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Greetings!

We are pleased to bring you the May edition of IPC Connections.

As we write this introduction, several of us have just arrived at International House of Prayer, Kansas City who are hosting [World Prayer Together](#) on Saturday 1st May. This 2-hour online prayer and worship gathering launches [GO Month](#), and includes prayers for the unreached across China, India and the Middle East.

The event is being led by a group of highly respected prayer ministry leaders from around the world and is being broadcast from IHOPKC and GODTV globally at 7.30pm in each region.



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May 1st will be English language. The event will be re-broadcast online in multiple languages on May 7th at 12:00HRS UTC.

Full details follow below and at www.worldprayertogether.com

In his Editorial article this month, Dr Jason Hubbard shares how the prayers and lifestyles of an eighteenth-century migrant community affected the shape of world mission with such an impact that they still inspire and encourage the Church today? Read this inspiring story about the Moravians below.

We continue our series of introductions to the IPC Council members with a profile of our friend and colleague, Onassis Jeevaraj. Onassis is based in Chennai, India and has been with IPC since 2005. He is an Exec Team member who also leads and represents IPC in South Asia. He is a humble and gracious man of God with immense giftings. Do read his testimony.

India is very much in the news at present. We have all seen in the news the shocking and desperate situation that their health services are facing in the light of the overwhelming number of covid cases that are reaching out to them for medical treatment. We are sharing below a prayer report from Rev George Henman from Delhi which can be echoed by our colleague, Onassis and many of our other contacts in India. They very much need our prayers and our practical / financial help at this time.

Whilst there is encouraging news in terms of the development and rolling out of the covid vaccine, the covid-19 pandemic has impacted many areas of life. We are highlighting a few of those impacts in this edition of Connections.

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.

We hope you can join us on the World Prayer Together programme Saturday!

Every blessing,

**Jason Hubbard - Director
International Prayer Connect**

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We aim to respect the diversity within the prayer movement and yet embrace our unified calling to mobilise prayer for the nations. (2 Chron 7:14) If you wish to discuss the appropriateness of any articles, please contact us.

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Editorial

01 An inspiring story about the Moravians - Dr Jason Hubbard

How could the prayers and lifestyles of an eighteenth-century migrant community affect the shape of world mission with such an impact that it still inspires and encourages the Church today? I'd like to share this compelling real-life story with you. It's changed my life and my prayer is that it will change yours too!



On May 1st, we will be airing a unique program on **GOD.TV** across the world. [World Prayer Together | GO PRAY](#) is a worldwide gathering to pray for huge numbers of people who will be sharing the Gospel with their friends, family, colleagues, strangers, whoever they are guided to - during the month of May 2021.



It's part of a big international movement originally called Global Outreach, now called **GO Movement**. Our motivation is from Jesus' words in the Bible - Luke 10 verse 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."

This is where the incredible story of the Moravian's comes in...

Many of us have been inspired by the story of the Count Nicholas Ludwig Von Zinzendorf and the Moravians. Fleeing persecution, the Moravians established a community of believers in 1722 on Zinzendorf's estate in Saxony, Germany. They named this place Herrnhut, which means 'The watch of the Lord'. It is considered by many today to be the birthplace of Protestant missions and continual 24/7 prayer.

On August 13, 1727, the young community experienced a mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God during a communion service. It was described as a 'baptism of love' where the love of God was shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Spirit and spilled out in 'love for another.' An unction of the "Spirit of God" fell upon them to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. This has been referred to as the Moravian Pentecost.

After this outpouring of the Spirit of God, the Lord spoke to Zinzendorf from Leviticus 6:13 that the 'fire should never go out on the altar.' In response, they began a prayer vigil that continued day and night 24/7 for 100 years. Under this canopy of united, strategic and sustainable prayer, God marked 300+ missionaries and sent them out to the nations of the earth, establishing over 5000 missionary settlements. Some of these missionaries were even willing to sell themselves into slavery to reach the slaves of the West Indies with the gospel. Their mission was simple: 'one on the field, one at home, one to pray and one to go.'

What motivated the Moravians to pray day and night for 100 years and go on Gospel mission was the absolute worth of Jesus as the Lamb of Glory! The watchword of the Moravians was this "May the Lamb who was slain receive the due reward for His sufferings." They would often declare, "Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow Him."

It's my heart's desire that as we pray, God would give us a piercing revelation of the Lamb of God. The Father is always looking at the wounds of his Son, and I believe he is asking the church today, "When will you give my Son the due reward for his sacrifice?" He is all-deserving of all of our worship, all of our obedience and all of our affections. May our hearts bleed for the one who bled for us! And at the end of

the day, may we join with the chorus of Heaven and sing and declare, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” (Rev. 5:12, ESV)

During **World Prayer Together | GO PRAY** may we follow in the footsteps of the Moravians, cultivating day and night prayer in each of our communities and boldly sharing our faith with the lost. Let’s pray that the missions movements around the world become more prayer devoted and the prayer movements around the world become more missional!

Let’s ask the Lord for a fresh burden for the lost and broken of our world. If Jesus were to come back today, 5 billion people on the planet would be in hell, suffering and separated from the presence of God forever. To grasp this, if each person (5 billion) were lined up toe to toe, they would be lined up around the globe 37.9x. Real people with real families. During **World Prayer Together | Go Pray**, may God grant us his burden and a fresh boldness to be witnesses like he did the early church!



“And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness” (Acts 4:31)

May every believer be a witness. Everyone can reach someone and together we can reach the world!

Let’s keep the fire burning!

**Dr. Jason Hubbard – Director
International Prayer Connect**

Watch the inspiring ‘Reaching the Unreached’ video filmed in Herrnhut Germany:

[Short \(3 mins\)](#) | [Full \(9 mins\)](#)

Watch the World Prayer Together | GO PRAY [Video](#)

World Prayer Together | GO PRAY airs at 7.30pm in each GOD.TV region on Saturday May 1st. Links to each broadcast and a free downloadable prayer guide are available from www.worldprayertogether.com

02 Introducing the IPC Team – Onassis Jeevaraj

Continuing our series of articles introducing you to the leaders at IPC, this month we would like to introduce you to Onassis Jeevaraj.

Onassis serves on the Executive Team and Council of International Prayer Connect and is responsible for raising a strong prayer network in 8 South Asian countries. He has been associated with IPC since 2005, identified and encouraged by our previous Chairman, John Robb and given responsibility to facilitate prayers in the South Asia region since 2008. He conducted the Global Children in Prayer Summit in Chennai in 2008, (45 nations and 200 delegates participated in this summit). Onassis also facilitated the South Asia Prayer council conferences in Sri Lanka and Nepal.



Onassis was born in the city of Chennai (Chennai is the city where one of the disciples of Jesus Christ, the Apostle Thomas, was martyred.) His parents were nominal Christians and were not church goers. He used to go to church once in a while and had no knowledge of Jesus until he received the Lord as his personal savior when he was seventeen years old.

Onassis also serves as the India National Director for GO MOVEMENT. His job is to envision the body of Christ, with the need to go for one-on-one Evangelism, 'each one reach one'. He travels across the nation of India to meet with leaders / bishops / overseers of different denominations and to encourage churches to reach the nation. His journey with God has been an interesting blend of learning stewardship and applying the Kingdom principles through the Marketplace and also through being an ordained minister.



WINDOW INTERNATIONAL NETWORK - www.win1040.org

Onassis's journey in Window International Network started when he first attended their global prayer summit in East Malaysia in 2006. Now he is part of their network as a prayer mobilizer and trainer. 10/40 nations (those between 10 and 40 degrees north latitude) consist of 69 countries, close to 4 billion people, yet 90% of these nations have not been reached by the gospel. As Chief Executive Director, he has social media and reporter teams that inform readers and contacts as to what is happening in the 1040 window. They regularly send Emergency Prayer Alerts and daily updates of prayer targets covering the 1040 nations. He also takes teams to do prayer journeys to the most vulnerable countries as first-hand experience of prayer walking and intercession.

Tell us a bit about your story of what you did previously and how you got into prayer ministry?

At the age of 19 years, I committed to be a full-time servant of the Lord and involved myself in the local church as a Sunday School teacher, Youth Minister, leading many young people to the Lord. At the same time, I managed my own Electrical Contracting company for 12 years with a successful career. I was huge tither and giver to missions. However in the years 1990-2000, business was challenging and I suffered losses and rising debts, and I had to ask several people to support me financially. I made a commitment then to leave the business only when I had settled all my debts. After 3 months, God miraculously blessed my business beyond my understanding and I paid all my outstanding debtors, earned the good will of my market and clients and was again very successful. In the year 2001 at the peak of my business career, I heard the audible voice of the Holy Spirit, telling me it was time to move to full time ministry. I quit in the year 2001 and closed my company. I was ordained as Pastor of Prince of Peace Ministries in Chennai.

In 2002 I had an opportunity to meet Brother Patrick Joshua (a renowned Mission and Prayer Leader in India) and to steward for him during his prayer ministry assignments. One day he said that the Lord had told him that Onassis is

the person who will assist him to initiate and network the churches in India for Prayer. Hence, National Prayer Network was born. I had hardly travelled outside of my city before 2002! God now helped me to pioneer National Prayer Network, connecting leaders of different denominations, missions, NGO's, other prayer networks, business networks and to spark prayer by traveling to more than 400 cities and 30 plus nations. I led many National and International Prayer Initiatives, Conferences, Prayer Rallies, fasting Prayers, Prayer Walking, Teaching, and preaching in 100's of churches across the nations.

Tell us about your family.

My wife's name is Joyce Esther, we have been married for 23 years and are blessed with 2 sons. Solomon is 22 years old and Simeon is 20 years. Solomon is completing his master's degree in Human Resources and will soon pursue his carrier in HR. Simeon is in his second year studying Engineering. Both live in Chennai, India.

Tell us about what you do to relax... any hobbies or sports?

I love traveling to new places and meeting new people. I like to spend time traveling alone and speaking to God. I get relaxed when I help someone in need. My favorite sport is Cricket - I support Chennai Super Kings.

Who was the most inspirational mentor to you, and why?

[Brother Patrick Joshua](#) (pictured right). He saw the call of God on my life, introduced me to the churches and gave me the platform to minister to big church leaders. I learned first-hand lessons in simplicity, patience and faith from this man of God.



What is the biggest challenge you are facing at the moment? How are you dealing with it?

The Covid surge in India is very alarming. The government is doing its best, but the nation is facing one of its worst humanitarian crises in the history of our nation. We have lost many pastors and some of them their spouses. We need more prayers. I am trying to help many of them practically and financially at this juncture. The situation is almost overwhelming.

What's your favorite scripture, and why?

Phil 4 :7- Peace of God and 2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." The unending grace of God and His unconditional love is the foundation of my life, But for His grace and grace alone.



What advice would you give to someone considering getting involved in prayer?

- Prayer ministry is not a stage. It is done in close quarters, one may not get the credit, but then you will have the satisfaction of doing what God wants you to do.
- One needs to have a big heart to accept all kinds of people for mobilizing united prayer.
- One should sacrifice their Ego.
- The attitude of John the Baptist is one to hold on to - Let me decrease and Christ increase.
- Work hard and leave the rest to God.

Along the streets of Kolkata near Kali Ghat, a little girl's eye caught my attention. I was there working and did not realize until I had seen this for myself that this little girl, who couldn't have been more than 12 years old, was working too. She looked away immediately. As I kept walking, I kept turning around to look at what was going on. There were about 6 other little girls too. They were being accosted by men – large, burly, and rough. I kept walking, feeling helpless, unknowing as to what these men who, perhaps were fathers themselves, were doing. I heard that they were expected to service 20 customers during the weekend alone. I felt I had let that little girl down. I have replayed this a million times in my head, but I've also seen this repeated in real life as I traveled across our country and the world from Egypt, Lebanon, Afghanistan, South Africa and in several cities in India, the same stories are repeated. Girls, women, helpless, hapless crying for restoration of dignity, freedom and hope. A life – that's a dream.



From the desperation of that helpless moment grew an inspiration for action – to do something about it – I knew that no woman or child should be violated. I also knew I could never counter this alone. Did you know, next only to the arms and drugs industry, trafficking is the most profitable business in the world?

The Kolkata episode was not a beginning, but it helped me understand what my purpose in life was – to see that every human being lives the life that they've been created to live – well, full of hope and opportunity. The desire to see people live to their potential was tempered from a very young age. I would always be moved deeply when I saw a poor person. I couldn't do anything then.

Though we live in a free nation, the question remains are we really free? On the other, if freedom is for all, why do we still exploit our women and children? Why are families still living in slavery? Why does bonded labor and exploitation still exist? In a country that boasts of the top 5 richest Indians having half of the nation's wealth, why is it difficult for us to alleviate poverty?

[Saath Chalo](http://www.saathchalo.org) seeks to bring together those that are asking similar questions and believe that we can end trafficking and bonded labour. The answers pop up as we come together and stand with each other, walking alongside those that have been affected and impacted by these horrific experiences. Saath Chalo is a movement – of students, of youth, of corporates, of business houses, of people like you and me - that will be a voice – a voice for those that are exploited, made vulnerable, oppressed and with no dignity. It will come along and be a bridge to restore hope and dignity, in their walk towards justice and regaining their destiny.

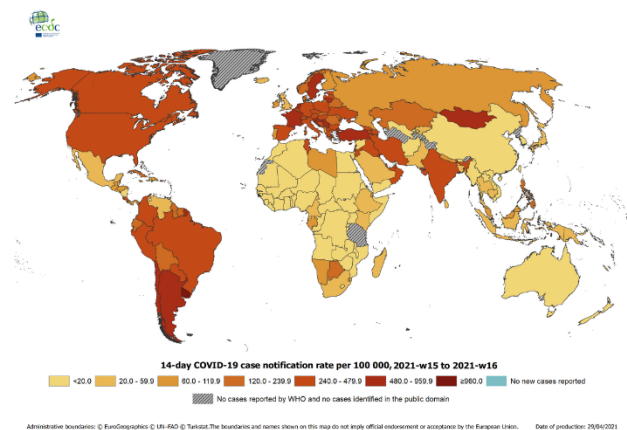
More info at: www.saathchalo.org

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03 Covid-19 Pandemic Prayer Update – May 2021

May 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 25th April, the total global figure for people infected by Covid-19 stood at 146.5 million according to [Johns Hopkins University](#). In addition to this, the recorded number who have died totalled 3,100, 822. From a peak of worldwide daily cases in early January, numbers declined steadily until mid-February when they started to rise again, and are now close to exceeding the January peak.



Covid-19 hot spots

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

The current wave of infections is causing devastation in India. India is the second worst-hit country in the world by the pandemic after the United States. The overall case count now stands at [16,960,172 cases, and 192,311 deaths](#). Having previously peaked in September, cases have grown exponentially since mid-February with a current average of nearly 350,000 new cases each day and 2676 daily deaths, with the health system on the verge of being overwhelmed.

Brazil has also seen great suffering in 2021. Cases have increased since early February, peaking at the start of April at over 100,000 per day. The current daily average of 79,000 cases per day is slowly declining, but still exceeds that of the first wave in July 2020. [Total cases](#) have exceeded 14.3 million with 389,392 deaths. Having peaked at 4249 daily deaths on 8th April, the figure still remains extremely high with over 3000 daily deaths still being reported, currently higher than the reported figure in India. Argentina and Colombia have also both seen significant recent increases in cases.

The [US](#) continues to be the country with the highest number of confirmed cases and deaths related to Covid-19 with figures at around 32,045,235 and 571,921 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 53,363 cases late April ([John Hopkins](#)) and daily deaths were reported as 724 on 24 April .

A growing number of [European countries](#) continue to see high numbers of cases as they struggle to vaccinate their populations at a fast enough rate to reduce the impact of new waves. Cases continue to rise in Germany, Sweden and the Netherlands, but have become stable or started to fall in France and Italy.

New waves and Variants

[New variants of COVID 19](#) continue to be the source of discussion and focus, not least as their interaction with the vaccination programmes and new waves of infection become a greater priority. The [BMJ](#) reported that on average one new mutation emerges each week and that this will continue without knowing when or where they will occur. This raises particular questions regarding the transmission and severity of variants, how the pandemic might develop over the coming months, and the implications for international law and travel. For governments, understanding their impact on vaccine efficacy and the implications for policy is a real challenge.

The variant that emerged in the UK has been identified as the B.1.1.7 variant. It accounted for a significant surge in cases and deaths in the UK, having been demonstrated to be approximately 1.5 times more transmissible than the original strain. There is also [evidence](#) to suggest it causes increased mortality and hospitalisation, particularly in the

over-65 age group. This same variant has become significant in the new waves in Europe and is also contributing to rising cases elsewhere in the world.

Thankfully it appears that at least 3 of the main vaccines [continue to provide protection](#) against this variant.

It is feared that the P1 or 'Brazilian' variant is a [significant cause](#) of the rising cases in South America. [Research](#) has suggested it may be twice as transmissible as earlier strains and may evade up to nearly half of immune defences built during previous infections. Whilst it is not clear if the variant makes people sicker or is more deadly than other strains, researchers estimate that coronavirus infections were 1.2 to 1.9 times more likely to result in death after P.1 emerged than before.

There has been recent focus on a new variant B.1.617 that was first detected in India in October. Scientists do not yet know whether this variant is more infectious or resistant to vaccines however given the terrible situation in India, it is being kept under observation.

Vaccines

The vaccination programme remains the most likely vehicle for ending the pandemic. As of late April, more than 1.03 billion [vaccine doses have been administered worldwide](#), equal to 13 doses for every 100 people. Vaccines have now been administered in approximately 180 countries. Vaccines are concentrated in [high income countries](#) - about 55% of people who have received at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine were from high income countries, and at least 53% were from Europe and North America, yet these countries only represent 16 percent of the world's population. A team [at Duke University's Global Health Innovation Center](#) estimate that the world's poorest 92 countries will not be able to reach a vaccination rate of 60 percent of their populations until 2023 or later.

Since the last report, issues have emerged regarding side-effects of vaccines, most notably [blood clots](#). This has added another layer of challenge for countries as they develop, administer and seek to retain public support for their vaccination programmes. Some countries have adjusted their programmes to only use certain vaccines with specific age groups and genders based on the risk/benefit profiles for that country. It is important to note that the [World Health Organisation](#) continue to support the use of the AstraZeneca vaccine, saying in a recent statement that it "continues to have a positive benefit-risk profile, with tremendous potential to prevent infections and reduce deaths across the world."

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 13 vaccines with some form of regulatory approval, of which 8 are being used widely across the world. 6 new vaccines are currently in Phase 3 trials, with a further 51 in earlier stages of development. 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.

Government Policies

The start of 2021 has seen a number of countries returning to various levels of lockdown in order to deal with rising cases, as highlighted by [this 'government response stringency' index](#). It is clear that many governments are nervous to relax restrictions too quickly after lifting restrictions last summer led to new waves of the virus. Countries are also considering the introduction of vaccination certificates or passports which could be used to allow individuals access to services, leisure and travel. Whilst there is a degree of public support for this in certain countries, many, [including church leaders in the UK](#), have rejected this approach as likely to lead to greater inequality. With conflicting scientific advice, violent anti-lockdown protests, economic turmoil, huge backlogs in other health treatments, it is no surprise that these remain incredibly difficult times in which to govern and lead.

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 prevent or control the emergence of new waves of infection 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 pray for our scientists. In particular we pray for those assessing and communicating risks associated with vaccines, that they be filled with wisdom and understanding. We pray too for those investigating, sequencing and analysing new variants.

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

<p>Join in Online Prayers:</p> <p>World Prayer Centre, Birmingham, UK – Virtual House of Prayer iHop Kansas Prayer Room 247 Prayer Coronavirus Prayer Room</p> <p>Additional Prayer Resources for Coronavirus</p> <p>God and the Pandemic – Tom Wright Beyond the Pandemic - Rev Dr Clifford Hill A coronavirus prayer from Pete Greig 19 Things to Do in response to Coronavirus</p>	<p>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</p> <p>WW11 Veteran Gets 180k Praying</p> <p>On a lighter note... 50 countries affected by Covid 19 sing Amazing Grace in this video</p> <p>Reporting from John Hopkins University: https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data/mortality</p>
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04 Covid-19 India Prayer Briefing from Rev George Herman

George Herman is Pastor of Delhi Bible Fellowship - North Delhi Congregation. His wife is a Doctor. We invited him to update us on the acute pandemic situation in India and to bring us some prayer pointers.

HOPE "In Christ and Christ Alone"

As the coronavirus continues to devastate India, Rev George Hermam, a Pastor at Delhi Bible Fellowship, writes for us in these difficult times.

Even as I write this article, I have friends who write in from different states. One mission organisation lost 9 pastors and 3 faculty members from their organisation in the last 4 days. Another had about half a dozen staff seriously ill. From a praying team who lost over a dozen alumni and more than a dozen critically ill in hospital where there are no oxygen reserves - Where does our attention or our eyes turn to in such dire circumstances that have befallen on our brothers and sisters.

"Attention, elder statesmen! Listen closely, everyone, whoever and wherever you are! Have you ever heard of anything like this? Has anything like this ever happened before—ever? Make sure you tell your children, and your children tell their children, And their children their children. Don't let this message die out. (From The Message, Joel 1:1-3) My country's



***being invaded by an army invincible, past numbering,
Teeth like those of a lion,' fangs like those of a tiger.
It has ruined my vineyards, stripped my orchards, And clear-cut the country.
The landscape's a moonscape." (The Message Joel 1:6-7)***

This morning Pastor Samuel Thomas of the Indian Pentecostal Church, North India Vice President, Operation, shared the whole chapter with me as we talked about Prayer for the Nation of India during such great a crisis. He said, ***'I am here to obey God and listen to his voice and not worry about the outcomes'*** Prayer is seeking the heart of God. There are times, in prayer I pour out my pain and anguish before the Lord- but I wait on him and commune with Him and HOPE in HIM. There lies for me all the rest'.

About 70 odd years ago C S Lewis writing about the Cold war tensions, says, 'The first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes, find us doing sensible and human things—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs.' How then do we find ourselves today? How then do we pray? How then are we praying? Is it in fear, depression, or in utter disarray or with our hands lifted in worship to our Sovereign Lord and King as the psalmist wrote ***'We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. ²¹ In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name'.*** (New International Version Psalm 33)

One thing is for sure, prayer has come back front and centre in a Christian's life in a big way. There is great need for prayer for our beloved Country India. The cases for covid-19 increases and so do the death rates and numbers. The different governmental branches and the NGOs working round the clock has not been able to see a dent in this 2nd wave that has put fear and anger into people. People are looking to blame systems but of it's of no help.

Today's (29th April) saw 379,00 new Covid cases with 1.1% death i.e. 201,187. Is this acceptable, are we saying its **only** 1.1%. This they say has been the highest spike in the country so far. Different states are going on a lockdown. The ones more affected are those in the margins as they have nowhere to go and can go nowhere ever trying to go back to their villages is difficult with the present scenario.

Pastor Cherian John a national leader in the prayer movement and a pastor in Chandigarh, referring to 2nd Chronicles 7, states that we who believe in Jesus, are also called to humble ourselves as we pray and seek his face. There seems to be a direct correlation between God's peoples' repentance and God healing the land. He said prayerlessness causes disobedience and disconnection and so the corollary was true.

So, some responses which all of us can do in a morbid time such as this.

- 1. Pray for God to heal our Land.**
- 2. More First level care to reduce rushing to the hospitals, also to reduce panic and anxiety.**
- 3. For health care workers (clinical and non-clinical) and their families are at the fag-end of energy. For protection on them and for encouragement and rest to be their portion**
- 4. For greater supply of Oxygen, hospital beds with oxygen connection, ICU beds, for better weather for patients who wait outside hospital gates. (we are coming close to our hottest days) according to researchers the 2nd wave has not yet peaked.**
- 5. For families who have lost their love ones, especially those who are the only earning members in their families**
- 6. For the visible demonstration of the Lord of Lords by the people of God and for hope to be alive in all our hearts. As the psalmist said**

**May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you. Psalm 33:22-
May that be our earnest prayer.**

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05 COVID-19 Impacts on freedom of faith and girl's education

Restrictions have violated freedoms to practice faith

The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom warned that some countries have used COVID-19 restrictions to discriminate against religious minorities or blame them for the spread of the virus.

USCIRF, a bipartisan commission tasked with informing Congress and the federal government about global religious freedom concerns, released its 2021 annual report detailing the international religious freedom conditions in a year plagued by a pandemic.



The cover of this year's report, which details where religious freedom is "improving or in peril," features a globe shrouded in a face mask, showing the worldwide implications the pandemic had.

USCIRF Chair Gayle Manchin said at a press conference that though public health measures in most countries to slow the spread of COVID-19 complied with international human rights standards, some countries used these measures to discriminate against religious minorities.

"Unfortunately, it had a negative impact in many ways ...," she said. "What we found to be unacceptable were where minorities were targeted in much stricter fashion, and their activities were restricted much more harshly than other religions across the country, and that's where the problem arose."

"Also, there were countries that literally blamed the COVID-19 virus on a particular religion, [claiming] that they were responsible for the spread of that virus across their country," she continued.

Some countries used the pandemic as an "excuse" to "punish and penalize" minority religious groups.

"While many of these restrictions were justifiable under public health exceptions defined in international law, some restrictions harmed religious minorities or otherwise violated freedom of religion or belief," the report reads.

Where certain religions were targeted or blamed for causing the spread of the virus, there was a greater risk of being arrested and placed in prison or "deplorable conditions."

"As the restrictions are lifted, we will be watching very closely to make sure that those restrictions are being lifted fairly across the country to all religions," Manchin said.

One example is Malaysia, where "non-Muslim houses of worship, including Hindu temples and Christian churches, were not prioritized for reopening and faced different reopening times than mosques." Additionally, the country banned refugees and migrants from entering mosques.

In Turkey, an individual attempted to "set fire" to an Armenian church for "bringing the coronavirus."



The commission reported that "the pandemic also fostered a wave of misinformation targeting religious minorities."

MORE: https://www.christianpost.com/news/some-covid-19-restrictions-harmed-religious-minorities-uscirf.html?uid=f1f5a81e89&utm_source=The+Christian+Post+List&utm_campaign=CP-Newsletter&utm_medium=email

Pray for all persecuted Christians throughout the world

Pray for governments and leaders, that they show wisdom and good judgment in these difficult times

Pray for those in prison for their faith, that they may know the sustaining presence of Jesus alongside them

Pray that God's justice will rain down in the darkest places

COVID-19 has harmed girls' education

Before COVID-19, the longstanding educational disadvantage for women had been declining and even led, in some cases, to a 'reverse' gap where girls were outperforming boys in enrollment rates and learning outcomes.

However, evidence suggests that the pandemic may slow or reverse these gains, through factors such as an increased risk of dropping out of school.

Action is needed immediately to reverse these losses and ensure girls around the world return to school.

The returns to schooling are especially high for women. That is, the earnings increment associated with more education is in fact higher for women than for men. One additional year of schooling and women's wages go up 12% (compared with 10% for men).



However, the schooling gains of girls and women are under threat. Prior to the COVID-19-induced school closures, girls were staying in school longer and learning more than at any other time. The longstanding disadvantage for girls in terms of enrollment had been declining. In some cases, this led to a "reverse gap" where girls outperform boys in both enrollment rates and learning outcomes – a female learning premium.

COVID-19 may put a temporary halt to this progress. COVID-19-induced school closures may slow or reverse these gains and may further prevent girls and women from realizing the potential returns – representing a "hidden" future cost. Urgent action is needed to ensure that girls and women can realize the returns to their schooling.

The World Bank is forecasting lower levels of schooling, learning, and future earnings because of school closures due to COVID-19. Learning loss is expected and predicted. Recent evidence from several countries shows that the COVID-19 slide is real. For women and girls, who are already being significantly negatively affected by the pandemic, there is a particular risk in the realm of education.

The pandemic puts girls at an increased risk of:

- Dropping out of school
- Being vulnerable to domestic violence and other Gender-Based Violence (GBV)
- Child marriage
- Early pregnancy
- Being exploited as child labor

UNESCO has projected that 11 million girls may never return to school following the pandemic.

What can be done, what might work?

Remote learning was a useful action in the Spring of 2020; but it's not the answer now. Rather, we need to open schools – safely – in order to mitigate and reverse learning losses and get girls back in school. For many girls,

especially the youngest, the learning lost during the pandemic can be limited and even reversed by improving distance education during school closures and by implementing learning recovery programs such as Teach to the Right Level and High Dosage Tutoring, which the evidence has shown to be effective. However, for older girls, the risk of dropping out is real, and they may leave school before their learning losses can be recovered, unless innovative programs are put in place in a timely manner.

The risk of dropping out needs to be addressed right away by providing extra support to students and their families to ensure that they stay in school, making sure to target girls as being at a high risk of dropout and learning losses. Targeted support may also be needed to overcome constraints specific to girls, especially adolescent girls. For example, the Keeping Girls in School Program in Zambia provides cash transfers to families of adolescent girls so they can afford to keep their daughters in school and has set up an early warning system to identify girls at risk of dropping out and of other vulnerabilities.

Organizations and communities can work to ensure students continue their education while at home but at the same time ensure that they are receiving other crucial services as well, so they do not lose momentum.

The role of government is key. Progress will only come when they are able to implement at scale, and once policymakers, business leaders, nonprofits, and individual communities work hand in hand.

More: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2021/04/covid-19-has-harmed-girls-education-here-s-what-needs-to-be-done/>

Pray for equality of access for girls to education throughout the world

Pray for those organisations at the heart of efforts to bring education to girls in under-developed nations

Pray for teacher, educators and administrators that they may know wisdom in overcoming the devastation of the last 12 months

06 Russia: Navalny dissolves political network

Jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny's political network is disbanded ahead of court rulings declaring it an 'extremist' organisation.

A Moscow court is expected to ban the network's crowdfunded work, which would put members and supporters at risk of six years in prison.

Leonid Volkov, the network's former coordinator, said that keeping the work of Navalny's network in its current form would lead immediately to extremism charges and criminal sentences for those helping or cooperating with it. He said the breakup was a 'punch in the gut' after four years of hard work in very difficult circumstances: 'The networks had victories. We cancelled corrupt public procurement orders, secured the resignation of thieves and crooks, won elections, protected parks from development projects, and helped local activists. Now there are direct orders from the Kremlin to destroy the network of offices.'



The network's website shtab.navalny.com was still accessible on 29 April, showing dozens of locations spanning eleven time zones.

Pray: for the dozens of regional politicians, thousands of supporters, and independent political organisations to remain strong as they organise investigations, and rallies. (Proverbs 21:15)

07 Myanmar: Christians fear for their safety

It's now nearly three months since the military coup in Myanmar. The junta has intensified its crackdown on protestors, with around 600 people now believed to have been killed. For the country's minority Christian population, there continues to be fear – not just for their safety but of forced recruitment to the army. In this update, Christians in the country share experiences and fears, as well as gratitude for your ongoing prayers. All names have been changed to protect identities.



Given the communication restrictions in Myanmar, it's hard to obtain information from Open Doors local partners in the country. When contact is made with believers, the fear and uncertainty speaks louder than their words.

"Every day I hear gunshots and sound grenades near my house," shares Min Naing* from Yangon, Myanmar's largest city. "The sound comes only one bus stop away from my house. At night, most homes do not turn on lights after 8pm. And nobody makes any noise. This has been happening for about two weeks. Sometimes I hear gunshots in the evening and around midnight. We also stay indoors during the day. We cannot go out except for putting out rubbish and shopping for groceries. I live in the middle of Yangon without security. Please pray for the safety of me and my family."

Pastor Kyaw* leads a church in a township where martial law is imposed. Because of the daily gunfire near the church building, it's been impossible to organise church activities. "My wife has not been able to sleep for two weeks," the pastor shares. "That's why we fled to another town. When we arrived in the town, I had to flee again after two days, because the army was recruiting more soldiers." Thankfully, the couple are now home and safe, but without internet. The pastor is concerned about not having access to the news.

Believers hiding in the forest

Others are also at risk of being forcibly enlisted into the army. "In a remote village, a pastor is leading a small church," Brother Lwin*, an Open Doors local partner reports. "There are no soldiers or police in their village so regular prayers are held every night. Last week, the village chief was asked to recruit 30 men for the military in their village. Now the believers, including the pastor, are hiding in the forest."

Brother Lwin and others live and work under enormous stress because of the uncertainty and rapidly changing situation. Nobody's safety is guaranteed. But one thing is for sure: Brother Lwin and the other believers know they are not alone. "Thank you for standing with us during this crisis," Brother Lwin shares. "We don't know how or when this will be over. Please pray that the believers will stand strong in their faith, and non-believers – of who many are frustrated and hopeless, even with their own faith – will come to know the true and living God."

**Names changed for safety of individuals*

More at: <https://www.opendoors.org.hk/en/christians-in-myanmar-fear-for-safety-and-forced-recruitment-to-army/>

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](#)

08 Africa - a vaccine for malaria

A vaccine against malaria has been shown to be highly effective in trials in Africa, holding out the real possibility of slashing the death toll of a disease that kills 400,000 mostly small children every year.

The vaccine, developed by scientists at the Jenner Institute of Oxford University, showed up to 77% efficacy in a trial of 450 children in Burkina Faso over 12 months.

The hunt for a malaria vaccine has been going on the best part of a century. One, the Mosquirix vaccine developed by GlaxoSmithKline, has been through lengthy clinical trials but is only partially effective, preventing 39% of malaria cases and 29% of severe malaria cases among small children in Africa over four years. It is being piloted by the World Health Organization in parts of Kenya, Ghana and Malawi.

The Oxford vaccine is the first to meet the WHO goal of 75% efficacy against the mosquito-borne parasite disease. Larger trials are now beginning, involving 4,800 children in four countries.

Prof Adrian Hill, director of the Jenner Institute, where the Oxford/AstraZeneca Covid vaccine was invented, said he believed the vaccine had the potential to cut the death toll dramatically. "What we're hoping to do is take that 400,000 down to tens of thousands in the next five years, which would be absolutely fantastic."

Other interventions, such as impregnated bednets and malarial drugs, have reduced the death toll from a million a year, he said, and those must continue. But, if the vaccine could cut deaths to the tens of thousands, they might be able to look towards "a greater goal – eventually eradicating malaria".

Hill said the institute might apply for emergency approval for the malaria vaccine just as it did for the Covid jab. "I'm making the argument as forcefully as I can, that because malaria kills a lot more people than Covid in Africa, you should think about emergency-use authorisation for a malaria vaccine for use in Africa. And that's never been done before."

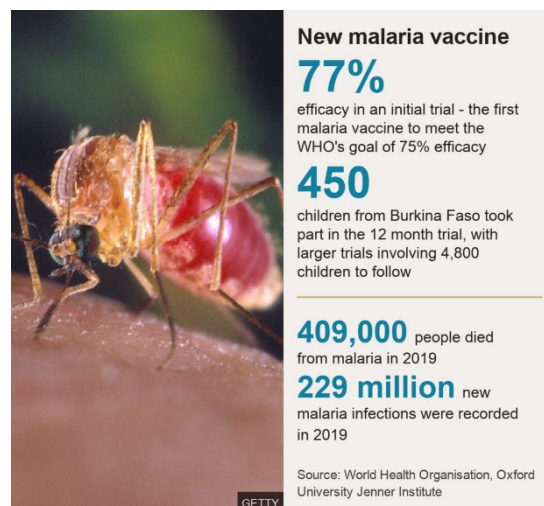
The institute would probably ask the regulatory bodies in Europe or the UK for a scientific opinion on the vaccine and then apply to the World Health Organization for approval for use in Africa. "They did Covid in months – why shouldn't they do malaria in a similar length of time as the health problem is an even greater scale in Africa?" Hill said.

The vaccine will be manufactured at large scale and low-cost, say the researchers, who have arranged a deal with the Serum Institute of India, which is involved in manufacturing the Oxford/AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine.

The Serum Institute has had to delay supplies of the Covid vaccine to the rest of the world because of the huge rise in cases in India, but has promised to deliver 200m doses a year of the malaria vaccine if it is licensed. Hill said the best-case scenario was approval by the end of 2022, by which time the Serum Institute would have plenty of capacity.

Dr Cyrus Poonawalla and Adar Poonawalla, respectively chair and CEO of the Serum Institute, said in a statement that they were "highly excited to see these results on a safe and highly effective malaria vaccine which will be available to the whole world". The project was through collaboration with Oxford and also Novavax, which is supplying the adjuvant, a substance that enhances the immune system response.

"We are highly confident that we will be able to deliver more than 200m doses annually in line with the strategy, as soon as regulatory approvals are available," they said.



Gareth Jenkins, of Malaria No More UK, said: “We can end malaria in our generation but only if governments invest in the research needed to deliver the new medicines and products that can accelerate the end of this terrible disease.

“The Jenner Institute’s groundbreaking work on both the new Covid-19 and malaria vaccines is a great example of this and demonstrates just how much humanity’s safety is dependent on new science.

“An effective and safe malaria vaccine would be a hugely significant extra weapon in the armoury needed to defeat malaria, which still kills over 270,000 children every year. For decades British scientists have been at the forefront of developing new ways to detect, diagnose, test and treat malaria, and we must continue to back them.

“A world without malaria is a world safer both for the children who would otherwise be killed by this disease, and for us here at home. Countries freed from the malaria burden will be much better equipped to fight off new disease threats when they inevitably emerge in the future.”

MORE: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/apr/23/oxford-malaria-vaccine-proves-highly-effective-in-burkina-faso-trial>
<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/podcasts/quick-to-listen/malaria-vaccine-africa-mosquito-covid-19-podcast.html>

Pray for all those who suffer from Malaria each year.

Pray for the many young children who endure suffering and death at the hands of this disease.

Pray with thanksgiving for the scientists working to eradicate this disease.

Pray for the success of the vaccine and that money and politics will not hinder successful distribution.

09 Iraq and the Middle East: Dark Times highlighted by Papal Visit

Pope Francis’ first-ever papal trip to Iraq marked a watershed moment in relations between the Catholic Church and the Middle East. Yet for all the optimism of the Pope’s message, his visit also serves to remind us that Christianity and other minority faiths of the region are facing dark times.



The Middle East is the cradle of the three Abrahamic faiths that have more than 4 billion adherents around the globe. The region remains home to some of the world’s most ancient languages, cultures and heritage sites.

Yet oppressive governments and violent extremist movements have been busy erasing the Middle East’s diverse religious communities. Today, Syria and Yemen have lost almost all of their Jews, while Turkey has done the same with its Chaldean Christians, ethnic Syrians who follow the Catholic rite. Iraq’s Yazidis, a Kurdish-speaking community that adheres to a long-persecuted ancient monotheistic faith narrowly escaped destruction during the Islamic State’s genocidal campaign. Iraq’s Mandaeans, followers of another indigenous Middle Eastern faith, also fear extinction.

Governments should take a stand to defend diversity and pluralism in the Middle East and beyond. Security assurances to protect embattled communities from future genocidal campaigns, substantial development aid for rebuilding them and support for inclusive institutions can all play a role.

Mideast religious minorities face a particularly potent threat from the insidious collaboration between authoritarian states and violent extremist groups, as proxy wars have come to replace conventional warfare between nation-states. The growing footprint of non-state actors has exacerbated the danger to religious minorities.

The Islamic State, for example, recruited foreign fighters from all corners of the globe as it targeted the Yazidi community with its genocidal campaign of mass executions, rape and enslavement. As the Economist recently noted, many Yazidis who escaped the immediate threat when the Islamic State was defeated militarily are still fighting for their survival.

Although Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad presents himself as the protector of minorities, especially Christians, he has executed and tortured critics regardless of their religion. The Assad regime's indiscriminate massacre of its own citizens with barrel bombs and chemical weapons not only received financial support from Moscow and Tehran, but also utilized Russian private military contractors and Iran's militias recruited all the way from Lebanon to Afghanistan.

In northern Syria, according to a report of the U.N. Commission of Inquiry on Syria, Turkey's proxies committed war crimes targeting Kurds and Yazidis, including hostage-taking, torture, rape and pillaging, in addition to violating international humanitarian law by looting and destroying cultural property.

Since Turkey's failed coup attempt in 2016, the country's increasingly authoritarian government intensified its scapegoating of Christians, Jews and Alevis (a Muslim minority). The revisionist historical dramas on Turkish state television have become the new means through which antisemitic, anti-Christian and anti-Western conspiracies are distributed in multiple languages around the world. Social media platforms compound the problem by amplifying hateful messages from state-funded media and the propaganda outlets of violent extremist groups.

Since the Iranian revolution, the Islamic republic has not only decimated the country's Jewish community, taking its numbers from 100,000 to below 9,000, but also threatened to wipe the Jewish state off the "global political map." Last year Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif went so far as to invoke the Nazi phrase "the final solution," echoing Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's vow to uproot and destroy the "cancerous tumor" of Israel. A new Anti-Defamation League study of Iranian textbooks found that the Islamic republic teaches antisemitism and incites schoolchildren against the Jewish people as well as the United States.

No scientific study, media report or opinion poll can give a more accurate account of the state of the Middle East's minorities than demographic trends. As vulnerable minorities vote with their feet, we continue to witness a mass exodus of ancient communities. A 2019 report commissioned by the British foreign secretary warned that Iraq's Christian population fell from 1.5 million before 2003 to possibly less than 120,000. Turkey's Greek Orthodox, Jewish and Syriac Christian citizens are more likely to live in diasporas rather than in their original homes. Coptic Christians still number around 10 million in Egypt, but according to the Hudson Institute's Samuel Tadros, the Coptic church is blossoming "outside Egypt's borders."

U.S. leadership and cooperation with transatlantic allies are imperative to reversing these alarming trends. As the Biden administration emphasizes making human rights central to U.S. foreign policy, the Middle East's endangered religious minorities should be one of its priorities.

More: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/03/08/middle-east-religious-minorities-are-facing-extinction-world-must-act/>

Pray for persecuted Christians in the Middle East, particularly in Iraq, Turkey and Syria

Pray persecuted believers would know the hope God brings

Pray for international leadership from leading nations, that they may stand up for the oppressed and disempowered

Prayer News and Events

10 World Prayer Together – Saturday May 1st

Join millions of 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 and **GO Movement in association with IHOPKC, 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.

Join us on May 1st! - We will be hosting this global prayer and worship event at [IHOPKC](#), broadcasting 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 IHOPKC.

HOW TO JOIN US...

Saturday May 1st at 7.30pm in your region:

AUSTRALIA [CLICK HERE](#) 7.30PM SYDNEY

ASIA [CLICK HERE](#) 7.30PM DELHI

EUROPE [CLICK HERE](#) 7.30PM LONDON

AFRICA [CLICK HERE](#) 7.30PM JHB

USA [CLICK HERE](#) 7.30PM NEW YORK

Click your nearest city link above to Watch for free online. Also watch on Digital TV + GODTV APP

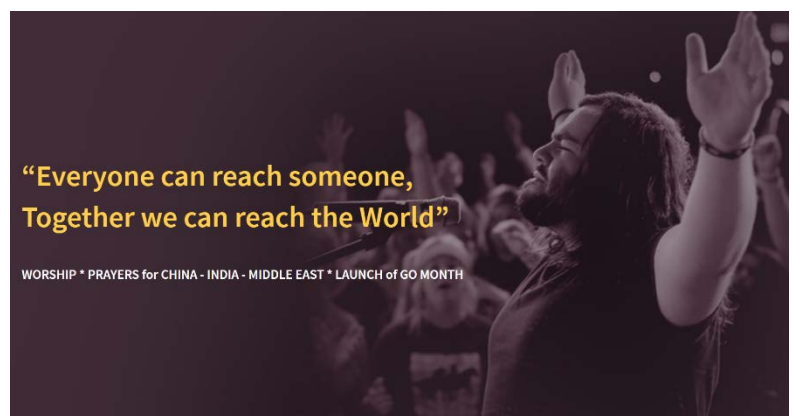
[View on YouTube anytime from 7.30pm \(UTC+1\) May 1st](#)

May 1st will be English language. The event will be re-broadcast online in multiple languages on May 7th at 12:00HRS UTC.

Join a dedicated 24 hours in the IHOPKC [Global Prayer Room online](#) from 4pm April 30th - 4pm May 1st



[WorldPrayerTogether.com](#) | [GoMovement.world](#)



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

[DOWNLOAD FLYER](#) | [SOW IN with a GIFT](#) | [DOWNLOAD Prayer Guide](#)



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11 10 Days Pentecost 2021 - May 13th – 23rd

10 Days Pentecost is a 24/7, 10 Day online prayer meeting with believers from around the world.

From Ascension Thursday (May 13) leading up to Pentecost Sunday, May 23, we will have 24/7 prayer with two daily teaching times at Noon Eastern (7pm Israel) and 7pm eastern (2am Israel).

You are welcome to join for prayer at any time during 10 Days Pentecost. Each hour is facilitated by a different prayer-leading team, so please follow the lead of the leader in each hour.

Partnering with the [Global Family 24/7 Prayer room](#), this gathering will include believers from all 6 continents and speaking many languages. The teaching times will feature powerful teachings coming from many different perspectives and cultures. You can see the schedule of who is leading prayer each day at <https://globalfamily24-7prayer.org/>

10 Days Pentecost is an equipping event, a gathering time to prepare people to organize 10 Day events in their own cities and regions this September 6-16.

Register today and join us for 24/7 online prayer starting at Noon Eastern US (7pm Israel) on May 13-23, 2021. 10 Days Pentecost is partnering with Hope of the Coming Harvest to see prayer and missions accelerated globally as we approach Pentecost.

More: <https://www.10days.net/> | <https://www.globalfamily24-7prayer.org/>



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12 UPRising Australia 29th June – 2nd July 2021



Hosted by Momentum Conference Australia — UPRising Australia 2021 is a gathering of those who dare to believe that prayers are heard, of those who believe their voices matter and that with one voice, the course of history can change. We will gather those who will speak the heart of God into being.

With so many overwhelming issues, we are gathering those whose reality is not just seen with the human eyes, but those who know that there is a Kingdom that has come and is coming. We will gather. We will pray. We will see the change in our regions and our nations. This is United Prayer Rising.

This conference consists of four days of prayer, worship and intercession for change in our regions and our nations. Conference Days 1 to 3 are free of charge whilst the final day (i.e. Day 4) is a ticketed event in which we will be gathering at Rosehill Gardens for Solemn Assembly.

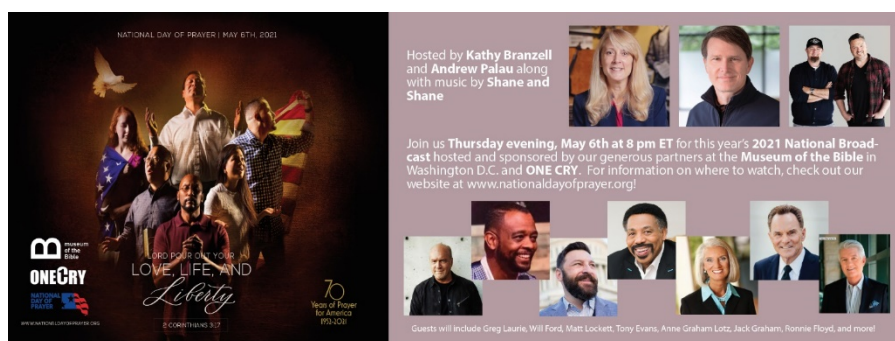
CONFERENCE: 29 JUNE - 01 JULY 2021 - FCF LIFE CENTRE
SOLEMN ASSEMBLY: 02 JULY 2021 - ROSEHILL GARDENS

More: <https://uprisingaustralia.com/>

13 Australia's Call to Pray for USA 30 April – 6 May 2021

Australia Calls Nations of the World to Pray & Fast for the USA 30 April – 6 May 2021

Australia, for the 9th year is calling the nations of the world to join with them in **7 days of prayer and fasting for the United States of America, from 30 April – 6 May 2021.**



May 6 is America's National Day of Prayer. The theme is "LIFE, LOVE & LIBERTY" 2 Corinthians 3:17.
<http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org>

April 30 is America's National Day of Repentance. <http://www.dayofrepentance1.org>

YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/ONEOI7J-ysw>

The National Day of Prayer is a vital part of America's heritage as is the USA Day of Repentance. The first national call to prayer was in 1775 when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation.

Commissioner James Condon, Chairman of the Australian National Day of Prayer & Fasting team, said, *"We have been praying and fasting on an annual basis since 2013 for revival and transformation for USA, according to 2 Chronicles 7:14. We believe in faith our prayers, and the prayers of other nations are making a difference. God is good!"*

Andrew Scarborough, a member of the Australian National Day of Prayer and Fasting team said, *"Both America and Australia desperately need to return to come back to God in repentance and humility. It is significant that these 7 days of Prayer and Fasting mark the [beginning of GO21](#) in the month of May, a call for the Christians of the world to pray and share the Gospel with 5 people in the month of May. The simple goal is to reach a billion people with God's love. We encourage each believer to accept the 'Hope Story Challenge' and [share a video of their testimony online](#). Let us pray for the release of the gospel."*

Ps Warwick Marsh, also from the Australian National Day of Prayer and Fasting team, said, *"We in Australia are grateful for the protection that America gave Australia and the nations of the free world during World War II. As a nation under God, USA is in a spiritual battle for its very survival. We and the nations of the world now join with them in this battle too."*

National Day of Prayer & Fasting. www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au

Hope Story Challenge: <https://www.hopestorychallenge.com>

14 G7 Prayer Summit, 11-13 June 2021

The UK is hosting the G7 in June this year (June 11-13.) It is being held at Carbis Bay near St (Saint) Ives, Cornwall, South-West England.

Cornwall is a very historic part of the British Isles with a long history of pagan worship and occult activity which is still active today. However, Cornwall is also a county with a lot of spiritual heritage from the time of the Celtic saints through to John Wesley, William Haslam & Billy Bray.

Today, Cornwall is home to a number of houses of prayer & healing as part of a county-wide prayer initiative. Many mission centred churches and Christian agencies are bringing the Kingdom of God into their communities.

It is also a county of outstanding natural beauty with world renowned beaches and historic communities. In the 18th century, Cornwall was the premier tin mining field in the world.

Leaders from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, USA, UK and Canada, the heads of the EU, India, South Korea, and Australia will attend the G7. They will bring their teams including advisors and security personnel. There will be a huge media presence. These countries represent 2.3 billion people and have great influence across the rest of the world.

World Prayer Centre would like to invite you to join with us, wherever you are, over these three days. We will be hosting 3 worship and prayer summits on Zoom:

- Fri 11 June 8:00am-9:30am;
- Sat 12 June 10:00am – 11:30am.
- Sun 13 June 8:00am-9:30am.

We will use the themes of: The Sovereignty of God; The Lordship of Christ Jesus; The work of the Holy Spirit.

Fuller information about the plans and zoom links will be sent in our WPC news update and will be on www.worldprayer.org.uk For background on the G7 see its official website: <https://www.g7uk.org/>

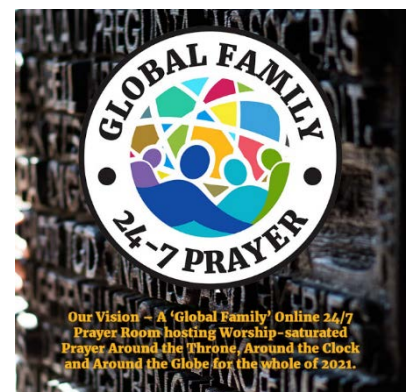
15 Global Family 24/7 365 Online Prayer Room

This is an invitation to join in an extraordinary 24-7 / 365 Prayer Room that is running online for the whole of 2021! It is a partnership project between IPC and a number of international ministries and organisations.

Prayer and Worship leaders from every continent are facilitating each hour in 10+ languages.

Whether you are able to drop in for 5 minutes here and there or for hours or days at a time, you would be most welcome to join us as we worship and glorify the Lamb of God – and offer our prayers for the Church and its mission and the needs of the world.

More info and sign up at: www.globalfamily24-7prayer.org/



16 REVIVE ISRAEL x WATCHMEN – SHAVUOT – May 17

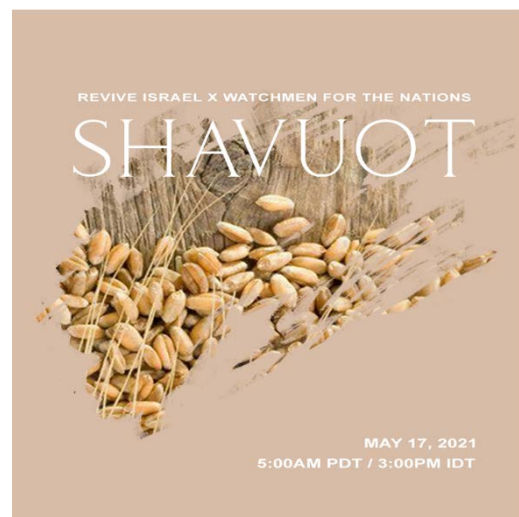
Join us on May 17th for the Shavuot gathering at 5AM PDT Vancouver / 3PM IDT Jerusalem.

The Lord is shifting His global Ekklesia into a time of harvest and fulfillment of promises.

Just as the nations came together for Pentecost, we want to gather from every nation, color, tribe, and tongue to wait upon the Lord and celebrate all that He has done and is doing.

Stay tuned for more details!

More at: <https://watchmen.org/shavuot>



17 Caribbean Praise Fest! May 28th-29th

Imagine children and youth from AROUND THE WORLD leading us in worship for 24 hours!

Join us for **PRAISE!fest** as we cover the earth with His PRAISE.

Children and youth from Belize, Egypt, England, Finland, India, Jamaica, Malaysia, USA and other nations will lead us.

It all begins Friday May 28th at 6pm to Saturday May 29th 6pm, Jamaica/CDT/Bogota time

More: <https://www.nipnoj.org/children-youth/>



18 Praying into the Pandemic Friday, 21st May, 2021 - 14:00

Operation World will be leading the next Prayer Ignite on the issue of praying into the pandemic:

Our focus will be: Learning to Lament, United Prayer When We Are Divided, and Praying Into God's Bigger Picture.

Prayer Ignite is a series of monthly online training events where we hope to equip, inspire and fuel a passion for prayer for the nations.


Prayer is the place of instruction in the ways of God. If you want to grow in knowing God and get some training in intercessory prayer, come join us on Zoom as we receive teaching from various mission practitioners globally, and get an opportunity to pray with other mission-minded believers over a specific prayer focus facilitated by a different prayer leader each month!

Each session takes place over a **2-hour Zoom session** that includes Welcome and Worship, Teaching, Breakout Group Discussion and an Intercessory Prayer Focus.

More: <https://www.allnations.ac.uk/events/prayer-ignite-2>



19 IPC Calendar

 <p>https://www.globalfamily24-7prayer.org/</p> <p>Australia National 7 Days of Prayer & Fasting for USA (30 April – 6 May) http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/</p> <p>The Jesus Fast / Lou Engle (14 Apr – 23 May) www.thejesusfast.global</p> <p>World Prayer Together – ENGLISH (1 May) www.worldprayertogether.com</p> <p>World Prayer Together – TRANSLATED (7 May) www.worldprayertogether.com</p> <p>Prayers on Night of Power (8 May) www.ipcprayer.org</p> <p>10 Days Pentecost (13 – 23 May) https://www.10days.net/</p> <p>REVIVE ISRAEL x WATCHMEN – SHAVUOT – May 17 www.watchmen.org/shavuot</p> <p>10 Days of Praise & Prayer (13 – 22 May) www.jwipn.com / www.waymakers.org</p>	<p>Operation World - Praying into the Pandemic (21 May) www.allnations.ac.uk/events/prayer-ignite-2</p> <p>The March for Jesus Global (22 May) www.themarchforjesus.org</p> <p>GYM 2021 WORLD (22 May) https://www.gymglobalyouthmovement.org/</p> <p>Global Day of Prayer & broadcast (including commissioning to GO) (23 May) www.globalvoiceofprayer.com/global-day-of-prayer/</p> <p>Caribbean Praise Fest! (28 – 29 May) https://www.nipnoj.org/children-youth/</p> <p>GO 21 / Global Outreach Day (29 May) www.go2020.world/en/go21</p> <p>HOPE Movement 90 Days of Hope (1 June to 29 August) https://www.globaldayofhope.com/</p> <p>G7 Prayer Summit, (11-13 June) www.worldprayer.org.uk</p> <p>UPRising Australia (29 June –2 July 2021) https://uprisingaustralia.com/</p>
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Resources

20 Ethne Prayer Resources

Ethne Prayer Team offers some valuable up to date resources and training material to grow in effective prayer for the unreached.

They champion prayer and the mobilisation of prayer for unreached peoples and places.

‘We are aware that there are billions of people who do not have a believer that is close to them to share the Good News. The Ethne Prayer team supports through prayer, mission teams and ministries that are sending workers to people with little or no access to the Gospel.’

Browse their resources in numerous languages and find out more about joining them at: <https://ethneprayer.org/>



21 IHOPKC App – Unceasing Worship



U N C E A S I N G
W O R S H I P

UNCEASING WORSHIP is a monthly subscription to an exclusive, curated, growing library of spontaneous worship moments recorded live at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City as well as other Christian artists.

At IHOPKC the musicians and singers give themselves to worship and intercession on a daily basis – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For over 20 years, worship has ascended like incense before the throne of God and will continue without ceasing.

Every month they add new songs, prophetic moments, intercession and prayers, instrumental and devotional moments, and more. The music of UNCEASING captures the heart and essence of their 24/7 prayer room.

More info and download links at: <https://unceasingworship.com/>

22 Seed Company – Prayer Resources

Prayer Resources at Your Fingertips



Seed Company®
Bible Translation. Life Transformation.

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At Seed Company we are passionate about accelerating the translation of God's Word in every heart language that needs it by 2025.

We're offering easy access to more than a dozen [Pray for Zero resources](#) all in one place. We highly encourage people to sign up to adopt a Bible translation project so they can hear of unreached peoples coming to Christ through the hearing of God's Word in their own language!

[Please click here for free prayer resources.](#)

Working with over 1400 global partners, we serve the local church by providing training, consulting, funding, and project management that leads to a meaningful, accurate translation in the local mother tongue. Thousands of prayer partners provide a solid foundation for the work.

With over 2100 language groups without a single verse of Scripture, we invite you to join us to end Bible poverty, now!

More at: <https://www.prayforzero.com/resources/>

About IPC

23 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.

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

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