

Jericho Walls prayer guide – May 2010

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.


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Wednesday 5 May 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland and Syria. Ask for an increase of night-and-day prayer in every village, town and city.

Day 23: Revival focus: Confidence to draw near

 **Heb.4:16** *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

 **Meditation:** Our confidence is based on the sympathy and the power of our High Priest. Do you have this confidence? How does your life show His sympathy and power?

🕯️ **Personal:** Put this confidence into practice: 1. Go to God as the One who sits on the throne. He is merciful. He is waiting to receive you. He loves you. Take time to open your heart to receive and experience these truths. Bow down before Him. 2. Go with confidence and faith that He will receive you because of Jesus. Confidence means I accept Jesus' sacrifice; I honour the work He does; I honour the Father; I acknowledge the High Priest and I seek fellowship with Him. While you pray, during and after your prayer, be still and think about what happens between you and Him. 3. The more your soul is occupied with Jesus as the High Priest, the more your confidence will increase. He wants to make Himself one with you, with the utmost tenderness. He understands, He feels what you feel, He puts Himself in your place. Tarry in His presence.

♥️ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to grasp this wonderful truth: At the throne of God all of mankind can still find mercy and grace. It is not yet the time for judgment. Pray that every member of the Church will understand this and take hold of the opportunity to go to the throne to find mercy and grace in this time of need.

Teens-2-pray: Want your parents to change?

Each one of us has our own idea about the ideal parents and how we would want them to be. Ever thought of praying for your parents about these things? The Word of God is clear that God listens to prayer – He will also listen to you when you pray to Him. Do not doubt that. The following are some ideas on what you can pray for your parents. Share these with a friend and pray together and see how God answers your prayers.

1. **Face it...** They are not perfect. Whether they are at home a lot or not, divorced or separated, they are your parents. Accept it. Thank God for the privilege to have parents. Say you're sorry for the times you wished them 'away' or 'dead' because of something they did or did not do for you or someone else. Pray that God will open your eyes to see the good things they do that other parents are perhaps not doing. Ask the Lord to help you see their needs and give you wisdom on how to pray for them.
2. **Respond...** Pray that God will help them to understand your needs and pray that your parents will have the desire to spend time with you *and* be in a position to do it. Remember, when they reach out to you, it is God answering your prayer – do not give them the cold shoulder!
3. **Their work...** Economic circumstances have really changed their world and work circumstances. Pray for them to be able to handle all the difficult situations they have to face at work, and not to be so tired when they get home at night. Pray that they will have favour with their superiors, for good working conditions and proper payment. If they have their own business, ask that God will give them peace in their business, that their lives and work will be rooted in integrity and that they will not chase money to the extent that they do not care for their families and do not make time for family life, but enjoy the beautiful things in life.
4. **Their marriage...** Look carefully to see what your parents struggle with. Begin writing these things down and pray about them. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to pray about the things that cause heartache and pain.
5. **Their responsibilities...** Submit to their authority and ask the Lord to help you accept them and their discipline. Ask the Lord that they will have wisdom on how to lead you and to help you to grow to maturity. Pray that they will take up their role as a father and a mother, that they will live godly lives and show compassion to the poor and needy.
6. **Their conduct toward you...** Pray that they will be patient with you and that God will help you to be patient with them also. Remember that they are also just human and will make many mistakes. Do not judge them, but love them. Ask the Father to give them the wisdom and revelation to understand your needs and desires, and that they will make time to help you and be available to you, and love you.

Thursday 6 May 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania and Thailand. Ask for a hunger and thirst to study, pray and proclaim God's Word.

Day 24: Revival focus: Mercy and Grace

📖 Heb.4:16 *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

🕒 Meditation: Our confidence is based on what we believe about God's character. God's mercy means that when I come to Him with my guilt, my sinfulness and my unworthiness, I can be confident that He will forgive me and accept me. He will do that. God's grace means that the inner heavenly working of God's Spirit in me can transform me and change me completely so that I become a reflection of Christ Himself.

🕒 Personal: Each person must accept for himself or herself, the merciful love of God. Understand that, in totality, Christ's work is to bring you to God and qualify you to confidently commune with God. He should be thanked for His work. Spend some time pondering and worshipping Him.

♥ Congregational: Pray for the Church to experience this merciful love of God, and to respond in pure and humble worship and adoration. Pray for the truth of God's love to transform the Church into a loving, merciful and gracious community.

Friday 7 May 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer The Gambia, Togo, Tonga and Trinidad & Tobago. Ask for the salvation of leaders from all spheres of life.

Day 25: Revival focus: Our Trust

📖 Heb.5:1-2 *For every High Priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.*

🕒 Meditation: The two requirements for a High Priest are that he must be appointed by God and he must be able to sympathise with those he represents before God. Jesus fulfilled both these requirements. Jesus was called by God to represent us before Him! The work of the Holy Spirit is to convince us of God's good intentions with us and to help us to trust Jesus by teaching us the truth about Him. Are you convinced that God's intentions are only good?

🕒 Personal: Jesus was also made weak so that He can represent us completely. He earned His glory because He was willing to suffer like humans. Suffering and weakness were His trademarks on earth. Now in heaven He wants to represent all those who are weak and who suffer. This is His eternal work: to represent you! Do you want to know this Jesus? Ask the Holy Spirit to make Him real for you and also to let you experience the fact that He represents you.

♥ Congregational: Pray for the Church to come to the deep realisation that God is for them, not against them. Pray that this realisation will bring a deep humility and not cause the Church to become proud and arrogant in their dealings with unbelievers and sinners. Pray for the heart of Jesus to be visible in the Church.

Saturday 8 May 2010

Day 26: Revival focus: Christ as High Priest

📖 Heb.5:4-5 *And no one takes this honour for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a High Priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten You"; as He says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."*

🕒 Meditation: God chose Jesus as mankind's representative before Him. He did not want any other person or being to do this work, except His Son. It is only His Son that understands the heart of God towards people. Since He is from God and returned to God, He can also take us there. Because He is one with God, He can also make us one with God. God entrusted Him with this glorious task: the reconciliation between God and Man.

☛ **Personal:** Jesus receives great honour when He intercedes for sinners. That is why He came and why He gave up His glory that He shared with the Father. Every time we pray to Jesus for mercy, He is honoured! Every time we believe a promise of God and ask Jesus for the fulfilment, He is glorified in the Father's presence. Do you not want to honour Him now?

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to realise the truth of God's Word and His promises, and to begin to honour Jesus by praying and expecting Him to fulfil those promises. Faith is just that – to trust that God's promises are the truth and that they will be fulfilled because of Jesus.

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Sunday 9 May 2010

Day 27: Revival focus: Jesus' tears

📖 **Heb.5:7-8** *In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered.*

🌀 **Meditation:** What Jesus wanted to do for us, He first had to do for Himself. To qualify for the work of sanctifying us, He first had to be sanctified Himself. He had to learn to relate to God as a human being. The fact that He prayed with loud cries and tears demonstrates His immense struggling with the weaknesses of humans. He laid down His own will and experienced the agony of death because He understood God's promises and was obedient to God's will.

☛ **Personal:** The test for Jesus was obedience. What He did, He wants to teach us to do as well. He knows what the cost of laying down one's will is. He also knows the power that will be released if a person can do it. His death and resurrection enable us to follow His example because His heavenly power is at our disposal. Do you trust Jesus enough to be willing to follow Him all the way? Then come before Him and speak to Him about your obedience.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to hear the truth about the great work that Jesus has done, and that the truth will enable the Church to become completely obedient to the will of God. Pray for God's will to be done in the life of every member of your congregation.

Monday 10 May 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Turks & Caicos Islands. Ask for minds to yield to God's truth.

Day 28: Revival focus: The perfection of Jesus

📖 **Heb.5:8-9** *Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.*

🌀 **Meditation:** There are very few people who strive for perfection. Mostly because we have few role models who have attained this standing, and also because we cannot believe that it is possible for us to get to that level of holiness. Jesus was perfect as a human being. He did what no one in the Old Testament could accomplish. The way to perfection for us is to choose to lay down our will and to become completely obedient to God. This is the secret to breaking the power of sin and Satan.

☛ **Personal:** The key to a life filled with peace, joy and power, is obedience to God. Jesus' obedience, the laying down of His will, His death and His resurrection enable you and me to become obedient to God. This will also be accompanied by prayers, loud cries and many tears, but the call is simple: lay down your will and obey God. Is this not what your heart is yearning for? Come before God and take the first step in obedience – give Him your will. Ask Him for the grace to be obedient to Him every step of the way.

♥ **Congregational:** A compromising Church is weak and can expect no impact on the lives of unbelievers. But the world has yet to see what can be done through a Church wholly and completely obedient to God. Pray that the Church in our generation will come to this grand and high calling – total obedience to God's will.

Tuesday 11 May 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine and the United Arab Emirates. Ask for hearts to turn to God.

Day 29: Revival focus: Warning against complacency

📖 **Heb.5:10-13** *...being designated by God a High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.*

🌀 **Meditation:** Spiritual sluggishness makes the soul immune to the understanding of spiritual things. This sluggishness comes when Believers are satisfied simply because of the fact that they are Believers. Their hearts become entangled with the world and they have very little desire to enter into the deeper spiritual truths of life and of faith and power in Christ. To understand and esteem the heavenly priesthood of Jesus, one has to have a mind fixed on the heavenly Jesus, dissatisfaction with the normal Christian life as we experience it, a desire for complete salvation, willingness to lay everything on the altar, to follow Christ and to come to experience the power of indestructible life in Him.

👤 **Personal:** It is very dangerous to stay an immature Believer and never grow to maturity. That is to be satisfied only because you're not going to go to hell. Your life is still self-satisfying instead of God-satisfying. Come to the heavenly Jesus and express your desire to grow until you reach a fullness of understanding of who He is, no matter what the cost.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the members of the Church to become discontented and dissatisfied with the *status quo* in the Church. Pray for a deep inner urgency to grow in their knowledge and understanding of heavenly things. Pray for teachers who are able to teach and model lifestyles of complete obedience.

Wednesday 12 May 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer the United Kingdom, United States of America and Uruguay. Ask for receptiveness to the gospel.

Day 30: Revival focus: Maturing

📖 **Heb.5:12-14** *For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.*

🌀 **Meditation:** What is the difference between being a child in God and being mature? A mature believer knows Christ as the High Priest and the power of His heavenly life. A child knows Christ only as the crucified One, the earthly priest working reconciliation between God and man. A mature Believer lives with Christ behind the veil, understands the heavenly power of the blood and the life within the Holiest of All. Obedience does unique work in the heart of such a Believer. He or she is trained in obedience, in perseverance to overcome the things of the world and of the flesh. They can discern between good and evil, know God's voice and obey Him. Their conscience is trained to have one desire and that is to please God.

👤 **Personal:** Do you want to have this heavenly sensitivity concerning sin? A sensitive heart to know God's will in every aspect of your life? If so, then the Holy Spirit and the Word of God will lead you to know Christ as heavenly High Priest. Express your desire to grow in your knowledge of God and be faithful every day to exercise your faith and trust Jesus to perfect the work in you.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church of Jesus to grow up to become a mature Bride, looking for and waiting for her Bridegroom to be revealed. Pray for pastors, preachers and teachers to disciple Believers so that they will not only need milk, but will begin to be fed with the solid truths of God's Word, so that the Church can mature and fulfil her role in our generation.

Thursday 13 May 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela and Vietnam. Ask for the establishment of houses of prayer.

10 Days of night-and-day prayer: Day 1

REVIVE

Our Father who is in heaven...

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

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Friday 14 May 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Virgin Islands of the USA and Wallis & Futuna. Ask for God's will to be done on the earth as it is in heaven.

10 Days of night-and-day prayer: Day 2

REVEAL

...sanctify Your Name...

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

...a call to RETURN

"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "Return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting and weeping and mourning" (Joel 2:12, NASB).

Read **Joel 2:12-14** aloud. Consider how the present hour could be a critical moment as in Joel's day, a "yet even now" moment. For different reasons, many of God's people have drifted away from Him. But now He is calling us to return with all our hearts. Returning to God means more than going back to church and turning away from sin; it means turning our full attention to God, coming close to Him with confidence in His amazing love. As we turn to Him, He desires to turn toward us. His mighty love not only rescues us from our wrongs, but bestows blessing, empowering us to offer Him extravagant, grateful worship. (*Transformation Africa*. P.O. BOX 3856, Somerset West, 7129. Tel.: 021 856 3130 or fax: 086 675 8584 / 021 856 1174. Website: <http://www.globaldayofprayer.com> or e-mail: info@globaldayofprayer.com).

Children-2-pray: What can you do for Mom and Dad?

Sometimes you feel so lonely, and actually really in the way when things are going wrong at home or when Mommy and Daddy fight. Is it your fault? Can you perhaps do something to change things so that everything will get better? Sometimes you just want to show them you love them and help them with all the difficult things they have to do. There is something very powerful that you can do; you can ask your heavenly Father to help them. Your prayers can really change their lives; praying is one of the most important things you can do for them. Why don't you start praying for your parents with one of your trusted friends every school day during break for 5 minutes, or in the evening before dinner? Do not wait for bedtime, then you may be too tired to pray. Here are five things you can pray.

1. **Lonely...** When your parents fight it makes them feel really lonely, especially if they are still angry when they go to sleep. Every time you hear them fight, or if they are unhappy, go and find a place where you can spend a few minutes alone with God. Ask His help and pray that Jesus will give them peace and that they will understand how much Jesus loves them.
2. **Afraid...** In many homes money is a problem. Sometimes there is not enough money. Ask your Heavenly Father to help you as a family. Remember that Jesus taught us to pray: Our Father who is in heaven, give us our daily bread. Ask and you will see how God will provide for everything. And many times it will help Mom and Dad if you go to them and ask if you can pray with them that God will provide for all your needs.
3. **Angry with you...** Sometimes you do something that you realise afterwards was wrong. Pray that they will help you to do the right things and show you the right way. Pray and ask the Lord to help them to forgive you and make sure you say that you are sorry.
4. **Give a hand...** When your parents come home, see if there is something that you can help them with. Sometimes you can offer to make them a cup of coffee, do the dishes or wipe the table. Ask the Lord to show you small things that will make them proud of you and be a blessing to them. Reaching out to them like this will definitely change their heart and attitude towards you.
5. **Their relationship...** Pray for them to live in peace with one another. Also ask them to sometimes do something together at home as a family and pray that God will make them willing to do that. Tell them that you love them, and that you want to spend time with them. They do not always realise that you need them.

Saturday 15 May 2010

10 Days of night-and-day prayer: Day 3

RULE

...May Your kingdom come...

- Pray 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.
- Pray for Christ's followers to walk in the fullness of God's Spirit so that they can live in the likeness of Christ.
- Pray for the Lordship of Christ to influence every part of our cities and communities.

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Sunday 16 May 2010

10 Days of night-and-day prayer: Day 4

TRANSFORM

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

- Pray 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.
- Pray for God's wisdom to be upon our government leaders, bringing changes that increase righteousness and justice.
- Pray for the righteousness, peace and joy of Christ's kingdom to be a reality by the power of the Holy Spirit.

...a call to GATHER

"Gather the people...and let them say, 'Spare Your people, O Lord...' Why should the peoples say, 'Where is their God?'" (Joel 2:16-17, NASB).

Read **Joel 2:15-17**. To repent as a people we must come before God together. He wants to encounter us as a people. That is why He is summoning us to break normal routines in order to assemble before Him in gatherings large and small. It's a time to interrupt daily habits of life, fasting from our normal diet, even moving from familiar ways of worship to assemble in special ways. Why this urgency? Because something great is at stake for God's glory. Let's allow our hearts to be grieved by what we, as God's people, have done to bring shame upon His name. To the watching world, it can appear as if we have no God. Consider what brings sorrow to the heart of God, and pray that He will transform us to bring Him the glory He deserves. (*Transformation Africa*. P.O. BOX 3856, Somerset West, 7129. Tel.: 021 856 3130 or fax: 086 675 8584 / 021 856 1174. Website: <http://www.globaldayofprayer.com> or e-mail: info@globaldayofprayer.com).

Monday 17 May 2010

GDOP focus: Lift up in prayer Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Ask for a hunger and thirst to study, pray and proclaim God's Word.

10 Days of night-and-day prayer: Day 5

PROVIDE

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

- Pray for the basic needs of food, water and health care for the poor, for the sick, for refugees and for children.
- Pray 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.
- Pray for God's people to break patterns of poverty in their communities, fulfilling God's promise of blessing amidst all peoples.
- Pray for Christians to act with compassion and persistence to eradicate diseases and to serve well in the aftermath of epidemics such as HIV/AIDS.

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Tuesday 18 May 2010

10 Days of night-and-day prayer: Day 6

FORGIVE

...Forgive us our sins...

- Pray for the Spirit of God to move in 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.
- Pray for the Spirit of God to empower people to abandon patterns of sin and find grace to renounce allegiance to powers of darkness.
- Pray for recognition of and repentance from sins that bring about war, poverty and injustice.

...a call to HOPE

"Then the Lord will be jealous...and take pity on His people...Be not afraid ... be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things." (Joel 2:18, 21).

Read **Joel 2:18-22**. We can be zealous about repenting because God is jealous of His name and of His people. Because of God's great love, our repentance should be bold and fearless. Our God will contend with the forces that devastate our communities. As great as the evil may be, God will do even greater things. Such hope brings joy as we sincerely turn to God, knowing that He desires to bring great goodness throughout the earth, transforming our cities, restoring our economies and healing our lands.

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Wednesday 19 May 2010

10 Days of night-and-day prayer: Day 7

RECONCILE

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

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

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Thursday 20 May 2010

Focus on GDOP 2010 Conference

To celebrate God's glory, leaders from various networks and ministries (*Prayer, Transformation, Mission, Church and Youth*) will be gathering together from around the world for the *GDOP2010 Conference* on 20-21 May 2010 in Cape Town, to share the 'untold stories' of the 'unknown heroes of faith!' Pray for attendees to spend time in prayer and thanksgiving at this conference to honour God for who He is. Ask for open hearts and minds to hear God's voice and understand His purposes for the season ahead. (*Transformation Africa*. P.O. BOX 3856, Somerset West, 7129. Tel.: 021 856 3130 or fax: 086 675 8584 / 021 856 1174. Website: <http://www.globaldayofprayer.com> or e-mail: info@globaldayofprayer.com).

10 Days of night-and-day prayer: Day 8

LEAD

...And lead us not into temptation...

- Pray for Christians to be filled with such love and zeal to please God that they are unmoved by enticements of materialism and sexual perversity.
- Pray for God's people to continue walking in the light of His ways and wisdom in order to fulfil His purposes throughout the earth.
- Pray that Christ would guide leaders of businesses, education and government so that the curse of corruption would be overcome throughout cities and entire economies.

...a call to CELEBRATE

"You will have plenty to eat and...praise the Name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you."
(**Joel 2:26, NASB**).

Read **Joel 2:23-27**. When God's people return to Him with all their heart, there is promise of tangible changes and great joy in their communities. Where there has been the curse of oppressive poverty, God desires to bring forth abundance so that many will gratefully praise His name. An even greater spectacle will be God making His home in the midst of His people. He will act wondrously in both goodness and power, surprising the world by revealing His presence among His people. (*Transformation Africa*. P.O. BOX 3856, Somerset West, 7129. Tel.: 021 856 3130 or fax: 086 675 8584 / 021 856 1174. Website: <http://www.globaldayofprayer.com> or e-mail: info@globaldayofprayer.com).

Friday 21 May 2010

10 Days of night-and-day prayer: Day 9

OVERCOME

...but deliver us from evil...

- Pray that God will restrain satanic powers, revealing the truth of the gospel, liberating many people to follow Christ.
- Pray that people will be delivered from idolatry, witchcraft, demonic oppression and depression.

- Pray for Christ to break powers of darkness which corrupt and dominate businesses, governments and cities.

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Saturday 22 May 2010

10 Days of night-and-day prayer: Day 10

GLORIFY

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

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

...a call to REVEAL

"I will pour out my Spirit on all people... And everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved." (Joel 2:28, 32, NASB).

Read **Joel 2:28-32** and consider how these promises could be fulfilled in greater ways than ever before. Turn to God with expectancy. He is about to advance His purpose to reveal His salvation globally. Even during days of dreadful shaking and difficulty, He will pour out His Spirit so that people all over the earth—elders and children, poor and rich, men and women—will resound with the call of God. From every race and in every place. (*Transformation Africa*. P.O. BOX 3856, Somerset West, 7129. Tel.: 021 856 3130 or fax: 086 675 8584 / 021 856 1174. Website: <http://www.globaldayofprayer.com> or e-mail: info@globaldayofprayer.com).

Sunday 23 May 2010

Focus on Pentecost Sunday: *The Global Day of Prayer*

Christians in all countries of the world have committed themselves to unite today for a day of prayer and repentance in the biggest global prayer meeting ever. As the worldwide Body of Christ, 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 on the basis of **Joel 2**. Over the centuries, time and again, God poured out His Spirit in thousands of places around the world. Let us again cry out today that He will once more visit His church in tens of thousands of places in countries where people 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**). Let us pray for spiritual breakthroughs for the people living in darkness in the Middle East, Europe, China, India and in so many places around the world.

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

Practical tips for spending today in prayer:

✂ **Pray with your local congregation:** 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 on 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 will worship God openly in the name of Christ and

pray for the healing and blessing of the nations. As much as possible, we are looking to gather in places beyond the walls of our church buildings.

Monday 24 May 2010

Salvation focus: Illegal immigrants/refugees

Most illegal immigrants in South Africa had to flee their countries due to war, their lives being in danger or because of the lack of food or an income. Lift up in prayer all these people within our borders. Ask that they will find Jesus Christ as the answer to their questions about life from the testimony of South Africans about Him. Pray that they themselves will also lead others to choose Christ, and that they, despite their own desperate situation, would refrain from getting involved in crime.

Thanksgiving focus: *Global Day of Prayer*

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 the compassion He is showing 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**).

Tuesday 25 May 2010

Focus on children: International Missing Children's Day

National Missing Children's Day started in the United States on 25 May 1983. In 2009 eight countries, including SA, joined ranks with the *International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC)* to mark *International Missing Children's Day* by raising awareness of the issue of missing children and spreading a message of hope to parents, family members, and loved ones of missing children. (Website: http://www.icmec.org/missingkids/servlet/PageServlet?LanguageCountry=en_X1&PagelD=4050). Lift up in prayer today all children who still have not been found. Pray for their protection, that they will find opportunities to safely escape and be restored to their families. Also pray for comfort for parents in search of their missing children.

Focus on Bible translation: El Salvador

A Bible translation for Salvadoran Sign Language is in its early stages. Pray for the project people team for unity, strength and perseverance to finish this project. Ask for God's provision and direction to make it accessible to deaf people in El Salvador. Many deaf people have little or no comprehension of printed Spanish Bibles, so the sign language translation will make the Bible accessible in a way it never was before. (Lars Widerberg, *Intercessors Network*, Storskiftesgatan 87, S-58334 Linköping, Sweden. E-mail: Intercessors.Network@Comhem.se or Intercessors.Network@Telia.com).

Missions Focus: Church planting

According to research and also missionaries in the field, church planting remains one of the most effective forms of evangelism and Church growth. The past 30 years were marked by a renewed focus on church planting. When we pray for the expansion of God's Kingdom, we especially pray for God to raise many new church planters. There are at least 20 million people in South Africa who distance themselves from the Church; animists, atheists, unbelievers etc. If we want to see these people in churches, at least 40,000 new churches, each with at least 500 members, are needed. No matter what we think or how we reason, truth is that many skilfully equipped church planters are needed urgently.

Are there present-day examples of successful church planting? Here are a few encouraging examples:

✂ In **South East Asia** a church planter started working in an area in 1993 where there were only three churches and 85 church members out of 7 million people. Only four years later there were 550 churches and 55,000 members.

- ✚ In one city in **China** 20,000 people accepted the faith in a four-year period (1993-1997) and 500 new congregations were planted.
- ✚ Another missionary reports from **Asia** that in 1998 he and his wife started 15 new church cell groups. Some time after that, they had to leave for 6 months. On their return they found 30 new church cell groups and he believes there could be at least two to three times more house church type groups and churches. Another missionary reported that it took him 30 years to plant four churches in a certain country. They saw 65 cell churches start in the past 9 months alone.
- ✚ In one specific area in **India**, with 90 million people basically unreached, there were, according to church leaders, only 28 churches after nearly a century of labour amongst them. Within nine years (1998 to 2007) there were 2,000 churches.
- ✚ In **India, the Philippines and Latin America** an accelerated increase in church planting is visible. In one area in India, a Christian worker came to a Christian organisation to ask for help in an area where 30 churches sprang up in a few months. The mission organisation, overwhelmed with requests for help, could only send help after two months. By that time the number of new churches had doubled to 62. This was in 2007. Since then church planting has accelerated in India.

The encouraging thing is that we see a *rapid, multiplicative increase* in the number of churches planted and they are *indigenous churches*, planted by the locals. Let us pray for God to raise up more church planters!!

Wednesday 26 May 2010

Focus on spiritual leaders: *Pastoring of Pastors (POPnet)*

Among the pastoral leaders you know, what percentage of them receive pastoral care? Please pray for pastoral leaders as they build peer relationships and provide pastoral care and mentoring to each other. Ask that other pastoral leaders would be attracted to what they see in the lives of healthy leaders. Please pray for sharing of experiences between leaders and groups for the larger benefit of pastoral leaders in the region. (TOPIC SA, P.O. Box 13092, Norkem Park, 1631. Tel.: 011 972 6919 or cell: 082 909 9215 or fax: 0866 914 109. Website: www.topicsa.net or e-mail: TOPIC@topicsa.net).

Focus on famine: Hunger strikes East Africa

East Africa is facing a severe food crisis. In Ethiopia, approximately 6.2 million people are in need of emergency food assistance, while 3.8 million in Kenya are facing extreme food insecurity. About 95% of Ugandans living in the Karamoja region face food insecurity, and in Somalia, 3.8 million need help just to stay alive. Praise God for the therapeutic food (energy-dense, mineral- and vitamin-enriched foods) which is being used by *The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)* in Ethiopia to treat the country's malnourished babies and children. Continue to pray for the provision of food, that God will have mercy and send the rains and for crops to yield their increase above expectation. (*Children at Risk Prayer News*. Website: <http://www.viva.org/> or e-mail: pray@viva.org).

Thursday 27 May 2010

Health focus: Mental diseases on the increase

A recent study revealed that one in every six South Africans suffers from anxiety, depression or substance use problems. This does not include more serious conditions such as Bi-polar Disorder or Schizophrenia. An estimated 17% of children and adolescents in the Western Cape have mental health conditions. Between 35-41% of women experience depression during pregnancy and the postnatal period. This is three times higher than rates from high income countries. Over 40% of people living with HIV in South Africa have a diagnosable mental disorder. (Website: <http://health.iafrica.com/healthnews/1972280.htm>). Lift up in prayer someone you know personally suffering from any of these mental illnesses and commit to pray for them on a regular basis to find help, healing and peace in Jesus Christ.

Focus on the Soccer World Cup: Accommodation

For the first time in history, FIFA is contracting non-hotel accommodation, such as accommodation in national parks, bed-and-breakfast facilities, lodges and guest houses. Pray that the already 80,000 graded rooms will provide good and professional service to visitors and for each place to be a testimony of God's love, grace and mercy.

Friday 28 May 2010

Focus on the Bible: Precept Ministries SA

Precept Ministries is a ministry that has been raised up by God to equip people in the studying of His Word. Pray for *Precept Ministries SA* as their ministry expands across South Africa this year. Ask that even more people will discover the *Inductive Bible Study Method* as a simple way to understand God's Word on a deeper level for themselves and together with others. Ask that they will begin to disciple those around them. (*Precept Ministries SA*. Tel./fax: 021 531 1836. Website: www.precept.org.za or e-mail: WendyG@precept.org.za).

Focus on Bible translation: Four new Bible translations

A Bible translation workshop began in Darwin, Australia in September 2009. This workshop will effectively launch Bible translation into at least four more Aboriginal language projects, Gupapuyngu, Wangurri, Maung and Golumala. Praise God for how He is calling people worldwide to finish Bible translation for all those currently without Scripture access. (*Wycliffe Prayer Focus Bulletin*. Website: <http://www.wycliffe.org/Pray/PrayOn/WycliffeInternationalPrayerFocus.aspx> or e-mail: Personnel_Southafrica@wycliffe.org).

Saturday 29 May 2010

Focus on health: SA life expectancy declining

About 64% of the current SA population was born after June 1976 (GHS 2007) (Eighty20, Fact-a-Day. Website: <http://www.eighty20.co.za/databases/index.cgi> or e-mail: info@eighty20.co.za or fact.a.day@eighty20.co.za). This implies that 64% of the population is younger than 34 years and life expectancy in SA is declining. Lift up in prayer this situation. Ask that younger people will take greater care of themselves and turn their lives over to the Lord Jesus.

Focus on Bible translation: Audio Bibles for India's Banjara Gypsies

A middle-aged Banjara man stood in front of about 100 men, women and children holding a small black audio player. "I'm so illiterate I can't even write my own name. For all these years I've heard others talk about the way to God and how to follow Him, but it wasn't until I heard the Words of the Bible on this *Proclaimer* that I knew how to turn my life over to Jesus Christ." Twice a week, this man now gathers the people of his village, to listen to God's Word. (*ASSIST News Service (ANS)*. P.O. Box 609, Lake Forest, CA 92609-0609 USA. Website: www.assistnews.net or e-mail: assistnews@aol.com). Give thanks to the Lord for this and other testimonies and answers to prayer! Pray for many more to hear the gospel in this way and become 'evangelists' to their own people like this man.

Sunday 30 May 2010

Thanksgiving focus: The works of His hands

Be earnest and unwearied and steadfast in your prayer [life], being [both] alert and intent in [your praying] with thanksgiving. And at the same time pray for us also, that God may open a door to us for the Word (the gospel), to proclaim the mystery concerning Christ (the Messiah) ... (Col.4:2-3, AMP).

After a spiritually intense time of prayer, intercession and warfare, many intercessors feel weary and want to take a time of rest. Although it is important to rest from activities, there is no recorded account in the Bible to take a rest from spending time with God. The verses in the book of Colossians here rather encourages us to be earnest and unwearied and steadfast in our prayer lives. In times of physical rest from activities though, our prayer lives should contain intentional thanksgiving for what God has done. Let us give thanks for every prayer answered this year for the nations of the world. In the midst of it all, remain alert to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and ask God for strength to obey Him at all times.

Monday 31 May 2010

Salvation focus: Newspaper reporters

Newspaper reporters often face dangerous situations as part of their job in order to get the latest news first. Lift them up in prayer, asking for their salvation. Ask that they will be aware of God's protection over them and decide to put their lives in His hands.

Focus on Christian media: YWAM's Media Village in Muizenberg

The media YWAM base in Muizenberg focuses on training young people to become skilled in promoting and creating Christian media. Please pray for ongoing wisdom for leaders to know and follow God's purposes for *Media Village*, especially the new partnership with *CVC Media*. Also ask that students will not only become efficient in media skills, but continue to grow strong in their relationship with God. Also pray for long-term skilled staff who can take leadership in the training and production departments. (*Media Village*, Graham Vermooten. Tel.: 021 788 9296 or fax: 021 788 9609. Website: www.mediavillage.info and e-mail: graham@mediavillage.info).

Breakthrough

Director of Planned Parenthood Resigns

The director of the *Texas Planned Parenthood* abortion mill, where the *40 Days for Life* campaign began, has resigned, saying she experienced a conversion after watching an ultrasound video of a child being killed by abortion. "I just thought I can't do this anymore; it was like a flash that struck me and I thought that's it," said Abby Johnson. She said she began to feel uncomfortable with *Planned Parenthood's* business philosophy after the organization, suffering from the economic downturn, told her to try to bring in more abortions. Give thanks to the Lord for answering many prayers and continuing to touch people's hearts with conviction. (Website: <http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2009/nov/09110204.html>).

Tuesday 1 June 2010

Focus on child protection

In South Africa 407,937 orphans and vulnerable children and 53,607 child-headed households have been identified and receive government services through the *Home Community Based Care programme*. (Eighty20 Fact-a-Day. Website: www.eighty20.co.za or e-mail: fact.a.day@eighty.co.za). Pray today for children in distress, to feel God's presence in their lives, to cry out to Him and to experience Him answering their prayers in very real and practical ways. Give thanks to God for those who are cared for through programmes like these.

Focus on Swaziland: Living with TB and AIDS

According to the international medical aid organisation *Doctors Without Borders (MSF)*, 80% of TB patients in Swaziland also have HIV. This double epidemic of HIV and TB means that life expectancy has fallen to under 32 years in Swaziland. With 80% of Swaziland's population living in impoverished rural areas, getting healthcare services to families is extremely difficult. (Website: <http://health.iafrica.com/features/2020822.htm>). Pray that God will send labourers into this harvest very soon to meet needs practically and spiritually. Pray for the people of Swaziland to cry out to the Lord and for each one to see God's hand on their nation.

Wednesday 2 June 2010

Focus on Christian Broadcasting: Trans World Radio SA

Trans World Radio is producing an exciting drama and discussion programme called *Choose Life*, based on the needs of women between 18-25 years, especially those studying at Universities and Colleges in South Africa. It was aired the first time in February this year. Please pray that this programme will bring many students to Christ and help them to make the right choices at a very important stage of their lives. (*Trans World Radio-SA*. Tel.: 011 974 2886 or fax: 011 974 9960 or cell: 083 387 3037. Listen to TWR on DStv radio channel 155. Website: www.twr.org.za or e-mail: ddupreez@twr.org.za).

Salvation focus: *OM Tanganyika*

OM Tanganyika is planting churches in unreached villages around the lake. Polygamy, prostitution and immorality are part of the culture. The understanding of marriage and Biblical family structures are shallow. Marriage is a game and it is routine to marry and divorce. Men don't care about family life, some having 10+ children from different mothers. Pray for salvation for these people and that they will come to understand the true purpose of marriage. (*OM Tanganyika, Good News II Ministry*. Tel. +26 0977 199 322. Website: www.ltprayer.org or e-mail: gnews2@gmail.com).