

Jericho Walls prayer guide – April 2010

Thursday 1 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Luxembourg, Macau, Macedonia and Madagascar. Ask for a hunger and thirst to study, pray and proclaim God's Word.

Face life in and through God: How do I forgive myself?

The hardest thing for most of us to do is to forgive ourselves. Once you have done something really wrong, there is no way you can undo or change it. Many people become very angry at themselves and find it impossible to forgive themselves for their mistakes.

Practical: The only way to deal with forgiving yourself is to ask God how He sees you in the midst of this issue. After asking God's forgiveness, it is important to separate the sin/thing you did wrong from yourself, a child of God. Paul writes about this mysterious ongoing fight in our inner man in **Romans 7:19-22**: *I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do ... As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.*

Prayer: Father God, I realise that You have forgiven me for this thing I have done. I am struggling to forgive myself. Please help me see myself through Your eyes. In Your Name and with Your help, I choose to forgive myself. I now take **1 Joh.1:9** for myself and believe that God has cleansed me from all unrighteousness.

Prayer focus on Moria gatherings at Polokwane

Literally hundreds of thousands of people from the ZCC will gather at Moria for the Easter celebrations. Please pray against all kinds of misleading beliefs and that Jesus will be seen as the only Deliverer. Ask for many to have a clear understanding of God three-in-one, as He revealed Himself in the Bible; Father, Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Focus on the Soccer World Cup: Safety

Pray for visitors to South Africa to be safe wherever they may travel, that there will be no incidents of crime, mugging, hi-jacking, murder or accidents that may cost lives. Ask for the police and all security people to be able to handle all kinds of situations with great wisdom and justice; also to be safe themselves.

Friday 2 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives and Mali. Ask for an increase in night-and-day prayer in every village, town and city.

Focus on Passover: Good Friday

Today is *Good Friday*. Please pray for God to touch the hearts and minds of millions of people in South Africa today and to give them a renewed realisation of the awesome gift of Life that they have received. Ask that many will have an understanding of God's grace. Pray that many eyes will be opened and that thousands will turn from darkness to light – and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Christ (**Acts 26:18**). Churches in black communities celebrate what they call 'Pasika' from today till Sunday. Please pray for a special touch of God on these gatherings.

Article: Redigging the wells of Revival: 3-12 April 2010

As we commemorate the 150th anniversary of the 1860 revival in South Africa, we encourage people to pray with renewed fervency for revival in our nation. From 3-12 April we invite all those towns and cities that experienced

revival over the past 350 years in South Africa to arrange special initiatives to pray that God will show us mercy and again open the wells of revival in their city/town.

At *Jericho Walls* we have drawn up a list of 74 cities and towns that we could find that experienced revival over the past 150 years. There are certainly more, but these are the ones we know about right now. This list is available on request. Should you know of revivals in towns that are not listed, please let us know so we can update the list. You can also contact us if you want to know if there is already someone on our database from your city or town who has indicated that they wish to be involved in this initiative. Contact Anneke Hanekom at tel.: 012 365 3213 or fax: 012 365 3214 or e-mail: info@global24-7.org

What to do during these 10 days:

1. Find a group of people, if possible from different denominations, and plan to gather every day for ten days to pray for your city/town. Among other things, you can use the prayer pointers in the *Jericho Walls* prayer guide.
2. Give thanks to the Lord for His great deeds in the past and ask Him to repeat them in your community (**Isa.64:1-5; Ps.85:6**).
3. Read **Acts 2:17-21** and pray according to these verses, that God will again pour out His Spirit upon your city/town and open the former wells of revival.
4. Where possible, consider setting up a 24-7 prayer room or prayer wall (schedule), to pray for the whole ten days. Consider a central venue where all churches can come together to meet for prayer.
5. Revisit the different places in your city/town/community where you know previous revivals started. If you are uncertain, you may consider contacting *Jericho Walls* or do some research on the history of your community.
6. Take time to worship and praise God for His great deeds (**Num.21:17; Isa.12:3**).
7. Humble yourselves before Him. Ask His forgiveness for the evident sins of your town/city and the lack of devotion to the Lord. Pray that He will once again visit your community.

Saturday 3 April 2010

Day 1: Redigging the wells

📖 Isaiah 12:2-3: "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation." *With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

💠 Do you still experience the joy you felt when you first met Jesus as your Saviour? Or have you become weary and complacent? Allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart. Confess any complacency or apathy in your own relationship with the Lord Jesus. Ask Him to fill your heart with joy again, in spite of difficult circumstances you may find yourself in. Surrender yourself to Him with absolute confidence that He will again be your salvation. Pray for the Church to rejoice in the Lord again because He is our salvation.


Focus on the Soccer World Cup: Ticketing

Those who are not able to get tickets to watch matches, will be able to gather at official *FIFA* fan parks to see the matches broadcast on large screens. Please pray for godly order in these areas too. Cyber criminals see high profile sporting events as a 'prime opportunity' as people become increasingly likely to take risks and purchase tickets through unauthorised channels or believe the promises made in unsolicited e-mails. This may land fans

with useless counterfeit tickets, and also lead to the theft of their credit card details and fund organised crime. Pray that such conduct will be exposed and for people to be cautious in disclosing their credit details.

Sunday 4 April 2010

Day 2: Redigging the wells

 **Proverbs 25:26:** *Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.*

◆ Many Believers become weary or are disillusioned when they do not see an answer to prayer. It is because sometimes we have preconceived ideas of how God should answer our prayers. If you have limited God in any way, confess it before Him. Surrender your thoughts and expectations to Him and ask Him to work in the way He wants to, when He wants to and in whatever way He wants to. Pray for the Church to be cleansed from all wickedness, to be refreshed, and for those who have become tired to rise up with strength and perseverance.

Face life in and through God: How do I forgive God?

One of the most difficult things in life is to admit you are angry with God. This happens very easily though. When calamity strikes in our lives and we find it difficult to understand why something like this happened to us, we tend to look for someone to blame. As God is the one we feel should protect and bless us, our first response may be to ask why He allowed something bad to happen. We ask questions like: Where was He when I was raped or abused, or when we were hi-jacked or robbed?

Practical: The only way is to sit down at His feet and ask Him to show you where He was in that situation, to reveal to you the truth in that very difficult situation, as He sees fit, that is troubling your mind. Next it is important to spend enough time with God until you find that you begin to hear His voice clearly on this matter. Satan wants so much for us to believe that God is not there for us, loving us. Speak to God about the issue you put before Him until you understand from His heart what He is saying to you. Even when you receive no answer, you have to make an intentional decision to just acquit God from anything you hold against Him. It is as simple as that. He is your best friend and you cannot live without Him; make sure things are right between the two of you.

Prayer: Father God, I thank you for revealing Your heart to me about this issue. Please help me clearly understand from Your Word, Your view about this situation. I repent of taking offence at You, thus harbouring in my heart unwillingness to forgive You. I choose to let go of my feeling of offence. I choose to no longer accuse you in my heart of things that Your Word clearly states You will never do. Please forgive me for this sin of accusation and unwillingness to forgive You. Fill my heart with Your joy and help me to trust You like a child, because You are my Father.

Focus on Passover Sunday

Most Christians in the Western world commemorate *Passover Sunday* today. The first Passover was held in Egypt by the Israelites. Because of their faith and obedience, God exempted them from His wrath and judgment when He passed over the land of Egypt to kill the firstborn of all families. God said: *and when I see the blood, I will pass over you (Exodus 12:13)*. Now, 2000 years after Christ's birth, we know Jesus was killed as the final sacrifice for all the sins of all people. Pray that Christians will give thanks to God for giving Jesus Christ to die for us. Also ask for the unsaved to embrace Jesus as the gift of Eternal Life. Today we thank and celebrate God for Jesus Christ as the Faithful Witness, the Firstborn from the dead, and the Ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen! (**Rev.1:5-6**).

Plan ahead for the <i>Global Day of Prayer</i> on 23 May 2010: Visit www.globaldayofprayer.com

Monday 5 April 2010

Day 3: Redigging the wells

📖 **Jeremiah 2:11-13:** *Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.*

❖ Have you resorted to your own plans or programs because you grew tired of waiting on God to act? Confess any works of the flesh that you use to 'force' God to bring revival, salvation or deliverance to yourself, or to our nation. Let go of past hurts, pride or self-satisfaction with your own accomplishments, and surrender yourself anew to the Holy Spirit's guidance and direction. Pray for the Church to align themselves with God's plan for them, their community and for our nation.

Elections focus: Sudanese general election

Sudan will have their presidential and parliamentary elections from 5 to 12 April 2010. The ruling *National Congress Party* aims to attract votes by relaxing restrictions on Christians in the north. There were no reports of Christians being murdered or kidnapped and no churches were attacked in 2008 (latest available figures). However, Muslims in the north who showed interest in Christianity were strongly pressured by society to renounce the Christian faith. (Website: <http://www.opendoorsusa.org/> or http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sudanese_general_election,_2010). Pray for the elections starting today, that no people will lose their lives in violence or bloodshed. Also ask the Lord to stir up Believers to stand before Him on behalf of their nation night and day.

Tuesday 6 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Malta, Martinique, Mauritania and Mauritius. Ask for influential leaders to turn to Jesus.

Day 4: Redigging the wells

📖 **Genesis 26:12,18:** *And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The Lord blessed him ... and Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, which the Philistines had stopped after the death of Abraham.*

❖ Strife and jealousy in the Church are one certain way to stop the flow of the Holy Spirit. Allow the Spirit of God to search your heart. Confess anything that has caused disunity between you and other Believers, whether jealousy, envy, criticism, words or actions that hurt, etc. If you have to forgive anyone or ask others to forgive you, do it today and reconcile yourself with them. Ask the Lord to 'unplug' the well of His Spirit in you and in the Church, so that the living waters can flow freely.

Wednesday 7 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Mayotte Islands, Mexico, Micronesia and Moldova. Ask for minds to yield to God's truth.

Day 5: Redigging the wells

📖 **Psalms 36:7-9** *How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.*

❖ Are you still delighting in the Lord Jesus Christ? The Psalmist wrote that we should delight in the Lord, and He will direct our paths. Come before the throne of God with one desire only – to fellowship with Him. Remember all He has done for you in the past. Praise Him and allow your heart to feast on the abundance He has given. Ask

Him to restore you to a place where you can again delight in Him and Him alone. Pray that the Church will once again be known and respected for her love for Christ and for all people.

Thursday 8 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro and Montserrat. Ask for hearts to turn to God.

Day 6: Redigging the wells

📖 Proverbs 14:27: *The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.*

◆ The fear of the Lord does not mean being afraid of Him, but rather to dread the possibility that He might remove His presence from us. God is attracted to a surrendered will and faith in Him. Are you willing to walk with God? When God calls for such a sacrifice He will also provide the grace for it. Humble yourself before Him and ask Him to pour out His Spirit on us, so that we rightly understand what it means to fear and revere Him and to walk in the fear of God. Pray for the restoration of the fear of the Lord in the Church in South Africa. Pray that Believers will become sensitive to the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

Focus on the Soccer World Cup: God's presence

Ask for God's presence to touch every person as they continue to travel through our country. Pray that they will have a consciousness of God's holiness convicting them to turn their lives around.

Friday 9 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Morocco, Mozambique and Myanmar (Burma). Ask for receptiveness to the gospel.

Day 7: Redigging the wells

📖 John 4:10-14: *Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ... Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

John 7:38-39: *"Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

◆ Do you feel as if you are in a spiritual desert? Jesus promised that if we drink of His water, we will not thirst again. One way to drink of His water is to read the Word and meditate on its truths. Ask the Holy Spirit to open the Word of God for you so that your spirit may drink from the waters of life. Pray that the Church will return to the Word of God as the absolute truth, and to let the Word of God guide our actions, thoughts and relationship with other people. Pray that living water will again flow from the Church to also touch the unbelievers in our nation.

Saturday 10 April 2010

Day 8: Redigging the wells

📖 Songs 4:12-15: *A garden locked is my sister, my bride, a spring locked, a fountain sealed. Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates with all choicest fruits, henna with nard, nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense, myrrh and aloes, with all choice spices-- a garden fountain, a well of living water, and flowing streams from Lebanon.*

◆ The Bride of Christ is supposed to bear abundant fruit. Jesus Himself said that if the branches do not bear fruit, the Father will prune them. Allow the Holy Spirit to search your life. Repent of any fruitless deeds. Submit to the pruning of the Holy Spirit, which will result in much fruit. Pray for those that were sown in revivals of the past and through the preaching of missionaries, teachers and pastors that laboured and still labour in our nation. Invite the Heavenly Bridegroom to visit His Church and to delight in her.

Focus on the Soccer World Cup: Godly business

Pray for every person hoping to gain financially from the *World Cup* event across our country. Ask that they will conduct business with all uprightness and not fall prey to greed and selfishness. Pray that business people will not begrudge each other success, but rather support each other in sharing business opportunities.

Sunday 11 April 2010

Day 9: Redigging the wells

📖 **Numbers 21:16-18:** *And from there they continued to Beer; that is the well of which the Lord said to Moses, "Gather the people together, so that I may give them water." Then Israel sang this song: "Spring up, O well! Sing to it! The well that the princes made, that the nobles of the people dug, with the scepter and with their staffs."*

❖ Worship will open the wells of living waters. We need to learn to worship until we break through to God. Revival is restoration of worship, motivated by love and self-sacrifice. Our willingness to surrender ourselves to Him moves the heart of God. Worship must focus on God, His character and His works. Lift up your heart and soul to the One who is worthy of our worship. Pray also for the restoration of worship in the Church and for the focus to be on God again and not only on ourselves and our needs.

Monday 12 April 2010

Day 10: Redigging the wells

📖 **Ezekiel 47:9:** *And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.*

❖ The release of God's favour and grace on the Church will automatically affect every aspect of our society. When the Church comes to a right relationship with God, healing will come to the nation. Ask that the Church in our nation will once again be a reflection of the heart and compassion of Jesus. Pray that God will use you as an instrument to bring healing to those around you.

Focus on Israel: Holocaust Remembrance Day

An estimated six million Jews died during the Second World War in Europe. About 250,000 survivors are still alive in Israel today, mostly elderly and in financial need and still devastated about their experience. *Forsake them not* is a ministry reaching out to these people to help them in different ways. Pray that they will be open to receive and accept the love of God into their hearts and still find healing and deliverance from their trauma. (*Christian Friends of Israel*. Tel./fax: 012 361 1437. Website: <http://www.cfjerusalem.org/> or e-mail: allwiese@lantic.net).

Prayer Focus: Revival - 13 April – 12 May

Ps.69:32 ...you who seek God, let your hearts revive.

For the next 30 days, we will have a specific focus on revival in the Church worldwide. The prayer pointers focus on both your own relationship with God, and the relationship between God and the local congregation you are a member of. It is fine to pray for the greater Church, but when you pray, pray for people you know, to be revived.

1. Desire with all your heart for God to revive you again.
2. Allow your mind to become quiet before Him and open your heart for the Spirit of God to work in and through you.
3. Pause after each Scripture reference and prayer request and allow the Word to bring you into contact with God before you pray.
4. After your prayer, remain quiet before the Lord and wait for the Holy Spirit to speak or minister to your heart.

Tuesday 13 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Namibia, Nauru, Nepal and the Netherlands. Ask for the establishment of houses of prayer.

Day 1: Revival focus: God speaks

📖 **Heb. 1:1-2** *Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.*

🕯 **Meditation:** What language does God use? How does He speak to us today?

🙏 **Personal:** Express your faith in the fact that God can and still speaks today. Tell Him that you desire for God to speak to you personally and understandably. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you how God speaks to you.

❤ **Congregation:** Pray that the voice of God will resound over your congregation. Ask that the ears of the people will be tuned to listen to His voice.

Wednesday 14 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Netherlands Antilles, New Caledonia and New Zealand. Ask for the salvation of leaders from all spheres of life.

Day 2: Revival focus: God speaks

📖 **Heb.1:1-2** *Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.*

🕯 **Meditation:** Is there a difference between God speaking through prophets and God speaking through Jesus?

🙏 **Personal:** Do you know what it means that God speaks to you through His Son? Express your desire for God to speak to you through Jesus. Submit yourself to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as He reveals the Son to you.

❤ **Congregation:** Pray for the Holy Spirit to hover over your congregation in the way He hovered over the waters in the beginning before God spoke light and the whole creation into being.

Thursday 15 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria and North Korea. Ask for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Day 3: Revival focus: The glory of the Son

📖 **Heb.1:2-3** *... his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power.*

🕯 **Meditation:** What qualifies Jesus to be appointed by God to represent Him to people?

🙏 **Personal:** Do you long to share in the relationship between the Father and the Son? Express this longing to be one with Jesus in a prayer to Him.

❤ **Congregation:** Pray for the members of your congregation to become hungry to know God intimately and corporately.

Women-2-pray: Time to pray for men

God has been doing something very special among the men in our country the past three years. Many husbands are surrendering their lives to God and are returning to their homes to take up their priestly role. This is challenging for us women since some of us have never really seen our men take up this godly position in our homes. How do we know it is for real? We need to plan some extra time to pray for them now, and what do we pray for them? The following are some guidelines that may help you pray for the men in our country and the man in your life. (Also see the article on Men-2-pray).

- Pray for every husband who has given his life over to God, to find friends and join a prayer group for men who will encourage him, be a mentor to him and teach him to grow as a disciple of the Lord Jesus.
- Pray for men to love their wives again as they love their own lives and bodies; to care for their wives, cherish them and love them as Christ loved the Church, and to give themselves to their wives and children as Jesus did for the Church.
- Ask that they will restore the family altar, sanctify and cleanse their wives with the washing of water by the Word, and encourage her to follow God's calling on her life.
- Also pray that men will reconsider the way they spend their time and money, especially those who are married, that they will share with their wives how they spend money, and budget together for monthly expenses (**Eph.5:26-30**).
- Pray that God will help men to separate themselves from the wider family, and be joined to their wives and children the way God intended (**Eph.5:31**).
- Pray that husbands will love their wives as they love themselves and not become bitter towards them about anything; that they will be able to forgive the wrongs of their wives and right their own wrongs with a humble heart. (**Eph.5:33**).
- Pray that especially fathers will not provoke their children, making life bitter for them, being negative and criticising their children all the time, but that they will rather discipline them in a godly way, and encourage them in things concerning their identity, gifts and talents (**Col.3:20-21**).
- Pray that husbands will live up to their priestly role and set an example to their children in the way they treat their wives as the weaker vessel, so their prayers may not be hindered (**1 Pet.3:7-8**).
- Pray for men to have the mind of Christ, to have compassion for one another, to love as brothers, to be tender-hearted, courteous, not repaying evil with evil or insult with insult, but on the contrary with blessing, knowing that they were called to this (**1 Pet.3:8-9**).
- Ask that men will love life God's way and restrain their tongues so that they do not speak evil or deceit, and that they refrain from taking bribes to obtain business deals or become involved in any unrighteous business dealings. (**1 Pet.3:10-11**).

Give thanks to the Lord for touching the hearts and lives of so many men in our country. Give thanks to Him for answering the prayers of many parents, wives and children over the years.

Friday 16 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Norway, Oman, Pakistan and Panama. Ask for Jesus to reveal Himself to people in visions and dreams.

Day 4: Revival focus: The glory of the Son

📖 Heb.1:2-3 ... *His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power.*

🔗 **Meditation:** If Jesus is the exact imprint of the Father, can we be the exact imprint of Jesus? By implication – if Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God, should we not be the radiance of the glory of Jesus?

📖 **Personal:** Do you believe that God wants to imprint His nature on you through a personal, intimate relationship with Him? Express your desire to see the invisible glory of God through His work in you to transform you into the image of His Son.

♥ **Congregation:** Pray for your congregation to so reflect the radiance of the glory of God that the whole local community will see Him.

Saturday 17 April 2010

Day 5: Revival focus: Righteousness and joy

📖 **Heb.1:8-9** *But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."*

🔗 **Meditation:** Righteousness is how God measures our character against His standard of right and wrong. What does the word 'character' mean to you? How did Jesus, character-wise, measure up to God's standards?

📖 **Personal:** Can you honestly say that the overwhelming, continual state of your soul is gladness? If not, have you ever submitted yourself to God's evaluation of the condition of your soul? Would you not do so now and trust Him to show you any form of unrighteousness.

♥ **Congregational:** The character of the Church is the reflection of the collective response of the members of the congregation to God Himself. Pray for the members of your congregation to respond to the longing of the Holy Spirit to draw people to God.

Sunday 18 April 2010

Day 6: Revival focus: Warning against neglecting your salvation

📖 **Heb.2:1-4** *Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will.*

🔗 **Meditation:** The salvation of mankind is the highest priority of the God of heaven. To accomplish it He paid the utmost price, the sacrifice of His Son. Why do you think mankind's salvation is so important to God?

📖 **Personal:** The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in us is the convincing proof of our salvation. Salvation is not something to take lightly; it is the restoration of the honour and glory of God's fame amongst the nations. Does your life bring Him this honour? If not, bow before Him and pray for the testimony of the Holy Spirit in and through your life.

♥ **Congregational:** Many members of the Church are only Christian in name, not in lifestyle. Pray for the conviction of the Holy Spirit on every member in your congregation, for true salvation, and to be His witnesses in His power.

Focus on Turkey: International Day of Prayer for Turkey

After the brutal murder of three men in the city of Malatya on 18 April 2007, Believers in Turkey decided to call upon the body of Christ worldwide to join them each year on April 18, to pray for the Church and the land/people of Turkey. Pray today for the Church in Turkey to be anointed and strengthened to live for the glory of God. Ask that as a result, many Turks will turn over their lives to God in and through Jesus Christ. (Website: http://www.sbpres.com/Site_2/Home/Entries/2009/4/17_EPs_Missive_Feb_March_2009.html).

Monday 19 April 2010

Day 7: Revival focus: In death there is life

📖 **Heb.2:9** *But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.*

🔗 **Meditation:** Just as darkness is measured by the absence of light, so death can be defined only by the absence of life. As God is Life, so death must mean the absence of God. When Jesus "tasted death", does it mean that He experienced the full implication of being totally separated from God on our behalf, so that we need never experience the terror of this eternal "death"?

🙏 **Personal:** The death of Jesus means eternal life for each one of us. Have you ever thanked Him for this awesome, undeserved gift: never to taste real death (the absence of God) but to forever taste life (unlimited, unbroken intimate closeness to God)? Ask the Holy Spirit to bring you to the cross to experience the full power of the death of Jesus: victory over sin and the fear of death.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for a deeper, real understanding in the Church of what "salvation from death" means, and for hearts to be prepared to join in that suffering so that the glory of Jesus can be revealed in the Church.

Salvation focus: Hijackers

Lift up in prayer every person in the business of hijacking vehicles. Ask that God will repeatedly intervene in a supernatural way in their endeavours so they will come to know Jesus as Lord of their lives, especially through the testimony of those they hijack.

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Tuesday 20 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru and the Philippines. Ask for influential leaders to turn to Jesus.

Day 8: Revival focus: The Founder of our salvation

📖 **Heb.2:10,17** *For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the Founder of their salvation perfect through suffering... Therefore He had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.*

🔗 **Meditation:** God the Father had to 'test' Jesus by allowing Him to go through all the suffering human beings are exposed to. Jesus was faithful in the midst of temptations and trials, even to the point of laying down His own will and His life. Because of this faithfulness, the Father trusts Him completely for your and my salvation.

🙏 **Personal:** Do you personally know Jesus as the Founder of your salvation? Do you know that the Father made Him responsible for your salvation? Are you willing to trust Him to lead you to complete salvation even if it means you also have to lay down your will and your life? Give yourself into His hands and surrender your life to Him.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the members of your congregation to have a deeply personal, life-changing encounter with Jesus as their Saviour, the only One God could trust with the salvation of mankind.

Wednesday 21 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico and Qatar. Ask for a hunger and thirst to study, pray and proclaim God's Word.

Day 9: Revival focus: Victory over sin!

📖 **Heb.2:16-18** *For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in*

the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

🔔 **Meditation:** Jesus is not ashamed of or embarrassed by any human being. He knows exactly what we are going through in this life. He understands every sin, every failure, every temptation, every emotion and every deprivation. He gave Himself so that we can be helped to overcome all sin, temptation and pain. We can always trust Him to help us.

👤 **Personal:** Jesus shares in your suffering and wants you to share in His joy and love for the Father. He is your Brother. He can take you to the Father and represent you before the Father. Can you trust Him to help you when you are tempted? He wants to gain your trust with His help. Surrender yourself to Him and also your struggle to overcome sin. Allow Him to convict you and bring you to repentance.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray that Christians will realise that Jesus is there to help us to overcome each and every temptation to sin. He overcame, so He knows how to help us to overcome. Pray for the Church to trust Him to help them overcome sin and temptation, and not to compromise with the world because of our own inability to overcome sin by willpower alone.

Thursday 22 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Reunion, Romania, Russia and Rwanda. Ask for people to hear, listen to and obey God's voice.

Day 10: Revival focus: Victory over Satan!

📖 **Heb.2:14-15** *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.*

🔔 **Meditation:** Satan's power comes from God's judgment of sin. Sin deserves death and thus death has power. Satan deceives people into believing that they are powerless in the face of death. By removing the penalty of death, God broke Satan's power over humans. Those who believe in Jesus do not need to fear death, for death is but a door to eternal life.

👤 **Personal:** Are you afraid of dying? Why not surrender your life into the hands of Jesus with the full assurance that you will have eternal life? Trust Him to deliver you completely from all fear and to make eternal life a reality for you. Pray to be delivered from all evil in your life.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to understand what it means that the power of Satan and the fear of death have been broken. Pray for Christians to understand that you may gain real power when you trust Jesus for eternal life and to be willing to lay down their lives for Him, so that others can be set free from the bondages of Satan.

Friday 23 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Saint Pierre & Miquelon, Samoa and San Marino. Ask for an increase of night-and-day prayer in every village, town and city.

Day 11: Revival focus: Looking to Jesus!

📖 **Heb.3:1** *Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession.*

🔔 **Meditation:** The secret of the Christian life is faith that is focused on Jesus. It is to put our hearts on Him and to trust Him for the fulfilment of all God's promises. It is to believe that in spite of our weaknesses and sin, Jesus is able to bring about a glorious transformation in us. But then He must be the centre and the focus of our faith.

👤 **Personal:** The motivation for most people's faith in Jesus is only to 'go to heaven' one day. They lack the understanding that faith must be a living, breathing, every-moment-of-the-day interaction with Jesus. To "consider Jesus" means that you fix your heart and mind on Him and His ability to make you more than a conqueror. His

desire is to make you a partaker of His heavenly calling. If you want this, set your heart upon Him early in the morning, as often as possible during the day and the last thing you do before going to sleep at night.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to return to the centrality of Jesus as the object of our faith. Pray that people will desire to know Him for who He really is.

Saturday 24 April 2010

Day 12: Revival focus: Fill your soul with His glory

📖 **Heb.3:2-3** ...*who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses.*

🕯 **Meditation:** Jesus' glory is based on what the Father thinks of Him. He was proven faithful and therefore God exalted Him to the highest position of honour. We are now invited to regard this trust that God puts in Jesus, as the assurance that Jesus can do for us what God expects Him to do – lead us to the Father.

🙏 **Personal:** Our response to the trust between God the Father and Jesus is to worship Him. Look unto Jesus and worship Him until your entire soul is filled with the knowledge of His faithfulness to both the Father and to you. Let this glorious reality fill your heart with complete trust in Him.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray that Jesus' faithfulness will fill the Church with hope so that the Church will again believe in the truthfulness of God and His Word. Pray that the Church will rise to a new level of faith and obedience.

Sunday 25 April 2010

Day 13: Revival focus: The evil of unbelief

📖 **Heb.3:12** *Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.*

🕯 **Meditation:** All unbelief is evil. Unbelief is not something that can be tolerated as a weakness. An unbelieving heart has become filled with darkness to such an extent that the person does not regard God anymore and this makes God out to be a liar. Unbelief must be given absolutely no place in our hearts.

🙏 **Personal:** The way to counter unbelief is to turn to God in full confidence that He is who He says He is. If you suspect that unbelief is creeping into your heart, immediately begin to quietly worship Him by speaking out the truth of who He is. Tell Him that you believe that He is the Truth and everything He says is the Truth. Allow your heart to experience the presence of the living God. The more you do this, the more your heart will again be filled with faith.

♥ **Congregational:** Unbelief also comes because of too little communion with God. Pray for the members of your congregation to begin communing with God through regular corporate and individual prayer. Continual conversation with God, especially learning to hear His voice, stimulates faith.

Focus on the Internet: Internet Evangelism Day

Today is *Internet Evangelism Day*, the annual web-ministry focus day for churches. Will you not make a special effort to encourage people to pray today for the impact of the Internet on evangelism, especially in closed countries where missionaries cannot reach individuals? (Website: www.internetevangelismday.com).

Prayer Story: God is opening the 'Window'

Since 1993 a 'new' form of prayer has emerged worldwide: prayer journeys. With the *Pray through the Window* initiative that was launched in 1993, approximately 21 million people prayed for the 65 countries situated within the *10/40 Window*. (These are countries situated between 10 and 40 degrees north latitude, from West Africa to Japan.) Approximately 90% of the world's unreached groups live here. This is where the largest non-Christian religions have their headquarters and also where 80% of the world's poorest people live. Prayer for these countries from all over the world took place during all 31 days in October 1993 and was repeated in 1995, 1997, 1999. To this day it is done every 2nd year during October.

During 1993, 248 prayer teams (more or less four teams per country) started going on prayer journeys to these 60+ countries. In 1995 there were many more teams. That year, 310 people from South Africa went on prayer journeys to countries in the *10/40 Window*. Since 1996 *Project Macedonia* started sending teams from South Africa to these countries, mostly countries in the Middle East and North Africa. Literally hundreds of teams. They are not the only group who sent teams, but a great number of teams were trained by them and sent out. Dozens of teams started visiting Morocco, Egypt and most countries in the Middle East and North Africa.

Already 88 teams have been sent to one specific country in the Middle East. Last year the organisers reached a point where they started thinking about not sending any more teams, because it seemed that no progress was being made in these countries. And then the breakthrough came. For some 'unexplainable' reason people just started coming forward and asking how to accept Jesus as their Saviour. Before, it sometimes took up to 20-30 conversations before someone got to the point of surrendering. But now people were starting to come of their own accord. A prayer watch has also been established in this country and the majority of Christian organisations in the country take part in it. Since the prayer watch started, the breakthroughs have started increasing.

Many people often wonder if it is worthwhile going on a prayer journey and praying in a specific country. Feedback from one who went on a prayer journey: I can only testify to what it meant to me personally. I have been on various prayer journeys and returned with new strength every time, and a much greater awareness of the needs of people in these countries. Out of the literally thousands of people from South Africa who have gone on such prayer journeys the past 15 years, literally 95% are positive about it and wish to go again. They come back strengthened and are acutely aware of the desperate need in the country they visited.

*Won't you consider being trained and equipped for a prayer journey and joining up with a team? We are trusting to send 100 such prayer teams to one specific country over the next two years. And more than 100 to other countries. If you are interested, contact *The Macedonian Project*, Private Bag X07, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040. Tel.: 012 348 6520/1 or fax: 012 348 6329. Website: <http://www.macedonian.org.za/contact.html> or e-mail: macsa@mweb.co.za*

Monday 26 April 2010

Day 14: Revival focus: Do not harden your heart

📖 **Heb.3:13** *But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*

🧘 **Meditation:** The first requirement of intimacy with God is a soft and tender heart that responds with immediate obedience to God's will. This openness to God can be lost when we allow the things of the world such as cares, riches and pleasures to entice our hearts away from God and cause us to shift our focus from God onto ourselves. Then relationship becomes religion. Faith becomes complacent and superficial. Slowly the heart closes and shuts God out.

👤 **Personal:** Has your heart been infiltrated by the things of the world to such an extent that you do not care for or love others anymore? Has your relationship with Jesus become cold, superficial, only focusing on your needs, your survival and your concerns? Allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart. As you humble yourself before Him, allow the Holy Spirit to soften your heart by willingly submitting yourself to His ways, even though the process may be painful.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in your congregation and convict the hearts of those who have become entangled with the world to such an extent that they cannot respond to the voice of God anymore. Pray for the hardness to be penetrated and for the Church to once more become soft and pliable in God's hands.

Salvation focus: Book and magazine authors

Authors of books and magazines have a tremendous influence, often on thousands of people reading their material. Please pray for the salvation of these authors. Ask that their work will be pure and clean and not promote witchcraft or any ungodliness. Pray for authors coming to Christ to hear from God how they can glorify His Name.

Tuesday 27 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Sao Tome & Principe, Saudi Arabia and Senegal. Ask for minds to yield to God's truth.

Day 15: Revival focus: Exhort one another!

📖 **Heb.3:13** *But exhort one another every day...*

🕯 **Meditation:** The Church of Jesus is a Body, not an organisation. Sickness in one member affects, and slowly poisons the whole Body. God made us a Body so that we have to rely on one another and so that we have to take care of one another. If we cut ourselves off from the Body, the Body will suffer and we will die.

🕯 **Personal:** Have you become so individualistic in your relationship with God that you no longer care about the spiritual life of others around you? Do you criticise the Church? Allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart. Confess any coldness, indifference and maybe outright anger and hatred towards other members in the Church. Ask the Holy Spirit to unite you again with the Body of Christ and express your desire to bring healing, not sickness, to the Church.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the complete restoration of the Church as the Body of Christ: for healing and cleansing of divisions, wounds, insensitivity, self-righteousness, racism and indifference to the suffering of some parts of the Body.

Wednesday 28 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone and Singapore. Ask for hearts to turn to God.

Day 16: Revival focus: Sharing Christ

📖 **Heb.3:14** *For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.*

🕯 **Meditation:** The incarnation of Jesus is a mystery that has to be revealed to each and every one of us. Jesus became "one of us". If we accept Him as our Saviour and confess our faith in Him, we become "one with Him". This oneness is not only a spiritual concept, it is a living reality. His life becomes my life. His joy is my joy. My pain becomes His pain. My suffering becomes His. His pain becomes mine. What an amazing, glorious treasure!

🕯 **Personal:** Begin every morning by practising your faith in Jesus. Don't just pray and read the Word. Begin by withdrawing your soul from all its own business. Open your heart wide for the Lord Jesus Christ. Quieten yourself in His presence and listen to Him speaking to your soul. Remain quiet until your soul begins to respond to Him. In the beginning it will take some time, but practise it until your soul rejoices in your union with Him.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to return to her calling – to be the Bride of Christ. Pray for an intensifying longing of the corporate Body to be united with Christ in all aspects of every Believer's mind, spirit and soul.

Thursday 29 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands and Somalia. Ask for receptiveness to the gospel.

Day 17: Revival focus: Entering that rest

📖 **Heb.4:8-11** *For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.*

🔗 **Meditation:** The Israelites had enough faith to leave Egypt, but not enough faith to enter Canaan. In the same way, we may have enough faith to believe in Jesus for eternal life, but not enough faith to enter into the fullness of a life with God in the here and now. The first stage is to believe and trust God in order to receive salvation; the second stage is to experience the victory.

🕯️ **Personal:** There is a difference between a seeking faith and a resting faith. A seeking faith believes that Jesus can bless and waits for it. A resting faith experiences the peace that surpasses all understanding; a condition where there are no worries because the heart and mind have arrived at a place of complete rest. If you desire this, express your belief that it is possible and tell Jesus that you want to enter into this place of rest.

♥️ **Congregational:** Pray that the Church will go beyond merely believing for the sake of salvation, to believing and experiencing real victory over sin, over Satan, over unbelief and over the inability to fulfil God's commission.

Friday 30 April 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer South Africa, South Korea and Spain. Ask for the establishment of houses of prayer.

Day 18: Revival focus: God's rest

📖 **Heb.4:10** ... for whoever has entered God's rest, has also rested from his works as God did from His.

🔗 **Meditation:** Our faith itself is not the rest of God. God Himself is the rest. We have to enter into God's rest by being united with God. The only way we can be one with God is by understanding what it means to cling to Jesus, to become "one with Him" and to trust Him to bring us into God's rest. It is to dwell with God, to have full access to God's presence and love, every minute of the day.

🕯️ **Personal:** Even if you do not yet experience this deep rest in God, begin by acquainting yourself with Jesus. Learn to quieten your mind and your emotions and to cast all anxieties and burdens onto Him. Learn to trust Him to take full responsibility to lead you into God's rest. Come away often to worship Him and express your desire for this deeper unity with Him.

♥️ **Congregational:** Pray for every member of your congregation to long for the depth and intimacy of a real relationship with God. Pray for the pastors, leaders and teachers to understand, experience and teach these deeper truths of entering into God's rest.

ARTICLE: *Global Day of Prayer 2010*

The *Global Day of Prayer* has seen millions of Christians unite in a day of repentance and united prayer. On 23 May 2010, Believers from all 220 nations will once again unite all over the globe for a day of prayer. The echoes of desperate prayers for transformation will sound from stadiums, open fields, community centres and private homes. These prayers call on God who has the power to transform our world and to grace the nations with His glory. God is moving in His awesome power and He is challenging us to be part of this journey. It is a journey that is not about us, but about a world desperately in need of His glory and compassionate love. It is a call to respond to His invitation in **2 Chronicles 7:14** to humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and turn from our wicked ways. May He hear our prayers, forgive our sin and heal our land. Ten days of constant prayer leading up to Pentecost will precede the *Global Day of Prayer*. In South Africa this will form part of 40 days of night-and-day prayer for revival. The 10 days of night-and-day prayer will start on Thursday 13th May 2010. Let us join the world in these 10 days of prayer and also the *Global Day of Prayer*. May God grant us grace and mercy.

Saturday 1 May 2010

Day 19: Revival focus: Resting from works

📖 **Heb.4:10-11** ... for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest...

🔗 **Meditation:** It seems like direct opposites: "rest from works" and "strive to enter". Rest from works does not mean doing nothing. It means that 'busyness for God' will not necessarily give you the peace you are looking for.

This kind of peace comes only when you have learned to commune deeply with God through Jesus Christ. The striving is to enter; it means to spend extended periods in God's presence, allowing the Holy Spirit and Jesus to work in you what you cannot work in yourself.

☛ **Personal:** The "works" that must be done is the exercising of your faith. To exercise your faith, you have to seek God's presence, believing that He hears you and then wait upon Him until He speaks to you. Then tarry there with Him, sometimes listening, sometimes worshipping and sometimes praying the Word back to Him. O God, help us to enter and experience Your Presence!

♥ **Congregational:** Pray that God will be merciful and pour out a spirit of prayer on your congregation. Seek out other members and begin to pray and seek God together.

Focus on Satanism: Witchcraft 'sabbath'

May 1st is usually the peak of Beltane, a witchcraft 'sabbath'. The expectation now in satanic circles is that the fullness of the sorcery programmed during the various satanic gyrations that took place, will occur during this full moon. Let us pray with great confidence to avert this evil expectation so as to reprove (expose) the unfruitful works of darkness (**Eph.5:11**). Ask for God to reveal Himself to those captured in Satanism. Ask that they will realise Jesus is truly the King of kings and turn their lives over to Him. (*Kanaan Ministries*. P.O. Box 15253, Panorama, 7506. Tel.: 021 930 7577, fax: 086 681 9458. Website: www.kanaanministries.org or e-mail: kanaan@iafrica.com).

Sunday 2 May 2010

Day 20: Revival focus: The active Word

📖 **Heb.4:12-13** *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*

🌀 **Meditation:** The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit. We usually understand this in the context of spiritual warfare against evil, but here is a clear understanding that the first action of the Word is to penetrate our own hearts, and there to confront the remaining darkness inside of us. The Word of God must be read and used in such a way that the intentions of our hearts are exposed. Are you involved with the Word in such a way?

☛ **Personal:** Your interaction with God depends on your interaction with His Word. The Word is Truth. Your life must be adjusted to the Truth. When you read the Word, allow the Word to examine your life and convict you. Confess your wrong ways and ask the Holy Spirit to help you adjust your ways according to the Word. Allow your heart to stand naked and exposed before the eyes of God.

♥ **Congregational:** In a time of revival much of the conviction comes when people hear the Word preached in power and truth. Pray for the Church to return to the solid foundation of the Word. Pray for preachers who can preach and teach without compromise, that the Word will become a sword that will penetrate the hearts of people.

Monday 3 May 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Sri Lanka, St Helena, St Kitts - Nevis and St Lucia. Ask for the salvation of leaders from all spheres of life.

Day 21: Revival focus: Jesus in heaven

📖 **Heb.4:14** *Since then we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.*

🌀 **Meditation:** The work of Jesus our High Priest has a dual purpose. On earth He sacrificed Himself as the Lamb of God on the cross. In heaven He sits at the right hand of God officiating as our High Priest and Advocate. We need to understand both activities. He represents us in heaven, but we must also know that we are seated with Him in the heavenlies (**Eph.2:6**)

☛ **Personal:** Do you regularly confess Jesus as your High Priest? Doing it means that you acknowledge Him and the work He is doing. Your interaction with Him as High Priest also means that the power of a heavenly life is at

your disposal. If you hold onto this confession, the hold of sin and of the devil on your life can be broken. Look to Jesus in the heavens. Set your heart on Him and let your heart stay with Him. He will bring you into His rest.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to receive the revelation of Jesus as High Priest in the heavens. Pray that this truth will transform the attitude of the Church concerning sin and Satan, from a defeatist attitude into a triumphant one, overcoming every hindrance according to God's promises.

Salvation focus: Factory workers

Factory workers often work different shifts, impacting their family lives, especially when they work the night shift. Pray for them to find Jesus as the answer and solution to the practical difficulties they face, as well as the Saviour of their lives. Ask for their lives to be transformed and to glorify God.

Tuesday 4 May 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer St Vincent and the Grenadines, Sudan and Suriname. Ask for God's will to be done on the earth as it is in heaven.

Day 22: Revival focus: A sympathetic High Priest

📖 **Heb.4:15** *For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

🕯 **Meditation:** Jesus knows from experience all the issues faced by humans because He emptied Himself of His godly power so that He could become truly human. He is patient with our weaknesses because He understands exactly how we feel. His focus is not in the first place to judge, but to help us overcome our weaknesses just as He triumphed over sin. If you set your mind to understanding this truth, your heart will be comforted and you will receive hope that you can be delivered from all and any form of sin.

🙏 **Personal:** Jesus is worthy of our trust. The only thing that is needed is an unconditional, total surrender of myself to Him. I must not become despondent or disappointed in myself because of my inability to live a sinless life. I must surrender myself totally into His hands and not resist in any way His dealings with me. Don't you want to surrender yourself to Him right now?

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to have an intense desire to become a Body who is wholly and completely without sin. Pray also for the Church to become as merciful and sympathetic with sinners as Jesus is. Let us confess our judgmental attitude and ask the Lord Jesus to put His heart in us.

Plan ahead for the <i>Global Day of Prayer</i> on 23 May 2010: Visit www.globaldayofprayer.com
