow one’s religious convictions,” he said.

Trump noted that the religious freedom enjoyed by Americans is rare in the world, adding that 80 percent of the world’s population live in countries where religious liberty is threatened or banned.

He slammed world leaders saying that too often they “preach diversity while silencing, shunning, or censoring the faithful.”

In his speech, Trump condemned both state-sponsored persecution and terrorist attacks against religious targets in the United States and around the world.

“We’re also urging every nation to increase the prosecution and punishment of crimes against religious communities,” Trump said.

He announced that the United States would form a coalition of U.S. businesses for the protection of religious freedom.

“This is the first time this has been done. This initiative will encourage the private sector to protect people of all faiths in the workplace,” he said.

In addition, the Trump administration will allocate an additional \$25 million fund “to protect religious freedom and religious sites and relics.”

‘Communist Party in China’

Speaking at the event, Vice President Mike Pence singled out countries where the persecution against people of faith is the most severe, such as Iran, Iraq, China, Nicaragua, and Venezuela.

“The regime in Iran brutally persecutes Christians, Sunnis, Baha’i, and Jews,” he said, adding that Iran-backed militias slaughtered Christians and Yazidis in Iraq.

“The Communist Party in China has arrested Christian pastors, banned the sale of Bibles, demolished churches, and imprisoned more than a million Uyghurs in the Muslim population,” he said.

“The president’s speech is an important and historic moment precisely because religious freedom is too often ignored or downplayed at the U.N.,” Kelsey Zorzi, Alliance Defending Freedom international director of global religious freedom and president of the United Nations’ NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief, said in a statement.

**By Emel Akan - Follow Emel on Twitter: @mlakan**

**Full article at:** <https://epochtimes.today/trump-urges-nations-at-the-un-to-stop-religious-persecution/>

## 12 Australia: October Prayer for REPENTANCE, RENEWAL & RAIN

Warwick Marsh an Australian Prayer leader who is the Coordinator for the Canberra Declaration, after much consultation with Australian Christian leaders feels challenged to call the Nation to Pray & Fast for rain in October.

James Condon the Chairman of the [National Day of Prayer & Fasting](#) (NDOPF) and the Executive team of the NDOPF are also endorsing this prayer call as are many other Christian leaders, Churches and Christian Ministries all over the nation.



Australia is desperate for rain but our nation’s greatest need is for Repentance and Renewal.

Watch this 3 minute video about the drought: <https://vimeo.com/344449314>

Every state in Australia has encountered some level of drought over the last several years. Some areas of Northern NSW and Southern Queensland as well as WA, SA and NT are equal to the driest on record. Some say the worst drought ever.

Some towns in Australia are about to run out of water and some towns have already run out of water. Elders Long Range Forecast shows little indication of significant rain over the next 28 days. The Bureau of Meteorology are forecasting a hot dry spring and summer.

In regional drought affected areas one farmer a week is committing suicide. The needs at every level in the bush in regional Australia are massive.

Now is the time for both prayer and action.

**Register now to receive daily devotions and login details for the daily 8PM AEST Time Pray for Rain calls from the 1 – 31st of October 2019 at [WWW.CANBERRADECLARATION.ORG.AU/PRAYER-FOR-RAIN](http://WWW.CANBERRADECLARATION.ORG.AU/PRAYER-FOR-RAIN)**

Australia has a desperate need for RAIN, but we have an even more desperate need for God. We pray that as we get down on our knees to pray for RAIN in October that God will give us the grace of REPENTANCE and the RENEWAL of our love for our Father in Heaven. 2 Chronicles 7:14

**1. Pray for Repentance – Father give us the grace to repent as a nation in Jesus Name: “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.” Acts 3:19**

**2. Pray for Renewal – Lord we pray for renewal in our hearts, in the church, in the community and in the nation: “And now I pray, let the power of my Lord be great, just as You have spoken... The Lord is long suffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving the iniquity and transgression (of the nation) ... Pardon the iniquity of this people I pray, according to the greatness of your mercy... Then God said, ‘I have pardoned according to your word’.” Numbers 14:17-20**

**3. Pray for Rain – Father we pray as we unite together to pray the first two prayers that you will give us the rain because of your abundant mercies: “The Lord sends the rain on the just and the unjust.” Matthew 5:45**

We encourage our friends overseas to share this call for a Month of Prayer & Fasting for REPENTANCE, RENEWAL & RAIN 1 -31 October 2019 with your own prayer group, church and Denominational leaders.

Yours for Revival & Rain

**Warwick Marsh - Canberra Declaration**

**<http://WWW.CANBERRADECLARATION.ORG.AU/PRAYER-FOR-RAIN>**

## **13 UK: Bishops open letter re Brexit**

A group of Church of England bishops has issued an open letter on the prospect of a 'no-deal' Brexit and the need for national reconciliation.

The full text can be found below:

The Archbishop of Canterbury has conditionally agreed to chair a Citizens Forum in Coventry and, without prejudice for any particular outcome, we support this move to have all voices in the current Brexit debate heard.



However, we also have particular concerns about the potential cost of a No Deal Brexit to those least resilient to economic shocks.

As bishops with pastoral responsibilities in communities across urban and rural England, we respond to the call by Jesus to tell the truth and defend the poor. We also recognise that our obligations go beyond England and impact on relations with the wider UK and our neighbours in the EU.

Exiting the EU without an agreement is likely to have a massive impact on all our people and the Government is rightly preparing for this outcome.

The Government believes that leaving the EU on 31 October is essential to restoring trust and confidence. It is unlikely, however, that leaving without an agreement, regardless of consequences, will lead to reconciliation or peace in a fractured country.

“Getting Brexit done” will not happen on exit day, and we have to be transparent about the years of work ahead of us in bringing the country together for a better future. We also need to be frank about the potential costs.

Our main social and political priority must be to leave well, paying particular attention to the impact of political decisions on those most vulnerable.

We hold different views about Brexit and how our country should proceed from here. However, although we agree that respecting a public vote is essential, democracy and committed debate do not end after the counting of votes. Our concern for the common good leads us to express concern about a number of matters. Our conviction is that good governance can only ever be based on the confidence of the governed, and that includes minorities whose voice is not as loud as others.

Seeing the evidence of division in every part of England, we are deeply concerned about:

Political polarisation and language that appears to sanction hate crime: the reframing of the language of political discourse is urgent, especially given the abuse and threats levelled at MPs doing their job.

The ease with which lies can be told and misrepresentation encouraged: leaders must be honest about the costs of political choices, especially for those most vulnerable.

The levels of fear, uncertainty and marginalisation in society, much of which lies behind the vote for Brexit, but will not be addressed by Brexit: poor people, EU citizens in the UK and UK citizens in Europe must be listened to and respected.

The Irish border is not a mere political totem and peace in Ireland is not a ball to be kicked by the English: respect for the concerns on both sides of the border is essential.

The sovereignty of Parliament is not just an empty term, it is based on institutions to be honoured and respected: our democracy is endangered by cavalier disregard for these.

Attention must be paid not only to the Union, but also to the meaning of Englishness.

Churches serve communities of every shape, size and complexion. We continue to serve, regardless of political persuasion. We invite politicians to pay attention with us to the concerns we register above and encourage a recovery of civil debate and reconciliation.

**Pray: for all the politicians to adopt mutual respect, thoughtful and non-antagonistic wording and tones of speech and behaviour that are commensurate with the responsibility and status of their positions.**

**Pray: that the issues affecting the marginalised, poor and vulnerable people will not be side-lined.**

**Pray: for a workable 'deal' and implementation plan to be brokered that is acceptable to all parties.**

**Pray: for peace, patience and calmness to prevail among the people of the constituent countries of the United Kingdom. Pray for reconciliation of the issues that have divided them.**

## **14 Latin American Elections – Oct 2019**

A briefing on the forthcoming Latin American elections by Yanira Gonzalez - IPC's Regional Representative and Leadership Team member

We really need God's intervention in the next presidential elections in Latin America. We are facing the DECEPTION of the enemy that makes us pray for our nations not according to God's perfect will, but according to the manipulation of the media, our bias and agendas.

Please pray for gubernatorial elections that will affect 3 strategic countries:

- Argentina general election - 27 October 2019
- Bolivia general election - 20 October 2019
- Uruguay general election - 27 October 2019

Like the rest of the Continent, Latin America 2019 presidential elections presents two visions: Conservatism or progressivism & socialism; biblical faithfulness or political correctness. We definitely need to 'Watch and pray'!

The Bible, in Timothy 2:2 commands us "to pray for those who govern and for all authorities." An act of reflection and responsibility. This role has changed in the last 20 years in Latin America, where Christians have formed and strengthened political movements capable of obtaining legislative seats, influencing presidential elections and transferring the debate from ideas to beliefs. Four of the last election campaigns in the region have been under the influence of Christian parties. The candidates supported by these parties won the first round in Brazil (Jair Bolsonaro), Colombia (Iván Duque) and Mexico (Andrés Manuel López Obrador).

**Prayer points in regards to the presidential elections of these 3 countries & Latin America:**

- 1. That our nations in Latin America would turn back to God. May God help us. We need him desperately to renew our hope and restore our land. We need his forgiveness and healing. May His Spirit sweep across our nations and draw many out of darkness. May believers everywhere draw close to Him and seek his face like never before. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." Ps. 33:12**
- 2. That Latin America would be faithful in praying for leaders and those in authority, knowing that their decisions directly affect us too. May God give them wisdom and courage as they lead our nations. May He give them a desire to listen for his voice and follow his ways. May God in His mercy, appoint principled, godly men and women into positions of authority in our nations. "When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan." Prov. 29:2**
- 3. That Latin America would recognize God's Sovereignty over all. His word reminds us that He is the One who ultimately has the power to position all those in leadership, and to remove them. It is "God who changes the times and seasons; He sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." Dan. 2:21 "But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations." Ps. 33:11**



4. That Latin America would recognize the real battle is not fought against what is seen, but what is unseen. The real enemy is not a person or political party, but is Satan himself, and his dark forces that oppose God and fight against Truth. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Eph. 6:12 "For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds." 2 Cor. 10:4

5. That Latin America would not succumb to worry, fear, or defeat. That we wouldn't grow so weary that we just give up, and tune out...God is the One who sets free and has the power to restore our nations.

"They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord." Ps. 112:7 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:6-7

6. That Latin America would pray for those in authority who are unjustly attacked and accused. That God's protection would cover His people, that He would surround them with favor as a shield. "No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; and every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn..." Is. 54:17

7. That Latin America's hope would remain in the Lord. That we would recognize His great Power. That we would trust Him and believe that He is Able, and nothing is impossible with Him. "Look at the nations and watch-- and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." Hab. 1:5

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More at: [www.clamor.global](http://www.clamor.global)

## Resources

### 15 Book: 24:14 - A Testimony to All Peoples

Many people are looking for articles to learn more about what God seems to be doing in our generation through what we call "Church Planting Movements."

This book is very much that - a 'best of' compilation written by some of the leaders of these amazing works of God, who have been led to partner together in the 24:14 coalition.

It contains inspiring testimonies about how these movements are breaking out around the world.

24:14 – A Testimony to All Peoples is available now on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) (for Kindle and paperback), as well as on a number of other platforms such as [Apple Books](https://www.apple.com/books/) (free) and [Barnes & Noble](https://www.barnesandnoble.com/) (free).

Our goal is to make it as widely available as possible. On Amazon, the eBook is priced at the minimum allowable price of \$0.99, and on many other platforms it is free.



We long to see the gospel proclaimed throughout the world as a testimony to all people groups in our lifetime. We hope you will catch that vision as you read and join us in praying and serving to start kingdom movements in every unreached people and place.

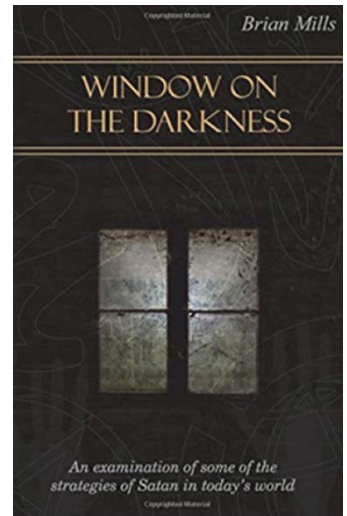
## **16 BOOK: Window on the Darkness – by Brian Mills**

This is a second edition of this widely read and highly acclaimed book written by the respected father of the worldwide Prayer Movement - Brian Mills.

Have you ever wondered just why the darkness in the world today seems to be getting darker, and what can be done about it?

This book sheds fresh light on this topic, and on the spiritual nature of this darkness. It shines the light of Scripture on the evil one and on the way in which so many have become bewitched. This is a clarion call to the church and individual Christians to get ready to do battle with the powers of darkness, and to shine Christ's light more powerfully.

Brian Mills writes out of many years of experience in international prayer ministry. He is a senior advisor in the International Prayer Council and is one of the leaders in the International Reconciliation movement. He has ministered in over 75 nations and authored nine books to date. He is also part of a global group that is seeking to understand more about the dark spiritual powers at work in the world.



### **Excerpts from some recent reviews:**

"The most informative book for our times I've read for a long time." (John D Robb - Chairman, IPC Prayer)

'Thought provoking insights into the spiritual aspects of today's world and reminder of our role to pray. Well worth a read.' JRB - Amazon

'An easily read and timely call to vigilance and to personal holiness. Much needed. We've bought a number of copies for passing on to friends.' RC - Amazon

'Strategic book for understanding tactics of the enemy! I have now read this twice it is so appropriate for preparation for mission, for church leaders and intercessors!' Anon - Amazon

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### **Order 'Window on the Darkness' by Brian Mills in print or Kindle formats from:**

Amazon USA <http://a.co/7zeqIKd> \$11.36 Paperback | \$3.74 Kindle

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## 17 Hindu World 15 Days of Prayer Guide –20 Oct – 3 Nov 2019

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## About IPC

### 18 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 fulfilment 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 fulfilment 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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