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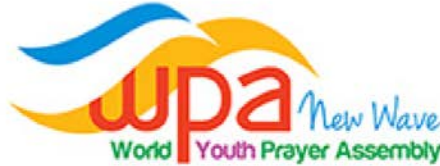
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Greetings!

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

In our editorial this month, entitled Praying for the Lost, Dr Jason Hubbard brings us some helpful suggestions that will encourage us as we each consider how we should pray for un-saved people that we know. This is timely as we are approaching the **GO2020** initiative that aims to reach 1 billion souls for Jesus. Many participants around the world will be tasked with praying for 5 people up to and especially during May 2020. In his article, Jason suggests four areas that we can 'claim' and ten themes that we can focus our prayers around as we pray for our selected people and as we pray over the wider **GO2020** vision.

We would invite you to consider signing up for **GO2020** if you have not done so already!

For more information, please see these links:

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The second 40 Days of Prayer Guide has been produced entitled 'Unity and the River of God' – commencing 10th February 2020.

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Wishing you His continued blessings,

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01 Editorial: Praying for the Lost - by Dr Jason Hubbard

One of the key prayer strategies for the Go2020 initiative is praying for five people in our circle of influence who don't know Jesus Christ.

Everyone can pray for someone! Who is someone in your workplace, school, neighborhood, or in your family? Start with a prayer list of 5. You might start with a simple prayer,



“Lord, lead me to five people for whom I can daily pray and then create opportunities for me to share with them the good news of Christ”

It truly is God's desire that all be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth! We all have people in our lives and spheres of influence who are unsaved and don't know Christ. We should be praying for them because we care deeply about them and because we know that God cares for them and wants none of them to perish—His desire is for all of them to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). God always answers prayer when it is in accordance with his will and for his renown! We don't always know how or when he will respond, but we do know that he always acts in response to our prayers for others. Our prayers are not in vain! His answers will always be for his glory, for our good and for the good of those we are praying for. He is better than we think he is and doing more than we think he is doing!

“This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:3-4).

“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

Here are four claims I like to use in praying for the lost!

1. Claim One: Open Doors ...So opportunities will be opened to those who don't know Christ!

“Devote yourselves to prayer...that God may open a door...so that we may proclaim...Christ” (Colossians 4:2-3, NIV).

2. Claim Two: Open Minds ...So people will hear the Gospel with an open mind.

“I am sending you to them [the lost] to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light” (Acts 26:17b-18a, NIV).

3. Claim Three: Open Hearts ...So unbelievers will invite Christ into their hearts.

“For God...made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of... Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:6, NIV).

4. Claim Four: Open Heavens ...So the Spirit of God will be poured out upon all flesh and men will be drawn to Christ

“Open up, O heavens, and pour out your righteousness. Let the earth open wide so salvation and righteousness can sprout up together” (Isaiah 45:8, NLT).

Here are some other important themes to focus on praying for your lost family members, neighbors, friends, or co-workers!

1. Ask God for the courage and power of the Holy Spirit to be an effective witness in your sphere of influence.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

2. Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh! Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict the world in regards to sin, righteousness and judgment.

" 'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams" (Acts 2:17).

"And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged" (John 16:8-11).

3. Pray for God the Father to draw all men to Christ through the power of the cross!

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him" (John 6:44).

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself" (John 12:32).

4. Pray for God's kindness to lead people to repentance.

"Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?" (Romans 2:4).

5. Pray for the gospel to the Kingdom to be proclaimed throughout the world! Ask God to give you his compassion for the lost and to send forth laborers into the harvest fields of the world!

"And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:35-39).

6. Pray that the Lamb who was slain would receive his due reward in the nations!

"And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation... 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev. 5:9, 12).

"Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession" (Psalm 2:8).

7. Pray for mighty signs, wonders and miracles at the proclamation of the gospel!

"And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:29-31).

8. Pray for God to remove the blindness from the enemy over the minds of the unbeliever that they will see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ!

"In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Cor. 4:4).

9. Pray for the gift of tears, to cry out for the lost to be saved

“Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him” (Psalm 126:5-6).

10. Pray for the Knowledge of the Glory of the Lord to cover the earth!

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea” (Habakkuk 2:14).

“All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you” (Psalm 22:27)

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Prayers for the World

02 Good News - 2019 was the Best Year Ever

Let's be encouraged and thankful as we reflect on some positive statistics and information that Nicholas Kristoff has compiled in the New York Times.

For humanity over all, life just keeps getting better.

If you're depressed by the state of the world, let me toss out an idea: In the long arc of human history, 2019 has been the best year ever.

The bad things that you fret about are true. But it's also true that 2019 was probably the year in which children were least likely to die, adults were least likely to be illiterate and people were least likely to suffer excruciating and disfiguring diseases.



Every single day in recent years, another 325,000 people got their first access to electricity. Each day, more than 200,000 got piped water for the first time. And some 650,000 went online for the first time, every single day.

Perhaps the greatest calamity for anyone is to lose a child. That used to be common: Historically, almost half of all humans died in childhood. As recently as 1950, 27 percent of all children still died by age 15. Now that figure has dropped to about 4 percent.

“If you were given the opportunity to choose the time you were born in, it'd be pretty risky to choose a time in any of the thousands of generations in the past,” noted Max Roser, an Oxford University economist who runs the Our World in Data website. “Almost everyone lived in poverty, hunger was widespread and famines common.”

But ... but ... but President Trump! But climate change! War in Yemen! Starvation in Venezuela! Risk of nuclear war with North Korea. ...

All those are important concerns, and that's why I write about them regularly. Yet I fear that the news media and the humanitarian world focus so relentlessly on the bad news that we leave the public believing that every trend is going in the wrong direction. A majority of Americans say in polls that the share of the world population living in poverty is increasing — yet one of the trends of the last 50 years has been a huge reduction in global poverty.

As recently as 1981, 42 percent of the planet's population endured "extreme poverty," defined by the United Nations as living on less than about \$2 a day. That portion has plunged to less than 10 percent of the world's population now.

Every day for a decade, newspapers could have carried the headline "Another 170,000 Moved Out of Extreme Poverty Yesterday." Or if one uses a higher threshold, the headline could have been: "The Number of People Living on More Than \$10 a Day Increased by 245,000 Yesterday."

Many of those moving up are still very poor, of course. But because they are less poor, they are less likely to remain illiterate or to starve: People often think that famine is routine, but the last famine recognized by the World Food Program struck just part of one state in South Sudan and lasted for only a few months in 2017.

Diseases like polio, leprosy, river blindness and elephantiasis are on the decline, and global efforts have turned the tide on AIDS. A half century ago, a majority of the world's people had always been illiterate; now we are approaching 90 percent adult literacy. There have been particularly large gains in girls' education — and few forces change the world so much as education and the empowerment of women.

You may feel uncomfortable reading this. It can seem tasteless, misleading or counterproductive to hail progress when there is still so much wrong with the world. I get that. In addition, the numbers are subject to debate and the 2019 figures are based on extrapolation. But I worry that deep pessimism about the state of the world is paralyzing rather than empowering; excessive pessimism can leave people feeling not just hopeless but also helpless.

Readers constantly tell me, for example, that if we save children's lives, the result will be a population crisis that will cause new famines. They don't realize that when parents are confident that their children will survive, and have access to birth control, they have fewer children. Bangladesh was once derided by Henry Kissinger as a "basket case," yet now its economy grows much faster than America's and Bangladeshi women average just 2.1 births (down from 6.9 in 1973).

Yes, it's still appalling that a child dies somewhere in the world every six seconds — but consider that just a couple of decades ago, a child died every three seconds. Recognizing that progress is possible can be a spur to do more, and that's why I write this annual reminder of gains against the common enemies of humanity.

So I promise to tear my hair out every other day, but let's interrupt our gloom for a nanosecond to note what historians may eventually see as the most important trend in the world in the early 21st century: our progress toward elimination of hideous diseases, illiteracy and the most extreme poverty.

When I was born in 1959, a majority of the world's population had always been illiterate and lived in extreme poverty. By the time I die, illiteracy and extreme poverty may be almost eliminated — and it's difficult to imagine a greater triumph for humanity on our watch.

By Nicholas Kristof, Opinion Columnist, NY Times

More at: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/28/opinion/sunday/2019-best-year-poverty.html>

Pray: giving thanks for the positive steps that are being made across the quoted areas including life expectancy, poverty, literacy, education, health and access to utilities.

Pray: that these advancements will not falter and that governments will continue to invest in improvements in the quality of life of their people.

03 Coronavirus declared global health emergency by WHO

The new coronavirus has been declared a global emergency by the World Health Organization, as the outbreak continues to spread outside China.

"The main reason for this declaration is not what is happening in China but what is happening in other countries," said WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

The concern is that it could spread to countries with weaker health systems. The death toll now stands at 170 people in China. The WHO said there had been 98 cases in 18 countries outside of the country, but no deaths.



Most cases have emerged in people who have travelled from the Chinese city of Wuhan, where the outbreak began. However, there have been eight cases of human-to-human infection - in Germany, Japan, Vietnam and the United States.

Dr Tedros, speaking at the press conference in Geneva, described the virus as an "unprecedented outbreak" that has been met with an "unprecedented response". He praised the "extraordinary measures" Chinese authorities had taken to prevent it from spreading. "Let me be clear, this declaration is not a vote of no confidence in China," he added. He also said that there is no reason to limit international trade or travel to China.

Various countries have taken steps to close borders or cancel flights in recent days.

Coronavirus outbreak

Data based on the first 425 cases confirmed in Wuhan:

- 59 was the average age of those infected
- 89% were not hospitalised until at least five days of illness
- 56% of the cases were men
- 55% of cases diagnosed before 1 January linked to seafood market

Data Source: The New England Journal of Medicine

More info and analysis: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-51318246>

Pray: for those affected by this as-yet not fully understood strain of the Coronavirus.

Pray: that the spread of the virus will be contained.

Pray: for wisdom and insight for the medical researchers who are seeking both to build their understanding of the virus and the way that it mutates and to identify an effective inoculation and treatment.

04 Brexit 31st Jan: Prayers for the UK & European Union

The UK economy was reported as being close to turning point on eve of leaving EU. Confidence is rising three and a half years after the Brexit vote but the tight timescale for a trade deal could harm recovery.



Britain's economy is close to a turning point as the country prepares to formally leave the EU after almost half a century of membership, according to a Guardian analysis of economic news over the past month.

More than three and a half years after voting to leave, the UK will formally depart on Friday with the economy close to stalling point following repeated cliff-edge deadlines and intense political uncertainty over the country's future trading relationships with the EU and other countries.

In the Guardian's final Brexit watch before the exit date, warning lights were flashing with zero growth forecast for the final three months of 2019 amid intense political uncertainty, rounding off the worst year for growth outside of a recession since the second world war. Speculation had been rising that the Bank of England would cut interest rates on Thursday to reboot growth on the eve of leaving the EU.

However, there are also early shoots of recovery from a surge in business confidence since Boris Johnson's unexpected decisive election victory, which could tempt the Bank to leave borrowing costs on hold at Mark Carney's final rate-setting meeting in charge at Threadneedle Street. Carney will stand down in March to be replaced by Andrew Bailey.

To gauge the impact of Brexit on a monthly basis, the Guardian has been monitoring eight economic indicators over the past three years, along with the value of the pound and the performance of the FTSE 100.

City economists made forecasts for seven of those barometers before the data was released, and in six cases over the past month the outcome was better than expected, raising hopes that Britain can rebound from a period of lacklustre growth.

Read more from the Guardian here: <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2020/jan/30/brexit-uk-economy-close-to-turning-point-on-eve-of-leaving-eu>

The [World Prayer Centre, Birmingham, UK](#) have initiated a Call to prayer – on 31st January and during the forthcoming transition phase. The invitation to followers of Jesus across the nations is to continue to call on the name of the Lord for His will, His kingdom and His perfect purposes and plans for the UK nations and our Continent to be outworked.

We believe that God works everything for His good – and so we come humbly and repent for what has gone wrong in the whole process of the last 3 years and ask for His mercy and His heart to start the process of rebuilding (Psalm 127.1)

We believe we have been entrusted with the ministry of reconciliation - so we ask for a fresh desire to arise within each follower of Jesus to be a messenger of comfort, peace, hope and reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18)

We believe that we are asked to pray for those in leadership – so we ask for Boris Johnson and all in the UK governments/assemblies for God's wisdom and direction especially regarding the transition talks (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Our Father in heaven hallowed be Your Name

We believe in God the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth

We hallow (honour) Your Holy name over the UK Nations

We hallow (honour) Your Holy name over every European Nation

We pray for Your Kingdom to come
In and through the transition period discussions between UK and EU
In and through all trade talks with other nations

For Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Through our leaders: Boris Johnson and the UK government
Michael Barnier and the EU team
In our relationships with all the Leaders of the European nations

Give us today our daily bread
We pray for reconciliation at every level in our society
We ask for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on His church
We ask for continued and growing freedom for the Gospel across all of Europe and for continued and growing freedom for the Bible to be read across all the nations

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us
Lord, have mercy on us as a UK nation
Lord, have mercy on us as Your church
Lord, have mercy on the EU
Lord, have mercy on every nation in Europe

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
Bring into the light those with evil intent of division and destruction
We pray for peace on our streets
Bring into the light those whose intent is greed and manipulation
Bless all the work of the peacemakers.

For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and for ever
We pray that Your name will be glorified
We pray that millions will come to know Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life
We bless every nation with the blessing of Your Shalom peace
You are our rock, we look to You, we trust You.

Amen.

Ian Cole, World Prayer Centre / IPC Senior Advisor

More: <https://www.worldprayer.org.uk/Event/call-to-prayer-brexit-31-january>

Also Pray for wisdom for the Bank of England and the European Central Bank as they steer the economies and manage interest rates.

Pray for economic stability for the region and that the anticipated boosts to trade will transpire for the UK.

05 Iran: Protests Over Lack Of Plane Accountability

Only days after large crowds of Iranians demonstrated national unity while mourning the assassination of the country's top military leader in a U.S. drone strike, anti-government protests have erupted on the streets of Tehran and several other cities.

The protesters are angry over the establishment's mishandling of the deadly downing of a Ukrainian passenger jet on January 8 by the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) in what is seen as a display of incompetency and recklessness by the country's leaders.



Thousands of protesters, including many students, chanted against the clerical establishment over the weekend and into January 13, with many calling for the resignation of the country's top authority, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

"Clerics get lost" was one refrain heard at the protests. Others called Qasem Soleimani, the IRGC commander killed in the U.S. strike and widely praised as a national hero by the state, "a murderer."

It was Iran's delayed admission of guilt for the plane's downing -- three days after the tragedy -- and what was seen by many as an attempt to cover up the real cause of the crash that has aroused public fury and a revival of the grievances that resulted in waves of anti-establishment protests in past months, including in November, when hundreds were killed in a violent state crackdown on rallies against large increases in gas prices.

In the past two days there have been photos and video from the protests showing wounded people being carried away and blood on the ground. In some videos, gunshots can be heard and tear gas is being fired, although the police have denied shooting at protesters.

U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted to Iranian leaders: "Don't kill your protesters."

The demonstrators in Tehran and cities including Isfahan, Shiraz, and Babol were also upset by what they see as a cover-up, including Iran's lack of cooperation with Ukrainian investigators and the bulldozing of the disaster site, which led to international ridicule.

The protests come amid a faltering economy due to crippling U.S. economic sanctions that have contributed to the fall of the national currency, the rial.

"We're seeing society bursting [in anger], particularly students, against lies and the humiliation of the nation," Paris-based Iranian analyst Reza Alijani told RFE/RL.

Mostafa Tajzadeh, an acting interior minister under reformist former President Mohammad Khatami, suggested he was also shocked over the level of deceit by the government. "I must admit I couldn't believe all the lies, secrecy, and deceit in the Islamic republic. Why and how did we reach this point?" he said on Twitter.

Speaking on January 13, government spokesman Ali Rabiei denied that the state concealed facts and misled the public, while acknowledging the public had lost trust in it. He noted the plane was downed just a few hours after Iran had fired more than a dozen ballistic missiles at two U.S. bases in retaliation for Soleimani's killing, and suggested the high tension between Washington and Tehran played a role.

"All armed forces were on high alert and this was the reason for the tragic mistake and the accident," Rabiei was quoted as saying by state media.

More at: <https://www.rferl.org/a/anger-grows-in-iran-over-lack-of-accountability-in-ukrainian-plane-tragedy/30375053.html?lflags=mailer>

Pray for the Iranian people whose lives are affected both by the policies of their government and the effect of the harsh international sanctions.

Pray that Iran will adhere to the requests by the world community for it to stop funding terrorism and to adhere to the nuclear agreement and stop processing enriched weapons grade uranium.

06 Nigeria: Boko Haram kills CAN chairman

Outrage trailed the murder of the Chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) in Michika Local Government Area of Adamawa State, Rev. Lawan Andimi after Boko Haram insurgents who kidnapped him rejected a N50 million ransom.

The state CAN chairman, Bishop Dami Mamza, who broke the sad news to some journalists in Yola, said that the insurgents had demanded two million euros (about N50 million) and still went ahead to kill the innocent cleric.

Bishop Mamza, who said that the killing was communicated to them through their contact, added that another pastor was abducted and killed almost at the same time with the kidnapped and murdered cleric from Michika.

Mamza said that Boko Haram had not been defeated or suppressed, asking the government to tell Nigerians the truth.

“Negotiations were still ongoing when they stopped calling. They were offered N50 million but they rejected it. They called his wife last week, informing her that they would be beheading him (Andimi) on Saturday, but somehow, they waited till Monday.”

The state CAN chairman lamented the constant attacks on Christians in the country, citing the killing of Pastor Dennis Bagauri of the Lutheran Church in Mayo-Belwa area by suspected kidnappers on Sunday.

President Muhammadu Buhari condemned the killing of Andimi, describing it as cruel, inhuman and deliberately provocative. In his reaction to the incident, President Buhari expressed sorrow that the terrorists went on to kill the religious leader while giving signals at the same time of a willingness to set him free by releasing him to third parties.

Buhari consoled with the Christian community all over Nigeria, the government and people of Adamawa State and the bishop's family over the sad loss of the cleric. He promised that terrorists would continue to pay a heavy price for their actions and would comprehensively be defeated by the armed forces.

The president urged nations of the world to end all support provided to Boko Haram and Islam in West Africa (ISWA) terrorist groups whose only goal is to sow death, violence, and destruction in the sub-region.

Andimi, who was declared missing on January 2, 2020, had in a video published on January 5, confirmed that he was in the custody of Boko Haram. He had pleaded with the Adamawa State Government and the CAN leadership to come to his rescue, adding that his captors did not maltreat him, as they were taking good care of him. The cleric, who spoke in Hausa and English intermittently, urged his family not to be afraid, adding that he would return home safely if it was the will of God.

He said: “I have never been discouraged because everything is in the hands of God. God who made them to take care of me and leave me alive will touch them. So, I am appealing to fellow reverends particularly my President, Rev. Joel Billy, who is a strong man of love that he will do his best to speak with our governor and other necessary agents for my release.

The national CAN expressed sadness over the murder of Andimi.

In a statement, yesterday in Abuja, the Director, Legal and Public Affairs of CAN, Evangelist Kwamkur Samuel Vondip, said the church viewed the unabated kidnappings, extortions and killings of Christians and other innocent Nigerians as shameful to the government that each time boasts that it has conquered insurgency.



He questioned why the Buhari-led government has not overhauled the security architecture with a view to injecting new ideas into the security system since the agencies are not living up to the expectations of the government.

Vondip observed that the church is almost losing hope in the government's ability to protect Nigerians, especially Christians who have become endangered species on its watch. He called on the international community, particularly the United States, U.K., Germany, and Israel, to come to the aid of Nigeria, especially, the church so that they might not be eliminated one by one.

More at: <https://guardian.ng/news/boko-haram-rejects-n50m-ransom-kills-can-chairman/>

Pray for the family of Rev. Lawan Andimi and all those who are sensing the loss of this man of God.

Pray that his martyrdom will not be in vain.

Pray that the perpetrators will be brought to justice.

Pray that the Nigerian Government will redouble its efforts to improve security for the Christian church and to rid the affected Northern regions of the terrorist threat.

07 Reaching the Unreached - Reviewing the last Decade

Elizabeth Adleta from the Fellowship of Prayer Strategists reviews the encouraging progress that has been made since the Tokyo 2010 Unreached Peoples Intercession Task Force paper:



Ten years has passed since the paper was released in Tokyo, outlining the state of prayer for unreached people groups around the world, and proposing strategies to accelerate progress in reaching, discipling and seeing transformation among these. The task force not only worked but prayed. Ten years later, it is clear that God heard and responded!

In 2010, according to Joshua Project, well over 6,000 people groups had too few indigenous followers of Christ with sufficient means to evangelize their own people groups without outside assistance. Less than 200 Christ-ward movements were known. Recently, researchers cataloged over 1,000 movements to Christ, where each spanned at least 4 generations, and the movements collectively represented over 785 people groups and 70 million believers! Research also indicates over 3,000 movement engagements in which a team (or teams) employs strategies seeking to multiply movements of believers! Robby Butler of MultMove has said, "Prayer is the first domino to fall" and in these past ten years more focused, fervent, and sustained prayer has grown within these movements and within the Church at large.

What has God done these past 10 years? What gaps still need to be addressed?

More partnerships have emerged in the prayer and missions movements, and these are converging. Prayers are being answered and partnering efforts are bearing fruit. Only recently have we seen networks, organizations, and denominations willing to collaborate outside their own boundaries. Prayer and mission leaders actively seek ways to better integrate their efforts. However, much ground remains to see these fully connected and coordinated.

Prayer strategists and prayer strategies have emerged. More than a 'prayer coordinator' or 'facilitator', prayer strategists serve on leadership teams in networks, organizations and denominations. They focus on maximizing and synchronizing prayer efforts at every level to best effect. Prayer is strategy, envisioning God-sized reality straight from His heart, and co-laboring to pray it into being under His direction. Incorporating both apostolic and prophetic vision allows leadership to keep their ears open to heaven as they evaluate options in light of God's direction.

Advances in technology and communications offer innumerable ways to expand prayer and collaboration, even globally. Conferencing tools such as Zoom, social media platforms like WhatsApp, smartphone applications, live streaming services through internet, satellite and radio, and many other technologies have hardly been tapped into. Prayer communities are discovering that John 17-unity really can emerge as relationships deepen while praying,

worshipping, and connecting over the internet. It is now possible to build relationships through these new technologies, serving to expand prayer efforts exponentially.

Annual prayer initiatives now include every major megasphere. 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World during Ramadan was only the beginning. After 25 years, we now see previously-unimaginable breakthroughs in the Muslim megasphere. The Hindu and Buddhist megaspheres have similar annual prayer initiatives. Prayer changes megaspheres!

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Prayer is yearning for the now-but-not-yet Kingdom to fully come. God's purposes for His Body are to grow up into the full measure of the stature of Jesus, who is coming back for a Bride equally-yoked with Him. God is calling the historical Church to match the passion, obedience, and zeal of fellowships emerging in movements; are we willing to pay a high cost to follow Jesus? As we see prayer and mission movements converging, God uncovers greater understanding, deepens our practice of intimacy, strengthens our fellowship with Him and one another, and increases our fruitfulness and joy. Maranatha! Come soon, Lord Jesus!

Download and read the full report [HERE](#)

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Praise God for the acceleration and growing momentum of the many initiatives that are seeking to make God's word available to all unreached people's groups.

Praise God for the increased collaboration between those involved in catalysing prayer for the unreached.

Pray for continued blessing on the work of the Fellowship of Prayer Strategists and their partner organisations.

Prayer News & Events

08 GO 2020 – Reaching 1 Billion with the Gospel

An Invitation to Transforming our World through United Prayer and Mission!

The early church turned the world upside down when, following Jesus' command, they stayed in Jerusalem and "joined constantly together in prayer". This culture of united prayer enabled the believers to receive the empowering of the Holy Spirit and ignited remarkable spiritual breakthroughs as the Gospel began to spread throughout their world. This same pattern of prayer preceding evangelism has been a consistent pattern in all the great revivals and mission advances from then on through church history.

Now, tens of thousands of churches with hundreds of mission organizations and prayer movements are joining forces for an epic prayer and mission initiative unlike anything our world has known. The goal is to reach one billion who are still unreached by Christ's Good News. Together, by May 2020, we aim to mobilize 100 million Christians to pray for those in their communities that do not know the Lord as well as those across the seas that are part of unreached people groups. No one organization or movement can accomplish such a staggering feat, but if we flow together like tributaries in one unstoppable river, this can be achieved! Getting God's heart of love for the lost through prayer will lead to our sharing Jesus with them in the power and sensitivity of the Holy Spirit just as the early church experienced.



Would you please consider joining with us in such an awesome undertaking for His glory and so that everyone may hear? Together, as we pray, mobilize, and trust the One who has all power, we can see the following happen by the end of May 2020:

- One billion people being reached with the Gospel and millions upon millions getting saved all over the world through May 2020.
- Unreached people groups hearing the Gospel for the first time and planting new churches among them.
- 100 million Christians inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit to pray and share the Gospel with as many as possible in their own communities and to the ends of the earth.
- 50 million new believers integrated into existing and new churches.

Action steps:

1. Personal Prayer: Lord here I am, use me! I will pray for and share the Gospel with others who need to hear it. <https://www.go2020.world/get-involved>

2. A suggested five-fold strategy to mobilize believers for prayer and outreach is described in this four-minute video. GO2020 video: <https://vimeo.com/342384375>

3. The brochures can also be used to give others the vision of Go 2020 (some translations and more resources are available at www.go2020.world/prayer

4. All through 2020, a series of 40-day prayer guides will help us pray daily for those still unreached and for the harvest to be brought in. Starting Jan 1st 2020, the February theme is on Unity and the River of God:

Download the GO2020 Global Daily Prayer Guides HERE www.ipcprayer.org/go2020

More info and sign up HERE www.go2020.world

**John Robb, Chairman, International Prayer Council
& Go 2020 Prayer Mobilization Task Force**

09 North East Asia Prayer Summit – 7-9 April 2020

**Prayer Summit 2020
Global Prayer for Northeast Asia**

Theme: Let the fire fall on the Church, let the Church change the nations
Venue: Olympic Gymnastics Arena, Seoul, Korea
Schedule: April 7-9, 2020



Objectives

- 1. Repentance.** It is paramount for believers to recognize that the severe discord we see among nations and within nations is an outgrowth of the grievous division we see within churches and among believers. Let us repent of our ways in which we contributed to the division, of prioritizing 'factional' interests over Kingdom interests, of remaining apathetic to God's mourning heart for the unity of His body.
- 2. Unity.** Strife abounds everywhere we look. North Korea's nuclear arms issue has precipitated and complicated deep-seated chasms among surrounding nations, and heightening competition among greater powers have put additional strain in the region already clanking with dissonance. Generational rifts seem to turn into gulfs, while disputes along ideological lines show little hope of repair. It is at this point that we gather for united prayer, for it is only the united prayer of believers that can demonstrate the uniting power of God that goes beyond political fault-lines.

3. Revival. Many churches across Northeast Asia are experiencing the reviving fire of the Holy Spirit in the midst of persecution. We are gathering to receive, multiply and fan this fire of the Holy Spirit so that it would spread to more believers, churches, nations and regions. May we see great harvest, and may His Kingdom come!

Prayer Summit 2020 - Strategic Prayer Points

- 1. Pray that churches and leaders across the world will “hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”**
- 2. Pray that there would be true repentance during and through the assembly, that the church would be sanctified.**
- 3. Pray that heavenly strategies and wisdom regarding social issues would be imparted during the assembly.**
- 4. Pray that, as the church prays with those strategies and wisdom in accordance with His will, it would bear real fruit in individuals and nations.**
- 5. Pray that the great reviving work of God would set every person and nation on fire.**
- 6. Pray that this reviving fire will be brought from and taken to peoples and nations, so that the great harvest of souls would be accelerated.**
- 7. Pray that the entire process of preparation and mobilization leading up to the assembly would be Spirit-filled and Spirit-inspired.**

For more info and to book, visit the website or please do email us:

Website: www.prayersummit2020.com

Contact: info@prayersummit2020.com

10 Caribbean Prayer Summit – 21-24 May 2020

Greetings from the secretariat of the Caribbean Prayer Summit. We are excited about hosting the 4th Caribbean Prayer Summit (CPS) on May 21-24, 2020 at the all-inclusive Hilton Rose Hall Hotel, Montego Bay under the theme “A United Caribbean Church ...a Regional Revival”.

Since its inception the CPS has been convened in Barbados (2007), Suriname (2008) and Jamaica 2009. The CPS was initiated by the International Prayer Council through Rev Maria Harbajan, their Caribbean Coordinator and Representative.

We believe that intercessory prayer changes things and in light of the myriad of issues facing the region at this time, including the challenges facing CARICOM, the CPS aims to target Intercessory Prayer leaders throughout the region and beyond with the following objectives:-

- To provide a forum for the networking of Intercessory Prayer leaders across the Caribbean – no island is to stand alone in its spiritual war
- Strategic planning for the setting up of National Prayer Networks on islands where there might not be any in place – every island needs one
- To have the island representatives present the most critical needs of their nation and have the regional gathering uphold them/their nation in corporate intercession and spiritual warfare – together we will win the war
- Development of links, networks, and initiatives in the region; exposing what already exists – exposing opportunities available for training; impartation.
- To encourage the Caribbean youth and children to become more involved in intercession – raising up Millennials to be powerful and effective in prayer.
- To introduce the concept of a day of National Repentance to be presented to Governments and assist in having it executed in all the islands of the region.

We would be happy to have you join us for this historic occasion. Please view this as our invitation to you and/or at least one other Intercessor who could represent your nation at the Summit. We also invite you to consider staying at www.ipcprayer.org



the Summit venue in order to facilitate fellowship over meals, continuous interaction and networking with fellow delegates from across the region.

Early Bird Registration (Adult) (open until January 31st, 2020) US\$79.00
Regular Registration (Adult) US\$99.00

To register you may contact the Secretariat by email at caribbeanprayercouncil@gmail.com or you may call (876) 398-2299 between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Also, we will be creating a WhatsApp group for the flow of continuous information to all our delegates and to facilitate questions and answers (Q & A) that will benefit all who will be in attendance. Please let us know if you do not wish to be added to such a group.

Sharon Hermitt/Secretary (for)
Rev. Maria Harbajan
CPS Convener/Member, CPS Secretariat
Member, International Prayer Council

11 5 Days of Prayer for the Khawlan Tribe – 14-18th Feb

The Lord has moved the hearts of workers in Saudi Arabia and Yemen to have a special prayer focus for the Khawlan people, a tribe with their unique Semitic language living in a region that straddles the border between Yemen and Saudi Arabia.

During a special prayer gathering in Saudi Arabia for the Khawlan Tribe in October, those present sensed that God was encouraging a call for the global church to join in a five day prayer focus for these unreached people. Would you join in? We are happy to have people pray at any time, but there will be a special prayer focus for the Khawlan people from February 14-18, 2020.



On the PTAP website, there is a prayer video and a 5-day prayer guide available.

Also, you are free to use the material if you find it useful. PTAP has prepared this material to be used, so please distribute it in any format that suits you and your organization. These materials have been translated into English, Korean and Spanish. Also Arabic, Chinese and Portuguese translations will be available soon.

More information can be found at <https://www.pray-ap.info/focus.html>

12 IPC Calendar

2020 a year of evangelism across the UK
<https://advance2020.org/>

Global Gathering of networks engaged in church planting - Thailand - 3-8 February.
(Invite only)

5 Days of Prayer for the Khawlan Tribe - 14-18th Feb
www.pray-ap.info/index.html

Seek God for the City Feb 26–Apr 5, 2020
<https://waymakers.org/pray/seek-god/>

The World Prayer Centre, Birmingham, UK, National Conference 9-11 March
www.worldprayer.org.uk

Watchmen Gathering - Seoul, South Korea, 25th-28th March
www.ipcprayer.org



<https://watchmen.org/korea>

North East Asia Prayer Summit, Seoul, South Korea, April 7-9, 2020
www.prayersummit2020.com

Go 2020 – Reaching 1 Billion for Christ - May 2020
www.go2020.world

4th Caribbean Prayer Summit, Montego Bay, 21st-24th May,
EMAIL: caribbeanprayercouncil@gmail.com

10 days Spring - May 21- 31
www.10days.net

One God - One Day - One Africa – 31st May 2020
www.1gda.org

The Graham tour 2020. 9 cities celebrating Billy Graham crusades across the UK
www.billygraham.org.uk/p/coming-in-2020-graham-tour-uk/

17th SEA PRAYER Council in Hanoi, Vietnam - 6-9 October
www.seaprayercouncil.faith

National Prayer Assembly (USA), Washington, D.C., October 14-15
www.nationalprayerassembly.com

UPRising Events Calendar

UPRISING EUROPE (Battle, UK) – July 6-10, 2020

FB: Uprising Europe

IG: @uprisingeurope

UPRISING AUSTRALIA (Sydney, Australia) -- July 14-18, 2020

FB: UPRising Australia

IG: @uprising.australia

UPRISING NEW ENGLAND (New England, USA)-- Nov 19-21, 2020

FB: United Prayer Rising - New England

- UPRISING MINDANAO (Mindanao, Philippines)-- dates TBA

- UPRISING BUKIDNON (Northern Mindanao)

- UPRISING CARAGA (Butuan, Bislig, and Surigao)

- UPRISING DIGOS (Davao Del Sur)

- UPRISING CENTRAL MINDANAO (South Cotabato, Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, and General Santos)

FB: United Prayer Rising Mindanao

FB: United Prayer Rising North Mindanao

IG: @uprisingmindanao



Resources

13 The Prayer Covenant for Children

Luke 11 opens with the disciples' simple request, Lord teach us to pray. Since its first publication in 2014, when Tom Victor invited us to launch this book at the 4/14 Best Practices Conference in NYC, God has used The Prayer Covenant for Children to share the gospel message and disciple the hearts of children while teaching them to pray. As children experience the power of answered prayer, they are excited, their faith is strengthened, and they want to pray more.



Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines we can teach our children because prayer nurtures their relationship with Jesus and produces faith that will last a lifetime. The more time they spend with Jesus, the more they become like Jesus—full of his grace, love, compassion and forgiveness. In becoming more like Jesus, they begin to see the world through his eyes and are burdened for those around them. Daily they are praying, “Use me for your glory and to invite others to follow you.” And Jesus is answering their prayers. It is why we have partnered with Go2020 and are excited to see this untapped harvest force being used by God to reach the world for Christ.

God is using The Prayer Covenant to facilitate a movement of prayer and evangelism among children and youth worldwide. As children embark on this prayer journey, they are experiencing God in powerful ways. They are learning how to obey him and respond to the promptings of his Holy Spirit.

Learning to listen is something children are discovering as they grow in a lifestyle of prayer. Our listening to God is as important as our prayers. He speaks through his Word, and often through the gentle promptings of his Holy Spirit. Young Samuel in the Bible learned to discern his voice and God was able to use him to lead a nation.

The mission of The Prayer Covenant is our passion: leading children and adults to follow Jesus through the power of the Prayer Covenant. As we are equipping children with this tool, God is miraculously working in and through them in powerful ways. We have reached over 4 million children in 53 countries worldwide— 4 million children following Jesus together! 4 million children learning to hear and obey his voice!

The Prayer Covenant is not just about establishing a lifestyle of prayer, but about raising life-long disciples of Jesus Christ. It is not just a prayer to pray for the sake of praying, it is an active prayer, seeking results in our lives.

**Dear heavenly Father,
Thank you for loving me and making me one of your children.
Help me love and obey you.
Help me love others the way you love me.
I am sorry for my sins. Wash me clean.
I will praise you with my whole heart!
Jesus, I want to follow you as my Lord. Change me any way you want.
Fill me with your Holy Spirit. I want to know your plans for me.
Make me a messenger of your grace, truth and justice.
Use me for your glory and to invite others to follow you.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.**

Manjeet Kaur, from North India, is fruit of the Sunday school where she learned about Jesus Christ through The Power of the Prayer Covenant for Children. Our leader there shared:

“Manjeet was born and brought up in a Hindu family. Being Hindu they used to worship idols and believing all rituals. Her father used to drink and always fought with her mother and beat her. Once our coach visited her house and invited her to Sunday school. For one year Manjeet attended regularly and learned about Jesus and received him into her life. She invited her teacher to come to her house and talk with her father. He prayed for her father and said, ‘Jesus will give you living water if you will believe in Him.’ After listening, her Father responded positively and showed interest to know more about Jesus. A few days later her father left his drinking habit and believed in Jesus Christ. His life has changed and is experiencing the true peace only Jesus can give. Their entire family has become Christ followers.”

One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty.... Psalm 145:4,5

Together let us seize the eternally purposed opportunity to lead our hearts and the hearts of our children directly to all that is true and good: to Christ Himself.

Candy Marballi – IPC Leadership Team

www.theprayercovenant.org/children/index.html

14 Pray for Zero – Printable Prayer Card

In 2019 over 300 people groups received the Bible in their language for the first time!

Brothers and sisters within the International Prayer Council network this would not have happened without your prayers, thank you!

Pray for ZERO Movement 2020 is partnering with Youth With a Mission, GO2020 and another 120 ministries to mobilize 1 million intercessors for the 2,000 Unreached Bibleless peoples of the world.

Within this flood of prayer we are looking especially for those who would Prayer Walk amongst the Unreached Bibleless.

There are currently 197 countries where the Bibleless currently exist, so there is much opportunity for those willing to partner. In December 800 missionaries were sent to prayer walk amongst 292 Unreached Bibleless peoples!

Please download and pray into the new Pray for ZERO Card 2020 and if you interested in creatively designed prayer walk resources as well as more information about contributing to the goal of 2,020 prayer walks in 2020, then please email solomon_lujan@tsco.org. Thank you!

Download the Pray for Zero Prayer Card [HERE](#)

Adopt an unreached people group. Intercede for the Bibleless. Visit www.prayforzero.com #prayforZERO



About IPC

15 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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