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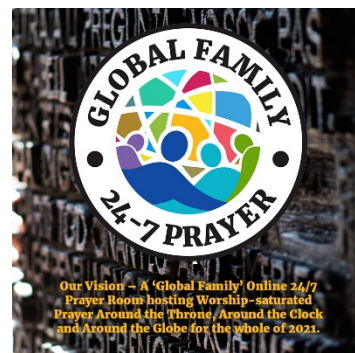


Greetings!

We are pleased to bring you IPC Connections for December 2020.

In our Editorial article this month, Dr Jason Hubbard brings us an inspiring Advent devotional entitled '**Rekindling the Glory of Christmas**' which takes us through the greatest love story of all time, when God's own Son shed his garments of glory to become Bethlehem's Lamb. It's a compelling read. The full eight-part series is available for download [HERE](#).

On 1st January 2021 we will be launching a [Global Family 24/7 - 365 Online Prayer Room](#) in association with several of our partner organisations. The vision is to host worship-saturated prayer around the throne, around the clock and around the globe for the whole of 2021. Read more below about the plans and our invitation to Prayer-leaders to join us from around the world to host the 168 hourly slots each week.



We have heard encouraging news of breakthroughs with the development of [vaccines](#) for Covid-19 this last few weeks. The pandemic has now affected [63.5 million people](#) worldwide with 1.47 million now losing their lives. We bring you up to date information on the situation along with prayer points and links to various resources.

Let's continue to be in prayer for the United States as the results of the recent [Presidential Elections](#) are finalised. There are a number of [legal challenges](#) to the ballot counting procedures, systems and [security](#) that are still going through the courts including allegations of voter fraud. The results will be ratified by the Electoral College on December 14th. Congress will be sworn in on January 3rd 2021 and will certify the winner of the election on January 6th.

This year, November 11th marked the 400 year anniversary of the signing of the Mayflower Compact, 11-11-1620. While still aboard the Mayflower, the Pilgrims, risking their lives on a perilous ocean crossing, agreed to foundational principles for the new community they would form when they went ashore.

This document, which became known as the Mayflower compact, stated that they had come to the new world, 'for the glory of God' and to 'advance the Christian faith.' They agreed to govern themselves in a 'civil body politic' that would frame, 'just and equal laws' in the best interest of their community. May God grant to us mercy to continue in this calling and legacy. Please pray that God would bring forth justice, expose corruption in every sphere of society, and prepare us for a 3rd Great Awakening!

John Robb's Retirement as Chairman

We are sure that you will want to join us in honoring and thanking John Robb as he steps aside as the Chairman of the International Prayer Council at the end of this month. John is a remarkable man of God who has led us tirelessly over these last nineteen years. He was one of IPC's founding members back in 2001. John shares some of what has been achieved in his 'Time to move on!' article below.

We cannot let John move on quietly!! **We will be following this up aptly in the New Year and would welcome receiving your short videos and / or emailed messages of appreciation of John!**

Please send them to editor@ipcprayer.org by 20th December.

In the meantime, we all extend our sincere love, prayers and best wishes to John and Lori for a long, happy, healthy and blessed life as they focus on other ministries they are involved with and any future ones the Lord calls them to undertake.

Dr Jason Hubbard's Appointment as Director

Jason Hubbard will be formally taking on the leadership as our Director from January 2021, along with the Executive Team under the guidance of our newly elected Board. We will bring some further details to you all in January.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us in mobilising and informing united prayer across nations, denominations, movements, and generations for the fulfilment of the Great Commission.

May we express grateful thanks to Andy Page and the IPC Editorial Team who put this email together each month.

Wishing you and your loved ones His continued blessings at Christmas and for the New Year 2021,

Jason Hubbard - Executive Coordinator

John D Robb – Chairman

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01 Editorial: 'Rekindling the Glory of Christmas' - Dr Jason Hubbard

Bethlehem's Lamb

To rekindle the glory of Christmas is to take a fresh look at the greatest love story of all time, when God's own Son shed his garments of glory to become Bethlehem's Lamb. This is the story where the author of the book steps into his own tale. The Word became flesh and dwells among us. He will make himself vulnerable to pain and human suffering. He will discover the feeling of a tear rolling down his cheek. He will lay his life down as a Lamb, conquering sin and death and giving eternal life to all who believe! Oh, it's the wonder of the ages. The glory of the incarnation, God himself now with human skin! The Creator has become a created being. Staggering! He who made man is made a man. The infinite has become an infant. The Shepherd of eternity has become Bethlehem's Lamb.



"Your mother is a cause for wonder; the Lord entered her and became a servant; he who is the Word entered her and became silent within her; thunder entered her and made no sound; there entered the Shepherd of all, and in her he became the Lamb, bleating as he came forth. Your mother's womb has reversed the roles; the Establisher of all entered in his richness, but came forth poor; the Exalted one entered her, but came forth meek, the Splendorous One entered her, but came forth having put on a lowly hue. The Mighty One entered, and put on insecurity from her womb, the Provisioner of all entered and experienced hunger, he who gives drink to all, entered and experienced thirst; naked and stripped there came forth from her he who clothes everyone."-Ephrem the Syrian

Why Bethlehem? As the prophet spoke, "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in 3 Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."
(Micah 5:2)

Just seven miles outside of Jerusalem, these were the same hills where David tended his lambs. After God's announcement came to Mary and Joseph, he sent angels to the shepherds. They were "keeping watch over their flocks by night," which was only done during the 'lambing season,' when the baby lambs were being born in Bethlehem (March/April).

The only people lower than the shepherds at that particular time in Jewish history were lepers. These poor, lowly, unkempt shepherds, the last people on earth you would ever suspect, have seen what no other man on earth was privileged to see. To these lowly men an angel gives them the highest theology! These despised shepherds are the first to receive the announcement of the gospel! These men are the first to learn of "great joy for all the people."

They understand that the gospel is not just for Israel but for all the nations that all may have this joy that comes, "through the birth of a Savior, who is Christ-the Messiah, the LORD!" This the only time in the gospels that this phrase is used.

It's the only time we see these 3 titles of Jesus come together, Savior, Messiah, and LORD! He will save his people from their sins, Jesus is the Christ the promised Messiah to Israel and, most staggering of all, He is Lord, He is God! The angel not only gives the gospel to the shepherds, he reveals the true identity of Christ!

It seems God believes that high theology should be given to low people!

They saw the heavens roll open as the glory of God exploded through the night sky. They watched thousands of angels in glowing splendor declaring the glory of Christ! As Hughes writes and envisions,

“A heavenly flash and suddenly the bewildered shepherds were surrounded by angels. A great company is literally a multitude, not 50, not 150, not 1500—but beyond count. I think every one of God’s angels was there because this was the most amazing event that had ever happened in the entire universe...Job tells us that at the creation of the world, ‘the morning stars (angels) sang together and all the angels shouted for joy (Job 38:7). Now the angels again joined voices at the greatest creation of all—the birth of the God-man—perfect sympathizer and Savior”

And they heard the voice of an angel declaring the birth of a Savior. “This will be a **sign** to you. You will see a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” (Luke 2:12)

These shepherds knew that **mangers** were used as feeding troughs and were found in shepherd’s caves, the place where baby lambs were born and wrapped in swaddling cloths! I can only imagine as these rugged, scraggly bearded men, approached the cave, they began to tremble and weep like babies as they looked into the face of God! I can imagine these shepherds, those who carry lambs, laying them down one by one as gifts at the foot of the manger.

But these were not just any lambs. These were Bethlehem lambs, born and bred for one purpose; to be sacrificed at the temple. Because the city of David was just outside of Jerusalem, these lambs born in the hills of Bethlehem, were born to be taken to the temple in Jerusalem and slain for sacrifice. A manger, this humble crib for a king, was the perfect place for a Lamb.

Why must he be brought forth among sheep and lambs? Because he is God’s Lamb, and a shepherd’s cave is a fitting place for a lamb. Why must shepherds be first, among all the people on the earth to attend his birth? Because shepherds always attend the birth of lambs. That’s their job. That’s their calling. And most of all why must he be born in the little town of Bethlehem? Lambs set for sacrifice were born in Bethlehem. Even as young lambs were slain in the temple in Jerusalem, Jesus-the lamb of God- would be taken to Jerusalem to be slain.

That’s why in the greatest love story ever told, Jesus was Bethlehem’s Lamb.

**Dr Jason Hubbard – Executive Coordinator
International Prayer Connect**

Download the full devotional series: [Rekindling the Glory of Christmas](#)

[Watch the amazing series of videos](#) of inspiring #teachustoprayer 15-minute devotionals by Dr Jason Hubbard, documenting ‘The wildest stories of the Praying Church from Acts until 2020’

02 Time to Move On! – John Robb

Brothers and Sisters who have partnered in prayer with the IPC,

It has been a great joy and adventure to be on the same journey with you these 19 years since the IPC’s formation in December, 2001. Thanks for your loving, sweet fellowship in the Lord as members of His eternal family and all that you have done to extend the international prayer movement around the world as partners in IPC.

I have been planning to step aside as chairman for a couple of years now but have wanted to make sure the IPC is in good hands for the future. Jason Hubbard and Andy Page have proven to be very capable and committed colleagues, who have faithfully demonstrated their abilities and provided good leadership along with our executive team. Also, Jason is in the process of forming a non-profit foundation to fund the IPC, so that will be a good step



forward to make sure this ministry is well funded for the future. If you would like to provide financial support, it will be effectively used to continue building up the prayer movement around the world.

I will therefore be stepping aside as chairman at the end of this month to focus on other ministries and both family and personal pursuits.

I am essentially an old missionary whom the Lord began to show the power of prayer and the amazing things He can do if we practice “the ministry of availability” to Him. Starting as a mission activist who gave lip service to the importance of personal and united prayer, I was arrested by God during a personal retreat 30 years ago. As if with a megaphone in my heart, He told me to “get out of His way” and that if I took Him as my “Senior Partner”, I would see His wonders. I must testify that His word has come true in a multitude of wondrous ways as I have been privileged with others to watch Him over and over again do truly extraordinary things. Usually, they have happened when His people come together in special initiatives characterized by desperate humility -- to seek His face, often in the midst of hopeless situations of war or other intractable situations in which horrible wickedness is having its way in their nations. As God promised Solomon in 2 Chronicles 7:14, our prayer facilitation teams have witnessed His staggering breakthroughs in ending wars, bringing about reconciliation among ministry and political leaders, and igniting spiritual revival that has brought about significant healing of their lands.

Such astonishing socio-political and spiritual breakthroughs were all His doing since our ministry teams and I felt so much like dependent children, often echoing an overwhelmed King Jehoshaphat in praying: “We don’t know what to do, but our eyes are on You.” Those experiences, much of them before the IPC was formed in 2001, were what convinced those of us who formed the IPC that the Lord wanted to bring about a global network of prayer ministries and networks that would multiply the practice of this kind of transformational prayer. Since that time, with the help of those on our leadership team, both present and past members, as well as that of many thousands of other ministry leaders and intercessors, we have seen that happen through His grace and for His glory.

Here are just some of the many things that have come about through our joint efforts with the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit:

1. IPC launch in South Africa in Nov. 2002- almost 300 prayer ministry and network leaders from every region of the world came together to connect and further develop the international prayer movement.
2. Prayer summits held and networks formed in virtually every region of the world (some still continuing strongly to this day).
3. National prayer initiatives in countries experiencing civil wars or other serious threats with remarkable breakthroughs in many.
4. Three international prayer initiatives at the United Nations with hundreds of prayer leaders and praying children along with ambassadors, praying for the U.N., its humanitarian development goals as well as other global issues.
5. Children in Prayer international network formed and three global CiP consultations held.
6. IPC Connections, our monthly prayer journal, published to inform and connect the world prayer movement.
7. International prayer alerts to focus prayer on urgent and needy international and national situations.
8. The World Prayer Assembly (2012) conducted by the IPC and the Indonesian prayer movement leaders connected several million within Indonesia and internationally in united prayer. The WPA theme, “For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea” (Hab. 2:14), continues to be felt in various follow-on initiatives made possible by that much anointed and blessed event.
9. Go 2020- the IPC helped coordinate and lead the prayer mobilization that connected hundreds of thousands (both online and offline) during those World Prayer Together calls. Many prayer leaders in every region of the world played a crucial role. This world evangelism initiative which is still ongoing has so far reportedly involved an estimated 50 million believers taking the Gospel to more than 600 million, with over 9 million who have accepted Christ. (Please see the report at Go2020.world)
10. We continue to connect the international prayer movement with the Go Decade (continuation of Go 2020) and other international mission/evangelism efforts towards the goal of reaching every Unreached People Group and every person with the Gospel by 2030. (Please check out www.godecade.world to find out how you can get involved.)

Thanks be to God for all the wonders we in the IPC have been able to have a part in, pooling our meagre efforts (loaves and fish) with many, many other brothers and sisters that the Master has multiplied exceedingly!

The strength of the IPC has been its close and loving relationships, much like a family which indeed we are as members of Jesus' Body, with Him as our Head and CEO, who gives us one heart and mind as we seek Him together. Let's pray that the IPC itself, indeed the whole prayer movement, will continue to function that way. May the best be yet to come! Certainly, "He is able to far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine" Eph. 3:20. As long as the Lord gives life and breath, may we all be involved in a "ministry of availability" to serve as He leads.

Personally, I would still like to be one of His watchmen on the wall, trying to discern what God is doing and saying as well as what the dark realm is up to at this crucial time in world history.

Among other things, I will continue to help with the Go Decade prayer and mission effort for a while longer and possibly share articles or prayer concerns in Connections from time to time.

May our gracious Lord guide, encourage, and bless each of you in your lives and ministries and may His best be yet to come for each of you!

Yours in Christ,
John

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



03 Global Family 24/7 365 Online Prayer Room

We are excited to announce the launch of a Global Online 24/7 Prayer Room beginning January 1st of 2021! This "Global Family" is a collaboration of many international ministries from all six continents and will be hosted in many languages using Zoom.

We would like to invite YOU to join us. Each hour will be Spirit-led, Bible-based, Worship-fed, and Christ-exalted times of prayer to multiple gospel movements across the earth. We are encouraging facilitators to include a special time each hour on the remaining unreached peoples.

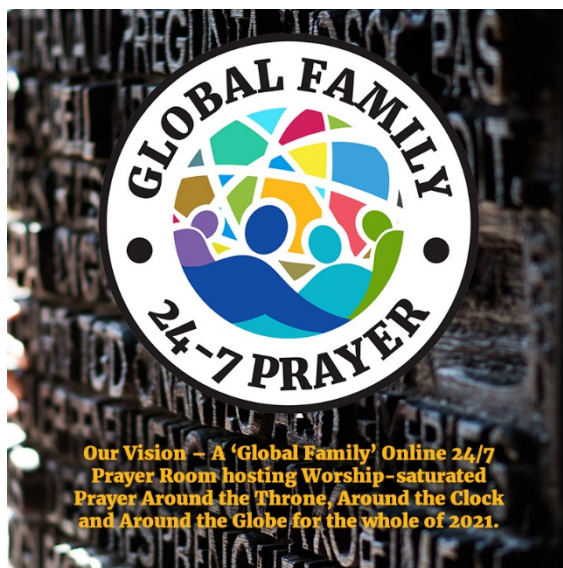
First, we want to invite you (personally, your church, city, organization, network, etc.) to join us when available each week of 2021 to join hands with this collaboration in prayer.

Second, we'd like to invite you (with at least one back up person who could act as room host) to commit to facilitating prayer the same hour each week for the 52 weeks of 2021.

There will be training and resources available to Hour leaders as we near to the start of the 24/7 Global Family. For more information and how to sign up, visit <https://www.10days.net/global-family-24/7-prayer>

To Christ be the Glory,

**Jonathan Friz, 10Days | Dr. Jason Hubbard & John Robb, IPC | Dr. Jonathan Armstrong, AQ
Elizabeth Adleta, FPS | Soloman Lujan, the Seed Company | Jenny Oliphant, Ethne Prayer Team**



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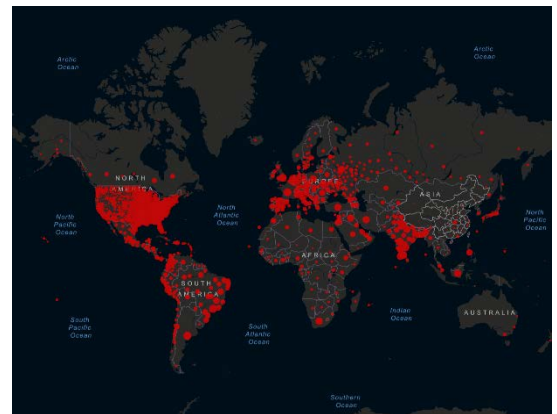
04 Covid-19 Pandemic Prayer Update – December 2020

A December prayer report looking at Progress with developing Vaccines, Covid-19 Hot Spots and some suggested Prayer Pointers with Links to Resources:

As of 1st December, the total global figure for people infected by Covid-19 stands at 63.5 million according to [Johns Hopkins University](#). In addition to this, the recorded number who have died totals 1,474,643.

Covid-19 hot spots

Here are the 3 most affected countries / regions...



The [US](#) continues to be the country with the highest numbers confirmed cases and deaths related to Covid-19 globally with figures at around 13,605,981 and 269,192 respectively. The daily infection rate has increased dramatically over the past month to around 160,000 new cases per day and new deaths are projected at around 1,500 a day (7 day average) according to [Worldometer](#).

India, which reported its first case on January 30, is the second worst-hit country in the world by the pandemic after the United States. The [health ministry's](#) most recent figures reported 31,118 infections and 482 deaths in the past 24 hours - bringing the overall case count above 9.4 million and the death toll to 137,621.

There have been at least 6,335,800 cases of the coronavirus in Brazil, according to data from state governments. As of Tuesday afternoon, 173,120 people had died. President Jair Bolsonaro [announced on July 7](#) that he had tested positive for the virus.

Many nations are approaching or coming out of second spikes of infection cases and deaths. The economic impact has been vast, with many countries borrowing significant proportions of their GDP at rates not experienced since the second world war.

Vaccine update

Two of the vaccine trials have reported positive results in the last few weeks. Moderna said Monday that its Covid-19 vaccine continued to deliver strong efficacy results, showing 94% efficacy in the main analysis of its key study. The company said it would [immediately seek regulatory clearances](#) in the U.S. and Europe.

The milestone suggests that there could be two vaccines against the SARS-CoV-2 virus before the end of 2020. Pfizer and BioNTech released positive results for a similar vaccine on Nov. 18, and requested an emergency use authorization, or EUA, from the Food and Drug Administration two days later.

A third one, the [Oxford University/AstraZeneca](#) vaccine will undergo a new global trial as critics questioned the claim that it could protect up to 90% of people against coronavirus.

Sir John Bell, Oxford's regius professor of medicine and the UK government's life sciences adviser, dismissed suggestions the previous trial had not been properly set up or reported. "We weren't cooking this up as we went along," he said, adding that he hoped the full, peer-reviewed data would be published in the Lancet medical journal at the weekend.

In spite of the public excitement generated by the announcement that a third vaccine had been successful – with particular [promise for developing countries](#) as it is relatively cheap and can be stored at fridge temperature – AstraZeneca's share price dropped.

There are currently more than 100 COVID-19 vaccine candidates under development, with a number of these in the human trial phase. WHO is working in collaboration with scientists, business, and global health organizations through the [ACT Accelerator](#) to speed up the pandemic response. When a safe and effective vaccine is found, [COVAX](#) (led by [WHO](#), [GAVI](#) and [CEPI](#)) will facilitate the equitable access and distribution of these vaccines to protect people in all countries. People most at risk will be prioritized.

Over 150 countries equivalent to 64% of the world's population have pooled efforts and resources to set up the [COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access Facility](#), otherwise known as COVAX. The benefits of this are that all member parties can take advantage of successful vaccines produced from their collective library so that everyone will have access to a working product in the shortest time frame possible. In the event that a country's own vaccine plans fall through, they will have a backup option in COVAX. Notably absent from this coalition are China and USA.

COVAX have now announced a plan to [fairly distribute working vaccines](#) around the world going first to front-line workers and then to those at highest risk. However, funding to provide vaccines to lower income countries is not yet sufficient as only \$800 million of the \$2 billion required has been raised.

Let's Pray...

Let us continue to declare that the novel coronavirus is defeated by the blood of Jesus.

We pray for divine intervention and for God's name to be glorified even as each nation and government tries its best to flatten the curve, prevent and lessen the impact of second and third spikes and finally arrest this epidemic.

We release wisdom, skill, and integrity upon our leaders.

We pray for protection, wisdom and strength, for those working to bring treatment and comfort to the sick and their families.

We pray release and healing from mental illnesses as a result of the lock-downs.

We pray special grace and help for the vulnerable and lesser-developed nations.

We pray for refugees and displaced peoples. We pray against domestic violence and other crimes that have become rampant during lockdowns.

We pray for a safe, effective, and affordable vaccine to be released soonest but without including aborted baby cells in its creation or neglecting proper testing protocols.

We pray that the vaccine will be accessible to all nations and plead generosity of spirit from the wealthier economies.

We continue to release faith, hope, and love over the peoples of the world. May the Church seize this opportune time to manifest Jesus our Lord and Savior to those who are seeking answers and peace.

<p>Join in Online Prayers:</p> <p>World Prayer Centre, Birmingham, UK – Virtual House of Prayer iHop Kansas Prayer Room 247 Prayer Coronavirus Prayer Room</p> <p>Additional Prayer Resources for Coronavirus</p> <p>God and the Pandemic – Tom Wright Beyond the Pandemic - Rev Dr Clifford Hill A coronavirus prayer from Pete Greig 19 Things to Do in response to Coronavirus Prophecy Today UK's Responses to Coronavirus PrayerCast Video and Prayer Briefing CSM Nigeria Article</p>	<p>Lausanne Resources Operation World EBook on the impact on Mission</p> <p>WW11 Veteran Gets 180k Praying</p> <p>On a lighter note... 50 countries affected by Covid 19 sing Amazing Grace in this video</p> <p>Reporting from John Hopkins University: https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data/mortality</p> <p>Further data on Europe and the world: https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/geographical-distribution-2019-ncov-cases</p>
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05 Afghanistan: Leader Digs In on Peace Talks Despite Progress

President Ashraf Ghani is holding up a tentative agreement on the talks' framework, some officials say. His aides say no agreement was near.

President Ashraf Ghani of Afghanistan has refused to let peace talks move forward even though the Taliban and government negotiators have reached a tentative agreement on the talks' guiding principles, Afghan officials say, further stalling the process despite nearing an apparent breakthrough after months of effort.

The Taliban exposed those fault lines on Saturday when the insurgent group announced on social media that both sides had agreed to the nearly two dozen points under discussion earlier this month — a framework for how talks would go forward, including points of protocol and how issues would be presented.

But some government officials immediately pushed back on that claim, insisting that details still needed to be worked out and that no agreement had been reached. They say the Taliban were pressured by Western officials to signal a breakthrough.

Three Afghan officials with knowledge of the talks said that Mr. Ghani took exception to at least one detail, insisting that the government side be referred to by its formal name, the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, rather than by a more generic reference.

Such details have broken down efforts to negotiate before. The Taliban's past insistence on being referred to as the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan — the name of their government when they were in power — derailed an effort at talks in 2013 and was a sticking point in the talks between the United States and the Taliban that eventually led to a deal opening the way for a troop withdrawal, officials said.

That the Taliban were not sticking to that title in the guiding framework this month — agreeing to less specific references to the government and insurgent sides, and to other more central points of contention — was seen as an important accomplishment.

Now, the talks have been cast into further doubt by Mr. Ghani's demand, officials and analysts said.

In a statement on Monday, Sediq Sediqqi, an Afghan presidential spokesman, said that Mr. Ghani was "steadfast in his resolve to make the peace talks succeed and that "some of the views" in this Times article were "unwarranted and baseless," but he did not elaborate further.

"At this stage the whole process has shifted to both sides' convincing an international audience that the other side is disingenuous," said Ibraheem Bahiss, an independent Afghan research analyst. "But long term, it could strengthen the hand of those within the Taliban that advocate for a military solution and view the current process as fruitless."

American and Western diplomatic officials have not publicly responded to the breakdown. But people with direct knowledge of the talks in Doha, Qatar, have described diplomats as being frustrated with Mr. Ghani's stance, and have suggested that the government negotiating team has been functionally split between loyalists to Mr. Ghani and other officials who are frustrated with him.



The introductory talks, which opened in hope and spectacle in Qatar in September, have unfolded over months of brutal violence back in Afghanistan. The Taliban have intensified their offensives in crucial provinces, leading the government to accuse the insurgents of holding the talks hostage with their violence.

On Sunday, a stolen Humvee laden with explosives and crewed by a suicide bomber rammed into an Afghan military base in Ghazni Province, killing at least 30 security force members, government officials said.

There may be other crucial reasons that Mr. Ghani and his aides are digging in, as well.

More: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/29/world/asia/afghanistan-taliban-peace-talks.html>

Pray that the escalating violence and bombings in Afghanistan will stop
Pray that there will be an end to the impasse so that serious negotiations can begin
Pray for peace in Afghanistan where the people have suffered for too long

06 Indonesia: Four Christian men brutally murdered

Your prayers are needed after four men were tragically murdered in an attack on a village in Indonesia by a group with links to so-called Islamic State.

Four Christian men have been murdered in a horrific attack on a village on the Indonesian island of



Sulawesi on Friday 27 November. Six houses, including a makeshift church, and a Salvation Army building were also burnt to the ground. A group with links to so-called Islamic State are believed to be responsible.

At around 8am, a group of between eight and 10 men from East Indonesia Mujahidin (MIT) raided the village of Lemban Tongoa. They were armed with swords and guns and called residents out of their homes. Individuals were then singled out and killed. Three men were stabbed, and a fourth was burnt alive in his home.

Kandi loses her husband and father

Two of the men singled out were Kandi's husband and father. After witnessing her father being killed in their home, she grabbed her children and fled.

"From where I was, I couldn't see my husband," she recalls. "I immediately started running with my children. My mother ran into the house. I tried to stop her, but she was already captured. I said to my children: 'That's it! It's just us now! Let's go!' And so we ran."

They managed to escape to safety. Thankfully, Kandi's mother survived.

Salvation Army calls for prayer

"We find the news from Lemban Tongoa greatly disturbing," said General Brian Peddle, leader of The Salvation Army which has a base on the island.

"Our hearts go out to our people who have been victims of evil, and to the families of those whose faith has caused such harm," he added. "I call upon all Salvationists to pray for each person who has been affected, for the continuing

witness of our people, and for healing in the communities. I ask our global community to join us in this prayer, and believe that as peace finds its place, evil will be defeated.”

"I see sadness in the eyes of the villagers"

The authorities, who have evacuated the village, have not been able to catch the attackers. East Indonesia Mujahidin (MIT) are one of several groups in Indonesia linked to so-called Islamic State. Since their leader was killed four years ago, the group haven't carried out any attacks. But last Friday's attack suggests they remain active.

Open Doors partners have arrived in the area to offer comfort and support. "I see sadness in the eyes of the villagers," one partner reports. "There is a lot of emptiness in the face of Kandi whose father and husband were killed. However, when they saw us, the villagers smiled." The team is listening to stories and will consider how to best serve the community.

Five members from church killed in Papua

The attack comes shortly after five Christians from a church in Papua, Indonesia's easternmost province, were found dead.

In September, Pastor Yeremia was found dead. Some two months later, on 20 November, two students were shot in a jungle; one was killed, and the other wounded. A couple of days later, the bodies of three Christians were found in the same location, including a 13-year-old; they were returning home for Christmas.

The area is plagued by conflict between the TNI (Indonesian army) and armed groups. It is believed the TNI is responsible for the deaths, despite the victims not being involved in criminal groups.

PLEASE PRAY

**That all those grieving, including Kandi, will know the warm embrace of God's comfort and love
That the perpetrators of these crimes will be brought to justice, and these senseless attacks will stop
For Open Doors partners serving those affected by recent attacks, that they will 'know the word that sustains the weary' (Isaiah 50:4).**

More: <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/latest-news/christians-murdered-indonesia/>

07 Ethiopia: Tigray refugees run out of food

Thousands of Eritrean refugees in Ethiopia's conflict-hit northern region of Tigray have run out of food, the UN's refugee agency, UNHCR, has said. It appealed for urgent access to the region to provide emergency assistance.

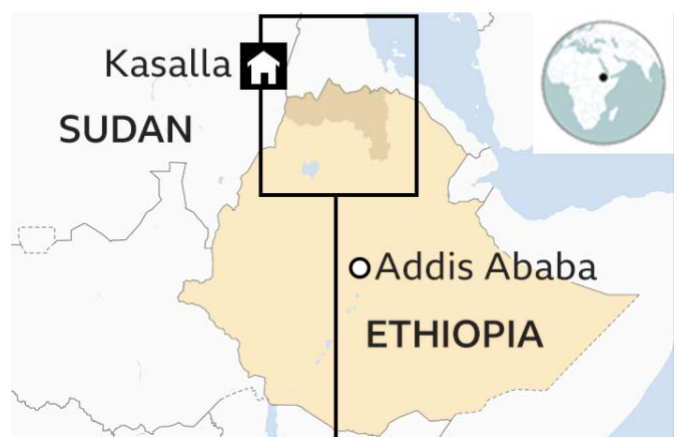
Communications and aid access have been blocked since the conflict between the federal army and fighters loyal to Tigray leadership began a month ago.

Nearly 100,000 Eritrean refugees are in Tigray. They fled political persecution and compulsory military service.

A lot of focus has been on the tens of thousands who have fled to Sudan from Tigray during the fighting, but there is also concern about these Eritreans.

The UNHCR also said it was "alarmed" at unconfirmed reports of attacks and abductions and at the refugee camps.

Ethiopia's Tigray Crisis



Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed announced on Sunday that the military offensive in Tigray had ended after federal forces took control of Tigray's capital, Mekelle.

But Debretsion Gebremichael, who leads the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), said fighting still continues and his forces have made some gains.

'Hunger a real danger'

Concerns about the state of the Eritrean refugees are growing by the hour, the UNHCR said in a briefing in Geneva.

"The camps will have now run out of food supplies - making hunger and malnutrition a real danger, a warning we have been issuing since the conflict began nearly a month ago.

"Our extreme worry is that we hear about attacks, the fighting near the camps, we hear about abductions and forced removals, so this is very important for us to have that access to go and see what has happened over there," its spokesman Babar Baloch told journalists.

The UNHCR also called for the protection of all civilians.

Mr Abiy told parliament on Monday that not a single civilian had been killed since the government launched its offensive in early November.

The government has also said it would open up a humanitarian corridor.

More: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-55147858>

Pray for a prompt resumption of constructive peace talks

Pray for the safety of refugees and all displaced people

Pray for the UN and other organisations who are seeking to provide humanitarian assistance and food, that they will obtain safe corridors to access those in need

Pray that all those who commit atrocities will be brought to justice

08 Nigeria: Boko Haram attack leaves 110 dead

At least 110 people have been killed in an attack on a village in north-east Nigeria blamed on the Boko Haram jihadist group, according to the UN humanitarian coordinator in the country.

"At least 110 civilians were ruthlessly killed and many others were wounded in this attack," Edward Kallon said in a statement after initial tolls indicated 43 and then at least 70 dead from the massacre on Saturday by suspected Boko Haram fighters.



Boko Haram kill dozens of farm workers in Nigeria

Read more

"The incident is the most violent direct attack against innocent civilians this year," Kallon said, adding: "I call for the perpetrators of this heinous and senseless act to be brought to justice."

The attack took place in the village of Koshobe near the main city of Maiduguri, with assailants targeting farmers on rice fields. The Borno state governor, Babagana Umara Zulum, attended the burial on Sunday in the nearby village of Zabarmari of 43 bodies recovered on Saturday, saying the toll could rise after search operations resumed.

The assailants tied up the agricultural workers and slit their throats, according to a pro-government anti-jihadist militia. The victims were among labourers from Sokoto state in north-west Nigeria, about 1,000km (600 miles) away, who had travelled to the north-east to find work, it said. Six others were wounded in the attack and eight remained missing as of Saturday.

Kallon cited “reports that several women may have been kidnapped”, and called for their immediate release and return to safety.

The Nigerian president, Muhammadu Buhari, condemned the attack, saying: “The entire country has been wounded by these senseless killings.”

The attack took place as voters went to the polls in long-delayed local elections in Borno state. The polls had been repeatedly postponed because of an increase in attacks by Boko Haram and a rival dissident faction, ISWAP.

The two groups have been blamed for increasing attacks on loggers, farmers and fishermen, whom they accuse of spying for the army and pro-government militias.

More: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/nov/29/nigeria-attack-boko-haram-farm-workers-killed>

Pray that the Nigerian government will escalate their intervention in this ongoing instability
Pray that the perpetrators will be held to account for these acts of heinous violence
Pray for the families and loved ones of the victims – for comfort for all those who mourn
Pray that the kidnapped women will be freed without coming to any harm
Pray for lasting peace to return to Nigeria

09 Alaska: Prayers for Inupiaq people Bible Translation

During our recent Aroma prayer call, the Seed Company highlighted translation work among the Inupiaq people of Alaska.

In the Arctic Circle, in the northernmost city in the United States, translators have been working for years to make the full Bible a reality. Watch the Aroma Livestream for more details.

[WATCH AROMA LIVESTREAM](#)



Prayer Points:

Pray for God to accelerate the translation work and grow the impact of Scripture as it goes out over the local airwaves (2 Thessalonians 3:1, NLT).

Pray for wisdom in correctly handling the Word of truth that communicates with the younger generation. And for them as they work to finish the book of Ecclesiastes on schedule (2 Timothy 2:15, ESV).

The pandemic is taking a great toll on the city and the translation efforts. Pray for God’s protection over the teams and the community (Psalm 91:14-16, NIV).

Praise God that the Inupiaq people have the New Testament in their language and are working hard to finish the Old Testament. Soon, they will have the full counsel of God! (Romans 16:25-26, HCSB).

The Inupiaq youth have a great desire to learn their language. The Word of God in their own language is adding dignity and transforming and preserving the Inupiaq culture (Psalm 107:2-3, ESV).

More: https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=386690702526521&ref=watch_permalink

Sign up for Seed Company updates: <https://seedcompany.com/>

Prayer News & Events:

10 Global Outreach in 2021: GO 21!

We have exciting news for you! We will continue reaching people with the Gospel in 2021!

GO 21 is the first step in our efforts to reach the whole world with the Gospel and the kick-off of the GO Decade (2021-2030). After what we have seen with **GO 2020**, we believe it is possible to reach the whole world by 2030!

We are dedicating the month of May 2021 to prayer and evangelism to reach people with the Gospel. Many denominations and ministries have agreed to be part of **GO 21** to mobilize 100 million believers to reach 1 billion people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It will kick off with Global Prayer on May 1-2.



Please help us to get the word out!

We encourage you to share this flyer with the cause of reaching people with the Gospel with your whole network. Please help us to spread the news. Let's stand together to mobilize as many believers as possible.

The main goal of Global Outreach is to train, equip, and mobilize believers to share their faith and develop an evangelistic lifestyle. This effort can't be accomplished with just one organization. We all know that only together can we achieve this goal.

The annual agenda (GO 21, GO 22 ...) is a catalyst for an evangelistic lifestyle and church growth and contributes to the goal of the GO Decade: To share the Gospel with every person until 2030.

Together we can reach the world! - see www.go21.world

[Download Media Pack](#) | [Download Flyer](#)

Werner Nachtigal - Global Outreach Day / GO 21 / Go Decade

11 12-Hour Perfume of Nations - Thurs 3 Dec 7am-7pm

The global Bride from every nation, colour, tribe, and tongue is getting ready for her Bridegroom. We see Jesus extending His hand to us to join in His dance. With our eyes locked upon His, our movement will come into alignment — the Bride and Bridegroom becoming one.

Join us on Thursday, December 3rd from 5:00PM IST (Jerusalem) / 7:00AM PT (Vancouver) as we come together to fix our gaze on Him through 12 hours of consecutive worship. Let our perfume rise from different nations across the globe.

We believe that this will set the tone for the month of December; a time of consecration where the Spirit of God will seal the Bride's utter devotion to her Bridegroom.



More details: <https://watchmen.org/upcoming/2020/12/3/12-hour-perfume-of-nations>

12 Latin-American Continuous Prayer Vigil – 26 December

‘Lifting up a fire wall and rampart over Iberoamérica’

Nations are in the midst of a global shakeup, a global hiatus due to the Crisis caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Many people in the nations are afraid and look for answers. Now more than ever it is time to pray for people, attend to their needs and share the Gospel in the Nations of the Earth.

We recognize that historical moments of crisis have created the perfect atmospheres for the GREAT REVIVALS and the Uprising of the Great Harvests of souls for our beloved Jesus Christ and the expansion of his Kingdom throughout history.

We believe that this is the moment when the Church must arise and take its role as The mouth, the feet, the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ to respond to a humanity that has no hope, that is in total confusion, and that awaits a resolution of their leaders or rulers.

We are living one of the most important prophetic moments in this decade, we see how in the midst of the shaking of the Nations, in a Global Pause, our precious Holy Spirit is moving strategically, bringing Revival in the midst of families, communities and nations. It is time to complete the Great Commission assigned by our Master. The Harvest is ready in the fields, the Angels have already been sent (Mark 13:39).

The Latin American Prayer Council (CLAMOR) as part of the World Prayer Council (International Prayer Council) invites you to participate in a continuous Continental Vigil that will begin on April 24, and will be held every last Friday of each month until the end of the year 2020.

We want to agree to pray all the nations of Latin America in UNANIMITY, as a single VOICE; believing that something powerful will begin to happen this April. We will pray that the Redeeming gift of the Father, in the intervention of Jesus Christ and in the power of his Holy Spirit, hears our Prayer, receives our repentance and heals our lands. 2 Chronicles 7: 13-14.

We believe that this is the time of the Resurgence of The Ekklesia, a time to give hope to the needy, to the unreached groups of our continent, of the fulfillment of promises, of the manifestation of His mercy, forgiveness, grace. It is the divine time of the spiritual, economic, political and social restart of our peoples.

We cannot lose the window of opportunity that Covid-19 and the World Crisis is providing us to lift the harvest of souls in the fields that are already ready ... IT'S TIME TO PRAY CONTINENTALLY!

More info and sign-up: <https://vigiliaunanime.clamor.global/index.php/en/>

13 Save the Dates – 2021

A number of leaders from different ministries around the world have been gathering online to share what God has laid on their hearts to be doing in 2021. There is a desire for us to be collaborating like never before, in a spirit of John 17 unity, as we seek to reach the nations with the love of Jesus.

Some of these events are detailed elsewhere within this email, others, we will be updating you on next month... but we would like to suggest that if your ministry is planning event dates for next year, you might appreciate knowing that these international events are in the pipeline in order not to double book!



More info is available from the websites:

10 Days of Praise & Prayer (13 – 22 May 2021) www.10days.net
 The March for Jesus (22 May 2021) www.themarchforjesus.org
 Global Day of Prayer & broadcast (including commissioning to GO) (23 May 2021)
www.globalvoiceofprayer.com/global-day-of-prayer/
 GO 21 / Global Outreach Day (29 May 2021) www.go2020.world/en/go21
 GO Decade update (2020 – 2030) www.go2020.world/en/decade
 Hope Movement – 90 Days of Hope / Global Day of Hope
 (June – August 2021) www.go2020.world/en/go2020continues

14 IPC Calendar

 <p>2020 a year of evangelism across the UK https://advance2020.org/</p> <p>Global Week of Prayer for S-I-K-H-S Sun 29 Nov - Sun 6 Dec E: swglausanne@gmail.com</p> <p>The Light has Come – Dec 17th https://watchmen.org/upcoming/2020/12/17/the-light-has-come</p> <p>Messiah's House Hanukkah Celebration - 18 Dec, 6.30pm www.reconnectingministries.org</p> <p>GO Christmas! Share your faith at Christmas https://www.go2020.world/en/go2020continues</p> <p>Latin-American Continuous Prayer Vigil – 26 Dec https://vigiliaunanime.clamor.global/index.php/en/</p> <p>Global Family 24/7 365 Online Prayer https://www.globalfamily24-7prayer.org/</p>	<p>Movement for African National Initiatives – Abidjan, Ivory Coast, 8-12 March 2021 https://maniffrica.com/category/prayers/</p> <p>10 Days of Praise & Prayer (13 – 22 May 2021) www.10days.net</p> <p>The March for Jesus (22 May 2021) www.themarchforjesus.org</p> <p>Global Day of Prayer & broadcast (including commissioning to GO) (23 May 2021) www.globalvoiceofprayer.com/global-day-of-prayer/</p> <p>GO 21 / Global Outreach Day (29 May 2021) www.go2020.world/en/go21</p> <p>GO Decade update (2020 – 2030) www.go2020.world/en/decade</p> <p>Hope Movement – 90 Days of Hope / Global Day of Hope (June – August 2021) www.go2020.world/en/go2020continues</p>
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<p>UPRising Events Calendar</p>  <p>GLOBAL UPRISING Manila, Philippines, Nov 2021 https://www.facebook.com/UPRISINGPhilippines/</p>	
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Resources

15 Replays and Resources from Recent Events

There have been numerous significant regional and international gatherings over the last few months. We would encourage our partner networks to continue to use these wonderful replays and resources that are available on the YouTube channels listed below. They are a hugely valuable resource!

[World Prayer Together](#) on 19th September involved 10,000 people from 123 nations.

The theme of the 4-hour gathering was **‘Repentance, Reconciliation, Revival and Reaching all with His Gospel.’**

Watch the [30-minute excerpts video](#) or the [replay of the whole event](#). See the programme guides on YouTube or the [IPC Website](#) to quickly find specific items.



[10 Days / The Return](#) - 365 City Events and 155 Locations around the world took part in [10 Days](#). 4000+ people registered for the 24/7 Global Zoom Prayer Room and 4600+ took the Consecration Challenge.

Watch the [Facebook Live Replays](#) of 10 Days.

100,000 attended [The Return](#) in Washington and 10's of Millions watched the simulcast on TV and Online.



See [Jonathan Cahn's prophetic word](#) for America.

[Watch the REPLAY of The Return](#) - Download a [Return Prayer Guide](#) and More!

The [National Prayer Assembly](#) drew together huge numbers worldwide to an online gathering to pray for America.

Let's continue to pray for His deliverance and destiny for the USA during this crucial election season. May the best days for America be in the coming months and years, serving as a blessing from the Lord, not only to its own citizens but to the rest of the world as well!

[View the NPA Sessions and presentations replays on YouTube](#)



CONTEND 2020 - Global Mission Mobilization Initiative

Contend! is a 21 day prayer campaign seeking God for breakthrough in His global Church surrounding an increase of mission mobilization vision across ministry structures, moving mission from the periphery in the Church to its rightful place at the core.

[Watch the playlist on YouTube Here](#)



16 Book: 'Beyond the Pandemic: Is there any word from the Lord?'

'Beyond the Pandemic: Is there any word from the Lord?' by Rev Dr Clifford Hill

When a pandemic is unleashed, how should Christians respond?

Beyond the Pandemic provides a Biblical view of the contemporary world situation.

It focuses upon what the Biblical prophets called "the deeds of the Lord" – the historical evidence of the activity of God in the life and times of the leaders of Israel and Judah, from Moses to Malachi. This revelation of the nature of God is set alongside contemporary events, providing a prophetic view of God's purposes in these troubled times.

After years of warnings to our society, which has turned its back on Him, who is both Creator and Sovereign over the world in which we live, we must either repent or face yet worse afflictions; Hill points us to the only effective remedy – God's word spoken through Isaiah 45:22, "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is no other."

The Rev. Dr Clifford Hill MA, BD, PhD, Sociologist and Theologian, is a lecturer, preacher and broadcaster who has written over forty books. He is an ordained minister in the Congregational church, has led multi-ethnic congregation in London and continues to exercise pastoral oversight of an inner-city church.

He is editor-in-chief of Prophecy Today UK, which seeks to apply God's word in the Bible to current affairs and, with his wife, Monica, is joint director of Issachar Ministries which supports Christians in prayer and action.

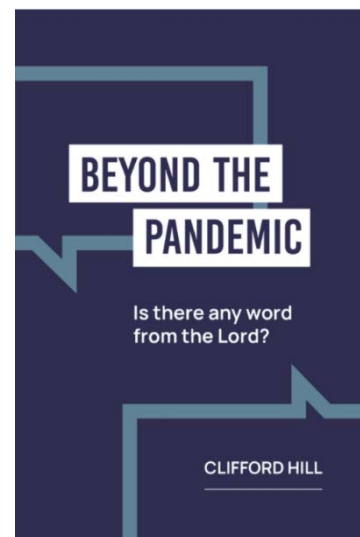
Beyond the Pandemic is published by Wilberforce Publications and is available to purchase:

CLC bookshop -

<https://clcbookshops.com/Products/ViewOne.aspx?ProductId=131212&sq=beyond%20the%20pandemic>

Amazon - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/191612111X/>

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About IPC

17 About International Prayer Connect (IPC)

OUR VISION:

"Compelled by God to seek Christ's glory worldwide for the blessing, healing, and transforming of the nations, International Prayer Connect exists as a coalition of prayer networkers and mobilizers working together to motivate, develop and equip national movements and local churches to fill all nations with prayer for the 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.

Please use [this link](#) if you would like to sow in to our ministry with a donation

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