

Jericho Walls Prayer Guide – May 2009

Friday 1 May 2009

Election 2009 focus: Pray for the inauguration of all new members of parliament to take place without delay and for God to supernaturally reveal Himself to them so they will choose Christ as their all in all. Pray for the appointment of people in leadership positions on both national and regional level, that God will give us grace for men and women walking in integrity to take up these positions, and that they will do so soon.

Labour focus: Worker's Day

Many countries around the world commemorate the contribution made by workers to society on *May Day*. (Some countries do not celebrate this holiday because of its communist origins). This has traditionally been a day to protest against low wages and poor working conditions. (Website: <http://africanhistory.about.com/library/bl/blsaholidays.htm>). Please pray for God's grace on our nation today. Cry out to Him for a revelation of His holiness. Ask that many will realise their need of God. Pray for peace in our country and that no lives will be lost during celebrations today.

Saturday 2 May 2009

Election 2009 focus: Give thanks to the Lord for answering so many prayers over the past months concerning the elections and our country. Give thanks and praise to His Name for every soul saved, for every heart touched and for blessing us. Give thanks to the Lord for not judging us according to our sins, transgressions and iniquities. Give thanks to the Lord who upholds us and picks us up when we fall.

Prayer focus: Global Day of Prayer & 24-7 prayer

Excellent video material telling the story of 24-7 prayer worldwide has been distributed across the globe in many languages the past 2 years. The response in terms of feedback, encouragement and new watches being planted is very special. Please continue to pray for this video material to be distributed and duplicated into more languages across the world. Ask for many Christians to be encouraged and start praying for breakthroughs in their own communities.

Sunday 3 May 2009

Memorise

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty (Ps.91:1).

Identity: Created to love ... for God delivers those who love Him

You who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked (Ps.97:10 NKJV).

Take a look around you: The devil has got so many Christians believing so many lies! If only we knew and really believed what Scripture says! If you love God, you do not have to try to avoid doing what is wrong and staying out of trouble. You and I will be so busy seeking and searching out ways to please and show God how much we love Him, we would have no time to waste avoiding what is wrong! The problem with sin is though, that it is presented as very desirable! Once we fall in love with loving God, we really begin to hate evil. We do not want to do what is wrong, since it separates us from pleasing God alone. God is clear about this. He will deliver those who love Him from the hand of the wicked. It does not say the wicked will never bother you – it says, God will deliver you from the hand of the wicked. As simple as that, but, you have to love God and hate evil.

Take a look inside you: Do you struggle to do the right thing? Do you find it hard to resist temptation? Many Christians struggle with this. Yet, you can ask God to help change your mind completely and trust His Word in a whole new way.

Take a look at God: Father God, forgive me for judging You according to my way of thinking and for not knowing the liberating truths from Your Word. Please renew my mind. Give me a hunger and thirst to know, love and follow You wholeheartedly.

Monday 4 May 2009

Salvation focus: Cleaners

Thousands of South Africans are employed as part of cleaning services, as house maids, industrial, municipal, hotel cleaners etc. It is not a highly paid job, yet it plays an important role in sustaining basic hygiene and a healthy environment, and is one of the fundamental support systems in the nation. Pray that God will reveal Himself to these people. Ask that they will be faithful in performing their duties with excellence. Also pray for Christian cleaners to witness of Jesus' love to other cleaners and places where they work, and to treat them with respect. Pray also that their wages will be fair.

Prayer focus: Global Day of Prayer & 24-7 prayer

Continue to pray for the translation of video material on 24-7 prayer into more languages. Also ask God to stir the hearts of church leaders, business, political and other leaders with hope to encourage people in their sphere of influence, so that they will begin to pray for breakthroughs and change in difficult situations.

Tuesday 5 May 2009

Focus on men: Restored for God's purpose

About 27.5% of the 834 South African participants in a study admitted to physically abusing their wives, girlfriends or intimate partners. Men who had witnessed parental violence during their childhood were almost four times more likely to be violent towards their current partner than men who had not. Men who were separated, divorced or widowed were three times more likely to report violence against their current partner than married men. (Website: http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=79&art_id=vn20080916053830964C429112&newslett=1&em=177813a1a20080916ah). Let us cry out to God to heal and restore the men in our nation to their rightful position as leaders, comforters and protectors of their families and their country. Take special time this week to pray for men you suspect are abusive in any way.

Prayer focus: Global Day of Prayer & 24-7 prayer

Special footage of orphans in a poor area in India, crying out to God, has gripped the hearts of both old and young worldwide. This story of orphans being taken off the streets, cared for and set up in prayer shifts to pray for others in need, has encouraged many Believers to involve children in their efforts of prayer. Ask the Lord for this material to be translated, copied and distributed into even more languages, so that more Christians worldwide will encourage and teach children to pray.

Wednesday 6 May 2009

Word focus: Andrew Murray Centre

The *Andrew Murray Centre* in Wellington is in need of volunteer Bible class leaders to help meet the demand for small Bible Study groups meeting each week in the eleven Western Cape Boland prisons where they have open doors for ministry. They will work in small teams. They will need to have a heart for God and a great passion to share it with others, inviting others to come to Christ and grow into a personal relationship with Jesus as Lord. (David Bliss, director, *A.M. Centre*, Wellington. Tel.: 021 873 4380 or cell: 072 728 7963. E-mail: bliss.david.deborah@gmail.com).

Prayer focus: Global Day of Prayer & 24-7 prayer

The difficulties in our own nation, both politically and socially, have led to the drafting of some prayer material to help Christians to pray effectively about difficult issues. This material is currently being translated into the official languages, but is also of value for Christians in other countries as they face similar issues. Please pray for funding to print and distribute more of this material in our country as prayer fuel to thousands of Believers to cry out to God to turn the tide in South Africa.

Thursday 7 May 2009

Traditional healers focus: More are killed

Machete wielding gangs in South Africa are mutilating young people to provide body parts for the traditional medicine market, and it is estimated that at least 300 people are killed each year for the medicine, known as *muti*. The police are certain that traditional healers are behind the killings, prescribing body parts to patients and hiring men to go out and find them. (Website: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/southafrica/3214859/Machete-gangs-bring-fear-to-South-Africa-as-they-carry-out-mutilations-for-traditional-medicine.html>). Please cry out to God to reveal Himself especially to witchdoctors and traditional healers. Also to show Jesus Christ as the way, the truth and the only life to so many uninformed poor people who take traditional medicine because they believe it will make them prosper.

Prayer focus: Global Day of Prayer & 24-7 prayer

Lift up in prayer every church, every leader and every Believer in our country and the world. Ask God to stir a deeper hunger and thirst in every heart to seek His face and listen to His voice on a regular basis; to stop compromising in everyday life and to boldly testify of God's goodness to others, especially the unsaved.

Friday 8 May 2009

Crime focus: SMS tip-off initiative

The *Crime Line* initiative was started in June 2007 and operates independently and anonymously and is aimed at getting criminals off the streets. This project has been endorsed by the *South African Police Service* (SAPS). If someone suspects someone else (even family or friends) to be involved in crime, they can now anonymously report it. Any information about criminals passed on to *Crime Line* will be acted upon – whether the perpetrators be murderers, rapists, robbers, hijackers, drug dealers, gangsters, child abusers, etc. (Website: www.crimeline.co.za). People can send a SMS to 32211 or visit website: www.crimeline.co.za enabling them to send in anonymous tip-offs relating to any crime or suspicious activity. Give thanks to the Lord for initiatives like these in answer to much prayer over the years! Pray that people will become aware of this initiative, and for many criminals to be put to trial for their deeds.

Prayer focus: Global Day of Prayer & 24-7 prayer

Over the past 8 years, numerous prayer watches have been established in almost all the countries of the world. Yet, many are struggling because of persecution, division, lack of funding or difficult circumstances at churches or at home. Please pray for God to encourage all those involved in a house of prayer to continue to stand in prayer, night and day. Ask that they will experience breakthroughs today, in provision, in people joining, in favour with leaders and the community. Pray for every 24-7 prayer initiative to receive a fresh outpouring of God's Holy Spirit today.

Saturday 9 May 2009

Health focus: Poor infection control puts health workers at risk

Workers at health facilities are increasingly infected with tuberculosis (TB) and multi-drug resistant TB (MDR TB) as they come into close and continuous contact with infected patients. Nurses, bus drivers, laundry and kitchen staff are being infected with TB and MDR TB, with reports of deaths. (Website: <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20032010&PHPSESSID=b1994508d9e0d3726f6f7622792f64a2>). Never cease to pray for the safety of medical personnel caring for the sick across our country. Pray for more Christians to visit hospitals, clinics etc. to pray and minister to the sick and medical personnel, trusting God for supernatural interventions.

Gospel focus: Flowers in the Desert

Flowers in the Desert is a new 90 minute film in the making by *Arab World Ministries* and *Open Doors* for Muslims in the Arabian Peninsula. It tells true stories of Muslims that came to Christ. Please pray for the filming team, for the preparation of the set, those telling their stories and the final editing of the film. Pray for

God's favour on this project and for many lives to be drawn into His kingdom as a result. (*Open Doors*. Tel.: 011 888 9341, fax: 011 888 9362. Website: www.opendoors.org.za or e-mail: jozuae@od.org).



Children-2-Pray: Praying with your body

Did you know that you can worship Jesus with your body as well as with your heart and spirit? Jesus gave you your body and He loves it when you worship Him also with your body. There are many different postures you can take in prayer and the Bible is full of them! Each one is a way of showing Jesus what is in your heart by expressing it in a physical way.

Monday: Kneeling is a way to show Jesus you are entering into His presence and accept that He will answer your prayer in the way that is best for you. It is a physical way to humble yourself before Jesus. *You can kneel down when you have an important prayer request you want to bring before God. You may always kneel when you pray to show honour to Him.*

Tuesday: Standing shows that you are waiting for Him to tell you what to do. You take your position before Him in prayer and wait on Him. *You can ask Him about a problem you are facing, and then wait to listen what He says to you.*

Wednesday: Raising hands shows Jesus that you are reaching towards Him in praise to glorify Him, or asking something with arms open in order to receive it. *You can sing Him a song, telling Him how much you love Him.*

Thursday: Walking shows Jesus that you are ready for His direction or plans. *You can e.g. pray for the school every time you walk into the school building.*

Friday: Bowing shows Jesus that you honour Him and feel humble because He is so wonderful and powerful and supplies in your needs. *You can do this when you want to say thank you to Jesus because of who He is when He has answered one of your prayer requests.*

Weekend: On your face. Whenever someone was overcome by Jesus' presence in Bible times, they would fall down on their faces. It shows Jesus that He is so awesome and that you are overcome by His love for you. *You can do this after you have had your quiet time or prayer time. When lying down, you do not need to do anything but think upon Jesus' greatness in your life.*

Sunday 10 May 2009

Memorise

The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights (Hab.3:19).

Identity: Created to love ... For God is merciful towards those who love His Name

Look upon me and be merciful to me, as Your custom is toward those who love Your name (Ps.119:132).

Take a look around you: What does it really mean to love God's Name? The world around us has no respect for God's Name. Not in movies, not in books, magazines and neither in everyday speech. Even Christians sometimes use God's Name in vain. If you should point it out to them, they would laugh it off as nothing serious.

Yet, the only way to be saved is to call upon God's Name. The only way to receive forgiveness, deliverance, healing etc. is through the Name above all names, Jesus Christ the Son of God. Every day thousands of Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and other people stream into the Kingdom of God, only because of the Name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. How and when did we become so ignorant? How and when did it happen that we became so 'modernised' that honour and respect for God's name no longer applies as it did for our parents and their parents? God was and is and will always be serious about His Name. To honour Him is the key to everlasting Life.

Take a look inside you: Have you thought about the weight that the Name of God carries in the kingdom of light and darkness? When those who truly love Him merely mention His Name, the whole of the heavenly host and the entire earth tremble. It is not only because His Name is mentioned that this reaction is caused, but also because those who say it know Him and love Him. Then there is authority.

Take a look at God: Father God, teach me to fear Your Name, to love Your Name and to honour Your Name, Your way. Reveal once more to me and every Believer, the full understanding and meaning of fearing your Name.

Monday 11 May 2009

Salvation focus: Sailors

Quite a number of South Africans have a full-time job working on cargo and passenger ships, travelling the world. They are confronted with many evils and obscure ways of living as ships take days on end to reach a next destination. In foreign harbours they can do almost anything without anyone knowing about it, especially their families at home. Pray for the salvation of sailors and everyone working on cargo or passenger ships. Ask for God's intervention in their everyday life, confronting them with a deep understanding of His love for them. Ask for favour for Christians among them to present God to them.

Prayer focus: *Global Day of Prayer & 24-7 prayer*

Lift up in prayer the preparations for the *Global Day of Prayer* on 31 May. Pray that millions of Believers will prepare themselves to partake in prayer and fasting for the *10 Days* of night-and-day prayer prior to the *Global Day of Prayer*. Pray that many will gain access to the prayer material for the *10 Days* in their own language.

Tuesday 12 May 2009

Substance abuse focus: SA children hooked on alcohol

Children who are drinking alcohol by the 7th grade are more likely to report academic problems in both middle school and high school. By young adulthood, those who began drinking early could experience employment problems, abuse of other substances and violent or criminal behaviour. (Alcohol and drug abuse help line: 0800121314 or send a SMS to 32312. Website: http://www.iol.co.za/html/frame_babynet.php?art_id=nw20080625103538387C243340&newslett=0). Ask that parents will begin to pray on a regular basis for breakthroughs for problems like these at schools in their areas until the tide is turned.

Prayer focus: *Global Day of Prayer & 24-7 prayer*

Pray that congregations across nations will realise the importance of prayer as part of a healthy church life and success in local outreach and abroad. Ask the Father to raise up strong visionaries with a heart of prayer to take the lead in implementing extended and regular times of prayer in their congregation.

Wednesday 13 May 2009

Employment focus: 22,000 accountants needed

South Africa's financial management and auditing sector is in need of at least 22,000 qualified accountants, according to a report by the *South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA)*. The input to the pipeline of qualified accountants is limited to Grade 12's with a specific interest in mathematics. In 2006, a paltry 25,217 learners (6.8% of all mathematics candidates) passed mathematics at the Higher Grade level. (Website: <http://business.iafrica.com/news/1278220.htm>). Let us pray about this situation, for learners to be more dedicated in their studies and to consider acquiring these and other much needed skills to qualify for this career.

Prayer focus: *Global Day of Prayer & 24-7 prayer*

Pray for a prayer awakening to emerge among young people of every nation in the world. Much is happening already and we need to thank the Lord for that. Ask that young people who were radically saved, will invite

their peers to cry out to God for breakthroughs for the others, even night and day. Pray for literature on prayer and testimonies on prayer to reach young people everywhere.

Thursday 14 May 2009

Preventable disease costing lives

While HIV and tuberculosis are hitting the headlines daily, thousands are quietly dying of lifestyle diseases, many of which can be prevented if diagnosed and treated early. It is estimated that 500 million people per year suffer from end stage kidney disease. This translates to around 20,000 South Africans per year. (Website: <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20032082&PHPSESSID=01b471d92f35c4935a90ce34be27ede7>). Let us not become weary of crying out to God on behalf of the poor, the needy and the sick. Ask the Lord to turn many of these hearts to Him. Also pray for the tide of HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis to be completely turned in our country.

Prayer focus: Global Day of Prayer & 24-7 prayer

Pray for the establishment of 24-7 prayer in schools and tertiary institutions in every nation. Ask for parents to begin times of prayer on a regular basis at these institutions. Ask for favour for them with the authorities to put up a permanent prayer room on the premises.

Friday 15 May 2009

Family focus: Elderly derived from their pensions

Elderly people are mistreated and physically beaten by their family members to lay hold of their social grants. It is usually their children and grandchildren in need for money for drugs or debt doing this. (Website: http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=79&art_id=vn20081013113106666C806116&newslett=1&em=177813a6a20081013ah). Please pray for the plight of the elderly in our country. Ask for mercy in the hearts of children and grandchildren towards their parents and grand parents. Pray for true reconciliation and for trust to be restored to these relationships.

Prayer focus: Global Day of Prayer & 24-7 prayer

The *Jerusalem House of Prayer* has done tremendous work in creating an awareness of prayer in many nations. Pray for their efforts to bear even more fruit, for many nations to begin houses of prayer as a result of their testimony, and that God would add to them strong leaders to further this work of prayer in Jerusalem.

Saturday 16 May 2009

Jericho Walls International Prayer Network

Please pray today for each volunteer working at the different offices of *Jericho Walls Prayer Network* across the country. Ask for their safety, strength and health. Also pray for God to provide in their practical and physical needs. Pray for the printing and distribution of the *Jericho Walls Daily Prayer Guide*. Also ask for favour and provision to write, translate and publish more resources on prayer to encourage people to grow in their prayer life. Continue to pray for funding for these projects and more individuals to become personally involved in prayer activities. (*Jericho Walls International Prayer Network*, Private bag X22, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040. Tel.: 012 365 3213, fax: 012 365 3214. Website: www.jwipn.com or e-mail: info@jwipn.com).

Praying the promises for Israel: He wants peace in Jerusalem

God wants peace to reign in Jerusalem, peace within her walls and security within her citadels for the sake of those living there and for the sake of the house of the Lord (**Ps.122:6-9**). It is for this reason that Isaiah says in **Isa.62:1-2, 6-7**: *For Zion's sake I will not keep silent ... I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest...*

Lord you have called me to join Jesus in intercession. Reveal to me the mystery of your promises and heart towards Israel and teach me how to pray. Like Jesus (John 17), we want to glorify You through obedience in continuous intercession. May all nations see salvation in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ on

Golgotha. Post watchmen on her walls who will cry out to You night and day, and let us be aware of Your promises so that we can remind You of them.

ARTICLE: Global Day of Prayer 2009

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The *Global Day of Prayer* has seen millions of Christians unite in a day of repentance and united prayer. On 11 May 2008, Believers from 214 nations once again united all over the globe. The echoes of desperate prayers for transformation sounded from stadiums, open fields, community centres and private homes. These prayers call on God who has the power to transform our world and to fill the nations with His glory.

On 31 May 2009, God is again calling the nations from the North, South, East and West to embark on this prayer journey with Him. 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 leading up to ONE followed by NINETY

The *Global Day of Prayer* follows the three parts of the beginning of the Church: *10 Days* of constant prayer leading up to Pentecost, one day of prayer witnessed by the whole city and *90 Days of Blessing* that followed. For these reasons, the *Global Day of Prayer* has three parts.

- **10 Days** of constant prayer: 21-30 May 2009. Beginning on Ascension Day, 21 May, millions of Christians will find ways to pray night and day throughout the ten days leading to Pentecost.
- The **Global Day of Prayer**: 31 May 2009. On Pentecost Sunday, Christians in almost every country will assemble to pray. Many will gather in small groups in homes. Many will assemble in large stadiums and other public venues.
- **90 Days of Blessing**: 1 June - 29 August 2009. As with the first Pentecost, transformed Christians transform their communities as they offer themselves to God as instruments through which their prayers can be answered. Through *Global Day of Prayer* we anticipate the forming or furthering of greater unity among pastors, churches, missions and business leaders to bring practical transformation to their communities.

I humbly invite you to join hundreds of millions of Christians as we seek God's face, and trust that people from the 220 countries of the globe will see willing Believers standing in the gap for the nations.

May we see His glory.

Graham Power,
Chairman, *Global Day of Prayer*

Please visit the *Global Day of Prayer* website: www.globaldayofprayer.com to learn about translations which may be available in other languages or contact *Global Day of Prayer* at e-mail: info@globaldayofprayer.com

Sunday 17 May 2009

Memorise

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Rom.5:8).

Identity: Created to be found...God is looking for... YOU

So I **sought** for a man among them who would make a wall, (build a wall) and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one (**Ezek.22:30 NKJV**).

Take a look around you: There is so much to say about this verse. One thing is certain: at present we find more people destroying walls, creating divides and backing away from taking responsibility for anything. God though, is looking, all the time, right now, for men and women that would call out to Him on behalf of the land. Are you joining the crowds crying out against the land – even South Africa, or are you taking up your position in the spiritual realm before the throne of grace? Are you crying out against the Church, or to God on behalf of the Church? Are you accusing and condemning the Church? Are you crying out against your marriage, family, boss etc. or are you crying out to God on their behalf? Are you joining the devil against them: accusing and condemning? Or are you interceding, asking God for grace and mercy?

Taking a look inside: Where do you find yourself in this picture? Are you part of the crowd accusing and condemning, or part of the men and women God is looking for to stand in the gap and build the wall? Where do you want to be? Are you willing to take a first step?

Taking a look at God: Father God, forgive me for joining the crowds against Your plans and purposes for our land. Change my heart and mind. Change me into a man/woman after Your own heart. Teach me to build the wall and to stand in the gap for South Africa. Give me the mind of Christ and His compassion to intercede for the nation.

Monday 18 May 2009

Salvation focus: Road workers

Numerous road projects are going on around the country. Hundreds of men are working long hours to complete these projects and are away from home for weeks on end. Please pray for them as they face less privileged living conditions when on contract. Ask that Christians will live lives of integrity, abstaining from sexual immorality, drug and alcohol abuse, setting an example to others. Pray for them for favour to share the gospel with others.

Prayer focus: Global Day of Prayer & 24-7 prayer

Pray for the growing 24-7 prayer movement in Indonesia, the Philippines and the islands of the Pacific Ocean. Individuals are joining these prayer watches in large numbers, crying out for breakthroughs for the gospel in their nations. Please pray that God will strengthen these watches, the watchmen praying there and those taking responsibility to keep them running and that He will answer their prayers.

Tuesday 19 May 2009

Health focus: New vaccines for SA's children

South Africa is to introduce two more vaccines to the country's immunisation programme, namely *pneumococcus* conjugate and *rotavirus*, which aim to reduce the mortality rate of children under the age of five. *Pneumococcus* is reported to be responsible for a majority of pneumonia cases and causes an estimated 1.8 million deaths in children under five, mainly in developing and poor countries. The *pneumococcus* conjugate vaccine protects children against diseases such as pneumonia, meningitis etc. It is estimated that the introduction of these vaccines will save the lives of about 14 children every day, or prevent more than 4,700 deaths per year. (Website: <http://www.southafrica.info/about/health/vaccine-120908.htm>). Give thanks to God for breakthroughs like these. Please pray that many children's lives will be saved.

Prayer focus: Global Day of Prayer & 24-7 prayer

The *International House of Prayer* in Kansas City trains hundreds of young people in different programmes on a regular basis to cultivate a lifestyle of prayer and fasting. Pray for these young people as they prepare themselves to go out into the world to preach the gospel and teach a lifestyle of prayer to others. Pray for leaders to be raised up, more young people to live lives of prayer and for total surrender. Let them, with compassionate hearts, reach a lost and hurting world with the message of salvation and healing.

Wednesday 20 May 2009

Breakthrough: Outreach to police stations

One pastor reported back after their visit to a local police station in Mitchell's Plain: *"Last year, a group of five of us visited our local police station in Mitchell's Plain. We've ministered and committed ourselves to live in the boundaries of the law, and to be law-abiding citizens, not doing and embracing crime, and offering our help."*

Give thanks to the Lord for testimonies like these. Pray that many more congregations in communities will visit their local police stations, pray for the policemen and women and even commit for regular times of prayer at the police stations.

Prayer focus: Global Day of Prayer & 24-7 prayer

Lift up in prayer the organisers of the *Global Day of Prayer* in every nation on earth. Pray for their protection, provision and favour with people over the next *10 Days* as they finalise everything for the *Global Day of Prayer* on 31 May, 2009. Ask the Lord for favour so that each of the ±220 countries of the world will register to host a prayer event on this day.

Thursday 21 May 2009

10 Days of night and day prayer: Day 1

Revive: *Our Father who is in heaven...*

- for God to revive and unite His people as one family before Him.
- for wayward Christians to repent and return to God as Father, learning to obey and trust Him.
- for fresh movements of prayer, seeking the throne of grace with persistence.

"If My people..." (2 Chron.7:14).

Prepare to encounter God as His people: You are God's beloved servant, purchased by Christ's death. Answer His call to serve Him together with others. Pray for many others to gather before Him as families, churches and as one people of all nations.

Friday 22 May 2009

10 Days of night and day prayer: Day 2

Reveal: *...sanctify Your name...*

- for the truth of God's character to be exalted and honoured.
- for God to distinguish Himself from every false god and to expose every false word spoken about Him.
- for the Word of God to be proclaimed to all people and in every place on earth.
- for the Scriptures to be translated and made available in every language.

"...who are called by My name..." (2 Chron.7:14).

Preparing to live for His glory: Confess ways in which we may have brought shame to our God. Renounce foolish jealousies and small ambitions. Yearn afresh for His glory to be great in our countries.

Saturday 23 May 2009

10 Days of night and day prayer: Day 3

Rule: *...May Your kingdom come...*

- for many to be drawn by the power of the gospel to submit their lives to Jesus Christ, in order to love and follow Him as King.
- for Christ's followers to walk in the fullness of God's Spirit so that they can live in the likeness of Christ.
- for the Lordship of Christ to influence every part of our cities and societies.

"...will humble themselves..." (2 Chron.7:14).

Preparing to meet God in brokenness: Invite God to soften our hardened hearts. Admit your own brokenness. Adore the excellence of Jesus with fresh awe and wonder. Practise humility by seeking for others to be honoured.

Sunday 24 May 2009

10 Days of night and day prayer: Day 4

Transform: ...and may Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...

- for God's people to bring the influence and blessing of Christ into every aspect of commerce, arts, education and governance in ways that bring lasting transformation.
- for God's wisdom to be upon our government leaders, bringing change that increases righteousness and justice.
- for the righteousness, peace and joy of Christ's kingdom to be a reality in the power of the Holy Spirit.

"...and pray..." (2 Chron.7:14).

Preparing to pray beyond ourselves: Pour out your heart before God. Thank Him for what He has already done. Lift the burdens of others, allowing your heart to be moved, and cry out for the tremendous need of your community and country.

ARTICLE: WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?

Peter Tarantal, National Coordinator for World Evangelisation Network of South Africa (WENSA)

The last hundred years have seen dramatic changes in the *Global South* - a missiological term for the less developed continents of Latin America, Africa and Asia. We have seen Christianity grow at an unprecedented rate in these areas. For instance, in 1900 there were reportedly 8 million Christians on the continent of Africa: today there are approximately 450 million. These changes have enormous potential consequences for Kingdom advances in the *Global South*, where the majority of the world's unreached peoples are located. One of the challenges though is to encourage the sending of missionaries to keep pace with the dramatic growth of Christianity in these areas.

New innovative approaches to missions are being born in these areas. An example is the model of *Proximate Missions* where the Church in a region takes the initiative to reach those from a similar ethno-linguistic and economic background.

There are approximately 2 million Filipinos in the Arabian Peninsula, many of them Believers. These brothers and sisters need training but need no financial support as they earn a living in the countries where they are working. New initiatives in missions such as *Business as Mission* and *Arts in Mission* linked with sports, for example, are more innovative ways to see the gospel reach so many more people.

There are a number of challenges still remaining for us though. The challenge of the one-fourth world still confronts all of us, where 27% of the world is still unreached. Unfortunately only 1% of all church income goes towards missions in that part of the world and the same can be said of the workers going to the mission field.

Another challenge for us will be the issue of the uniqueness of Christ. We live in an increasingly relativistic world which demands us to be more tolerant and accepting. A major challenge for the Church of Jesus Christ is the re-evangelisation of the West. Europe already regards itself as post-Christian. We have the situation now where churches from Latin America, Africa and Asia are beginning to send workers to Europe. The largest church in Europe is being led by an African. We have the challenge of discipleship and the training of leaders, especially in the *Global South* where the Church is growing at phenomenal rate.

I am not sure that we have fully grasped the impact of the global recession on missions yet. I know of a number of missionaries who have been adversely affected in their support as a result of it, so we will have to look for new ways of funding missions. In this regard the new recognition of the great value of marketplace ministry is greatly encouraging.

In the midst of great challenges we can truly see that God is busy with "new and greater things".

Monday 25 May 2009

10 Days of night and day prayer: Day 5

Provide: ...Give us this day our daily bread...

- for the basic needs of food, water and health care for the poor, for the sick, for refugees and for children.
- that God's people would become, by His Spirit's help, agents of healing and change, bringing forth the abundance, justice and peace that God desires.
- for God's people to break patterns of poverty in their communities, fulfilling God's promise of blessing amidst all peoples.
- for Christians to act with compassion and persistence to eradicate diseases and to serve well in the aftermath of epidemics such as HIV/AIDS.

"...and seek My face..." (2 Chron.7:14).

Preparing to seek God's face: Set the desires of your heart to reach beyond your own needs. Come near to God in order to know Him and to be known by Him. Be still before Him. Speak boldly to Him and listen carefully, as if face to face with Jesus.

Tuesday 26 May 2009

10 Days of night and day prayer: Day 6

Forgive: ...Forgive us our sins...

- for the Spirit of God to move the hearts of men and women so that they will be able to see how God is grieved and how their lives are being destroyed by sin.
- for the Spirit of God to empower people to abandon patterns of sin and find grace to renounce allegiance to powers of darkness.
- for recognition of and repentance from sins that bring about war, poverty and injustice.

"...and turn from their wicked ways..." (2 Chron.7:14).

Preparing to repent: Seek more than mere wordy confessions. Instead, ask God to give you power to turn from any hint of evil and to abandon any hurtful way. Let God lift your heart with hope that He will bring lasting change throughout your community and relationships.

Wednesday 27 May 2009

10 Days of night and day prayer: Day 7

Reconcile: ...as we forgive those who sin against us...

- to break the cycles of resentment, revenge and racism so that relationships are restored.
- for signs of Christ's reconciling power in the midst of militarised conflict, revealing God's desire to end all wars.
- to restore relationships between women and men, to bring reconciliation in marriages and to renew children's relationships with their parents.
- for those who suffer for the name of Christ to endure persecution in the Spirit and grace of Christ.

"...then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin..." (2 Chron.7:14).

Preparing to confess: Open up your life to Christ. Admit your sin before an open heaven. Confess your wrongdoing to those you may have harmed. Ask God to free you and others from the burden of guilt caused by sin and the bondage of the power of sin.

Thursday 28 May 2009

10 Days of night and day prayer: Day 8

Lead: ...And lead us not into temptation...

- for Christians to be filled with such love and zeal to please God that they are unmoved by enticements of materialism and sexual perversity.

- for God's people to continue walking in the light of His ways, and wisdom to fulfil His purposes throughout the earth.
- that Christ would guide business leaders and education and government leaders so that the curse of corruption would be overcome throughout cities and entire economies.

"...and will heal their land..." (2 Chron.7:14).

Preparing to be transformed: Expect God to bring great changes throughout your community and country, some coming slowly and others suddenly. Renew your hope for the earth to be restored, sick societies uplifted and relationships healed.

Friday 29 May 2009

10 Days of night and day prayer: Day 9

Overcome: *...but deliver us from evil...*

- that God would restrain Satanic powers, revealing the truth of the gospel, liberating many people to follow Christ.
- that people would be delivered from idolatry, witchcraft, demonic oppression and depression.
- that the powers of darkness which corrupt and dominate businesses, governments and cities will be broken in the Name of Jesus Christ.

"...Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive..."(2 Chron.7:15).

Preparing to meet God's gaze: Turn your heart toward God in expectancy. Allow your heart to be moved in awe that He will listen to your every word and gaze upon us all with life-giving love.

Saturday 30 May 2009

10 Days of night and day prayer: Day 10

Glorify: *...for Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

- that signs of Christ's kingdom will so fill the earth that many will be moved to celebrate the hope of His coming.
- that Christ's power will be seen in the humility and compassionate service of His people.
- that Jesus would be honoured openly, worshipped extravagantly and glorified globally.

"...I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that My Name may be there forever. My eyes and My heart will always be there" (2 Chron.7:16).

Preparing to consecrate ourselves as His dwelling: Welcome His Spirit to fill you and your family and friends. Invite Christ to make His dwelling among His people, so that His heart will overflow our hearts with His magnificent love, in order to bring His glory to all the earth.

Sunday 31 May 2009

Pentecost Sunday: Global Day of Prayer

Christians in almost all 220 countries in the world will today unite in a day of repentance and prayer. As the Church we will ask forgiveness for our sins, pray for our countries, the healing of the nations and transformation of communities and nations around the world. We will pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church like in the book of Acts. **Acts 4:31** says that after they prayed, God shook the place and the people were filled with the Holy Spirit. Over the centuries, time and again, God has poured out His Spirit in thousands of places around the world. Let us then cry out today that God would once more visit Christians in the tens of thousands of places in countries where they will gather today. Let us pray with faith and boldness (**Acts 1:8**), for signs and miracles and for healings and powerful deeds to accompany the manifestations of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 4:32; Heb.2:4**).

A Prayer for the World: A special prayer which will be read in unison at every *Global Day of Prayer* gathering has been prepared and translated into many languages. Many of these translations are available at website: www.globaldayofprayer.com or www.transformationafrica.com

Practical tips for spending today in prayer:

- **Pray with your local congregation on Pentecost morning:** Devote portions of your Pentecost Sunday morning service to united prayer. Announce the fact that millions across the world are gathering to pray for the glory of Christ and the transformation of all nations. Read aloud the *Prayer for the World* as a congregation. Share testimonies of how people have been praying during the *10 Days*. Consider combining services with other nearby churches.
- **Gather in homes or assemble in public venues:** On the afternoon and evening of Pentecost, all over the world, Christians are planning to gather in their homes, assemble in stadiums, public auditoriums and open squares. Some meetings will be small. Others will be large, but each one will be praying with the same heart and vision of repentance and hope. As at the first Pentecost—when the blessing of Christ was manifest on the streets and open public settings—we'll worship God openly in the name of Christ and pray for the healing and blessing of the nations. As much as possible, we are seeking to gather in places beyond the walls of our church buildings.
- **Plan ahead for 2010:** For updated information, visit www.globaldayofprayer.com for announcements about the *Global Day of Prayer* event(s) planned for Pentecost Sunday, 23 May 2010.

Prayer story: Global Prayer Watch in Cape Town

How did your prayer watch start?

We started preparing in May 2000 for the launch of the prayer watch in Cape Town on 1 September 2000. It was a special day when John Mulindi and others came and we dedicated the house of prayer to the Lord. After this we began to invite individuals from the surrounding churches to pray in the prayer room. After one year we realised that 24-7 prayer was going to be more sustainable if we could have full-time people covering the night hours. In 2004 we began a discipleship training school called *Face-2-Face*, with 7 students. Only in February 2006 we had a strong enough group to begin 24-7 prayer. Today we have both full-time and part-time people taking regular slots in our prayer room. There were many ups and downs. We made some mistakes and by the grace of God learned a lot from them. More days were uphill than we wanted, but God helped us through it all.

What tips can you give others on starting a prayer watch?

Start slowly and do not stop. Some times of the year are easier than others. During the holiday seasons of the year, you might struggle to fill up the hours. Do not become discouraged, and remember not to stop if you miss some hours. People are only human. They are also our most treasured resource to stand before the Lord day and night. Ask God to send you a full-time person just for coordinating the prayer schedule. This is one of the most important points for sustaining 24-7 prayer. Other important things are to have a dedicated person to change the prayer theme in the prayer room at least once every 2 months. It is wonderful if day-to-day prayer issues can be added and removed from the walls/prayer room on a regular basis. Make a special effort to get together all the watchmen praying at your house of prayer at least once a month to fellowship, pray for each other and give feedback to encourage each other on what God is saying in the watch. Keep a prayer journal to be completed after every slot in the prayer room to help you know what God is saying to you as a group.

What must you guard against?

Strong intercessors are not necessarily good at administration and organisation. Do not let those gifted in administration and organisation feel guilty if they do not take the same number of hours in prayer. Give the night watchmen a regular break by changing their night hours, at least once a month. If they keep the same slots, especially those between 1-5 am, their night and day orientation becomes confused. In some cases you will find people that can do it for prolonged periods. Encourage them to take regular times to sleep during the day if they do these hours. Also do not be focussed on what happens in other houses of prayer and compare yours with them. God is uniquely at work in every house of prayer and the spiritual resistance is different in different areas. Remember, people come and go all the time, so do not feel discouraged or doomed to failure if some of them leave! It is God building the house, not us.

What training do you provide for those interested in starting a house of prayer or setting up a prayer room?

Once a year we have a week-long training opportunity called the *Watchmen School of Prayer*. During this time we invite all those already running prayer watches/rooms as well as those interested in starting a watch/prayer room in South Africa and other countries in Africa, to join us for a time of motivation, prayer, feedback, teaching and being equipped. We also have a weekend training programme for small groups from a congregation, city or town who want to start a prayer watch/room. They spend time in our prayer watch, see what we are doing and have opportunities to ask questions and learn from our set-up in practical ways.

Do you see any fruit on your prayers?

We often experience God speaking to us in the house of prayer, just to hear the same or similar message being preached the coming Sunday in the different churches in the city which our watchmen attend. We have seen healings and deliverances take place. We have had times of much resistance, but we have also seen God sending people from different nations to end up at our small prayer room in the most unexpected ways. Often people come knocking on the door, wanting to know what is going on there. These have been opportunities to share the gospel, pray for the sick and for some facing serious personal problems.

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Monday 1 June 2009

Global Day of Prayer: Thanksgiving for God's goodness

Give thanks to the Lord for drawing together millions of Christians across the world yesterday to pray for their countries, the Church and the unsaved. Honour His Name for touching the lives of millions and for having compassion for them. Give thanks for every prayer He has answered. Together with every creature in heaven, on earth, under the earth and in the sea, let us cry out to God saying, "*To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!*" (**Rev.5:13**).

90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 1

Pray the Blessing: *And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good* (**Gen.1:9-12**).

Declare your faith: I believe and confess that the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is the Creator of Heaven and Earth, and of all created things. I believe that He is upholding all things with the power of his hand (**Acts 17:24; Heb.1:3**).

Pray on foot: Pray at the dirtiest place in your community or city, e.g. the garbage dump and demonstrate your caring for creation by collecting the garbage in your own street.

STAY UPDATED WITH PRAYER INFORMATION

You can subscribe to the weekly **Global Prayer Alert** providing updated and relevant prayer information to be used, copied and distributed in prayer groups, your prayer or church bulletin, youth groups etc. simply by sending an e-mail to: watch@jwipn.com, stating whether you want it in Afrikaans or English.

Health focus: SA Children at Risk

A health study has shown that if South African children were graded on their overall health, they would score a dismal C-minus (60 percent – 65 percent). According to the *Healthy Active Kids Report Card*, South Africa's children are at an increased risk of developing chronic illnesses later in life. Four of the major contributing factors were tobacco use, poor diet, lack of physical activity and being overweight – all areas in which they

scored "average" to "below-average". (Website: http://www.iol.co.za/html/frame_babynet.php?art_id=iol1221203006571S232&newslett=1). Pray that the tide will begin to turn for children in at least these four areas of concern. Ask that parents will be able to take better care of the basic physical needs of their children.

Tuesday 2 June 2009

90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 2

Pray the Blessing: *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Gen.1:27-28).*

Declare your faith: I believe and confess that God made mankind in His image and His likeness to have dominion over all the earth (Gen.1:26).

Pray on foot: Pray at the neonatal ward at your local hospital for the new-born babies.

Word focus: Solar audio Bible

In 2005, *MegaVoice* released the first solar-powered audio Bible, which features a powerful, built-in speaker and earphone jack. This *MegaVoice* audio unit overcomes many cultural, technological and language barriers that cannot be penetrated by the printed Word. By partnering with numerous outreach organisations, *MegaVoice* has already distributed more than 100,000 "Ambassador" audio players to people groups in over 100 nations. *MegaVoice's* distribution partners report that each of these players is shared with at least 500 people in the course of a year. This means that, already, millions of people have heard the Word of God for the first time. (Website: <http://www.megavoice.com/press/PressReleaseJune2008.pdf>). Give thanks to the Lord for answering our prayers over the years! Pray for the necessary funding for production of these players, which cost about R500 per player.

Wednesday 3 June 2009

90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 3

Pray the Blessing: *And he [Jesus] answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me" (Lk.7:22-23).*

Declare your faith: I believe and confess that Jesus Christ shows no partiality to anyone and that he regards all people as equal before him, irrespective of race, status or caste (Jas.2:1-8).

Pray on foot: Pray for the outcasts in your community, e.g. at the squatter camps, for the untouchables, for those in an asylum, and demonstrate the love of God practically to them.

Health focus: Clinic at Emmanuel Christian Training Centre (ECTC)

The small clinic at the *ECTC* in Southern Sudan treats 20 people a day on average. There are many people in the region that are still considered unreached and the staff is excited about every opportunity to share the gospel, which is done regularly in a structured way. Thank the Lord for the fact that the clinic at the *ECTC* can faithfully treat people who battle regular bouts of malaria. Pray also for adequate funding and personnel. (*Open Doors*. Tel.: 011 888 9341, fax: 011 888 9362. Website: www.opendoors.org.za or e-mail: southafrica@od.org).

Thursday 4 June 2009

90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 4

Pray the Blessing: *For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was*

crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and by his stripes we are healed (Isa.53:2-5).

Declare your faith: I believe and confess that Jesus Christ heals the sick also today through the power of the Holy Spirit (**Matt.10:8; Jas.5:14**).

Pray on foot: Visit a hospital and pray for those who are sick, believing that God can heal them.

Poverty focus: Women suffer most in food crisis

Rising food and fuel prices have resulted in 130 million poor people in these regions falling further into poverty. When children are hungry they go to their mother normally not their father and when there is less food, women are the first to eat less. Many people in Burkina Faso spend 75% or more of their income on food, and pregnant women and young mothers sacrifice medical care while some are turning to prostitution to pay for food. (Website: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2008/07/20/Report_Women_suffer_most_in_food_crisis/UPI-75681216566414/). Pray for the plight of women living in poverty today. Ask that God will supernaturally meet many of their felt needs on a daily basis. Pray that many will turn to God and be converted as He answers their call. Never forget to give thanks to God for the fact that you have food on your table.

Friday 5 June 2009

90 Days of Blessing: 1 June – 29 August 2009: Day 5

Pray the Blessing: *"And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out (Deut.28:1-6).*

Declare your faith: I believe and confess that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus Christ and that there will be no end to His Government (**Matt.28:18; Isa.9:7**).

Pray on foot: Pray for, and if you live in the area, at the highest authority in your city or nation, e.g. Parliament, Palace, High Court or Presidential office.

Famine focus: Food shortages in North Korea

North Koreans are dying because of food shortages in rural areas, and a massive famine is just a matter of time. The food situation is as bad as during the famine that hit the country in the mid-1990's, which left as many as 2 million people dead. This year's food situation has worsened because last year's harvests were seriously affected by devastating floods. An estimated 6.5 million people are short of food, and the number could rise if shortages are not addressed. (Website: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/asiapcf/05/09/nkorea.famine.ap/>). Not only does North Korea suffer physical famine, but even more so spiritually. Cry out for open doors for the gospel, especially from the indigenous Church in South Korea. Also pray for God's supernatural intervention to provide for the felt needs as well as the spiritual needs of people in North Korea.