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Greetings!

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

We trust you will be blessed, inspired and encouraged as you read the editorial this month, entitled 'Come Thy Kingdom' in which our Executive Coordinator, Dr Jason Hubbard brings to life the power in the words that our Saviour taught us to pray. May our faith and our prayer lives be continually strengthened as we put this insightful teaching into practice!

In this edition, we honour a dearly loved and respected elder of the international prayer movement, Ben Jennings (95), who recently went to be with the Lord. He was a formative member and advisor to the IPC and a friend to a number of us.

IPC Colleague, Onassis Jeevaraj brings us an in-depth Prayer Focus report this month on India – a nation that is fast catching up with China in terms of its population but needs our prayers over a number of issues. It is followed by a prayer call for Kashmir, which is facing a complex crisis at the moment.

Do read John Robb's interesting and thought-provoking article that unpacks questions surrounding the perhaps controversial topic of global warming and the basis of the statistics, alleged mis-information and politicisation of the issue. Watch the video of an interview of Dr Patrick Michaels for more insight.

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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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Come Thy Kingdom

“Our Father in Heaven, your Kingdom Come...” -Matt 6:10

This second petition of the Lord’s prayer began to explode in me in our recent gathering in Hong Kong, July 22-27th. Several thousand Chinese came to pray in unity together as family from Taiwan, Macau, Hong Kong, and mainland China.

We joined with these precious saints to seek **First** God’s kingdom in the midst of a swirl of political chaos, turmoil, and increasing violence. Many protests have been launched against the Chinese government asking for democracy, religious freedom, and autonomy in the city. Several times during our gatherings, we cried out, “Father Your Kingdom Come, Your Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,” with a great sense of urgency. To pray this second petition of the Lord’s prayer is one of the most radical things we can pray as human beings. It turns out that in this petition we are asking God to bring about the most massive revolution imaginable.

In using the term Kingdom of God or Kingdom of Heaven the Hebrew writers were not just thinking of a place over which God would rule, but rather it was a way of expressing, “God is acting as King.” The Hebrew prophets longed for the day when God would impose his kingly rule over all of creation, ushered in by God’s Messiah, ‘the anointed one.’ On the final day, the ‘Day of the Lord,’ God would judge human wickedness, and wipe away all evil, forever reversing the effects of the fall of man! He would vindicate those who trusted in him and fill them with his Holy Spirit, bringing about the restoration of all things according to God’s original design!

Jesus asks to pray this way “Your Kingdom Come.” We are given the amazing privilege of inviting God’s glorious future, heaven invading and occupying earth! Not only is God’s kingdom coming, but Jesus declared in Mark 1:15, “the time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand.” The term at hand literally means, ‘come near.’ Jesus means that the reign of God, God acting as King has come near!

Does Jesus mean it is about to arrive and therefore we should get ready? Or does Jesus mean it has arrived and we should grab hold of it and enter in?! I believe he means both! It is here right now -already- and it is yet to come! Jesus is announcing that in him and because of him the future reign of God has now broken into the present!

When Jesus healed the sick, cast out devils, raised the dead, calmed the winds and the waves, multiplied bread and fish to feed the hungry, championed the poor and the needy, filled ordinary people in and with the Holy Spirit- that is the Kingdom – the blessing of the future breaking into the present! And yet Jesus also says several times that the Kingdom was still to come, sharing with his disciples several parables to be waiting and watching – ready for his return! Therefore, in Jesus, this glorious, redeeming, restoring ‘reign of God’ is already -not yet!

In another sense it might be compared to ‘veiled’ versus ‘visible.’ The already – not yet is a matter of ‘hidden’ versus ‘manifest.’ The really good news is that in Jesus, the Kingdom is already among us but often in a veiled and hidden form. When the King is present, so is the Kingdom! Indeed, the Kingdom is present only where Jesus Christ is King! Certainly, the King is here- right where you and I are – in our everyday lives, in our homes, at our workplaces, in our hospitals- and yet just behind that thin veil of hiddenness. At any point God could pull back the curtain and we would all fall on our faces and worship!

One of the interesting keys to understanding this prayer is to see how Jesus uses the verbs, ‘hallow, come, be done, give, forgive, deliver.’ Surprisingly the verbs are in the imperative. They are commands not requests. To pray the Lord’s prayer is to command not to request, “Be done - your will, Hallowed – be your name, Come - Your Kingdom” This may seem a bit audacious, but this is how Jesus taught us to pray. These verbs are also in the passive voice, which means only God can hallow his name, bring his kingdom, do his will!

The prayer is not what many believers have thought it to be, ‘let us hallow your name.’ ‘let us bring your kingdom,’ ‘let us do your will.’ important as those things may be. Rather the prayer is, ‘Father you do it! You hallow your name on earth as it is in heaven. You bring your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. You do your will on earth as it is in heaven!

Professor Stendahl of Harvard university reminds us that the prayer, “asks for the establishment of the kingdom of God, by God for us, not by us for God.” We are asking God to do what only he can do!

So then how ought we to pray, “Your Kingdom Come?” Of course, with each of these simple phrases you can include the who, when, where, of places, circumstance, situations and peoples as the Spirit leads! It might sound something like this:

“Father before the coming Day of the Lord, **Reveal** what is invisible, **Manifest** what is hidden!”

“Father **Unveil** your Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.”

“Father let your Kingdom come in me, so it can come through me!”

“Father act as King! Extend your sceptre, reign and rule on earth as you do in heaven! May your Kingdom be established, be expanded, and be embraced!”

“King of Kings manifest your splendor, power and glory on the earth! Break through any darkness King Jesus! Make wrong things right! Heal the sick, bind principalities and powers, raise the dead, free the captives, reconcile enemies, reverse the effects of sin, restore broken humanity, Come and Reign without Rival on the earth!”

And at the end of each of these prayers as you add specific places, situations, peoples as the target of your prayers, you can also add, “**So that**’ your name might be hallowed! **‘So that**’ your name might be honored

and treasured! **‘So that,’** your name might be treated as infinitely valuable here on earth (in your home, school, church, city, nation, etc.) as it is in heaven!

Come Thy Kingdom!

Dr. Jason Hubbard – IPC Executive Coordinator

Prayer News & Events

02 God's Wonderful Plan for Prayer - Honoring Ben Jennings



‘In honor of our elder brother, Ben’

Ben A. Jennings, Th.B., D.D., our elder brother in Christ and a father to many of us in the international prayer movement has graduated from this life and gone into the presence of his Lord on Saturday, August 3rd. Ben was just short of his 96th birthday, having lived a full and fruitful life of varied ministry as a Youth for Christ minister, a pastor of several churches, and finally as a Campus Crusade for Christ staff person. His obituary states that “Ben's focus at Campus Crusade was on prayer and ministering to people around the world through prayer, conferences,

published books, and seminars. His passion was that people would understand God's love, and His power to change people's lives through prayer.” That quote describes Ben’s heart for the Lord, for people, and for ministry so well. We in the IPC appreciated him so much and will never forget his loving, kind, wise and prayerful character.

Ben was the primary instigator who brought together a number of international and American prayer leaders to New York City in early December 2001 just weeks after 9/11. He invited us to discuss and pray about the formation of an international network that would coordinate prayer for global issues like terrorism, wars, HIV AIDS as well as the completion of the Great Commission. That meeting’s deliberation as well as our praying together at Ground Zero resulted in the formation of the International Prayer Council that was launched the following year.

Ben continued to serve on our Board of Reference and to take part in IPC events and initiatives. Even at age 90, Ben travelled all the way to Jakarta, Indonesia to join us for the World Prayer Assembly in 2012. There he was a hit with the youth during a Q and A session, who asked him and other admirable elders any questions that they might have about life in Christ, prayer, or any other topic they were interested in. You can hear Ben’s rich baritone voice share some encouraging tidbits about the power of united prayer during this video from the WPA. <https://youtu.be/qmDeuokTQ7I>

Below is an article that he wrote in 1999 entitled 'God's Wonderful Plan for Prayer'.

John Robb

Chairman, International Prayer Council/Connect

'God's Wonderful Plan for Prayer'

Prayer leaps beyond our finite world. Shaped by God's very nature, it deals with the Creator, and launches people into the vast arena of God Himself.

Romans 8:26, 27 describes the action: "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray (for) as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which are not spoken. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to (the will of) God. (NKJV, adjusted to reflect original Greek)

Prayer can be pictured as a cosmic circle engaging four major participants. At the zenith is God the Father, to whom prayer is rightly directed. Three intercessors engage in the action.

The first intercessor, at a "three o'clock position," is God, the Holy Spirit, who does not articulate His passionate longings, but uses human intercessors to do it. (See verse 27.)

The second intercessor, at a lowly "six o'clock position," is the praying Christian who needs to improve in prayer.

The third intercessor, at "nine o'clock," is Christ Jesus, identified in Revelation 2:18, 23 as the Person in the Godhead who searches human minds and hearts. He prays for prayers He receives from His people.



A dramatic scenario unfolds here: God the Holy Spirit continually receives the Father's purposes and craves their fulfillment. He expresses these groanings within praying Christians as cares, burdens, and even anxieties.

God, the heart-searching Son, receives those yearnings through His praying disciples. He perfects and empowers them; presents them back to the Father; gets them answered (John 14:13); and thus completes the circuit of God's action in the world!

Four conclusions stand out in this panorama:

1. When you pray, you step into the arena of God's plan for mankind.
2. Your praying connects the passion of the Spirit with the power of Jesus.
3. Praying does not change God's will; it effects His will. (Matthew 6:10)
4. Praying is God at work through you!

Article is adapted from The Arena of Prayer, Dr. Ben Jennings, © 1999, New Life Publisher, re-published with thanks to Campus Crusade for Christ International

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

Dr Jason Hubbard - IPC Executive Coordinator

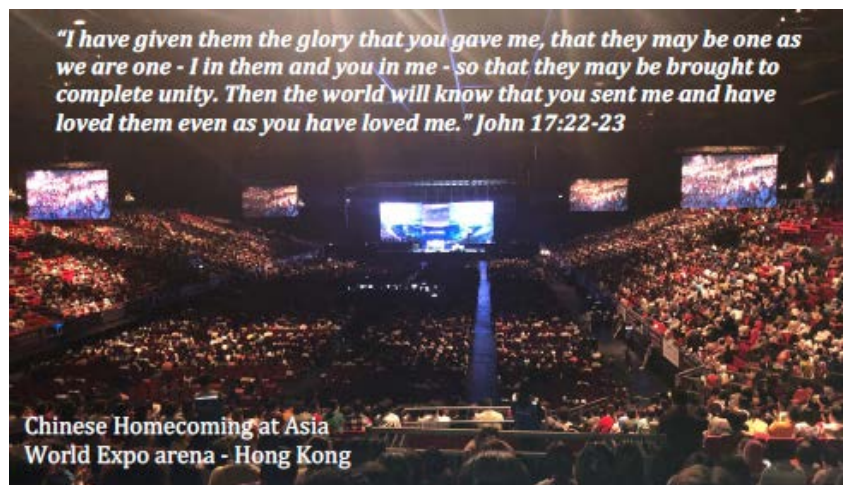
04 Hong Kong 'Chinese Homecoming' Report Back

IPC colleague, Tom Victor reports back on the Chinese Homecoming and Watchmen gatherings held in July.

God's Amazing Family!

Hong Kong has been in the news a lot lately. But with all the mass gatherings and ongoing protests, perhaps you missed the most exciting news!

From July 24-27 thousands of Chinese Christians from around the world met in Hong Kong to worship, to pray and to celebrate their "Oneness" in Christ.



They came from the mainland, from Hong Kong, from Taiwan and from nations around the world. These believers recognize that they are One Family with One Father.

This is their true identity. They are committed to be one in Christ - just as Jesus prayed facing the cross.

Their oneness found expression across the generations as the worship turned towards children. On the last evening, a group of children in “full animal costumes” led us in our time of worship and celebration. The joy was contagious and gave new meaning to the words of Jesus: “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Luke 18:16

Others from around the world also came to Hong Kong to worship, pray, celebrate and cheer on our precious Chinese family. Several leaders from Japan and Korea were present. They are all committed to walk together as One Family in Christ, an identify that transcends the history of brutal conflict and conquest between these nations!

What an amazing family! What an amazing God!

A group called Watchmen for the Nations put on the Chinese Homecoming. They are led by a former Egyptian medical doctor, David Demian. The Watchmen group hosts similar gatherings all around the world. David’s team includes young leaders who were front and center in the planning and execution of the Chinese Homecoming. They were the ones who felt God calling them to include the children in worship. It’s no wonder that more than 50% of the attendees in Hong Kong were under the age of 40. Their passion for Oneness extends in tangible ways - across generational lines.



(Photo - left to right: Tom Victor / Werner Nachtigal / Dr Jason Hubbard)

A team of more than 180 leaders gathered for two days before the larger event to pray and seek God together for His direction. Some of us with the International Prayer Council were invited to join them – to pray and to listen to God together. Before those two days ended, we felt God was calling us to “enlarge our family” by committing to walk together.

The Watchmen for the Nations team allowed us to share the Go 2020 Kids vision and key resources with their leadership team. We are now working to get the Go 2020 Kids “tool kit” into Chinese. So good!

Tom Victor – Great Commission Coalition / IPC Leadership Team

05 UPRising South Africa – 4-6 October 2019

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

United Prayer Rising - South Africa arose out of the 2016 UPRising event in Seoul, South Korea. The South Africa delegation came home with a burden - to see young people across South Africa reconciled and praying in unity for the needs of their generation, the Church and of their country.

‘There is only so much we can do for this generation’ - those are the words of Parents, selective leaders and the government. Young people seem to have become impotent in our societies. Everything that is bad is associated with ‘young people’.

It is almost like our surname is ‘trouble, rape, robbery, gangster-ism, drugs, pain, loss, hopelessness, drunkards, thieves, poverty and death’.



Somehow, that's what our parents see when they look at us, that's how society sees us, that's how the government sees us and we have to admit there is truth in that. Because we have become hooligans and we cannot tell right from wrong.

Admitting that means we know that there's a problem and there is a way to solve it. Nothing is beyond God, nothing is impossible with him. Change and transformation are God's specialties. Hebrews 1:3 declared that all things were created through Christ. This declares that we, as young people are created through Christ, for Christ, in Christ's image and likeness and therefore that means that we are overcomers, pace-setters and game-changers.

We, 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, (Psalm 133:1-3) God is present and where God is, there is hope, love, transformation and honour.

Let's Unite in prayer and be more than Joseph who got to see Canaan, or David who smote Israel's biggest enemy. Let's acknowledge Christ who changed our surname from evil to Good, and gave us life.

UPRising South Africa aims to unite young people from across the provinces in united prayer for justice, peace, healing and reconciliation in our nation.

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!

Join us! Get in touch, plan to be at UPRISING SOUTH AFRICA 2019, spread the word!

**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

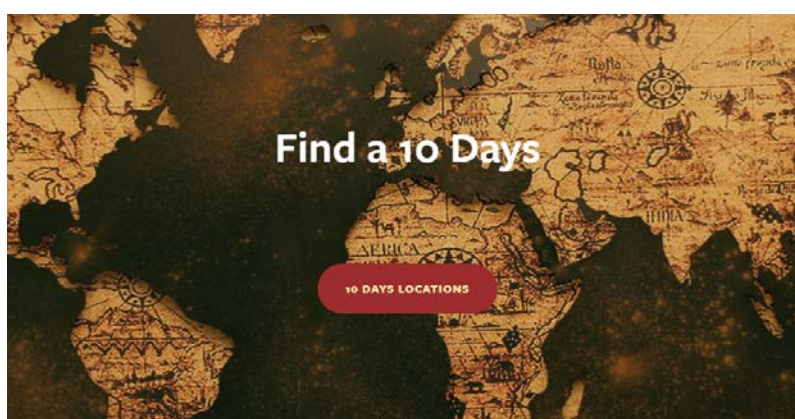
06 10 Days - 24-7 Virtual Prayer Gathering - 29 Sep - 9 Oct 2019

We want to invite you to be a part of a new 'virtual' opportunity called '10 days'

The vision can be found here
www.10days.net/what-is-10-days-full

It comes over the Jewish festivals 29 Sept - 9th Oct Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur during a time known as the 'Days of Awe'.

The focus is to see ourselves and eventually our whole cities actually pause, humble ourselves, and repent before God and seek His face for the lost. It is a time of together turning, asking forgiveness and yearning to see the fulfilment of Jesus' promises and His second coming.



This year the 10 days team have decided to run a pilot project for a VIRTUAL online non-stop prayer meeting 24 hours a day for 10 days around the globe. This is why I am inviting you to see if this is something that you would like to help facilitate. It would involve taking an hour slot every day for 10 days. This hour could be shared with people in your church or a group that you are linked with.

There will be a guide produced so that we all keep on the same page and with the same focus, which includes praying for those with the least access to the gospel. Several major global networks including the Ethne prayer workgroup, the 24:14 Coalition Prayer Task Force, Intl. Prayer Council and Morningstar Network are collaborating in this effort.

Could you let me know if this is something that you could organise in your network(s)? <https://form.myjotform.com/Nations123/10-days-int-global-upper-room> would be where you can indicate the time slot that you would be responsible for each day.

Isebel Spangenberg is helping with coordination on this (isebel@globalprn.com) If you have further questions, I'm happy to answer if I can.

10days.net has many of these resources, and also videos and podcasts. We have two teaching video series on 10 Days plus this vision video (below) which I recommend you watch first:

10 Days Vision Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=TsgM8EK-ju8

Bridgeport Story--Bridgeport is leading the way as a city that is really stopping...this podcast is worth listening to: <https://soundcloud.com/10daysofprayer/10-the-bridgeport-story-luis?in=10daysofprayer/sets/10-days-summit-2018>

Last year, the '10 Days' was observed in various forms in 40 locations around the world. We believe God is calling the Body of Christ to a season of preparation of the Bride in this hour, and this season of coming aside seems to be part of His ordained plan. We welcome you to join hands with God and our sisters and brothers as we look together with expectancy for the Great Harvest and Our Bridegroom's soon return...

Liz Adleta - Global Prayer Strategist

Web: www.ethne.net/ www.prayerstrategists.net& <https://www.2414now.net/>

07 Save North Korean Refugees Day - 24 Sept 2019

September 24, 2019, is the annual Save North Korean Refugees Day, organized by the North Korea Freedom Coalition, marking the anniversary of Communist China signing the international refugee convention – the very agreement it ignores and cruelly violates by its treatment of North Korean refugees



Do not forget that China's president Xi Jinping continues to kill innocent men, women, and children fleeing North Korea, as we see reports of his ongoing brutality against Christians, Falun Gong practitioners, Tibetans, Uighers, and now the citizens of Hong Kong.

Everyone, regardless of where you live, can participate with us on Save North Korean Refugees Day, this September 24. We are recruiting city and country coordinators who agree to deliver an appeal, on that day, to the local Chinese Embassy or consulate in your city.

Here's what you can do:

If you live in a City with a Chinese Embassy or Consulate: Consider being a country or city coordinator. We ask you commit to deliver a letter of appeal to Communist Chinese President Xi Jinping demanding the PRC end its repatriation policy. A template letter will be provided for your use, or coordinators can prepare their own letter of appeal from their respective NGOs. We only ask that you share a picture of your delivered letter.

You are also welcome to take whatever additional action you would like on that day. For example, coordinators have hosted conferences and film screenings to raise awareness of the North Korea human rights issue, while others have planned demonstrations and rallies and prayer vigils.

Here is a link to last year's activities and events for reference to give you some ideas of what folks from Los Angeles to Pretoria, from Tokyo to Linglongwe did last year to stand up for our North Korean brothers and sisters facing death by China's actions: <http://www.nkfreedom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/B-SNKRD-2018-FINAL.pdf>

We must not remain silent for those being led away to death. If you can deliver a letter or take action in solidarity to raise awareness of this issue, please email me at Suzanne@defenseforumfoundation.org

Suzanne Scholte - Seoul Peace Prize Laureate
President, Defense Forum Foundation

www.defenseforumfoundation.org / www.nkfreedom.org

Pray: Lets be in prayer for a step change in China's treatment of these innocent and vulnerable people escaping North Korea.

Pray: For a change in policy by President Xi Jinping, that stops the killings and forced re-patriations.

Pray: For an end to the imprisonment and brutality against Christians and other faith groups in China.

Pray: For the Church in China and North Korea to grow and become stronger despite the persecution and oppression.

08 South East Asia Prayer Council 2019 Conference - Singapore - 8-11 October 2019

We would like to extend a warm invitation to the South East Asia Prayer Council Conference 2019 which takes place from 8th to 11th October 2019 at the Changi Village Hotel in Singapore.

We are grateful to Senior Pastor DjohanHandoyo from Bethany Church Singapore who is our Host this year. Pastor Handoyo along with Reverend Edmund Smith, founder and Director of Real Love Ministry (RLM) Melaka, Malaysia, will be speaking on the theme: 'From Glory to Glory' - How we experience His Glory!



Dr Jason Hubbard – Executive Coordinator of IPC will also be taking part.

We look forward to welcoming delegates from the 11 nations of South East Asia as well as international visitors and IPC friends from around the world.

Full details of the event along with links to Register and Book accommodation are on the conference website at www.seaprayers2019singapore.org/

In His service,

Pastor Veronica Lorenzana | Pastor Ann Low
South East Asia Prayer Council

09 IPC Calendar

Pray With Youth – 22 September 2019

<http://praywithyouth.com/>

Save North Korean Refugees Day - 24 Sept 2019

www.nkfreedom.org

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

www.10days.net

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

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

Go 2020 Prayer Gatherings - 1st May 2020

<https://www.go2020.world>

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

www.1gda.org



Prayers for the World

10 Combatting the Deception of Climate Change Ideology

“The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed-and hence clamorous to be led to safety-by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary.” –H.L. Mencken

Growing numbers of young people are increasingly afraid to have families since we are told by governments and media that the world as we know it may soon become inhospitable or even end due to climate change. Normally those in government and media who pass on such worrying predictions never pause to fact-check and provide the underlying scientific data to establish if such scary claims are actually supported or not. Instead, cherry-picked and misleading data is often used to over-dramatize the situation, creating wrong assumptions and fears in the public mind. In that way, certain elites hope we will be amenable to whatever they want so they can lead us out of danger and into their solution. That solution usually tends to be more governmental control of our lives, even a world government to “save our planet”.



We should be wary of such ideologies as “climate change” that are really not in the end about the danger of global warming, which is not the serious threat we are being led to believe it is and about which we can do almost nothing. Ideologies like climate change are at root political and are about giving up more and more control of our lives to politicians and bureaucrats that want more and more power over us.

This is patently clear from Dr. Patrick Michaels’ interview attached here. It is a “must see” to debunk the climate change mindset and its false assumptions that has caused so much needless alarmism. He is a leading climatologist who served as president of the American Association of Climatologists as well as a research professor of environmental science for decades. In his interview, he explains how computer models being used by 31 governments have shown systematic errors, predicting way too much warming, which is not happening, because faulty data was fed into those models from their creation. Check out his intriguing 14-minute interview here: Dr. Patrick Michaels’ <https://youtu.be/fA5sGtj7QKQ>

Another important resource on the climate issue is Dr. Gregory Wrightstone’s powerful book “Inconvenient Facts: The Science that Al Gore Doesn’t Want You to Know” (2017).
<https://www.amazon.com/Inconvenient-Facts-science-that-doesnt/dp/1545614105>

He is a geologist with more than 35 years of investigating the Earth and its processes. His well-researched book convincingly demonstrates through 60 “inconvenient facts” based on the actual scientific data that the whole framework of the climate-catastrophe argument is mistaken and wrongheaded.

Finally, the Competitive Enterprise Institute just released a new analysis on the projected cost of what is being called the “Green New Deal,” an effort to retrofit all our buildings and do away with greenhouse emissions from automobiles, airplanes, etc. to combat climate change. Their estimate far exceeds the previous \$92 trillion-over-10-years projection, now concluding that in the first year alone, it would cost the

average American household at least \$70,000. Over the next four years, it would cost \$45,000 per household annually, for a five-year total cost of a quarter million bucks per family.

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/jul/30/alexandria-ocasio-cortez-green-new-deal-cost-70k/>

On the state level, the Green New Deal would cost “quadrillions.” A quadrillion equals a thousand trillions. For instance, retrofitting all the residential, industrial and commercial buildings in the state of Pennsylvania to the Green New Deal environmental standards would cost \$2 quadrillion, or 2,000 trillion dollars. (What the Green New Deal Could Cost a Typical Family, Kent Lassman, Daniel Turner, July 30, 2019)

Let’s pray that those in government and media will follow the actual facts and be honest, not misleading their fellow citizens for political purposes. Also that the scientific community will boldly stand up to challenge the false assumptions and narratives being peddled by so many politicians and news commentators.

Pray that ordinary people will not be deceived and thus alarmed into submission by “climate change” hysteria and that we as Christians will perceive the attempts of “the prince of the world” to get the whole globe under his “New World Order” through this and other deceptive globalist schemes.

**John D Robb – Chairman
International Prayer Connect**

11 Afghanistan and its Future

From an organization working inside the country:

"We need your Prayers urgently for the upcoming presidential elections on 28th September. A complex attack on vice presidential candidate Amrullah Saleh on Sunday, July 28 with at least 30 people dead and was carried out by the Taliban marked to beginning of the presidential election campaign. Saleh is running as vice president with president Ashraf Ghani in the elections and stands for a moderate, anti-Taliban regime. The Taliban and their allies had announced as in previous elections, that they would do all they can to stop or at least seriously disrupt the elections. If God does not intervene it will definitely be again a very violent and deadly election campaign.



Please pray for the right person to be elected. Even the former Taliban support and “butcher of Kabul”, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, launched his election and pledged that religious scholars will be hired in high-level national decision-making levels with his new government.

While the preparations for the next elections are under way, peace negotiations are going on between the US government and leaders of the Taliban. The Trump administration has so far undertaken eight rounds of negotiations with the Taliban. The US president seems to be very eager to get his troops out of Afghanistan and news just came out that the US government is preparing to withdraw thousands of troops from Afghanistan as part of a proposed peace deal with the Taliban. Pray especially for President Trump

and his advisors for discernment and for a firm standing in support of the present and new government in Afghanistan.

We and also many local people we spoke to, are disturbed by so called peace negotiations and are concerned and afraid that the US army will abandon Afghanistan and it would fall back again into the hands of the Taliban. It causes a lot of insecurity and uncertainty with the people. Please pray that no dangerous compromises be made and that the foreign armed forces will support the Afghan Army as long as they are need.

Pray also for the teams. Many Team Members have taken a break or are on furlough. Pray for those who bear the extra load and will stay strong and healthy in the heat.

Please pray for continued strengthening and protection of our local brothers and sisters who have remained in the country and that they would be a strong witness to the many desperate people in Afghanistan

Thank you for interceding with us on these key issues.

12 Australia - Thanksgiving and Issues for Prayer

Australia Honours and thanks the nations for your Intercession in our looming hour of crisis and hope.

“I have always believed in miracles” declares our unashamedly Christian Prime Minister following his “highly unlikely win” in the May 18 Federal Election. He also secures a far more workable Senate.

The Great Southland of the Holy Spirit, Australia, was pivoted on a historic threshold of persecution or reformation, or both. My sense is that we are getting both.

At stake were many affronts to our Judaeo-Christian heritage including the following:

Legal abortion to full term in all states and territories.

Threat to our relationship with Israel including building an embassy in Jerusalem.

Removal of opening Parliament in prayer including the reference to “humbly relying on Almighty God”.

Defunding of Chaplaincy.

Removal of charitable status for churches.

Imposition of gender fluidity doctrine on our children.

Assault on freedom of thought, conscience and belief in many contexts including the curriculum in our Christian schools.

We have a 3-year window to pray and work to see Australia fulfil her mandate as the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit.

Our Prime Minister has been shown great favour by President Trump by choosing him to have Dinner at the G20 meeting of nations, inviting him to be an observer at the G7 meeting and hosting him at a historic State Dinner in the White House next month. There appears to be a growing closeness between the first



ladies - Ivanka Trump and Jenny Morrison. My sense is that our Prime Minister has been raised as an Ambassador of International reconciliation in the midst of tensions between China and America and the escalations in Hong Kong.

The abortion issue has also flared up in two of our States.

The sequence of Abortion being liberalised was UK, Adelaide South Australia, the rest of Australia, before Roe v Wade opened the global bloodgates for the destruction of young lives and the breaking of the hearts of our women. There is a sense that, if we can wind back here in this source city of Adelaide we could see reversals like in the USA, everywhere. A submission has been prepared by lawyers from the UK, Australia, USA and doctors from around Australia centred on care for women, care for babies, care for children in the womb, care for families and care for life ("5Cs") movement. An adapted submission is in the hands of politicians in New South Wales. As the fight against the Spirit of Death and Hell rages in the next weeks in the Parliaments of both States, this Saturday, we will be concluding 21 days of prayer near the abortion mill in Adelaide (loveadelaideprayer).

Please pray as you are led along the following suggestions :

That wisdom, counsel and might will be upon our praying Prime Minister especially as he has opportunity to privately minister to International leaders and be an Ambassador of reconciliation between them.

That the Ekklesia in Australia will be willing in the day of His power to maximise the opportunity she has been given.

That healing and hope will touch the hearts of the one in four women in Australia who have an abortion in their lifetime.

That the veil that the wicked one has placed over the eyes of our sisters and our communities will be lifted.

That life will be celebrated without condemnation for those who have been ensnared and that our laws will reflect or Heavenly Father's heart.

That the Esther's, Deborah's, Daniels, Mordecai's, David's, Josephs and other modern equivalents are revealed and begin to fully function.

Thank you for this great victory and opportunity as Australia moves toward reflecting our Father's heart in every sphere of society as the seeds of a disciplined nation.

May your love and intercession for this nation be multiplied and showered on your own cities and nations.

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13 Prayer for the Canadian Elections - 21 October 2019

Please Pray with us for the 2019 Federal Elections in Canada:



1) Media - We are seeing an obvious manipulation of Canadians opinion in most of our mainstream national news forums. Global warming is being almost endlessly platformed and one news commentator stated that if you were interested in our environment and the future of our children, then there is only one party that you can vote for. (Liberal Party).

It is also what we are seeing that is not being reported. For example, we are not hearing of the huge protests and lawsuits being raised by many of our First Nations People regarding their desire to see pipelines built across our nation.

In addition, our current government has recently given over 600 million to news agencies that they deem to be good for our nation. This obvious 'by-off' by our government needs to be countered by righteousness.

2) Freedom of Speech / Religion - Three of the four main political parties have policy so that you cannot even run for those parties if you hold to a Pro-life viewpoint. This needs to be challenged in our Supreme Court as anti-democratic.

We are also seeing huge increases in those who want to be euthanized in Canada and many of our physicians and other medical personnel are being denied their freedom of conscience who would choose to not be implicitly involved.

3) Life - Canada is only one of three countries in the world with no law concerning abortion, (China, North Korea). In a recent Parliamentary meeting, one Member of Parliament stood announcing that Canada stands for abortion at any time in pregnancy and for any reason. (We are praying that the enemy has over-played his hand!).

4) Voter Turnout - Typically, there has not been a great difference between the percentage of Christians who vote and non-Christians. We are praying for effective national communication that will help pastors and other leaders to clearly see the crisis we are in. That boldness will replace fear and unrighteous issues will be addressed from our pulpits across Canada. Pray that Christians will be encouraged to register their voice in our nation by voting. What would happen if 100% of Christians voted?

5) Our God-Given Destiny - For Canada to arise and shine to fulfil her calling of Healing to the Nations, for Righteous Government to come forward in this season. (Recently submitted by the Canberra House of Prayer for Canada).

6) A Right Perspective Regarding Government - Please pray that Canadian Christians would not put all their focus on government as the only way we can positively change our nation. When we make all our problems political, we are saying therefore, that all our answers can only be political. This raises government to a place they were never meant to be. Jesus is the right solution, and he will be seen in us as we rightly minister to those around us, changing culture to eventually change government. Yes,

prayer and righteous action are needed for our government, but let's not make government something it was never intended to be.

Pray that Canadian Christians will develop a God-given compassion for those who are lost in our nation and are doing what they believe to be right in their own eyes.

Prepared by a National Prayer Leader in Canada

More info: www.nationatprayer.ca, www.transformationcanada.ca/prayer-for-election/, and www.canadainprayer.com/prayer-for-canada

14 India – Prayer Focus

Our IPC Colleague and Exec Member, Onassis Jeevaraj has prepared an INDIA - Prayer Focus guide. The four-page PDF booklet provides an up to date overview of some of the key issues and challenges that India is facing, along with Prayer Pointers and links to more information and resources.

Topics covered include - Elections, Persecution, Lynching, The Economy, Hindu Ideologies, Natural Disasters, Children and Women, and the Church

It will be a valuable tool for guiding individual, small group or corporate prayers.



Download the INDIA - Prayer Focus HERE

15 India: Pray for Kashmir

Christians around the world ought to pray for Kashmir as tensions in the region have spiked since Aug. 5, when India removed its long-established "special status," bringing the India-administered areas of Kashmir into direct control of the central government.

The decision exacerbated India's already strained relationship with Pakistan and prompted Pakistan's prime minister to threaten to globalize the issue and alarmingly escalate the situation by stating that "Pakistan would keep all options on the table."

I'm calling on Indian, Pakistani and all Christians to a simple task that transcends the complexity of the issue and the enmity that has long existed between our countries because of it.



Christians ought to pray to Jesus—the "Prince of Peace" - that peace would reign in our countries and in our region as God has called each of us to "seek peace and prosperity" for our countries, according to Jeremiah 29:7. The prophet continues, "Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

And I'm calling them to do so intensely. Since the British partition of the Indian subcontinent in 1947, India and Pakistan have fought three wars over the Kashmir region. Hundreds of thousands of civilians and military officers have died on both sides of the border in armed conflicts and episodes of inter-communal violence. The last thing the region needs is another war, especially when both nations have nuclear weapons.

All of this has been especially complicated in recent years by cross-border terrorism as Pakistan's prime minister himself recently recognized that 30,000-40,000 terrorists operate on Pakistani soil.

Putting it all together, in just over 25 years over 45,000 people in Jammu & Kashmir have died in cross-border militant encounters between the countries and from terrorist attacks originating in Pakistan. When India cites national security concerns for its decisions in Kashmir, it's not without cause.

Yet, the status-quo situation in Kashmir has long been unsustainable, and by some act of divine providence maybe this disruption could result in a solution as the Indian government and the people of India embrace Kashmiris as fellow citizens of India.

That, however, might require a divine miracle, a miracle entirely unlikely if God's people do not pray.

And as they pray for a peaceful and permanent resolution to this intractable conflict, they should keep in mind that the security situation remains tense as curfews are still imposed, as new questions have arisen about the citizenship rights of some people living in Kashmir, and as India's national leadership and judiciary deal and work through the implications of the decision made by the government.

They should also pray for Christians, Hindus, Muslims and others whose religious freedom has sometimes been caught up in these political conflicts.

Ultimately, Christians should pray that no one will give license to hate in any form, always recognizing the inherent dignity in every human being and their God-given freedom of conscience.

As a Christian leader, I'm grateful for the generosity and kindness shown by our Christian friends around the world to commit our strong, yet also delicate, region to the hand of almighty God.

May we, as the apostle Paul prayed, have the privilege to "lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way" (1 Tim. 2:2b, ESV).

Joseph

16 Lebanon - Prayers for the Church

Lebanon's name was mentioned 71 times in the Old Testament. Its regions are referred to several times in the New Testament. The Old Testament is full of praise for Lebanon's natural beauty and resources and God's love for men and women is celebrated.

Lebanon's role in the history of salvation becomes even more evident in the writings of New Testament authors. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, visited the Phoenician cities along Lebanon's coast, preached to the people there and healed the sick.



God loves His people and He wants them to be saved. We had a burden for many years to pray continually for Lebanon, we want to see Lebanon transformed to Jesus Christ. Hallelujah.

In Psalm 24:1-2 we read "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas, and established it on the waters."

CHURCH:

Pray: for unity between all church denominations in Lebanon (Catholic, Orthodox, Evangelica, etc...) Let every church become a house of prayer leading people to know about Jesus as the only true saviour. Pray for all church leaders, bishops, archbishops, all clergy and lay ministers.

Pray: for the church in Lebanon that Jesus established to be strong. Jesus' church has stood the test of time. It cannot be stopped by force, political pressure, or even political correctness. Jesus will continue to build His church until He returns in glory to redeem His bride, and absolutely nothing or no one can stand in His way.

Pray: that the Lord God gives His church the spirit of wisdom and revelation in knowledge according to the riches of His glory, for His faithful to be strengthened with might by His Spirit that Christ may dwell in the hearts of His Lebanese people for ever; and that they are rooted and grounded in love. May they be able to comprehend and to know the love of Christ, which passes all knowledge, that they might be filled with all the fullness of God.

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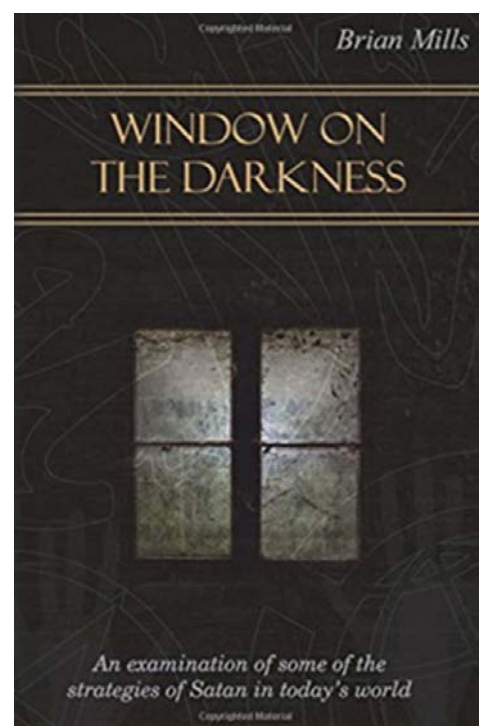
17 BOOK: Window on the Darkness – by Brian Mills

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:

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'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

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This version includes some minor revisions, lay-out changes and is increased to 150 pages.

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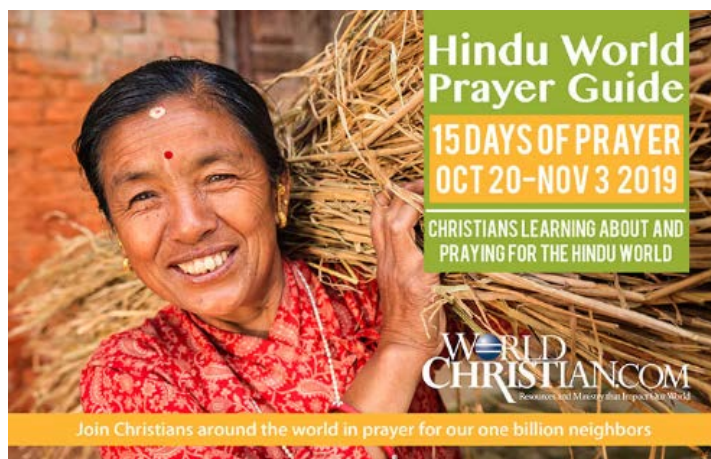
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19 About International Prayer Connect (IPC)

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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