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Greetings!

We are pleased to bring you this special edition of IPC Connections.

We would appreciate your help please - by sharing this information as widely as possible!

As well as bringing some extremely important international prayer briefings, this edition marks the launch of '[Hope of the Coming Harvest 2021](#)' which is a coming together of a number of events and initiatives with a common focus on prayer, mission and revival that are taking place between now and August. The theme for this program is based on Luke 10:2: He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'

Dr Jason Hubbard's Editorial article carrying the same title sets out the **Hope of the Coming Harvest** theme. In it, he brings to life the strength in the words that Jesus used both to instruct us to pray, but also the prayer for the laborers not to be just 'sent', but to be 'hurled forth' into His harvest!



Jason also highlights the [GO Movement](#)'s '[GO Month](#)' which takes place through May. This is a further unique collaboration of a huge number of Christian mission organisations and evangelistic networks that seeks to mobilise 100 million in prayer to reach 1 billion for Christ over this next decade!

Do be encouraged as you reflect on and respond to Jason's inspirational teaching and sharing of the '[GO Month](#)' vision.

We are covering a number of [key events](#) that are part of the **Hope of the Coming Harvest** below. Each one is remarkable in its own right!! Please participate as you are able, help us get the message out... but above all, do be in prayer with us for this unprecedented season of outreach, for an outpouring of God's spirit on all people. (Acts 2:17-21)

You are invited to join us for [World Prayer Together](#) on Saturday 1st May - a 2-hour online prayer and worship gathering launching [GO Month](#).

The event is being led by a group of highly respected prayer ministry leaders from around the world and is being broadcast from **IHOP KC** and **GODTV** globally at 7pm in each region.

Full details follow below and at www.worldprayertogether.com

WORLD PRAYER TOGETHER



We are pleased to report that the [Global Family 24/7 - 365 Online Prayer Room](#) is going from strength to strength with continuous prayer led by 168 hourly hosts each week. Do join us anytime!

With each edition of Connections, we are introducing you to members of the IPC Council. This month we welcome and talk with a long-standing friend and colleague, Rev Ann Low from Malaysia who is an Exec Team member who also serves with the [South East Asia Prayer Council](#).

Giving thanks for Luis Palau - This last month, we saw the passing of another great evangelist and man of faith - [Luis Palau](#). He passed away on Thursday March 11th from complications of lung cancer. [He was 86](#). In 55 years of ministry, it's estimated that Palau reached one billion people in 75 countries with the message of the Gospel - through crusades and then "CityFest" outreaches. Many of the IPC team have had associations with him and his remarkable ministry. John Robb shared: 'Luis Palau and I were in Indonesia to speak for a conference about 30 years ago, and I remember his warm-hearted, engaging personality as well as the compelling, passionate speaker he was in declaring the Gospel of Christ. Earth is now poorer, but Heaven is richer because of this dear man of God.'

Situations Vacant – As our partner projects continue to develop and grow, we are finding an ever-increasing demand for voluntary help with translation, technology / IT, social media, research and copy-writing skills. We would welcome enquiries from anyone looking to serve in these areas. Please email us at editor@ipcprayer.org.

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.

Every blessing,

**Jason Hubbard - Director
International Prayer Connect**

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If you wish to discuss the appropriateness of any articles, please contact us.

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01 Editorial: Hope of the Coming Harvest 2021 – Dr Jason Hubbard



“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 9:35–38 (ESV)

Jesus sees the crowds and has compassion on them. His heart is moved with love and empathy, longing for them like a good shepherd has for his lost sheep. He gives this glorious promise of HOPE, the harvest is plentiful! In the midst of this global pandemic, fear, and uncertainty, we sense that many are ready to hear and receive the glorious good news of Jesus Christ, the gospel of the Kingdom proclaimed and demonstrated with power.

The Gospel is -

“the news that Jesus Christ, the Righteous King, died for our sins and rose again, eternally triumphant over all his enemies, so that there is now no condemnation for those who believe, but only everlasting joy” – John Piper

We sense it is Gospel-empowered ‘[Harvest Time](#)’ in the nations of the earth.

However, as Jesus said, the laborers are few. He asks his disciples as he is asking us today, ‘therefore Pray earnestly...’ When Jesus taught us to pray to our Father in heaven, He used the Greek word proseuchomai—the common word for prayer in the New Testament. But here in [Matthew 9:38](#) and also in [Lk 10:2](#), Jesus used the Greek word deomai, a much stronger word meaning to ‘plead desperately.’

Jesus didn’t simply tell His disciples to pray for laborers to be sent out to the harvest fields. Jesus used a much stronger word—ekballo, meaning to ‘drive out, or hurl forth!’ This same Greek word ekballo is used in [Mt 9:34](#), [10:1](#) and [10:8](#) for casting out demons! In both [Matthew 9:38](#) and [Lk 10:2](#), Jesus commands us to deomai (plead desperately) to the Lord of the Harvest to ekballo laborers (thrust them forcefully) into His harvest! Every believer a witness. Everyone can reach someone and together we can reach the world!

May we ask the Father, the Lord of the Harvest to give his Son, the nations as his inheritance. They belong to him. He is worthy! He is all deserving of all the worship, all the obedience and all the affections of the nations of the earth! May this season, this hinge of history go down as the ‘great quarantine revival,’ a global decade of harvest!

We have a saying in our house of prayer, “Little Keys Open Big Doors.” As we pray desperately, witness boldly, and make disciples consistently, God can use each of us like little keys in his hand to open big doors of awakening and revival in the nations! We pray as Paul did,

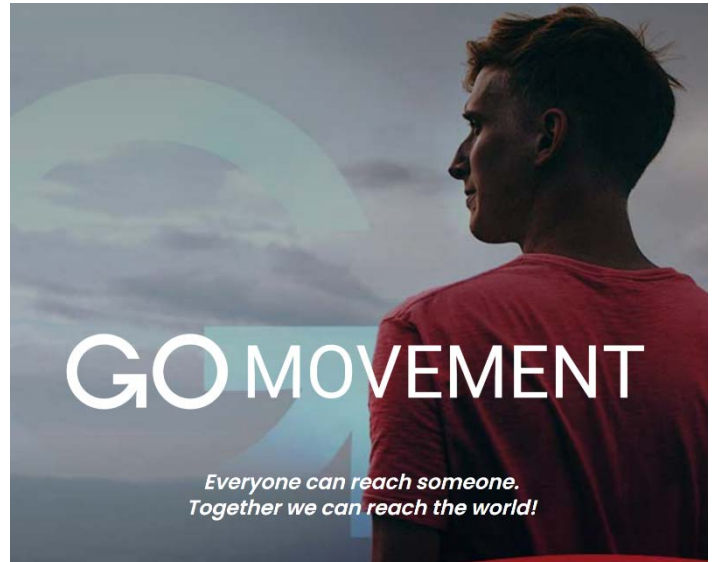
“At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ” (Col. 4:3).

[Read more about the Hope of the Coming Harvest 2021 Partnership](#) | [Download the #HopeofHarvest2021 Flyer](#)

Go Movement

As we did last year, we are partnering with the Go Movement, to see 100 million united in prayer and 1 billion come to Christ over this next decade! [GO Movement](#) | [GO 2020](#)

As John Robb writes, ‘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.’



Imagine with me...

- 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.
- One billion people being reached with the Gospel and millions upon millions getting saved all over the world over the course of this next decade!
- Unreached people groups hearing the Gospel for the first time and planting new churches among them. We have put together a series of helpful guides to praying for unreached peoples around the world. Here is the [‘40 Days Prayer Guide’](#) for March 24th through to May 2nd.

We praise God for the promise, ‘effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much’ ([James 5:16](#)).

May we cry out in 2021 to the Lord of the Harvest in fervent, desperate, Bible-based prayer for this coming ‘Decade of Harvest.’

May the Lamb who was slain receive the due reward for his sufferings!

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing” – [Revelation 5:12](#)

For the Glory of the Lamb,

**Dr Jason Hubbard - Director
International Prayer Connect**

Full details of the [Hope of the Coming Harvest 2021](#) events including [GO Month](#) follow below!

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02 Introducing the IPC Team – Rev Ann Low

As part of our series of articles introducing you to the International Prayer Connect Council members, we are pleased to be sharing Ann Low's story with you this month.

Do [watch this video](#) entitled 'I am God's Masterpiece' in which Ann shares some of her experiences from 38 years of serving God in the Church and through the prayer and mission movements. Her joyful and gracious spirit comes over as she shares how the Lord has spoken to her and equipped and nurtured her through her life and ministry.

Ann Low Tin Geok, is an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God in Malaysia. She is one of the Senior Advisors to the [South East Asia Prayer Council](#) where she has been involved for the last 14 years. She was called into the ministry in 1988 and went to Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas from 1989-1990 for training, equipping and preparation for ministry.

Ann is an Executive Member of International Prayer Connect and has been associated with IPC for 19 years. She is one of the pioneers of MNPN (Malaysia National Prayer Nurturing) focused on transformation and revival; and now currently leads with other two leaders, the Daily Noon Prayer which attracts many to pray. Daily Noon Prayer has signed up 4 slots to pray on the recently launched [Malaysia United FIREWALL](#). She is an 'ignitor' of the recently launched '[Hand-in-Hand with Families in Prayer](#)' project.

In 1991, Ann returned to Malaysia and served as one of the Associate Pastors of Kajang Assembly of God in the area of missions, prayer and evangelism. She led mission teams to Philippines, Thailand, India, China and Bangladesh. Ann was privileged to be part of the Pastors' Fellowship to organize the first Easter Prayer March for Kajang in 1993, the first of such an event in Malaysia.

In April 2000, in obedience to the call of the Lord, she joined [NECF Malaysia](#) (National Evangelical Christian Fellowship) as the Executive Secretary (Prayer) until December, 2008. She has seen God worked mightily in mobilizing Christians to pray for Malaysia for the last 8 years.

As the former National Prayer Facilitator of Malaysian National Prayer Nurturing (MNPN), she travelled to different states to share and teach on prayer and intercession and encouraged Pastors' Fellowships. MNPN is a ministry committed to nurturing the generations in prayer to passionate and holy living according to God's Word, being set apart for His purposes, preparing the bride of Christ to awaken and fulfill the Great Commission. She worked alongside different prayer networks to come together and pray fervently for revival of the Church and transformation of Malaysia. From 2010 till 2017, she relocated herself to focus on Sabah and Sarawak, working with churches and prayer groups.

Ann, tell us a bit about your family, where you live and your personal / leisure interests outside the ministry work?

'Since the lockdown due to Covid 19 in Malaysia, I was unable to travel to Sydney where I used to stay with my son, Douglas, daughter-in-law, Oneng and my two grandchildren, Samantha & Samuel for 3 months in a year for the past few years. My younger brother lives with me in a beautiful resort location in Kajang surrounded with trees and lakes. I have 3 other siblings with their families in this town and another one in another state.'

'I love to read, take long walks nowadays and go out have yummy food and fellowship with my friends.'



Tell us about your service with IPC and SEAPC.

I've enjoyed serving with my IPC colleagues who represent many countries from every continent. It was in 2002, I had my first 'encounter' with John Robb & other leaders in IPC, during the first global gathering of 300 prayer leaders in South Africa. It was a rich experience to pray with so many prayer leaders around the globe and since then there was no turning back as I was invited to join subsequent prayer initiatives like praying in the United Nations, 4/14 in New York, Children in Prayer Consultations in Malaysia & Chennai, the World Prayer Assembly in Indonesia.

Another particular high spot was the memorable time I spent with a Prayer and Mission Leaders' Gathering in Herrnhut in 2017. I had read so much about the Moravian Revival and it was a real treat for me and for my spiritual son, Jed who is the Coordinator of Prayer United Youth, a national prayer movement in Malaysia. The recent IPC Leaders' Retreat in Bellingham in 2020 was a refreshing time to fellowship and pray with all our team members. It was also profitable to meet new friends who share the same vision.

I was so touched by a couple (Steve & Robin) who hosted me, they shared how they have been praying for us as Jason Hubbard had prepared a beautiful handbook with all of our information. I felt and received such amazing tangible love and care.

SEA Prayer Council was birthed in 2003, I was only involved in 2004 and then stayed on till today. We plan annual prayer conferences with the host countries and also travel to different nations for their leaders' gatherings. In all these gatherings, the Lord has led us to develop meaningful relationships with many faithful leaders in spite of many cultural and geographical challenges.



I want to honour Dr Iman Santoso & Veronica Lorenzana who were the Chairman and Co-Chairman for their dedication and sacrificial service to the Southeast nations. There is now a new leadership team of 4 (Ps Sanith-Ps Kate-Ps Nicky-Ps Erwin) representing the Mainland and Islands of SEA as we transit into this decade.

We thank the Lord, with the [Global Family Online 24-7 Prayer Room](#), many around the world are praying for SEA nations as we have committed a 2-hour slot every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. (6am - 8am Jerusalem time) for e.g., Myanmar situation. The Lord spoke to me in 2015 that we must pray as a Region together, and this is where I believe the Lord is leading us to be praying for one another even more fervently for revival and transformation. Habakkuk 2:14

Tell us what motivates you to serve in the prayer and mission movements in the way that you do?!

'Of course, the best Motivator and my Role Model is my Lord Jesus Christ who is the Faithful Intercessor who ever lives to intercede. (Hebrews 7:25) Many times in my early years being a young follower and believer, I would be filled with such compassion and tears to intercede even for strangers. '

'And I believe it must have increased in the Bible College that I went to, Christ for the Nations in 1989 where prayer and missions were imparted to me. I wanted to be like one of the lecturers who brought outreach teams during the summer holidays. By the grace of God, I also took teams out to many nations when I came back home to Malaysia! I was also motivated by Beth Alves, my teacher for prayer and intercession, who even trained prisoners to pray for pastors and leaders, she has a ministry called Intercessors International. I also have the privilege of serving in the International Christian Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) as one of their intercessory teams in Malaysia from 1996 for a few years. I was able to travel to Sweden, South Africa and pray with men and women who have impacted my life for prayer and missions.'

Tell us about one or two of the 'real-life pitfalls' you have experienced with intercessory prayer?

Back in my Bible college days, I was asked to leave a prayer meeting one time because I was so loud, travailing...wailing away as we were praying for the nations. I was so shocked and offended at the time! I started bad mouthing the leaders. I didn't understand until one leader explained to me that if someone was going into labour (in the natural realm) you wouldn't want everyone to witness you giving birth! What wise counsel I received that day. Wisdom begets wisdom.

And another instance in an International Business Convention in Sweden was that after a whole night of intercession with a number of intercessors from different nations, I heard this from the Lord, "You all think you have prayed so much, I will answer?"we didn't realize that there was so much pride in our hearts, thinking that we were the elite intercessors that were bringing the answers... A humbling experience!

Finally Ann, do share your favourite Bible verse, and why it's your favourite?

"Call to me and I will answer you and show you great and unsearchable things you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3.

In this verse, I find that the Lord will continue to answer and show me great and mighty things that I do not know when I continue to call to Him (faithfully and persistently)

And every time I see 3.33 on my clock, I will start calling the Lord and ask Him what shall I call Him for to answer and show me today!

HOPE OF THE COMING HARVEST
UNITING NATIONS IN PRAYER, MISSION & REVIVAL

2 APRIL Good Friday Online Event
Pulse Movement | www.goodfriday.com

14 APR – 23 MAY The Jesus Fast
www.thejesusfastglobal

1 MAY World Prayer Together
www.worldprayertogether.com

13 – 22 MAY 10 Days of Praise
www.jwipn.com | waymakers.org

22 MAY The March for Jesus Global
www.themarchforjesus.org

22 MAY GKPN Global Youth Movement Event
gymglobalyouthmovement.org

23 MAY Global Day of Prayer & Pentecost Broadcast
www.globaldayofprayer.com

29 MAY GO Day
www.gomovement.world

JUNE – AUG Hope Movement | 90 Days of Hope
www.globaldayofhope.com

THEREFORE PRAY EARNESTLY TO THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST LUKE 10:2

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Hope of the Coming Harvest 2021 Events:

03 World Prayer Together – Saturday May 1st

Join 100 million+ people from across the nations as we gather online for **World Prayer Together / GO PRAY**. We will worship and pray for the launch of [GO MONTH](#) – a month of evangelism calling every believer to be a witness! (Luke 10:2)

Throughout May 2021, many millions of people will be evangelizing - one to one, in public and through social media and we want to cover them in prayer!

'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' Luke 10:2

Our primary prayer focus during the 2-hour program will be evangelism and gospel movements amongst the remaining unreached peoples of China, India and the Middle-East.

World Prayer Together is being convened by International Prayer Connect in association with **GO Movement, IHOP KC, GOD TV** and numerous ministries around the world. It is part of a series of global prayer events under the **World Prayer Together** banner. **GO PRAY** is 1st May – and represents a day of united prayer for this month of mission.

Please join us on May 1st! - We will be hosting this global prayer and worship event at [IHOP-Kansas](#), broadcasting live through IHOPKC and on [GODTV](#).

Inspirational Leaders...

The online prayer and worship gathering will be led by many inspirational prayer-leaders and teachers including: MK Bharti, Mike Bickle, Lou Engle, Dr Hormoz Shariat, Dr Jason Hubbard, Asher Intrater, Onassis Jeevaraj, Leslie Keegel, Daniel Lim, Werner Nachtigal & Eric Watt. Worship will be led by IHOP Kansas.

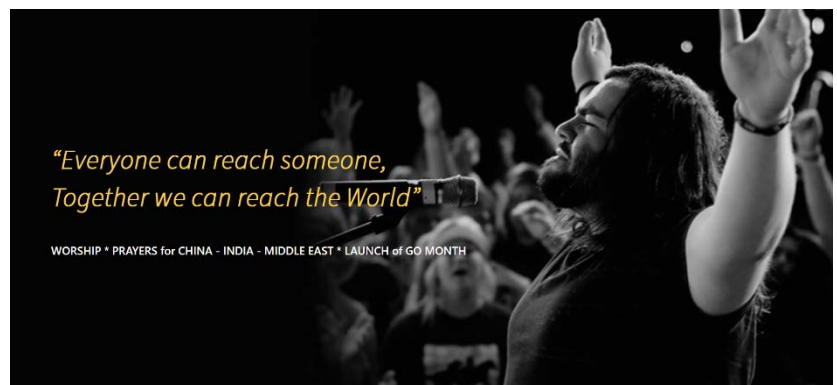
HOW TO JOIN US...

Global Prayer Day will be broadcast at 7pm on May 1st in these regions:

AUSTRALIA / SYDNEY | ASIA / COLOMBO | EUROPE / LONDON | AFRICA / JOHANNESBURG | UNITED STATES / NEW YORK

Full details, timings and links to the livestreams and GODTV regional programmes are at www.worldprayertogether.com

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04 Good Friday Worldwide Broadcast - April 2nd

The Good Friday Worldwide Broadcast is a global outreach event focused on sharing the good news of Jesus - The news that caused Him to sacrifice everything for you.

Join us April 2, 2021, 7pm for the Good Friday Worldwide Broadcast!

We will be sharing Jesus into over 100 countries, translated into over 40 languages. We are believing that hundreds of thousands of people are going to come to Jesus.



Imagine, the largest global outreach of the calendar year - activating the Global Church to share Jesus on this most important weekend in our Church calendar... but also around the entire year, that the message of the Gospel - that evangelism is needed now, more than ever!

This first launched in 2020, but this annual opportunity is here to stay.

The 2021 event will feature Kari Jobe & Cody Carnes, Michael W Smith, Ebony Small, For King & Country, Francis Chan, Nick Hall and Tasha Cobbs Leonard

The world is continually flooded with grim news. The nations are desperate for hope, for peace, for stability, for joy, for good news. And we have it - Good Friday 2021 at 7pm Worldwide. Finally... some good news!

Join us on April 2 to hear of the hope we all so desperately need through Jesus.

Host a broadcast - Spread the word - PRAY!

PULSE is Led by Nick Hall. It aims to bring the hope of Jesus to the next generation - whether it's through live events or livestreams, local revival gatherings, raising up leaders, or creating digital resources - we exist to make Jesus known.

Found out more and sign up at www.GoodFriday.com



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05 The Jesus Fast / Lou Engle - 14 April-23 May

The Global Jesus (Yeshua) Fast - A Global Ruth Call.

For more than 20 years, you have helped us mobilize united prayer and fasting. It has gone forward in stadiums, arenas, and open fields across America and the nations.

Now peering into 2021, I have been gripped, along with many leaders across the world with a vision of a global turning of the church's heart affections and covenant love toward Israel, and a breakthrough into great harvest and a new worldwide manifestation of Jesus in his evangelistic power, starting with prayer for the SALVATION OF ISRAEL.



Out of this renewed vision, we are calling forth a Global 40-day YESHUA FAST for the whole body of Christ. We are focusing the fast on April 14th – May 23rd ending on Pentecost Sunday, but other countries and peoples may find what is the best time of the year for them.

The Yeshua Fast was birthed out of a threefold cord revelation:

- A global spiritual Aliyah where the gentile Ruth church turns her heart affections and covenant love to Yeshua, Israel, and the Jewish people. Ruth 1:16,17
- A global call for prayer for the salvation of Israel as a tipping point for worldwide harvest. Romans 11:12-15
- A growing expectation for an unveiling of the Messiah to the Jewish peoples and a new Pentecost from Jerusalem to the nations. Isaiah 44:1-5, Ez 36:26

More Information, Watch Lou's Video and Register to receive all new daily devotionals and a prayer guide to encourage you in your fast at <https://thejesusfast.global/>



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06 Ten Days of Praise - May 13-22

In conjunction with several other initiatives of prayer and worship from Passover to Pentecost, 2021, WayMakers has published a praise guide named Ten Days of Praise.

For many, these ten days of worship and praise lead the way to March for Jesus celebrations on May 22, with the theme, "Worthy is the Lamb". The prayers and praise expressions are embedded in a rich, but simple description of the ascension of Christ as King to fulfill all that God has purposed for all nations.

Written by Steve Hawthorne, this praise guide is included in Seek God for the City 2021. But this praise guide is also being made available, at no cost, in a pdf format, making it easy to use on any device.



[Download the document](#), and let the praise begin!

More info and further translations of Ten Days of Praise are available as pdf files and eBook from:

www.waymakers.org AND www.jwipn.com



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07 The March for Jesus Global - 22 May

NOW IS THE TIME!

In a day when followers of Jesus Christ are being polarized by so many opinions, issues and ideologies there is a wonderful truth that unites us upon which we can all agree...

Jesus Christ is the Worthy Lamb of God

"...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!'"
—Revelation 5:12



The **March For Jesus** is a procession of praise through the streets of the city, celebrating the Lordship of Jesus Christ and culminating in a grand worship event in which Christians publicly proclaim the Glory, the Majesty and the Supremacy of the Savior. It's all about Jesus ... and nothing else.

What better time of the year for the Church to declare its oneness? Pentecost Weekend. Pentecost marks the birth of the Church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to all nations. (Acts 2:1-4)

Let's celebrate our Savior in cities, towns and villages throughout the nations in a **March For Jesus**, this year on Saturday, May 22, 2021.

Register / Find Your Community: <https://themarchforjesus.org/>



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08 GKPN Global Youth Movement Event - 22 May

GYM 2021 WORLD - Saturday May 22nd 2021

BE PART OF THE BIGGEST EVENT FOR
YOUNG CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE

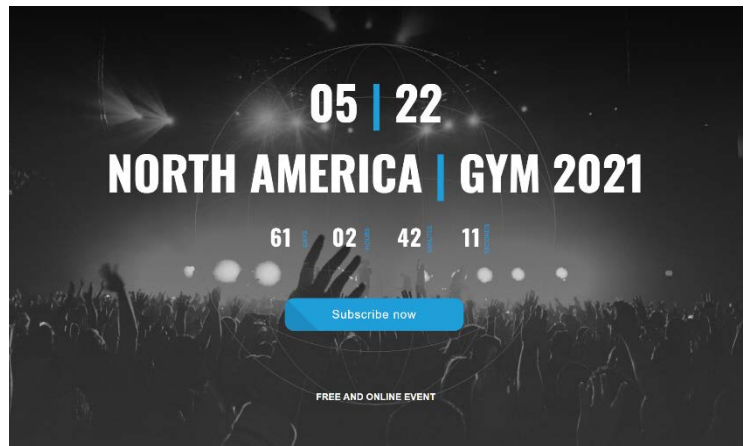
Join young people from every continent for a 3.5 hour online programme of Worship, Teaching and Inspirational Testimonies.

Our 3 themes for this event will be **Holiness, Discipleship and Missions.**

Worship from Bethel Music, Watoto Worship & Gateway Worship

Guest Pastors: Pastor Edmund Chan (Singapore), Pastor Joakim Lundqvist (Sweden), Pastor Paulo Mazoni (Brazil), Pastor Robert Morris (Texas), Pastor Julius Rwotlonyo (Uganda) and Pastor Sergio Hornung (Peru).

Register now and receive an exclusive FREE e-book:
<https://www.gymglobalyouthmovement.org/>



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09 Global Day of Prayer & Pentecost Broadcast - 23 May

RELEASE THE SOUND OF UNITED PRAYER THIS PENTECOST

This year Christians from all over the world, from different cultures and denominations and many diverse streams will join as one as we pray for the world.

Join in the **Pentecost Global Broadcast** – A clarion call for the Body of Christ to unite and pray earnestly for the coming harvest. This one-hour celebration of diversity will include key voices from around the world, and opportunities to pray united prayers for justice, healing, restoration, reconciliation and hope for the nations with a special emphasis on the next generation and families.

Don't miss the opportunity to pray the **Prayer for the World** with believers around the globe from different languages, tribes and tongues... A true expression of John 17 unity in our time!

[DOWNLOAD – Prayer for the World](#)

Find out more at www.globaldayofprayer.com



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10 GO DAY - 29 May

The **GO DAY** (Global Outreach Day) is the official worldwide day for every believer to reach at least one person with the Gospel. Who is your someone?

All over the world, millions of Christians share the Good News of Jesus Christ on the last Saturday in May. We invite you to be part of GO DAY - LET'S GO!

YOU HAVE MANY WAYS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

God can use **YOU**. Do it your own way, whatever fits your situation. Here some ideas:

- **One on one**

Share your testimony in a personal conversation. Your story can change a life forever!

- **In small groups**

Reach out to people in the streets, parks, malls, and evangelistic small group meetings.

- **Care and share**

Do something good for the needy and share the Good News.

- **Reach your area**

Work with others to reach your neighborhood.

- **More ideas**

Public meetings, flash mob, banners, tracts, social media.

Share your testimonies on social media using the hashtag #goday

THE FOUR FLASH MOB

Youth groups, teenagers, and children are invited to share the Gospel at **GO DAY** using THE FOUR symbols. You can download the symbols [HERE](#) to create cardboard signs. You can also share them on social media: create a simple video with THE FOUR in it and your personal testimony.

VISION AND HISTORY

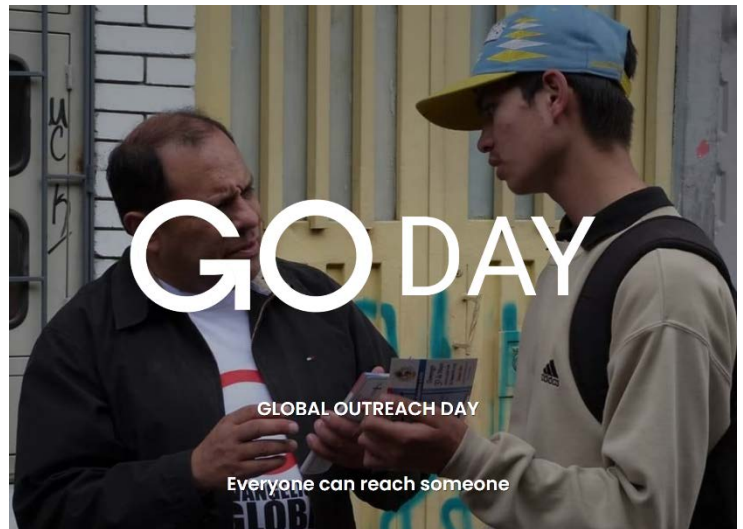
The Vision of **GO DAY** (Global Outreach Day) is for every believer to share the Gospel on the last Saturday of May each year. Every Christian reaches at least one person with the Gospel message on that day. **GO DAY** is the first step towards a lifestyle of evangelism. We invite you to be a part of it.

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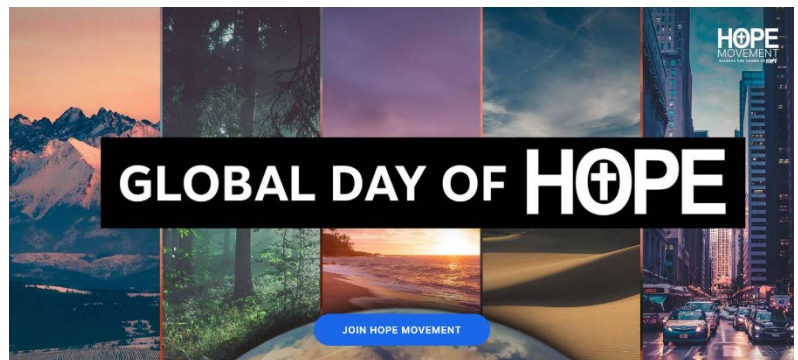
11 HOPE Movement 90 Days of Hope – 1 June to 29 August

RELEASE THE SOUND OF HOPE

90 Days of Hope – It's time to Release the Sound of Hope. Pray for Hope to sweep our world. Care for people in your community. Share your Hope Story of Jesus in your life, online and in person.

HOPE MANIFESTO: Isaiah 61:1

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound."



WHEN: 90 Days of Hope runs from June 1 to August 29, culminating in the International Day of Hope, August 29, 2020.

PARTNERS: 90 Days of Hope is a worldwide movement, spearheaded by key networks such as Global Voice of Prayer, the Hope Story movement, GO2020, PraiseLive, the Together Network, HopeforHarvest2021 and more.

GLOBAL DAY OF HOPE

Saturday, August 29th is **Global Day of Hope**. Save the date and celebrate hope with believers around the world. Whether you plan to share your testimony with someone in need, post your #hopestory online or pray for someone... Make sure that you are a part of releasing the sound of hope!


Don't miss the **Global Day of Hope** livestream jam-packed with encouraging testimonies and messages of hope from around the globe.

29 August 1pm CEST | www.go2020.world/livestream

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12 IPC Calendar

 <p>Global Family 24/7 365 Online Prayer https://www.globalfamily24-7prayer.org/</p> <p>Forty Days to Palm Sunday. (Feb 17 - March 28) "Seek God for the City" https://www.worldchristian.com/product/sg21</p> <p>Passover – Global Communion (1 Apr) www.watchmen.org</p> <p>Good Friday Worldwide Broadcast (2 April) www.goodfriday.com</p> <p>The Jesus Fast / Lou Engle (14 Apr – 23 May) www.thejesusfast.global</p>	<p>World Prayer Together (1st May) www.worldprayertogether.com</p> <p>10 Days of Praise & Prayer (13 – 22 May 2021) www.jwipn.com / www.waymakers.org</p> <p>The March for Jesus Global (22 May 2021) www.themarchforjesus.org</p> <p>GYM 2021 WORLD - Saturday May 22nd 2021 https://www.gymglobalyouthmovement.org/</p> <p>HOPE Movement 90 Days of Hope – 1 June to 29 August https://www.globaldayofhope.com/</p> <p>Global Day of Prayer & broadcast (including commissioning to GO) (23 May 2021) www.globalvoiceofprayer.com/global-day-of-prayer/</p> <p>GO 21 / Global Outreach Day (29 May 2021) www.go2020.world/en/go21</p>
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PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

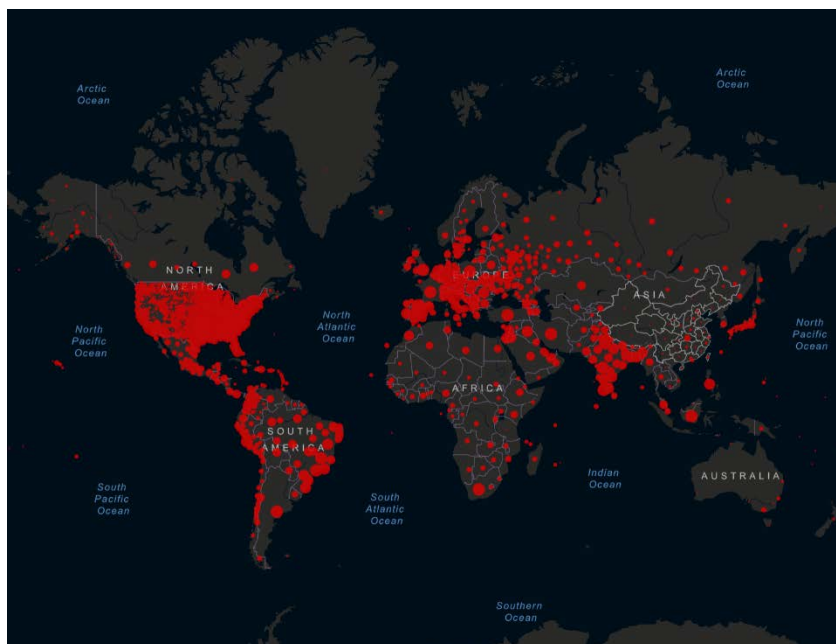
13 Covid-19 Pandemic Prayer Update – Mid-March 2021

A prayer report looking at the opportunities and challenges of vaccinations, Covid-19 Hot Spots and some suggested Prayer Pointers with links to resources:

As of 17 March 2021, the total global figure for people infected by Covid-19 stood at 120.7 million according to [Johns Hopkins University](#). In addition to this, the recorded number who have died totalled 2,671,764. From a peak of worldwide daily cases in early January, numbers have declined steadily and new infections have returned to levels seen in late October.

Covid-19 hot spots

Here are those countries / regions which are currently showing high levels of infection.



The [US](#) continues to be the country with the highest number of confirmed cases and deaths related to Covid-19 with figures at around 29,549,008 and 536,914 respectively. Thankfully the daily infection rate has fallen dramatically from a 7 day rolling average high point of nearly 250,000 cases in early January to 56,649 cases mid-March ([John Hopkins](#)).

Brazil has seen a steady increase in cases over recent weeks as it struggles to cope with more contagious variants. [Total cases](#) have exceeded 11.6 million with 282,400 deaths. Worryingly, the 7 day average of new cases continues to rise and currently stands at 66,849 compared to 51,000 at the start of February.

A growing number of [European countries](#) are seeing rises in cases as they struggle to vaccinate their populations at a fast enough rate to reduce the impact of new waves. In particular Poland, Italy and the Czech Republic have seen case numbers start to rise.

India is the second worst-hit country in the world by the pandemic after the United States but has seen a sharp decline in cases since September. The overall case count now stands at 11,409,831 cases, and 158,865 deaths. Although nowhere near the September peak of an average of over 93,000 new cases each day, there has been a concerning increase in cases in the last 4 weeks to with a current 7 day average of 25,325 new cases each day.

New waves and Variants

[New variants of COVID 19](#) continue to be monitored and reported upon, and [President Biden](#) has emphasised the risk they pose in reversing the decline in cases that has recently been seen. The variant that emerged in the UK has been seen as a significant factor in the rapid increase in cases the country experienced over Christmas. The variant that emerged in South Africa [forced the government to alter its vaccine](#) strategy after initial data showed one vaccine had only 10% efficacy in preventing mild or moderate infections by the new variant dominant in the country. Along with the variant first seen in travellers from Brazil, there remains great uncertainty as to these variants' transmissibility and [resistance to vaccines](#). Thankfully there is no data yet showing them to cause more serious illness. There remain concerns that variants of the virus will disrupt vaccination programmes and lead to increased cases and the re-imposition of restrictions

Vaccines

The vaccination programme remains the most likely vehicle for ending the pandemic. Last month we highlighted the disparity between rich western countries and the rest of the world, put sharply into focus by the political turmoil in the European Union. A month on although there have been some positive changes, the underlying issues remain. As of mid-March, 390.3 million doses of [various vaccines have been administered worldwide](#), an increase of 306 million in 7 weeks. Vaccines have now been administered in approximately 130 countries. Equally, midway through February, The [United Nations highlighted](#) the fact that 130 countries had not administered a single vaccine dose.

There is no doubt that vaccinations have become deeply politicised in recent weeks. The Argentinian Bishop, [Oscar Vicente Ojea spoke out](#) against the “politicisation” of the Covid-19 vaccine after Argentina’s health minister resigned amid accusations that he gave vaccines out as political favours. In Europe, already delayed vaccination drives are being hindered by a [negative perception of the AstraZeneca](#) vaccine created by leading politicians, most notably President Macron of France. In addition to this, the use of the AstraZeneca vaccine has been restricted by some countries over fears relating to blood clots, although the World Health Organisation and other major regulators continue to support its use. This is a deeply challenging time for all of our leaders and we must continue to pray for them, noting that the vaccines themselves emerged out of cooperation rather than conflict.

The recent virtual G7 summit allowed world leaders a new opportunity to provide impetus to the COVAX initiative to [provide vaccines for poorer nations](#). Specifically,

- New funding from the European Union, Germany and the United States will allow COVAX, the international COVID-19 vaccine mechanism, to secure more doses and further diversify its vaccine portfolio, advancing its goal to roll out at least 1.3 billion vaccine doses in world’s poorest economies in the next few months.
- Doses for COVAX to support vital humanitarian work in places where populations face emergencies were promised.
- The UK and France announced commitments to share vaccine doses with lower-income economies, joining a number of other countries expressing the same goal, to further accelerate a coordinated international response and help put an end to the pandemic globally.

David Malpass, the [Head of the World Bank](#), has highlighted that further support for developing countries in terms of delivery systems and supply will need to be in place to allow equity of access to vaccines.

In terms of approved vaccines, the [RAPS website](#) provides a good overview of the current situation. The approval by US authorities of the Janssen Biotech vaccine now means that there are 12 vaccines with some form of regulatory approval, of which 7 are being used widely across the world. This is unprecedented and something we should all give thanks for, not least when considering the partnership work between scientists, public and private organisations, which is a source of great optimism.

The approval of the Janssen Biotech vaccine is a positive development as it only requires one shot and is based on traditional vaccine technology. It has shown 85% efficacy against serious illness in trials.

There remain challenges in terms of take-up of the vaccine. In the UK, The Queen used a [video call to challenge people](#) to see taking the vaccine as supporting others, not just themselves. At the same time, some countries, such as Tanzania and Madagascar, have issued [statements](#) saying they do not have plans to vaccinate their populations against COVID-19. With fears that a significant number of unvaccinated people may lead to viral mutations and prolong the crisis, set against the ethics and legality of forcing individuals to be vaccinated, we must pray for grace and love in these sensitive yet vital conversations.

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

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

We pray that individuals, leaders and nations focus on the needs of others rather than themselves, and that cooperation and compassion lie at the heart of the world's response to the crisis.

We release wisdom, skill, and integrity upon our leaders, particularly as they grapple with the complexities, challenges and many voices that seek to influence them

We pray that leaders and nations will see their moral duty to the world's poorest and most vulnerable people and back this up with action not just words.

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

We pray for individuals struggling to decide whether to receive the vaccine. We ask that their fears be settled and that the information they receive be truthful and honest.

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

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

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

We pray for a safe, effective, and affordable vaccine to be released soonest and the continued development of a range of vaccines to supply the whole world

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.

Join in Online Prayers: World Prayer Centre, Birmingham, UK – Virtual House of Prayer iHop Kansas Prayer Room 247 Prayer Coronavirus Prayer Room Additional Prayer Resources for Coronavirus God and the Pandemic – Tom Wright Beyond the Pandemic - Rev Dr Clifford Hill A coronavirus prayer from Pete Greig 19 Things to Do in response to Coronavirus Prophecy Today UK's Responses to Coronavirus PrayerCast Video and Prayer Briefing CSM Nigeria Article	Lausanne Resources Operation World EBook on the impact on Mission WW11 Veteran Gets 180k Praying On a lighter note... 50 countries affected by Covid 19 sing Amazing Grace in this video Reporting from John Hopkins University: https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data/mortality
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14 Myanmar: Junta unleashes terror on protestors

The military rulers in Myanmar have resorted to brutal suppression after appearing to severely underestimate public hostility towards their takeover.

At first, sheets of paper featuring the face of Min Aung Hlaing were fixed on to the streets with sticky tape, ready to be stamped on by angry protestors in Myanmar's main city, Yangon. Troops promptly removed the pages, only for resourceful demonstrators to return with stencils to paint the junta leader's image on to the concrete.



The protest tactic offered some protection against charging soldiers, who were apparently forbidden from treading on an image of their commander-in-chief. It was also a chance for the public to express their deep disdain for the man who stole their democracy.

The decision by Min Aung Hlaing to seize power on 1 February brought an abrupt end to Myanmar's transition, after decades of military rule, to a more democratic system, and prompted fury across the country. It also presented the military with one of the biggest challenges in its 80-year history, as protestors poured on to the streets of cities, towns and villages while vast numbers went on strike, bringing trade, banks and transport systems to a standstill.

"It was a massive strategic miscalculation on their part," said Richard Horsey, an independent political analyst, who added that the military appeared to have severely underestimated the level of public opposition. "But I think they still believe they can win this."

Faced with opposition across society, the military has been unleashing a campaign of terror and chaos. Protesters are being detained, brutally beaten and, increasingly, shot dead. After dark, trucks of troops swarm through residential areas, firing indiscriminately and setting off stun grenades. Every night homes are raided, with officers going door to door arresting protestors and anyone deemed to be sheltering them. About 1,800 people have been taken, although this is probably an underestimate.

"The level of violence and intimidation that they're having to mete out is creating a wellspring of hatred and opposition that is unifying much of the country," added Horsey. "They will be able to deploy the violence that's necessary to impose their will, but then what?" The military will be left presiding over a country with deep, multiple crises, he added, with far less domestic or international support.

More at: [The Guardian](#) [Reuters](#)

Video Briefing: [Watch Dr Jason Hubbard's prayer briefing video on Myanmar](#)

There are reports of 'anti-China' riots as Beijing is being accused of thinly-veiled support for the Junta. China has significant interests in the country including a proposed hydropower dam to generate electricity for China and a part-built natural gas pipeline to give them access to the Indian Ocean.

More at: <https://www.eastasiaforum.org/2021/03/10/will-myanmars-coup-help-china-influence-asean/>

Pray for the violence and extra-judicial killings of peaceful protestors to stop.

Pray that the international diplomacy and sanctions along with the strong will of the people of Burma will bring the Junta to stand down and free the democratically elected leaders.

Pray that Beijing does not take advantage of this instability.

Pray in more depth using these resources: [Prayer Guide](#) | [Operation World](#) | [Joshua Project](#) | [Open Doors](#)

15 China: Expands Crackdown Against Christians

While Communist China moves aggressively to spread its influence throughout the Pacific region and around the world, the government is expanding a crackdown against people of faith at home.

In its effort to assure that all its citizens comply with the edicts and beliefs of the state, the Chinese Communist Party is targeting Christians for persecution and ethnic Muslims for genocide.



On February 1, 2021, China's Public Security Bureau (PSB) police stormed onto the property of a government-sanctioned church in China's Wenzhou City. Their mission? Toppling a cross from the roof of a church building for a second time. They had removed the cross seven years earlier, but church members replaced it.

Bob Fu is the Founder and Director of China Aid, a Midland, Texas-based group that helps China's persecuted Christians. "In that city alone we have documented over 1,600 churches where their crosses were being burnt, destroyed, and destructed. And many pastors you know were even detained, imprisoned," he said. China's Christians say it is the worst persecution against them since Chairman Mao Zedong. "To use ambassador Sam Brownback's word, 'it's a war against the faith,'" Fu explained. "I think it's a war against the independent faith."

And it's no longer limited to certain regions of China. VOM Radio Host Todd Nettleton says this massive wave of Christian persecution is widespread and it's coming from the national government.

"What we say in 2021 is that everywhere in China there is intense persecution of Christians. There are intense efforts to control the church, to bring the church under Communist Party control," he explained.

The crackdown is affecting every Christian in China said Nettleton - Protestants, Catholics, government registered churches, and unregistered house churches. And Fu said the CCP has a new excuse for targeting Christians. "Now under this pretext of Covid-19 coronavirus, the Chinese Communist Party has intensified its persecution by banning all the church activities – even those worship services, prayer meetings in believer's own homes with their own family members."

Meanwhile, despite the suffering, Bob Fu is expressing optimism about the country's spiritual future. He says when the CCP seized government control in 1947, only about one million people in China claimed to be Christian. But today – after 70-years of unrelenting persecution – their numbers have grown to as many as 130-million. Fu sees a glimmer of hope in the suffering. "So, I think at the end of the day maybe we should call President Xi Jin Ping as God's you know, faithful servant to revive His church."

Coverage by Gary Lane / CBN

MORE: <https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2021/february/unrelenting-china-expands-crackdown-against-christians-muslims>

Pray for our dear brothers and sisters in the persecuted Church in China, for divine strength and resolve as they continue to minister and pastor their congregations.

Pray for those in authority in China (1 Tim 2:2) that they will find the true and living God.

Pray for those who are suffering for their faith, that you will pour out your grace into their lives and their hearts.

Pray for the continued success of the many networks who are working to equip and encourage believers in China.

More prayers:

[Operation World](#) | [Joshua Project](#) | [PrayerCast Video](#)

16 Ethiopia: the human cost of fighting in Tigray

Hundreds executed, thousands homeless - the human cost of fighting in Tigray

The breadth and depth of human suffering in the Ethiopian region of Tigray is perfectly clear to humanitarian workers, human rights groups and the international diplomatic community.

After [four months of warfare](#) between Ethiopia's national defence force and fighters from the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), observers are collecting a worrying selection of data.



More than 500,000 Tigrayans have lost their homes. Almost 60,000 have sought refugee status in neighbouring Sudan. Two refugee camps in Tigray have been obliterated by military force. Nearly 70% of 106 health facilities have been looted. Only 13% are functioning normally.

Allegations and stories about atrocities and human rights abuses have also surfaced, despite a government-imposed communications blackout.

Amnesty International has issued a report about the deaths of hundreds of people in the ancient [Tigrayan city of Axum](#). Drawing on testimony from refugees in Sudan - and evidence given by phone in Ethiopia - the human rights group says Eritrean troops, who are allied with [Ethiopian](#) government forces, "carried out systematic house-to-house searches, extra judicially executing men and boys".

[Read this shocking report](#) from Sky News as they visit some of the villages and communities affected by the war and meet some of the people and hear their stories.

Responding to the Sky News report, Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said he was "deeply concerned" and highlighted his trip to both Ethiopia and Sudan earlier this year.

"I think there's a number of things we need to do," Mr Raab said. "First of all, as I made it clear to the Ethiopian government when I was there, we need to see unfettered access for humanitarian purposes into Tigray so we get some proper facts we can verify, but also so we can support the vulnerable. "There's a risk of famine as well as the human rights abuses your correspondent was looking into.

Citing evidence of serious human rights violations in Tigray, the UN Human Rights Commissioner, Michelle Bachelet - and organisations like Amnesty International - have called for an immediate and independent investigation. If the truth is not revealed, thousands more will lose their lives.

More: <https://news.sky.com/story/ethiopia-hundreds-executed-thousands-homeless-the-human-cost-of-fighting-in-tigray-12247307>

Pray: for doors to open so that the necessary humanitarian assistance will be made accessible for the millions of people whose lives have been impacted – the victims, the refugees, the bereaved.

Pray: for an end to the hostilities and for a path to peace to be brokered in what is a complex and deep-rooted situation.

Pray: for those who have committed war crimes to be brought to justice.

Pray: for peaceful and safe elections to take place.

More: [PrayerCast](#) | [Operation World](#) | [Joshua Project](#)

17 Mozambique: Children as young as 11 'being beheaded'

Hundreds of thousands have fled their homes as a conflict involving an Islamic State-linked group continues to grow dramatically.

Children as young as 11 are being beheaded in Mozambique, Save the Children has said, in the latest country to be affected by an Islamist insurgency.

The UK-based charity said it had spoken to families who have described "horrifying scenes" of murder, including mothers whose young sons were killed.



Thousands are dead and [many magnitudes more have been forced from their homes](#), as a result of dramatically escalating fighting that has been linked to [Islamic State](#) (IS).

In one case, a woman hid with three children as her other 12-year-old was murdered nearby, Save the Children said. The 28-year-old, who the charity calls Elsa, is quoted as saying: "We tried to escape to the woods, but they took my eldest son and beheaded him. "We couldn't do anything because we would be killed too."

The [Biden](#) administration declared Mozambique's Islamist group a foreign terrorist organisation last week, in part because of its links to IS. The US said the group reportedly pledged allegiance to IS as long ago as 2018.

The first attack in Mozambique claimed by IS was in Cabo Delgado in June 2019. The region, in the country's far north, has been plagued by insurgency since 2017. Throughout 2020, the insurgents repeatedly engaged the military to capture and hold key towns.

While beheadings have always been a hallmark of the attacks, the brutality and mass killings have worsened, with the murder of around 52 people at once in the village of Xitaxi in April last year among them. So far, almost 2,700 people on all sides have died in the violence, according to consultancy Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED). Nearly 670,000 people have been displaced, according to Save the Children.

The US embassy in Mozambique said on Monday that American special forces will train Mozambican marines and provide medical and communications equipment to help Mozambique defeat the insurgency. It comes just a few months after the US military said all its troops had been pulled out of Somalia, further north in east Africa, where the government has been fighting [al Qaeda](#)-linked [al Shabaab](#) militants.

Amnesty International said earlier in March that all sides in the Mozambique conflict were committing war crimes, with government forces also responsible for abuses against civilians - a charge the government has denied.

The insurgency comes in the wake of [a COVID pandemic that has hit the country](#) hard and a devastating cyclone, in 2019, that rendered tens of thousands homeless.

Reporter: Philip Whiteside

More: <https://news.sky.com/story/children-as-young-as-11-being-beheaded-amid-islamist-insurgency-in-mozambique-12247985>

Pray: for the government of Mozambique, with the help of international partners, to restore security so that the huge numbers of displaced people can return to their homes in safety.

Pray: for the lives scarred by these horrendous attacks, for healing of memories and minds.

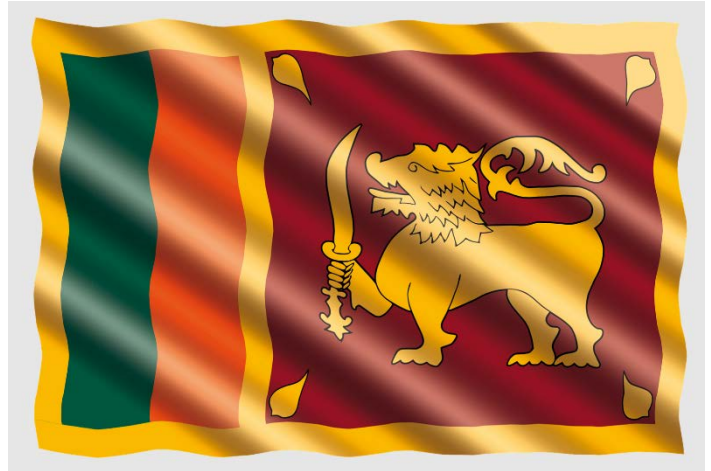
Pray: for the bereaved – that God will comfort them in their sorrow.

More Prayers: [PrayerCast](#) | [Operation World](#) | [Joshua Project](#)

18 Sri Lanka: 'Religious Disharmony' Order Threatens Minorities

Sri Lanka's government should immediately withdraw an order that allows two-years of detention without trial for causing "religious, racial, or communal disharmony," Human Rights Watch said today. The Prevention of Terrorism (De-radicalization from holding violent extremist religious ideology) Regulations No. 01 of 2021, issued on March 9, 2021, expands the draconian and abusive Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA).

The regulation will allow the government of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to more easily target religious and racial minorities, in violation of their basic rights. The United Nations Human Rights Council is considering a resolution to strengthen monitoring and promote accountability for human rights violations in Sri Lanka, after the UN high commissioner on human rights identified "clear early warning signs ... of future violations."



"The Sri Lankan government has added a new weapon to its arsenal of abusive laws, putting religious and racial minorities at greater risk of torture and prolonged detention without trial," said Meenakshi Ganguly, South Asia director at Human Rights Watch. "Instead of addressing the UN's concerns by repealing the notorious Prevention of Terrorism Act, the Rajapaksa administration is embracing it with a vengeance."

The regulation broadly allows the authorities to detain and "rehabilitate" anyone who "by words either spoken or intended to be read or by signs or by visible representations" causes the commission of violence or "religious, racial or communal disharmony or feelings of ill will or hostility between different communities or racial or religious groups." Instead of being tried, the suspect faces detention in a "reintegration center" for up to one year. The defense minister, currently President Rajapaksa, is empowered to extend the detention for a second year.

Sri Lanka's relatively small Christian community has also been targeted. "You can't even write anything on Facebook," a Christian activist told Human Rights Watch. "Anything could happen. We don't feel safe to express ourselves. They could lock you up under any pretext."

The United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva is considering a resolution that would strengthen monitoring of Sri Lanka's deteriorating human rights situation and create a mechanism to collect and analyze evidence of violations for use in future prosecutions. Several senior members of the current government are implicated in alleged war crimes and other grave abuses during Sri Lanka's civil war.

Source: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/03/16/sri-lanka-religious-disharmony-order-threatens-minorities>

More: Read Stephen Kinnocks speech in the UK House of Commons, March 20th 2021 which raises a number of concerns surrounding the Sri Lanka government's law-making and alleged 'militarisation of the government': <https://www.ukpol.co.uk/stephen-kinnock-2021-speech-on-sri-lanka/>

Pray: that the Sri Lankan government will revoke this regulation and preserve and respect the rights of its people to practice their religion freely.

Pray: for those who seek to broker reconciliation of the 'wounds' from civil war and ethnic & cultural differences.

Pray: for the Church in Sri Lanka, that it will continue to grow and flourish despite the persecution.

Open Doors - Easter Prayers for the persecuted church. These are pertinent, just 2 years on from the 2019 church and hotel attacks: http://media.opendoorsuk.org/document/pdf/Easter-Prayers.pdf?_ga=2.241067648.2088753248.1586161764-492872149.1560337581

More Prayer: [Operation World](#) | [Joshua Project](#) | [PrayerCast Video](#) | [Gospel for Asia](#)

Resources

19 GUIDE: 30 Days of Prayer for The Muslim World

Learn more about the Muslim world, the month of Ramadan, and how you can pray.

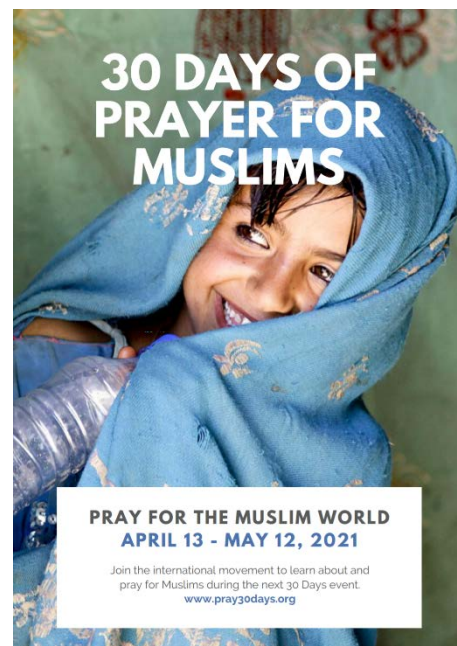
Join the Movement

30 Days of Prayer begins April 13th, 2021.

Join together with thousands of others to pray for Muslims around the world! Buy a prayer guide, tell your friends, and help bring 30 Days to more churches, small groups and families.

Order PDFs and Printed Books in 40+ languages / nations and kids version at:

<https://www.pray30days.org/>



20 Prayer for the Nations Course - April 19-24 2021

There is a one-week, online course, run by [All Nations](#) focused on training for intercessory prayer for the nations, with teaching and facilitation by prayer leaders from different countries.

Do you want to grow in your prayer life and learn to partner with God in what He is doing in the nations through prayer? Would you like to be better equipped to respond to world events, and engage in intercessory prayer to see God's Kingdom established "on earth as it is in heaven"? Come be part of an online learning community for a week, as we engage in God's heart for the world through intercessory prayer!

Course Delivery:

This course is run via Zoom where participants will learn through online lectures, breakout group discussions, and corporate worship and intercession times. Hours of engagement include a two and a half session in the mornings (9:30am - 12 noon, UK Time), followed by another hour and a half session in the afternoons (2:30pm - 4pm, UK Time) from Monday through to the Friday. On Saturday, 24th April, there is the "Prayer Ignite" seminar for the month of April that has been integrated into this week-long course.

Topics covered for the week include:

The Character and Ways of God in Intercession
Listening to God in Corporate Intercession
Engaging in Prayer for our Covid-Plagued World
Biblical Worldview in Prayer & Missions
Worship, Prayer & Missions in the Global South
Prayer Ignite: History Belongs to the Intercessors

More info and sign up at: <https://www.allnations.ac.uk/courses/short-courses/prayer-nations-course>



About IPC

21 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-five 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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