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Greetings!

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

Last month, we reported a sudden throng of events around the globe focused on calling the church to identificational repentance, nation by nation. We shared how leaders have been led simultaneously to draw the Church together to pray concertedly in the spirit of 'If my people...' (2 Chron 7:14) for the healing and renewing of each of our lands. We have seen numerous online events and initiatives take place during September and spilling into October.

One of our colleagues listed just some of the larger events... Lou Engle's 40-day global Jesus fast, The Return, The Franklin Graham March, The Reset, As One Rally, 50 Days of Blessings, National Day of Prayer, 10 Days of Prayer, Sara's 50 Day Siege and One Cry. Then there have been Trumpet Call to the Nations on 911, [World Prayer Together](#) on 19th September and the forthcoming US National Prayer Assembly on October 13-15 that some of the IPC team have been involved with planning.

As this season continues, let's be praying that our Heavenly Father hears our heart-cries from Heaven and heals our lands. There are replays of a number of these events for those who have not been able to log-on at the time. Some are listed in this email.

Our Editorial article this month, and three lead articles, are focused on prayers for America as we face perhaps the most important Presidential Elections in our history on November 3rd. Please be in prayer for 'Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done' as our nation considers who they should be voting for. We sincerely thank IPC's friend and colleague, David Kubal for contributing our October editorial article entitled 'America Needs Your Intercession'.

The Covid-19 pandemic has now affected 33.4 million people worldwide with over a million now losing their lives. We bring you up to date information on this along with prayer points and links to various resources.

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 His continued blessings,

Jason Hubbard - Executive Coordinator

John D Robb – Chairman

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01 Editorial: America Needs Your Intercession – David Kubal

By David Kubal, Intercessors for America President/CEO

I am deeply humbled and blessed beyond measure by the prayers of the nations for America. For 47 years, Intercessors for America has been praying for godly government.

I want you to know how very much I appreciate the prayers of people outside the United States for our nation. It lifts our spirits and encourages us in our own intercession.

In this election season, I ask for your prayers for American values, our church, and for our government.

Values

Protection of Life. Nothing is more precious to God than life. From conception to natural death, God desires life to be protected. (Ps 139:13)

Pray for the value of life to be embraced by candidates and in their platforms.

Protection of the Family. Our society and our Supreme Court have embraced tragic views that grieve the heart of God and allow a diversity of what a legal family looks like based upon individual, personal beliefs about gender, attraction, and more. Although no belief or court opinion will ever have the power to redefine that which God has defined, efforts to change what family is have nevertheless wreaked havoc on our lives. (Gen 1:27, 28)

Pray for the strengthening and upholding of the family in America. Pray for healing where there is harm and brokenness and for a true understanding of identity to flourish.

Protection of Religious Freedoms. Attack on religious freedoms is the reason many of the early immigrants to our nation came to America. They sought the freedom to be able to worship their God! We need legislators and elected officials who have a heart to protect all faiths. This protection would in turn allow the Church to be the Church and give us the opportunity to be salt and light in our nation. (Ps 19:7)

Pray for elected officials and judges at all levels to protect the free exercise of religion. Pray that laws infringing religious freedom would be overturned. Pray for our leaders to uphold and honor the fundamental right of religious freedom.

The Church

The Church is designed to foster our spiritual lives, and the government our civil lives. Even so, the Bible indicates that the Church should guide our morals as well as our civics.

Government is not the source of spiritual revival. Though we desire our elected officials to be god-fearing, trustworthy, and full of integrity, we do not look to them as spiritual leaders.

The Church should influence government indirectly through the moral training of leaders and diplomats, but it is not to seek authority or validity from governments. God established the Church. And the Church stewards the nation,



not the other way around. The Church is commanded to influence government through prayer and intercession, cooperating with the will and plan of God.

**Pray for the American Church to arise and shine, bringing the Gospel message to every community in America.
Pray for the American Church to have a profound and lasting impact on the United States and this election.**

Government

And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do. Moreover, you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. (Ex 18:20-21)

Through divine wisdom, the ancient Hebrews were the first to create a representative republic based upon law. This was the blueprint for the republic we now enjoy in the United States.

This element of the divine blueprint, "Moreover you shall select from all the people," is the most important because those who are selected have the opportunity to affect everything. Scripture is clear that those to be selected are to be able, God-fearing, truthful, and content. These are the values we are to look for in candidates. Those of us with biblical worldviews must go beyond the rhetoric and discern candidates' hearts and values.

For months, Intercessors for America has been praying for literally millions of potential voters across the nation, by name. We are praying that Christians will vote their values-- for candidates who reflect the heart of God for the leaders of the United States.

Pray strategically for the Body of Christ to be salt and light in the civil arena.

Pray for the many Christians running for office and serving in government to be strengthened in grace and truth.

Pray for the election of leaders who will govern in fear of God, truth, and hating covetousness.

More Resources and Election Prayer Guides at: <https://ifapray.org/>

Focus on America

02 USA: National Prayer Assembly – Oct 13-15 2020 ONLINE



Seeking God's Face for the Destiny of America

Dear Praying Friends,

Ephesians 2:14-16 "He himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility...His purpose was to create one new man...and reconcile both of them to God through the cross."

If you have a heart to pray for America please join us via Zoom, October 13-15, 2020, for three power-packed, interactive days of hearing fast-moving, expert presentations, followed by anointed times of united prayer on the most crucial issues confronting our country.

It will be a profound season of Seeking God's Face for the Destiny of America as our theme describes.

We will also enjoy stirring worship along with quiet waiting and reflection together in His presence in order to hear His voice and pray out His heart for our nation.

Further details about the NPA along with the Zoom link will be sent to those who have registered. The registration cut-off will be October 6th so please register ASAP.

Prayer focus: Corporate sins, revival, and restoration | Government and elections | Terrorism and immorality | Children and youth | Economy and human life | The lost, truth in media, occult | Poor and unity and strength for prayer movement

Watch the invite video: <https://youtu.be/2XfidFtpl1A>

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Please plan to join us at this critical time in history!

Yours in Christ,

Conveners

Dave Kubal, President/CEO, Intercessors for America

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John Robb, Chairman, International Prayer Council



03 USA: 'The Return' and Prayer March Bathe Nation's Capital in Prayer & Repentance

Why did America need The Return and a day of prayer and repentance on the National Mall, but also live-streamed throughout the land Saturday?

America is a nation that started in covenant with God 400 years ago this year to glorify Him and spread His gospel to the whole world. But the country's spiraled down to legislate immorality, call evil good and good evil, throw God and His commandments out of the schools, and kill its own unborn children.

As "The Return" organizer Jonathan Cahn put it, "We drove God out of our hearts, out of our government, out of our ways, out of laws, out of the education of our children, out of the public squares. Out of our businesses, out of our media, out of our culture, out of our lives. And as we drove Him out, we opened up a vacuum into which came a flood of other gods."



Remember Who You're Talking to

How do we stop the spiral downward? As Cahn would put it, "Repent and return." And appeal to the one true God.

"When you pray, remember that you are appealing to the highest authority there is," said Anne Graham Lotz, daughter of evangelist Billy Graham. "Nobody can go over His head. He is the highest authority we can appeal to. What he says, is so."

'We Deserve Judgment...But We Ask for Grace'

Prominent Christians came to the stage one after another to plead with that highest authority.

Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council asked God, "Return our love of You to us that we'll stand fearless in the face of evil."

Former Congresswoman Michele Bachmann declared, "We deserve Your judgment, Father, but we ask for Your grace. We ask for Your mercy."

President Trump Speaks of 'Our Lord & Savior'

President Trump took part in the event, sending a message from the White House to be read to The Return crowd. He stated, "On this inaugural National Day of Prayer and Return, the First Lady and I join millions of Christians here in the United States and around the world in prayer, as we turn our hearts to our Lord and Savior."

And he spoke of the nation's Christian heritage: "Following in our ancestors' footsteps we continue the 'firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence' that provides us enduring strength and reassurance in our times of need."

CBN's Gordon Robertson and his father CBN founder Pat Robertson joined in, with Pat crying out, "Lord, this is your world, this is your land. We ask that You'd come and heal our land and take charge. For, Lord, we don't know what to do, but our eyes are upon you."

Many Tens of Thousands Came to Pray

At the same time, Franklin Graham led a Prayer March starting at The Lincoln Memorial and going down the entire 1.8 mile long National Mall.

Tens of thousands of prayer warriors showed up before the March began, packing every inch around the Lincoln Memorial and down each side of the Reflecting Pool.

The first thing Franklin Graham did was introduce a surprise prayer-participant - Vice President Mike Pence. He thanked the massive crowd for doing the best thing they can for their country: lifting it up to God. Then he prayed and blessed the efforts of all there.

There were prayer goals for each stop along the way — like the World War II Memorial and Washington Monument. But the throngs were so huge that there was no way for everyone to actually listen to one specific person praying.

Prayer Broke Out Everywhere

Up and down the Mall, groups broke up into small circles to pray.

That accomplished one of Franklin Graham's goals: that people wouldn't just listen to him, because, as he put it, "My prayers are no more important than yours." But that each man and woman who'd made the effort to be there would lift up their individual voice and make their particular petitions known to God.

At the World War II Memorial, where the emphasis was on praying for soldiers, police, and safety in the nation, Steve Morgan of Chesapeake, Virginia prayed out as he laid hands on a soldier marching with his group.

"We bless our military, we bless our police officers, those who secure peace, not only for our land, God, but lands far away," he said.

Morgan told CBN News, "I've been praying that the blessing will transcend the gathering here. But that really there'll be a tangible blessing, a kind of an earthquake of blessing, if I can put it that way, that'll be like tremors that the whole nation will feel as a result of the oneness and prayer that's being experienced today."

These events and efforts taking place all over the National Mall were all to the same purpose: bringing America back to its first love and repenting before a holy God.

Watch the REPLAY:

<https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2020/september/be-a-part-of-the-return-a-national-and-global-day-of-repentance-friday-evening-and-all-day-saturday>

Resources: Click to access a Return Prayer Guide, Church Activation Kit and More! <https://thereturn.org/resources/>

More at:

<https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2020/september/the-return-and-prayer-march-bathe-nations-capital-in-prayer-and-repentance>



04 Report: “Trumpet Call to the Nations: Global 9/11 Prayer for America”

Towards the end of August, two prayer leaders, one Indonesian and one American called me within a few days of each other, both saying they were deeply stirred by the current plight of the USA with growing lawlessness and rioting gripping many cities here.

Their calls came as a confirmation to me since I was already feeling that America was in a fight for survival as the free society we have known and appreciated her to be. Under the guise of racial justice protests, Marxist agitators working through Antifa and Black Lives Matter as well as other communist-inspired organizations have been trying to burn down U.S. cities and throw the country into revolutionary chaos as they have long planned.

The November 3 national election will be the most important one in our national history because it will determine whether the USA will become the willing tool of these oppressive forces or continue to stand for Judeo-Christian values, freedom, and human rights within this country and throughout our world.

We in the American prayer movement were so glad to hear that our Indonesian brothers and sisters in Christ wanted to rally the global Body of Christ to pray for America during this crucial time.

On September 11th, Indonesian and American prayer leaders co-hosted a global online prayer call via YouTube called “Trumpet Call to the Nations: Global 9/11 Prayer for America”. You can see the full video on this link <https://youtu.be/F7pmkOXhBSs> It begins with a moving video called “Praying for America”, a splendid aerial video of the country set to the lovely, worshipful music “As One We Stand” by Terry and Barbi Franklin who are both worship leaders and intercessors. (That video has since been adapted for churches and prayer groups to use as a prayer video with specific concerns for the nation now and is attached below for your use.)

Daniel Pandji, the Indonesian leader who mobilized prayer in his country and around the world for the USA, and Frank Amedia, a prophetic pastor who leads a prayer ministry for the US government, both shared their provocative visions about the extreme danger facing our country and the need for us to be midwives in securing deliverance through united prayer at this crucial time.

Rick Ridings and Succat Hallel gave us an encouraging prophetic word from Jerusalem. After David Demian with two Chinese leaders asked forgiveness for those nations that have resented and cursed America, DC prayer leaders received those confessions and blessings and then led us in prayer for the three branches of the US federal government.

From there we embarked on an extended prayer tour to a dozen American cities for a continued time of repentance and prayer with worship led by both American and Indonesian ministry leaders. What a marvellous and moving time to be in the presence of the Lord together, with such unity in spite of our cultural diversity!



We as Americans are so very grateful to the Indonesians and other brothers and sisters in Christ who took the time to be with us and lift America to His Throne of Grace. May we see His breakthroughs come as a result in the coming weeks and especially during the November 3rd election!

John D Robb – Chairman
International Prayer Connect

Prayers for the World

05 REPLAY: World Prayer Together – 19th Sep 2020

More than 10,000 followers of Jesus from 123+ different countries joined us for the [World Prayer Together](#) call on Saturday 19th September.

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

This [GO2020](#) partnership event launched a special season - *10 Days of Prayer* www.10days.net (during the “Ten Days of Awe” from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur), September 18-28, as well as a movement of repentance called *The Return* www.thereturn.org (See previous article)



If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chron 7:14

Thirty four church and ministry leaders representing 10 world regions “stood in the gap”, identifying and confessing major corporate sins that characterize their regions as those from other regions empathized and prayed for revival and mission breakthroughs for each of those regions. Worship was led by teams from Egypt, Indonesia, Israel, Kenya, The Ukraine and North America.

In case you missed this significant event, it is available on [YouTube Playback](#). A full listing of the programme with links to each video clip is available [here](#).

Thank you for joining us for this act of ‘John 17’ unified prayer for our world.

Jonathan Friz, 10 Days of Prayer, www.10days.net

Grant Berry, Reconnecting Ministries, www.Reconnectingministries.org Jason Hubbard, International Prayer Connect www.ipcprayer.org

John Robb, International Prayer Connect www.ipcprayer.org

06 Covid-19 Pandemic: 1 million deaths worldwide

Excerpts from our full October prayer report looking at Covid-19 Hot Spots, Flattening the Curve, Hopes for a Vaccine and Prayer Points with Links to Resources:

As of 30th September, the total global figure for people infected by Covid-19 stands at 33.4 million according to [Johns Hopkins University](#). In addition to this, the death statistic has risen above the unwanted milestone of 1,000,000.

Covid-19 hot spots

The US continues to be the country with the highest numbers confirmed cases and deaths related to Covid-19 globally with figures at around 7,300,000 and 210,000 respectively. The daily infection rate has remained stable over the past month at around 40,000 new cases per day and new deaths have consistently been above 700 according to [Worldometer](#).



India is currently experiencing the highest rate of new coronavirus cases per day reaching its own 24-hour high of [97 thousand on 16th September](#), and also the highest rate of deaths with an average [over 1,000 per day](#) throughout most of September. India has also overtaken Brazil for the spot of the most cumulative cases and is on track to soon overtake the USA for the top spot. This comes as the [Taj Mahal reopens](#) at quarter capacity in the northern city of Agra after being closed for 6 months.

Latin America continues to suffer with over [9.2 million cases](#) of Covid-19. Brazil and Argentina, in particular, are observing tens of thousands of new cases each day and hundreds of deaths. Some of these deaths may even have been preventable as reports speculate [corruption among politicians](#) to take advantage of the pandemic chaos to line their own pockets with inflated contracts for ventilators and other medical supplies in high demand.

Many European countries are seeing second waves of infection within their borders. The likes of France, [UK](#), and [Netherlands](#) are showing increasing case numbers beyond their first spike. This does not necessarily mean that this wave is currently worse than the first, however, since testing was not widely available at the beginning of the pandemic so only the most serious cases were confirmed. In areas with the highest rates of infection there are local lockdowns in place and restrictions on [bar & restaurant opening hours](#) across England. The Netherlands are facing their [first strict restrictions](#) after largely avoiding any serious impacts previously. It will now be recommended to wear masks in shops and social gatherings will be limited to three people. Russia remains the worst affected country in Europe with over 1.1 million cases without any sign of a significant decline in transmission rates.

Africa seems to be seeing an overall decline in the prevalence of Covid-19 with a reduction of positive test results and an increase in testing over recent weeks and months. The pandemic seems to have [impacted the continent less severely](#) than the rest of the world partly due to a younger population, low population density & mobility. Other countries around the world struggling to contain the virus include Indonesia, Iran, and South Africa, where the numbers of new cases and deaths remain high.

Vaccine update

Vaccines are currently being developed by teams all over the world in the race to find a solution to the pandemic. 43 of these are [currently in human trials](#), and 93 are in animal trials, to prove that they work as intended and are safe for wide-spread use.

A vaccine developed by the University of Oxford with AstraZeneca has been shown to [trigger an immune response](#) creating neutralising antibodies and T-cells in the recipient after a single dose in 90% of participants, although not without possible side-effects such as fever and headaches. Larger trials have been taking place in [Brazil](#), UK, South

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 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 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, neglecting proper testing protocols, and without including any digital ID tracing ("health passport") which could bring about totalitarian control.

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.

Read the full report for October with more prayer pointers on our website

07 Armenia-Azerbaijan: Both sides defy Nagorno-Karabakh ceasefire calls

Azerbaijan and Armenia have defied calls for a ceasefire after the worst fighting in decades between the two over a disputed territory. The US, France and Russia jointly condemned the fighting in Nagorno-Karabakh, in the southern Caucasus.

But Turkey - an ally of Azerbaijan - dismissed demands for a ceasefire. Nagorno-Karabakh is officially part of Azerbaijan but governed by separatist ethnic Armenians. Years of negotiations have never resulted in a peace treaty.

Azerbaijan and Armenia fought a war in 1988-94 over the territory. Armenia backs the self-declared republic but has never officially recognised it. Heavy shelling persisted overnight in the region's main city, despite mounting international concern.

At least 100 people have reportedly been killed with hundreds wounded in the latest flare-up.

More at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-54366616>

Pray for the hostilities to cease and for a return to negotiations.

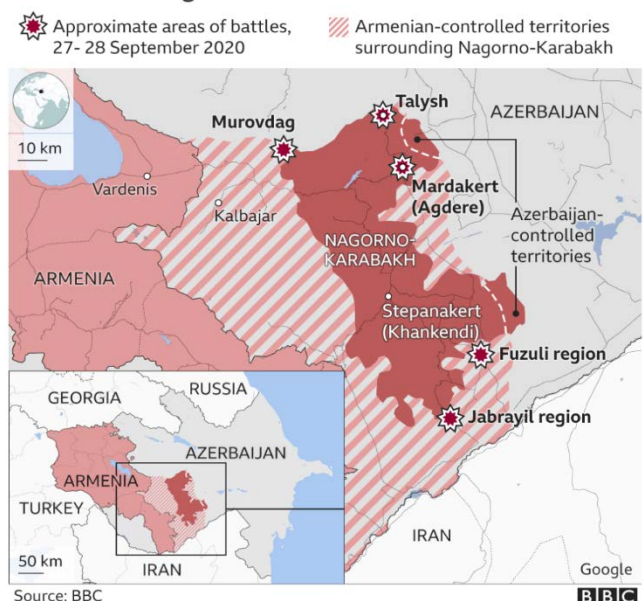
Pray for the safety of civilians living in the disputed regions.

Pray that external interference will be brought to light and that this war does not escalate.

This message was received from a German humanitarian/prayer organization:

Dear friends in Christ Jesus,

Conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh



We would like to inform you that from 27.09.2020 until today, 29.09.2020, the attacks of Azerbaijan troops, which are supported by Turkey, do not stop. Azerbaijan troops have been bombing not only armed forces but also villages and towns. By the grace of God, our armed forces are still able to guard the borders and prevent the enemy troops from invading and destroying the civilian population. At the moment we already have 84 casualties among soldiers who gave their lives for their country.

Our church, along with other churches, fervently prays to God, and thanks to God that He hears our prayers and protects our country from an adversary that several times is larger in number and armor. A state of war has been declared in our country as well as general conscription.

There are also brothers from our church who are currently in the army, and some have either been conscripted or went as volunteers. We also try to support our army with financial and economic means, as well as to help families who moved from Artsakh, which is Nagorno Karabakh. Right now we are making food for families who are standing before hospitals whole day long because their relative soldier is wounded moved to a hospital.

Please, earnestly pray for the people of our country, so that God's peace may descend on the borders and reconciliation may be established between the neighboring fighting countries.

08 Iran: U.S. Declares Return Of UN Sanctions Despite Opposition From Allies

The United States has unilaterally reimposed all UN sanctions against Iran, despite opposition from Washington's closest European allies and uncertainty over the impact of the move.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on September 19 announced the so-called snapback of UN sanctions on Iran, threatening U.S. action against any violators.

"If UN member states fail to fulfill their obligations to implement these sanctions, the United States is prepared to use our domestic authorities to impose consequences for those failures and ensure that Iran does not reap the benefits of UN-prohibited activity," Pompeo said in a statement.



"In the coming days, the United States will announce a range of additional measures to strengthen implementation of UN sanctions and hold violators accountable," he added.

Iran's currency fell to a record low against the U.S. dollar on September 20 following Washington's announcement. The Iranian economy has been under extreme pressure ever since the United States reimposed unilateral sanctions on the country in November 2018.

In reaction to the move, Iran on September 20 called on the rest of the world to unite against Washington's "reckless actions."

The U.S. move sets the stage for a major clash at the United Nations, where Washington finds itself increasingly isolated amid tensions with both Iran and other parties to the 2015 nuclear accord, known officially as the Joint Comprehensive Plan Of Action (JCPOA).

"The Americans as a rule act as a bully and impose sanctions.... The world community should decide how to act towards bullying," Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif told Iranian state television hours before the U.S. announcement.

President Donald Trump withdrew from the JCPOA in 2018 and reimposed U.S. sanctions on Iran, prompting Tehran to progressively infringe on its nuclear commitments as part of a calibrated response to the absence of expected economic benefits from the JCPOA.

The remaining parties to the Iran nuclear deal have tried to save the faltering agreement, rejecting an attempt by Washington to trigger a return of UN sanctions on Tehran over its infringement of its nuclear commitments.

Ahead of the U.S. announcement, Britain, France, and Germany said in a letter to the UN Security Council that international sanctions relief for Iran would continue beyond September 20.

"We have worked tirelessly to preserve the nuclear agreement and remain committed to do so," the UN envoys for the three countries said in a letter to the UN Security Council on September 18.

Iran's President Hassan Rohani claimed on September 20 that the Trump administration's policy of trying to force Iran to negotiate a new nuclear deal by imposing punishing sanctions on the country -- often referred to as a "maximum pressure" campaign -- has backfired, resulting in "maximum isolation" of the United States at the UN.

"America is approaching a certain defeat in its sanctions move," Rohani said in a televised speech.

More at: <https://www.rferl.org/a/u-s-declares-return-of-un-sanctions-on-iran-despite-opposition-from-allies/30848025.html?lflags=mailer>

Pray that the nuclear accord can be re-visited and re-negotiated.

Pray that Iran will adhere to its nuclear commitments.

Pray for the people of Iran who are suffering the most as a result of the sanctions.

09 Mozambique: ISIS militants wreak havoc killing 1,000+

ISIS militants wreak havoc in Mozambique, killing more than 1,000 in insurgency. More than 1,000 homes have been torched by the militants, and entire villages are empty after residents fled.

Islamic State-affiliated terrorists have reportedly formed a base hub of operations in Northern Mozambique, killing more than 1,500 people, and displacing more than 250,000, according to the European Union.



The militants intend to spread out from Mozambique's Cabo Delgado province throughout Southern Africa unless stopped, according to analyst Jasmine Opperman of the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project.

"It is Islamic State, seeking a footprint in Southern Africa," she told Fox News. "Islamic State needs a platform in the region to operate, and Cabo Delgado presents that opportunity, and hence I am saying there is a regional threat."

Opperman believes South Africa, Zimbabwe, Angola, and Namibia are all at risk from ISIS, which started the insurgency three years ago.

More than 1,000 homes have been torched by the militants, and entire villages are empty after residents fled.

A top research analyst told Fox News villagers are given a choice: join ISIS or else. Some villagers have been tortured, raped, and murdered. Young girls have been kidnapped.

"To put it bluntly, it's spiraling out of control," claims Opperman.

The militants have fashioned several names for themselves – including Al Shabaab. But there's no evidence of any direct link with the Somalia-centred group with the same name.

Analysts say the militants are targeting the wealth that is to come from massive natural gas fields currently being explored primarily just offshore. French energy company Total alone is reportedly investing \$60 billion in its Mozambique LNG project.

But multiple factors, including alleged corruption within the Mozambican government, have visibly not led to signs of wealth being passed down to the general local community, other than the energy companies employing local staff.

Mozambique ranks 181 out of 187 countries in the most recent UNDP Human Development Index. Meanwhile, the Borgen Project, a Seattle-based non-profit fighting global poverty, claims more than 80% of Mozambicans continue to live on less than \$2 a day. Life expectancy in Mozambique is only 55 years, compared to 79 years in the US.

This is why the insurgents claim they attacked, in a huge firefight, and took control of the local port town of Moçimboa da Praia – the supply center for the nearby natural gas projects. Weeks later, with all communications cut, it's still not clear whether the town is still under rebel control.

"We occupy [the towns] to show that the government of the day is unfair. It humiliates the poor and gives the profit to the bosses," a boldly unmasked militant claimed on an official Islamic State video.

The Islamic State is feeding off the unhappiness of the people, experts say.

"There is ample indication that the insurgency in Cabo Delgado is driven by factors other than extremism, including high levels of poverty and unemployment; and a populace that feels neglected by its government," Dr. Marko Svcevic, a research fellow at the South African Research Chair in International Law at the University of Johannesburg.

Svcevic went on to tell Fox News that ISIS has warned South Africa, the only country in the region with a strong military, not to try to help stop the conflict.

"On 7 June 2020, the official newsletter of ISIS - Al Naba - warned South Africa not to become involved in the fighting in Mozambique, or face reprisals within South Africa's territory," he said.

South Africa has so far been spared of Islamist suicide bomber attacks, but Svcevic believes this could change.

"The threat itself may even inspire retaliation through a lone terror attack undertaken in solidarity with the insurgency or with ISIS," he said.

More: <https://www.foxnews.com/world/isis-militants-wreak-havoc-in-mozambique-killing-more-than-1000-in-insurgency>

Pray that the Mozambique government will quash the efforts of these terrorist groups.

Pray for those displaced by these atrocities, that they will find safety and shelter.

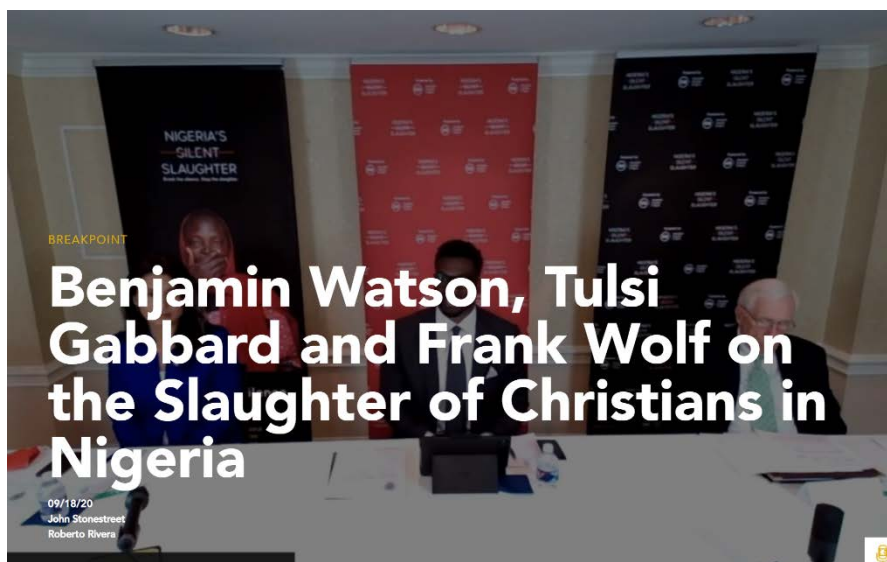
Pray for the humanitarian agencies working to support the affected communities.

Pray against the corruption in the government and that the lack of investment in infrastructure will be reversed.

10 Nigeria: The slaughter of Christians

BREAKPOINT: Benjamin Watson, Tulsi Gabbard and Frank Wolf on the Slaughter of Christians in Nigeria

On Wednesday of this week, I was honored to [participate in a media event](#), along with former U.S. Representative Frank Wolf, current U.S. Representative Tulsi Gabbard, former Super Bowl star Ben Watson, and Stephen Enada, president of the International Committee on Nigeria (ICON). The targeting of Christians in Nigeria, for persecution, abduction, and death, is so dire, it's been labeled "genocide" by observers both inside and outside the country.



Especially in northern Nigeria, Christians are under a sustained, brutal assault by two groups bent on their destruction: The Islamist terror group Boko Haram and Fulani militants motivated by a mixture of Islamist ideology and greed for land. On any given day, Christians are killed, raped, and kidnapped.

[An interactive calendar](#) on the ICON website offers a documented summary of how many Christian have been victimized each day since December of last year. As I mentioned in my comments for the panel, this campaign against believers has been going on for years, but the calendar offers a visual picture that the persecution of Christians in Nigeria is as recent as last week. For example, just last week, over 20 Christians were killed and over 60 abducted.

[As Stephen Enada, leader of ICON and host for Wednesday's panel, told me recently on the BreakPoint Podcast](#), Nigerian Christians are in the midst of an "existential crisis." In addition to those killed, there are more than 3 million displaced Nigerians. Women and children are being trafficked to Europe.

Yet the Nigerian government has embraced a policy of indifference, if not complicity. At most, they arrest a few perpetrators, declare them "de-radicalized" after a short while, and send them back into the community. Many continue to prey upon their Christian neighbors.

This is why every member of Wednesday's panel called for external pressure. The Nigerian government must be pressured by the international community, especially the government of the United States of America. Creating that pressure is the mission of ICON. Their comprehensive report, "[Genocide in Nigeria](#)," offers the full, heartbreaking picture of what is happening in Africa's largest country. You can get a copy on their website.

Wednesday's event was designed not only to inform media about ICON's activities and resources, but to press for action while offering possible ways the U.S. might pressure the Nigerian government to act.

After pointing out that more Christians have been killed in Nigeria than Islamists have killed in Syria and the rest of the Middle East, former Representative Frank Wolf urged the Trump Administration to appoint a special envoy for Nigeria. In addition to working with the U.N. and NGOs to coordinate all efforts to confront the crisis, a special envoy will send a signal that the United States is serious about the problem and is willing to put its sizeable weight to work in order to address it.

Enada seconded Wolf's recommendations, saying that "it's more important than ever that the U.S. government act to resolve this crisis. A special envoy," he said, "with the full backing of our federal government, would have the power to hold perpetrators accountable." Representative Tulsi Gabbard, a Hindu, voiced her support for these kinds

of efforts as well. Too often, she said “these attacks go unnoticed,” but Americans must “join our voices against the systematic slaughter of Christians.”

Former Super Bowl Champion Ben Watson struck perhaps the most inspirational note of the event. “If we are silent about [what’s happening in Nigeria] we are in some way complicit.” He then linked the campaign for justice in Nigeria to the campaign for racial justice here at home: “This shouldn’t be limited to our shores . . . we must raise a voice against violations around the world.”

Please, [click on this link to the video of the event](#). We urge you to share it widely on social media and send it to your representatives in Congress.

And please, pray for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria. As I said at the event on Wednesday, and I’ll say it again, praying is doing something. Primarily, prayer aligns our hearts with the heart of God. And, make no mistake, the heart of God is aligned with our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted. The more we pray the less we will tolerate silence about their persecution.

More at: <https://breakpoint.org/benjamin-watson-tulsi-gabbard-and-frank-wolf-on-the-slaughter-of-christians-in-nigeria/>

Prayer News & Events:

11 GO2020 / GO DECADE 2020 - 2030

We are in a unique time in history. The world is in crisis and desperately needs the message of hope that can be only found in Jesus Christ. Would you like to be part of reaching every person with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the next 10 years?



We would like to invite church and ministry leaders to attend a special Zoom meeting on October 29 to launch GO Decade (2020-2030).

Building on experience with Global Outreach Day and GO 2020, GO Decade is a group of ministries, denominations, local churches and networks who are banding together to believe God to see the Great Commission fulfilled. We don’t believe any one organization can get the job done. But we also believe that through God’s power “Together we can reach the world”.

Please read the attached document to understand more of why GO Decade exists and what we hope it will help accomplish. If the vision of “Together we can reach the world” intrigues and motivates you like it does us, please plan to join us from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time Zone on October 29. Indicate your interest registering here to the zoom conference:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrf-yrrzwvGd0gYjVXvuN06fndIChs4iOt> or www.go2020.world/godecade

God is moving in unprecedented ways. Many people are looking to God for help in light of the overwhelming challenges they face. GO Decade exists to help each of our organizations make the most of the opportunities God is giving us.

We look forward to joining with you on October 29th.

Let's explore ways we can all be more strategic parts of what God is doing today.

Read this encouraging report from GO2020 so far! - Please share these testimonies to God's grace and redeeming love.

Werner Nachtigal, International President - Global Outreach

Beat Baumann, International Director - Global Outreach

Steve Douglas, President - Cru / Campus Crusade for Christ

Dave Gibson, US Director / Pastor of Missions and Evangelism Global Outreach / Grace Church of Eden Prairie, Minnesota

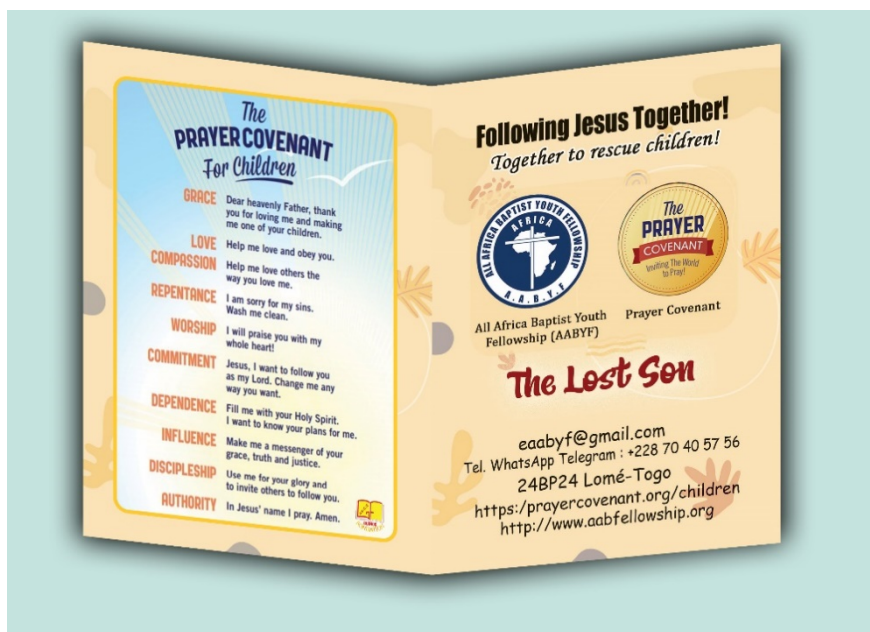
12 GO2020 KIDS - AFRICA - Prayer Covenant Project Launched

Please pray with us for this **Go2020 KIDS** initiative that has the potential (and vision) to reach more than twenty million through children and youth these next three months.

Thirty-nine leaders of church and youth and children's ministry organisations from 21 countries across Africa recently met online to plan a huge 'Last Quarter Evangelism' outreach for the continent using the Children's Prayer Covenant (CPC).

See:

<https://prayercovenant.org/go2020-kids.html> It will run from October through to December 2020.



Two gospel focused Children's Prayer Covenant flyers will be printed locally targeting children (4 pages) and youth (6 pages). All have pledged to work for its effective printing and distribution in their regions.

Rev. Elias Apetogbo, African Continent Leader for The Prayer Covenant chaired the meeting. He is General Secretary for the All Africa Baptist Youth Fellowship (AABYF)

During this landmark inaugural gathering, Rev. Dr. Samson Supo Ayonkule who is the President of CAN (Christian Association of Nigeria, the institution which stands as the Body of Christ in Nigeria) and Vice-President of Baptist World Alliance shared a devotional.

He challenged youth leaders to commit themselves and their groups of influence to the mission because youth have the energy to be the feet of Jesus and reach out to the unconverted. He also invited youth to dream big for the mission. He encouraged Youth to make themselves available for the mission and to focus no matter how big the challenges will be, Youth must know that Jesus is the rewarder.

The Prayer Covenant have printed an initial 750,000 flyers. Churches and organisations are being invited to pay for their transportation / postage. If anyone wishes to sow in towards further printing and distribution of the Prayer Covenant flyers, please contact Candy Marballi: candy@theprayercovenant.org

The mission will also be circulating e-flyers using social media and instant messaging apps such as WhatsApp. There will be training on online evangelism provided by a regional specialist.

From October 1, 2020, each Convention or Union represented from the 21 countries is going to pray and fast one day each, on a roster, 24/7 - during the three months.

Let's be praying with them for this GO2020 KIDS / Prayer Covenant outreach...

Please Pray:

That the flame, the excitement and the zeal of leaders towards GO2020 KIDS / Last Quarter Evangelism (LQE) must not quenched.

That 100% of our National Youth Leaders must be committed to LQE.

For wisdom and godly direction for Elias Apetogbo as he oversees the project.

More at: <https://prayercovenant.org/go2020-kids.html>

13 Watchmen: Preparing a Dwelling Place – Oct 8th

Over the past month, we have felt the Spirit of God calling us as individuals, nations, and as a global family into a marked time of consecration. The Holy Spirit is moving upon our hearts to remember all that Jesus has done for us, transforming us into the living stones that God is using to build His dwelling place on earth.

Following this prompting, we released a call to our global family to set aside 28 days of prayer and fasting from September 10th to October 8th, 2020. Alongside these days of consecration, we have invited the family to join us for a 4-Part "Preparing a Dwelling Place" gathering series in this window of time on September 17th, September 24th, October 1th, and October 8th respectively.

The first portion of the series took place on the Feast of Trumpets on September 17th. Corporately, we leaned into the heart of God and entered into His rest. We felt that this year marks the release of a warning and a call to mobilization. Together, we prayed that we would be a family that ascends to a higher place; hearing what the Father is speaking and releasing His trumpet sound here on earth.

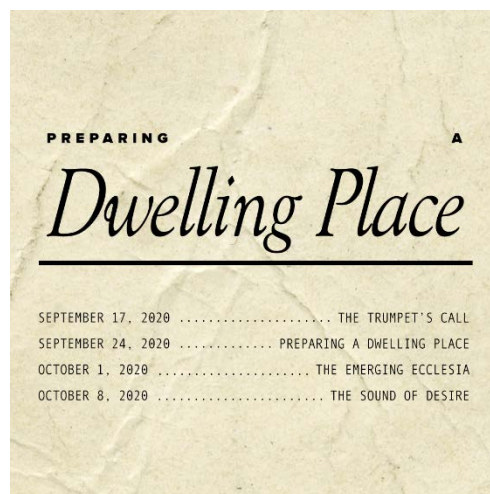
During the second portion on September 24th, as a global family, we placed Jesus at the center. His presence became so tangible, ushering us into deeper moments of communion with Him and with one another. During this time, we also stood with our family from the USA in particular as they stand in a pivotal season of destiny.

The upcoming third portion on October 1st will be led by teachers from different streams of the Body. Mike Bickle, Francis Chan, Asher Intrater, Bill Johnson and David Demian will come together to share what the Lord is revealing to them about the emerging Ecclesia. The final portion of the series on October 8th will focus on the global family congregating to hear His desires for the house He wishes to dwell in.

Please visit our website for more information on the 4-Part "Preparing a Dwelling Place" gathering series at:

www.watchmen.org/dwellingplace


The full recording of each gathering is available for replay and sharing in multiple languages.



14 IPC Calendar

	<p>Revival4Survival - Oct 10th, 10-10pm CST www.revival4survival.org/</p> <p>USA National Prayer Assembly - Oct 13-15 2020 www.nationalprayerassembly.org</p>
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<p>2020 a year of evangelism across the UK https://advance2020.org/</p> <p>40 Days of Worship & Prayer (Korea) 1 Sept - 11 Oct https://en.40dayworshipandprayer.com/</p> <p>Hinge of History Fast 2 Sept - 11 Oct https://louengle.com/hinge-of-history/</p> <p>Feast of Tabernacles - Oct 2nd - tpm ET www.reconnectingministries.org</p> <p>GO2020 KIDS Last Quarter Evangelism AFRICA - Oct - Dec 2020 https://prayercovenant.org/go2020-kids.html</p> <p>Preparing a Dwelling Place (4) Oct 8th www.watchmen.org</p>	<p>Pray4Europe EEA Prayer Meeting - Oct 27th 13:00 (Amsterdam) https://www.facebook.com/groups/prayernetworkHFE</p> <p>The Gathering - 24-7 Prayer - Oct 30th-31st 2020 https://www.24-7prayer.com/</p> <p>Contend! - 21 Days of Prayer for Global Mission 4-25 Nov 2020 www.globalmmi.net</p> <p>15 Days Prayer for the Hindu World - Nov 8-22 www.pray15days.org</p> <p>Movement for African National Initiatives – Abidjan, Ivory Coast, 8-12 March 2021 https://maniafrica.com/category/prayers/</p>
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<p>UPRising Events Calendar</p> <p>UPRISING Chile – November 2020 (Date TBA)</p> <p>GLOBAL UPRISING Manila, Philippines, Nov 2021 www.unitedprayerrising.com</p> <p>UPRISING MINDANAO (Mindanao, Philippines)-- dates TBA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UPRISING BUKIDNON (Northern Mindanao) - UPRISING CARAGA (Butuan, Bislig, and Surigao) - UPRISING DIGOS (Davao Del Sur) 	 <p>- 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</p>
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Resources

15 Praying for America - As One We Stand

[Watch this beautifully captured video](#) of a sung prayer for America - for the Healing of our Land - followed by 4 prayer pointers as we pray for America in the run-up to the 2020 Presidential elections:

1. That we Americans will humbly repent of our many sins before God. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

2. That forces of evil seeking to divide us and overthrow our nation will be bound. (Matthew 18: 18-19)



3. That all will be moved to vote for life and Judeo-Christian values in the November 3rd 2020 US election.

4. That America will be delivered and enabled to fulfill its God-given destiny and calling for the future.

Hand in Hand we Declare - Jesus is Lord!

As one we stand... Amen!

Join us for the National Prayer Assembly - October 13th-15th 2020

More info and sign up for free at: www.nationalprayerassembly.org

16 Book / EBook: God and the Pandemic – Tom Wright

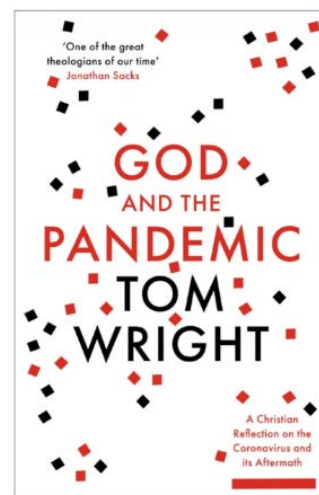
A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and its Aftermath.

Tom Wright is one of the best Theologians of our time and gives biblical insight to the chaos of the pandemic right now.

Tom examines these reactions to the virus and finds them wanting. Instead, he invites you to consider a different way of seeing and responding – a way that draws on the teachings and examples of scripture, and above all on the way of living, thinking and praying revealed to us by Jesus.

Some join in the chorus of blame and condemnation: 'It's the fault of the Chinese, the government, the World Health Organization. . .'

- For Christians looking to understand the coronavirus crisis
- Tom Wright offers a Bible based way to respond to events right now
- You'll find a way to live through and tackle the effects of COVID-19



[Available from Amazon as paperback and Kindle / Download / Audio Book](#)

By Tom Wright, Paperback, 88 pages.

17 Prayer Guide – 15 Days of Prayer for the Hindu World

Join us November 8th to 22nd 2020 in 15 days of prayer for Hindus all over the world!

The 2020 Hindu Prayer Guide - November 8th – 22nd 2020

The annual Hindu World Prayer Focus is calling Christians and churches worldwide to take 15 days to learn about and pray for our world's over one billion Hindu friends.

That period also encompasses the significant Hindu Festival of Light (Diwali). The informative prayer guide booklets will help Christians to know how to pray for the people(s) growing up within this major and very diverse world religion.



Diwali (or Deepawali) is known as the Festival of Lights, and is one of the most important annual celebrations for Hindus, lasting about 4-5 days. While (similar to Christmas celebrations in the Christian world) it has historical and

religious roots, Hindus celebrate it by lighting and displaying rows of small oil lamps, participating in family gatherings, consuming special sweets and watching fireworks.

It is not our intention with this prayer focus to disparage India or the Hindu religion in any way. We recognize that both are far too complex and too full of great traditions to simply or easily condense, explain or take lightly within a mere booklet.

At the same time, as Christians, we long that all the world's people(s) will have an opportunity to freely see, hear and understand the grace of God incarnated in Jesus Christ.

To this end we inform ourselves, pray for and want to support opportunities to make that grace known also within the world's Indian and Hindu communities. Get your copy of the 15 Days Hindu Prayer Guide now and join with us!

15 days | 32 pages | 1,000,000,000 Hindus worldwide

Download the Guide HERE: <https://pray15days.org/>

About IPC

18 About International Prayer Connect (IPC)

OUR VISION:

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



HOW WE OPERATE:

The IPC is not an organization as such. We are a fellowship of people involved in mobilizing prayer throughout the world. We function as an international "network of networks", connecting international, regional, and national prayer ministries and networks. We also arrange or support special prayer initiatives that bring prayer leaders together from time to time to pray for matters of regional and global concern to the Body of Christ. Regional prayer summits have been arranged or supported by the IPC in most regions of the world as well as international prayer initiatives for the United Nations, Hollywood, and other issues.

The IPC is led by an international leadership team, now called the International Prayer Council, is composed of twenty leaders who coordinate regional prayer networks or international prayer initiatives of various kinds. We seek to be catalysts and connectors within the global prayer movement towards the fulfilment of Habakkuk 2:14- that "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

We do not have an official membership but connect with individuals and networks through IPC Connections, a periodical newsletter distributed via e-mail to give prayer information to interested people. Please share this newsletter with prayer coordinators, prayer network leaders, and others who have an interest in the global prayer movement so that they can be informed about different prayer initiatives, existing prayer networks, and how to participate in them.

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

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