

DAY-TO-DAY PRAYER GUIDE

Tuesday 1 April 2008

Focus on establishing 24/7 houses of prayer

- Pray for the *Taizé House of Prayer* in France. Give thanks to the Lord for thousands of young people flocking here from across Europe to spend time with Him. Pray for this house of prayer to continue growing and have an influence in the lives of men, both ordinary men and rulers.
- Pray that a hunger and thirst to call upon the Name of God will be stirred in the hearts of Christians. Also that the hope of their calling in Christ will arise in the hearts of Christians, freeing them from the oppression they suffer.

Focus on *Global Day of Prayer: 11 May 2008*

1. Today there are only 40 days left to the *Global Day of Prayer*. This year more than ever, we will focus on crying out to God to redeem the unsaved peoples of the earth, so that truly every tribe, tongue and nation will come to know Christ. Ask that God would fill the hearts of Christians with compassion to intercede for the lost. Pray that a fresh awareness of the importance of witnessing boldly of Christ's love would arise in the hearts of all Believers world-wide.
2. Merciful God (**Dt.4:31**), we lift up **Europe** before You. Reveal Your Son to the people of **France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland and Italy**. Let them desire truth in their inner man; teach them wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse them with hyssop and they will be clean, wash them and they will be whiter than snow. Blot out all their iniquity (**Ps.51:4-9**). (*Transformation Africa*. Tel.: 021 856 3130, fax: 021 856 1174. Website: www.transformationafrica.com or e-mail: info@transformationafrica.com).

Wednesday 2 April 2008

Praying for your spouse

When we pray for our children it can be very difficult to faithfully and in faith continue to pray for our spouses. We see many things we would like to change, even just for them to serve God wholeheartedly. The following are a few guidelines when praying for your spouse.

1. See to it that your own life is in line with God's commands for you as wife/husband in marriage. You cannot pray with boldness for your spouse if you do not do what God demands from you in marriage. E.g. *Wives, be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the Word, they may be won over without words by your behaviour and the purity and reverence of your lives. Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers (1 Pe.3:1-2;7).*
2. Make a choice to pray for your spouse, even if you do not feel positive towards him/her at the moment. You cannot pray correctly or with the right attitude for your spouse if you do not make a choice time and again for your marriage and for your spouse.
3. You cannot live a meaningful married life without dying to self, dying to your will, emotions, intellect, your understanding of what is right and wrong and of how you think things are supposed to be done.

4. Make quite sure what your motives are when praying for your spouse. The correct motive is that the life of your spouse will glorify God and not that God will change him/her so that your life can be easier or more pleasant.
5. Listen to God – ask Him what you should pray. We often start praying without asking God, the One who made our spouses, what we should pray for him/her.

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Thursday 3 April 2008

Focus on establishing 24/7 houses of prayer

- Continue to pray for God to pour out His Spirit of prayer and supplication on every house of prayer across the world (**Zech.12:10**). Ask for strength for each intercessor, perseverance and unity among leadership, favour with Believers and non-Believers in the surrounding communities and the necessary funds and premises for each house of prayer to continue in their work.
- Pray for Believers to become bold in spending time in prayer everywhere, in the workplace, at home, at church, when they are with friends etc. Ask that as they pray for the needs of others, many will testify to God answering their prayers and so lead a great number to Christ.

Focus on *Global Day of Prayer*: 11 May 2008

1. Pray for the co-ordinators in Latin America, that they will have favour with leaders in all spheres of life in organising the prayer event for May 11th. Ask that these efforts will result in long-term prayer initiatives everywhere.
2. Faithful God, we lift up **Latin America** before You in prayer where moral devastation has been caused by drug trafficking and the issue of widespread poverty remains unresolved. We ask that every individual will come to You believing that You exist and that You reward those who earnestly seek You. Renew and refresh the faith of Christians (**Heb.11:6**). (*Transformation Africa*. Tel.: 021 856 3130, fax: 021 856 1174. Website: www.transformationafrica.com or e-mail: info@transformationafrica.com).

Friday 4 April 2008

You can help to solve crime

The *Crime Line* initiative was started in June 2007 and operates independently and anonymously. It is aimed at getting criminals off the streets and 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 or <http://iafrica.com/news/sa/662795.htm>). 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.

Israeli people live under the poverty line

Nearly 1,630,000 Israelis, of whom 800,000 are children, live under the poverty line, as well as many elderly people. The Word of God contains orders that we as Gentiles should support God's people physically, spiritually and financially. Pray for meeting in abundance the need in Israel and that they will be ministered to with the love of the Lord. (*Christian Friends of Israel*. Tel./fax: 012 361 1437 or e-mail: allwiese@lantic.net).

Saturday 5 April 2008

Focus on establishing 24/7 houses of prayer

- Lord, pour out Your Spirit of prayer and supplication on Your church world-wide. Grant that houses of prayer will be established all over the world. We ask that Believers will faithfully pray the promises from Your Word night-and-day so Your kingdom may come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven (**Mt.6:10**).
- **Is.55:11** says: ... *so is My word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it...* Ask that Christians will become aware of this truth and start reading God's Word out loud (from Genesis to Revelation), as a proclamation over their communities. Pray that the Word of the Lord will also encourage and strengthen them to remain standing in prayer for breakthroughs in their communities.

Focus on *Global Day of Prayer*: 11 May 2008

1. Pray for breakthroughs concerning broadcasting via all types of media; e.g. radio, television, Internet etc. Ask that even Christians in closed countries can be a part of the *Global Day of Prayer* in this way. Pray for all the necessary communication systems to be ready in time.
2. El Shaddai (**Gn.17:1**), we lift up **North America** before You in prayer. Almighty God, make Yourself known to the people of **Bermuda, Canada, Greenland, St. Pierre and Miquelon and United States of America**, so that they will walk blameless before You. Open the eyes of their hearts to see the hope of their calling in Christ (**Eph.1:17-18**). (*Transformation Africa*. Tel.: 021 856 3130, fax: 021 856 1174. Website: www.transformationafrica.com or e-mail: info@transformationafrica.com).

Sunday 6 April 2008

How the Holy Spirit changed lives in history and to this day

Acts 9: He will change your heart and attitude towards life

Saul, who later was called Paul, is one of the most outstanding examples of how God, through His Holy Spirit, can completely transform a life. When the apostles saw the transformation that had taken place in Saul, they were amazed. This man who had once been a threat to their own personal safety and to the message they preached, had now become a Christian! In **1 Sam.10:6** Samuel says to Saul who was an ordinary boy, that the Spirit of the Lord would come upon him and that he would prophesy and be turned into another man. It sounds impossible but that is what the Holy Spirit can do. Right now we need men and women whose lives will be completely changed, whose ways will radically be re-aligned for the purpose of God's kingdom. Firstly we need to be willing to be such a man or woman ourselves. Secondly, we need to cry out night-and-day that God would touch lives of political leaders, gang leaders, satanists, sangomas and many more, so that they and their followers would consider following Christ. Are you open that God may choose to rearrange your life to be of more benefit to Him? Furthermore, are you willing to play a part in helping someone else find his or her way when God touches them?

Father of mercy, we ask that You will make us willing and able to be changed by Your Word and through Your Holy Spirit so that the purpose of our very existence can be accomplished to Your glory. May Your will be done in us.

Monday 7 April 2008

Local pharmaceutical manufacturers may get a boost

The government was considering giving pharmaceutical companies tax incentives as one of the ways to increase local manufacturing of medicines. The incentive would be one of the four initiatives being considered by the *Department of Health*, the *National Treasury* and the *Department of Trade and Industry* to inject life into the local pharmaceutical manufacturing industry, which has shrunk in size since 1994. A study found that since 1994, 35 pharmaceutical factories had shut down and the number of people employed by the industry had shrunk from 16,000 in the year 2000 to 11,000 now. (Website: http://www.busrep.co.za/index.php?from=rss_&ArticleId=4113963). Give thanks to the Lord for answering many prayers for the health issues in our country. Continue to pray for more righteousness in the pharmaceutical industry, so that integrity and fair and proper pricing would be implemented for both buyers and sellers.

Christians to build new hospital in West Bank for Palestinian children

CURE International is a Christian medical charity that operates teaching hospitals throughout the developing world and has announced its plans to open a proper medical training centre and hospital in Bethlehem, Palestine. The facility will be the first specialty surgical care available to Palestinian children in the West Bank. This cardiac and orthopaedic hospital meets a major need in the West Bank where medical care is severely limited. (*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 answers to prayer. Please pray that the money will be spent with integrity and that the children will truly benefit from having this hospital in their area.

Tuesday 8 April 2008

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- Pray for cities and towns world-wide to launch night-and-day prayer initiatives, involving Christians from different congregations to commit themselves at least once a week or once a month to pray for a full day of 24 hours.
- Pray for the protection of buildings and places where Christians gather to pray, that venues will not be burned or attacked or the Christians killed. Ask for the protection of Christian leaders who call together people to pray in closed countries, that their gatherings will not be discovered and that they will be given no fines or be sentenced to imprisonment.

Focus on *Global Day of Prayer*: 11 May 2008

1. Please pray for persecuted Christians who plan to gather for prayer on May 11th. Ask for their protection and that God would hear their prayers for the salvation of their nations. Pray that significant breakthroughs for the gospel would come to each country of the world.
2. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (**1 Pe.1:3**), we lift up the **Americas** before You in prayer. Reveal Your Son to the peoples of the **Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, the British Virgin Islands** and the **Cayman Islands**, so they will know that in Your great mercy You have given them new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into

an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. Let them understand that through faith in Christ they are shielded by God's power (**1 Pe.1:3-5**). (*Transformation Africa*. Tel.: 021 856 3130, fax: 021 856 1174. Website: www.transformationafrica.com or e-mail: info@transformationafrica.com).

Wednesday 9 April 2008

Praying for your spouse (Continued from 2 April)

When we pray for our children it can be very difficult to faithfully and in faith continue to pray for our spouses too. We see many things in them we would like to change, even just for them to serve God wholeheartedly. The following are a few guidelines when praying for your wife.

What do I pray for my wife?

1. Bless your wife. *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace (Nm.6:24-26).*
2. Pray for spiritual growth, for growing in faith and for a holy life. *He has showed you, o man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God (Mic.6:8).*
3. Pray for her as a mother and for her relationship with her children. *They [the older women] can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God (Tit.2:4-5).*
4. Pray for her beauty, personal care and clothes. *Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewellery and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands (1 Pe.3:3-5).*
5. Pray for her fears and worries (and do not condemn her for these). *I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn up against me on every side (Ps.3:6). The Lord is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? (Ps.27:1). Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea (Ps.46:2). So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand (Is.41:10). There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love (1 Jn.4:18).*

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Thursday 10 April 2008

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- Pray for a hunger and thirst to come into the hearts of Christians and that they will start praying together and have a greater desire to read and pray from the Word. Also that they will encourage each other with hymns and psalms from the Word.

Focus on *Global Day of Prayer*: 11 May 2008

1. There is only a month to go before the *Global Day of Prayer*. Let us humble ourselves before the Lord and cry out for Him to pour out His Spirit of prayer and supplication upon all the nations of the world this month, so that the unsaved peoples of the world would come to know Christ.
2. Author and Perfecter of our faith (**Heb.12:2**), we lift up **Europe** before You. Reveal Yourself as the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation to the people of **Russia, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland**. Open their eyes to accept You as their Saviour, the Creator of all things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, as ruler over all thrones and powers and rulers and authorities, that You were before all things and that in You all things are held together. May they honour and embrace You as the firstborn from among the dead and Saviour of their souls (**Col.1:15-18**). (*Transformation Africa*. Tel.: 021 856 3130, fax: 021 856 1174. Website: www.transformationafrica.com or e-mail: info@transformationafrica.com).

HOW TO PRAY ABOUT THE ELECTRICITY CRISIS

Despite the fact that planning should have been done better and that there have been management failures related to maintenance and coal contracts etc. there is no quick cure but to lift up in prayer the situation to the Lord – with Whom nothing is impossible. The most effective way of tackling the energy crisis is simply that users really just need to begin using electricity more efficiently until the new electricity generating capacity is built and commissioned. The load shedding of recent months has been brought about by a shortage of generation supply capacity and is a last resort measure to prevent a collapse of the national electricity supply system. Some measures to improve energy efficiency and reduce the consumption of electricity have been implemented. In prayer we can support these measures and also ask for God's blessing on our economy and specifically small business enterprises, which are most vulnerable at this time.

1. **Wise decision-making:** Pray for those in responsible and in decision-making positions in the attempt at solving the current electricity shortage. Ask for them to have godly wisdom and understanding in implementing various measures to ease the immediate effect on especially small businesses.
2. **The efficient lighting roll-out programme** involves a shift to the use of energy-efficient compact fluorescent light fittings (CFLs). It has been established that of the 10 million-plus electrified households in South Africa, on an estimate of eight ordinary (or incandescent) lights per household, about 800 megawatt (MW) could be saved by shifting to CFLs. The final target is to reduce demand by 750 MW by 2010. Although this is not a complete solution, it will already make a difference. Pray for the contractors and project managers responsible for the roll out. Ask for a conscious decision by all South Africans to do their part in stewarding the privilege of electricity by using it sparingly.
3. **The solar water-heating programme** is in progress with a target to install one million solar water heaters over the next three years, targeting households, group housing (like army bases and mine residences) and commercial and industrial applications. The current cost of the solar heater is high, between R7,000 and R20,000. The potential savings of this programme is 650 MW. Pray for this programme that faces the major challenge of increasing the industries' capacity to deliver from the current 15,000 per year to 3,000 per week! Also pray for an increase in South Africa's manufacturing

capacity, which is quite low. Ask that the subsidy of around R2,500 per unit to eliminate these barriers, will be applied with integrity and really benefit every person.

4. **The smart metering for residential customers** involves the use of wireless technologies, which have to be retrofitted to existing conventional and pre-paid metres. The utility is able to remotely manage customer load. While smart metering can be initiated in the short term, the benefits will be reaped in the medium to long term. Pray for this programme to be truly effective in the medium term and that no money is wasted through insufficient initial planning. Please pray for wisdom as this programme will need extensive human resources and provides an opportunity for training and job creation.
5. **The fuel-switching programme** refers to the substitution of electricity as a domestic energy source with liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) to lower the burden of electricity generation. Ask that people will realise that it is more energy efficient to cook with gas than with electricity, saving the economy about 500 MW. Pray that even bigger savings will be accomplished through a radical move to LPG-based cooking in our nation and for this also to become an alternative to paraffin that is such a dangerous cooking fuel, causing shack fires and the death of children.
6. **Sufficient alternative energy resources:** In this case, pray for those responsible in this area of the economy to plan ahead for the coming increase in demand for LPG. The opportunity to import the gas during supply shortages needs to be explored more, because the gas is actually a by-product in the oil refining process and is readily available in the global market. Still, pray that measures will improve to increase the local production of LPG. Pray that the obstacles of availability and security of supply are managed by the LPG industry through importation terminals and strategic storage tanks and also that the *Department of Minerals and Energy* will be able to deal with price escalations. Pray against excessive price escalations and excessive/opportunistic profiteering.
7. **The traffic and public lighting project** aims for all traffic lights and public lights to be converted to solar power with a battery backup. This is a really extensive project that will cost approximately R400 million. On the other hand, it will be another opportunity for employment creation and skills development. Pray for wisdom for those responsible for the planning of this project, that God will grant them wisdom on how to do it in such a way that it really benefits the economy in the long run.
8. **The hospitality industry** will begin to convert all water heating to solar power. The water heating method can be in the form of solar pre-heaters, ensuring that electricity is not used whenever enough solar radiation is available to heat water. This needs a lot of careful planning and wisdom in its implementation. Please pray that it will work out as planned and for God to give even more wisdom to those responsible for this specific project.
9. **Electricity rate increase:** The adjustments to the tariff regime to reflect the actual cost of providing electricity will have a huge impact, first of all on the budget of homes and families. Please pray for people to act more responsibly in the use of electricity. Still, let us pray for a miracle regarding this issue, that these and other measures may not adversely affect the poor or limit the access of previously under-serviced communities from having access to electricity, something that is now becoming a real possibility.
10. **Improvement in generation performance:** The current coal shortages, coal contractual problems, plant and operational failures need to be tackled head-on. Pray that the 'brutal truth' of the situation can be faced and effective remedial measures be put into place. Pray for the responsible managers for wisdom, integrity and an anointing to deal with the situation.

11. **Give thanks** to the Lord for thousands of homes that have access to electricity now. Also give thanks for these and other projects to address the electricity shortage and those who are willing to take responsibility to do so.

(Data reference source website: www.eskom.co.za).

Friday 11 April 2008

Access to Antiretroviral Therapy (ART)

This country already has the largest number of people on *ART* in the world, but with an estimated one million people in need of *ART*, South Africa also has one of the highest unmet needs for *ART* in the world. As of the end of 2006, an estimated 287,000–363,000 people in the country were receiving *ART* (about 33% of those in need). (Website: <http://www.kff.org/hivaids/upload/7365-03.pdf>). Give thanks to the Lord for answering so many prayers concerning HIV/AIDS. Continue to pray for *ART* to become more readily available to all those in need.

New gospel radio station launched in Timbuktu

Timbuktu, a name synonymous with remoteness, is now the home of one of *HCJB Global Voice's* newest partners, broadcasting the gospel in five languages: Tamasheq (Tuareg), Sonrai/Songhoy, Hassaniya, Bambara and Fulani. Timbuktu truly is remote; it is in the desert along the Niger River. The FM station is the latest Christian outlet to go on air. (Website: <http://www.christiantoday.com/article/new.gospel.radio.station.launched.in.timbuktu/14348.htm>). Give thanks to the Lord for this breakthrough. Continue to pray for breakthroughs for the gospel in Timbuktu as it is in the news more and more, also in connection with increased Muslim activities.

Saturday 12 April 2008

Focus on establishing 24/7 houses of prayer

- Lord, pour out Your Spirit of prayer and supplication on Your church world-wide. Grant that houses of prayer will be established all over the world. We ask that Believers will faithfully pray the promises from Your Word night-and-day so Your kingdom may come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven (**Mt.6:10**).
- Pray that Christians, who have committed themselves to plant houses of prayer, will remain encouraged and will not give up their work or stop spreading this message.

Focus on *Global Day of Prayer*: 11 May 2008

1. Lift up in prayer those working at the head office of *Transformation Africa* in Cape Town. Pray for their protection, health and families. Ask for the renewing of their strength and minds, as well as the zeal that is needed to continue to do the work of prayer. Please pray for breakthroughs in the remaining countries that still need contacts for the *Global Day of Prayer*.
2. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (**Ps.2:7**), we lift up the **Americas** before Your throne of grace. Reveal to the people of **Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic and Ecuador** Your Son Jesus Christ. We ask with Him this day, that you will make these nations His inheritance and the ends of the earth His possession (**Ps.2:7-8**). (*Transformation Africa*. Tel.: 021 856 3130, fax: 021 856 1174. Website: www.transformationafrica.com or e-mail: info@transformationafrica.com).

Sunday 13 April 2008

How the Holy Spirit changed lives in history and to this day

Acts 10: He will challenge the way you think about certain traditions

Peter's vision on the rooftop was of God lowering four-footed animals, reptiles and birds in a giant sheet. God told Peter to kill and eat them. Peter, a man bound by tradition, said "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean" (**Ac.10:14**). The Lord answered, "What God has cleansed you must not call common" (v.15). There was not a lot of time for Peter to consider whether he agreed with what God just told him or not before the Holy Spirit told him to go downstairs and meet three men who were looking for him. He had to go with them without hesitation for God had sent them (v.20). As in Peter's case, there are also people in our lives that we would rather avoid. Not only because we do not like to be with them, but also because our doctrines, beliefs and preferences are not in line with what we know and see in them. Right now we need people who would disregard certain things that are very important to them in obedience of the truths of the Word of God and His Holy Spirit. Are you willing to teach others who are hungry for God about Him without despising them? Without fear of them contaminating you? Think about your own life. God had to drag many of us from despicable circumstances to be where we are today. Are you willing to be used by God in a similar way?

Father of glory, we confess that we very much want to be used by You, but that we have serious reservations about the way we want You to use us. Lord, grant us grace to submit to the leading of Your Holy Spirit and to be able to hear You when You speak to us about things that are not in our normal frame of reference.

Praying for the salvation of Jewish people

Jewish people commemorate Passover from 13-20 April 2008. During this time they contemplate their deliverance from Egypt. They celebrate the Passover, the feast of unleavened bread and the feast of the First Fruits. Let us pray also at this time that many Jewish people will come to the understanding of what Jesus Christ did at Calvary and His resurrection as the first fruit from the dead. Ask that their hearts will be open and receptive to the gospel message across the world. (*Christian Friends of Israel*. Tel./fax: 012 361 1437 or e-mail: allwiese@lantic.net).

Monday 14 April 2008

School pledge unveiled

A pledge the government intended having all school children recite during morning assembly was unveiled by Education Minister Naledi Pandor in February. According to the minister the intention of the pledge is to internalise values South Africans have thought to be important. The pledge reads: *We the youth of South Africa, recognising the injustices of our past, honour those who suffered and sacrificed for justice and freedom. We will respect and protect the dignity of each person and stand up for justice. We sincerely declare that we shall uphold the rights and values of our constitution and promise to act in accordance with the duties and responsibilities that flow from these rights.* There is much controversy over the wisdom and value of implementing this pledge in schools. Let us pray for wisdom and understanding for those in responsible positions on this matter. That all factors will truly be taken into account.

Tearfund's work in Mozambique and Bangladesh

Tearfund is busy digging wells in remote parts of Mozambique and in communities in Bangladesh to improve the quality of the water supply. Ask that the water supplies are looked after and that the necessary skills in health and hygiene will enable people to enjoy improved health. Pray for those who are helping to improve water supplies and sanitation systems for communities. Ask that the health of those most vulnerable to disease would be improved through the work of these people. (Website: <http://www.tearfund.org/webdocs/Website/Praying/GPPW%20issues/Water%20prayers.pdf>).

Tuesday 15 April 2008

Focus on establishing 24/7 houses of prayer

- Pray for God to raise up willing and able people for every prayer watch both big and small, to coordinate prayer in the watch and surrounding community, to oversee the prayer schedule and prayer watch activities, to fill all the hours with individuals and groups from the community and to remain in their position of prayer despite difficulties.
- Pray that worship in song, with instruments and from the Word will form a part of every house of prayer. Also ask that Christians will discover the power of worship, prayer and proclaiming the names of God.

Focus on *Global Day of Prayer*: 11 May 2008

1. Continue to pray for the setting up of communication systems e.g. television, radio, Internet, etc., to broadcast the events surrounding the *Global Day of Prayer* in every country of the world. Ask for favour for approval for broadcasts on, for example community radio stations in closed countries, so that many would hear and believe in Christ – and so that many more would also cry out to God for the salvation of the unsaved. Also ask for favour with radio stations in South Africa.
 2. Saviour God (**1 Ti.2:3**), we lift up the **Americas** before Your throne of grace. Reveal to all the people of **El Salvador, the Falkland Islands, French Guiana, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala and Guyana** that You want to save all men and also that they would come to a knowledge of the truth. Reveal to them that there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all men (**1 Ti.2:3-6**). (*Transformation Africa*. Tel.: 021 856 3130, fax: 021 856 1174. Website: www.transformationafrica.com or e-mail: info@transformationafrica.com).
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Wednesday 16 April 2008

Saambou officials on trial

One of the most complex insider trading trials ever in South Africa, involving the collapse of *Saambou Bank* six years ago, commenced in the *Pretoria High Court* at the end of January when two of the bank's senior officials pleaded not guilty to ten charges of fraud, involving about R640 million. *Saambou* was South Africa's seventh largest bank before its collapse in 2002 after investors lost confidence and withdrew more than R1 billion of their savings. (Website: <http://business.iafrica.com/news/413765.htm>). This is one of many cases in our country that needs constant prayer for the truth to prevail and righteousness and justice to be done. Please pray that this and similar cases will not be dragged out for months, but with conclusive evidence, come to a just end.

Feed the Minds asks Christians to support female literacy

Christian international development charity *Feed the Minds (FTM)* encourages Christians to support female literacy. The charity currently supports literacy projects within 20 countries across the globe, designed to help women gain basic literacy skills that will benefit the individuals, their families and wider community. The literacy programme centres on health and hygiene, involving the most vulnerable in society, such as orphans or widows. (Website: <http://www.christiantoday.com/article/feed.the.minds.asks.christians.to.support.female.literacy.for.lent/16131.htm>). Give thanks to the Lord for testimonies like these. Pray that presenters will also have favour to share the gospel with these women and children.

Thursday 17 April 2008

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- Pray that Christians, who have committed themselves to plant houses of prayer, will not become discouraged and will not give up their work or stop spreading this message.

Focus on *Global Day of Prayer*: 11 May 2008

1. Pray for youth leaders to arise in the spirit of night-and-day prayer in every region of the world. Ask that they would set their hearts and vision on the Lord, pursuing Him and His purposes without compromise, yet with humble hearts. Pray that the generation gap between young and old would be bridged by the grace of the Lord.
2. El-Roi (**Gn.16:13-14**), we lift up the **Americas** before You in prayer. Reveal Yourself to the people of **Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, St Kitts-Nevis and St Lucia** as the One who sees their distresses and listens to their cries. Open their eyes so they will also see You as the One who helps and saves and gives them eternal life (**Gn.16:13-14**). (*Transformation Africa*. Tel.: 021 856 3130, fax: 021 856 1174. Website: www.transformationafrica.com or e-mail: info@transformationafrica.com).

Friday 18 April 2008

Mighty Men's Conference 2008 - Shalom Ministries

Shalom Ministries give thanks to the Lord for answering so many prayers during 2007 through the *Mighty Men's Conference*, the showing of the *Faith like Potatoes* video etc. Please continue to pray as they prepare to once more host the *Mighty Men's Conference* from 18-20 April 2008, this time expecting up to 30,000 men! Ask for God's favour for the Word to touch the hearts of the men attending this conference. (*Shalom Ministries*, P.O. Box 373, Greytown, 3250. Tel.: 033-417 1695 or e-mail: shalom@futuregtn.co.za).

Peace possible by 2009 – Israel

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said in January that it might be possible for him to make peace with the Palestinians. There is no intention to drag out the negotiations indefinitely. Israel and the Palestinians have been engaged in intensive talks in an effort to draft a joint statement outlining a solution to the decades-old conflict. (Website: <http://iafrica.com/news/worldnews/667768.htm>). Let us never cease to

pray for the purposes of God to prevail in Israel. Ask for true godly wisdom for all those involved in the decision-making process and that they will be able to hear God's voice and follow Him in all their ways.

Saturday 19 April 2008

Focus on establishing 24/7 houses of prayer

- Lord, pour out Your Spirit of prayer and supplication on Your church world-wide. Grant that houses of prayer will be established all over the world. We ask that Believers will faithfully pray the promises from Your Word night-and-day so Your kingdom may come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven (**Mt.6:10**).
- Pray that Believers will take up their responsibility in prayer and not always wait for others to pray for them and help them. That they themselves will believe and start teaching others.

Focus on *Global Day of Prayer*: 11 May 2008

1. Please pray for the final distribution of prayer information to nations, including remote destinations and to all the different language groups. Ask that every parcel reaches its final destination in time for the *10 Days of prayer* starting on May 1st and the *Global Day of Prayer* on May 11th.
2. Mediator of the new covenant, we lift up the **Americas** before You. Reveal to the people of **Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Montserrat and Netherlands Antilles**, that through the eternal Spirit You offered Yourself unblemished to God to cleanse their consciences from acts that lead to death, so they may serve the living God (**Heb.9:14**). Soften their hearts to embrace eternal life. (*Transformation Africa*. Tel.: 021 856 3130, fax: 021 856 1174. Website: www.transformationafrica.com or e-mail: info@transformationafrica.com).

Sunday 20 April 2008

How the Holy Spirit changed lives in history and to this day

Acts 11: He will change the way you view things

At times the Holy Spirit will reveal the future in preparation for trials and struggles coming your way. We find one instance of that in **Acts 11:27-30** ... *prophets came ... and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world ... Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea*. These days many people proclaim that they have a word from God and it is very difficult to discern what really comes from God as they often contradict each other. Still, we can never turn a deaf ear to these claims, because God still speaks today and if we hear His voice, also through others, we have a responsibility to help those who might be in danger or trouble. Have you had a bad experience concerning revelations of this kind and are you now determined that you will not allow this to happen to you ever again? Many Christians feel this way, but we have to speak to God about it, as it can disable us in His kingdom at very strategic times and seasons when our hearts are hardened through disappointment, rendering us unable to hear His voice. We need men and women who will not point fingers at those who disappoint them, but who will run to God for healing and deliverance from the hurt, pain and loss they suffered, because they wholeheartedly wanted to believe. We need men and women who forgive others for making mistakes and move forward in faith, who remain in the race to hear God's voice supernaturally and trust in the unseen. Do not allow anything to rob you of your faith, for faith is the substance of the things we hope for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible (**Heb.11:1-3**). If you lose your faith, you lose your hope, even of being a Christian.

Father, heal our hearts from disappointment. Help us not to point fingers at people who are also just human and who make mistakes. We choose to forgive and forget these terrible disappointments and once more put our trust in You to lead us into truth and faith so we will remain obedient and of use to You in all our ways.

Praying for the salvation of Jewish people

The first reference to Passover is found in the Book of Exodus and then again in the New Testament of the Bible. God promised the people of Israel to free them from slavery in Egypt. The tenth plague touched the lives of all the firstborn in the land of Egypt. The Israelites were to mark their doorposts with the blood of a lamb, stating, "and when I see the blood, I will pass over you." Since the original word in the Hebrew Torah for 'pass over' was 'Posach', the celebration is also known as 'Pesach'. (Website: <http://www.happypassover.net/passover-origin.html>). Christians attach a different religious significance to the Passover and also celebrate it at a different time of the year. In the New Testament Jesus is depicted as the final Passover Lamb who was sacrificed to free us spiritually from the slavery of sin, just like the lamb had once been instrumental in physical deliverance of Hebrew slaves from bondage in Egypt. (Website: <http://www.happypassover.net/christian-passover.html>). Please pray for Jewish people to embrace and have an encounter with Jesus Christ as the one and only true Passover Lamb at this significant time on their calendar.

Monday 21 April 2008

Alcohol, drug crisis grips South Africa

Government states that South Africa is facing a massive drug and alcohol abuse crisis with 235,777 problem drug users, costing the economy more than R10-billion a year. Nearly 9,000 drug users were treated at 73 treatment centres between June and December 2006. South Africa's worst abused drug is alcohol, which costs the country between R8.7 billion and R17.4 billion annually. Alcohol abuse is a major factor in nearly half of South Africa's road smashes, which on average kill 7,000 motorists every year. (Website: http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=79&art_id=vn20070821061625100C120472&newslett=1&em=177813a6a20080123ah). Let us persevere in prayer for this situation, asking for His love to break through into the hearts of so many drug and alcohol abusers. Ask for the healing and deliverance of abusers and the restoration of thousands of families through God's grace.

SA missionaries in Thailand

We thank the Lord for new Believers, both adults and teenagers. Some live in areas where there were no Believers in the past. The Believers in the district (Wangkha, Meegnaam and Lisu group) are growing well in their faith. The Wangkha Believers continue to show willingness and make themselves available to help at the resource centre, in the town area, visiting and working and in this way reaching special goals within the church. We are thankful for the fruit on the work in town (Haadseao). Have faith with us for more results especially among the youth and young adults. Pray with us that many of our Buddhist friends will make personal commitments following Christ and for opening new doors for ministry in 2008. (Joseph & Edwina Charles, P.O. Box 15, Sisatchanalai, Sukhothai Province, 64130, Thailand. E-mail: jecharles2003@yahoo.com).

Feast of the Unleavened Bread

From 21-27 April, Jewish people celebrate the *Feast of Unleavened Bread*. Please pray for many at this time to have a personal revelation of Jesus Christ being the Bread of Life, living and dying without sin also for their salvation. (Website: <http://en.wikipedia.org/>. Tel./fax: 012 361 1437 or e-mail: allwiese@lantic.net).

Tuesday 22 April 2008

Focus on establishing 24/7 houses of prayer

- At the time when this prayer guide went to the printers, there were an estimated 5,000 congregations and venues where prayer watches started in South Africa. Give thanks to the Lord for every new prayer watch. Please pray for each prayer watch to continue to grow, for the necessary persevering leaders to arise and for favour with their communities.
- Pray for unity among Christians and for them to start praying together on a regular basis. Pray that all suspicion among Christians will perish and for an increasing need among Believers to pray together.

Focus on *Global Day of Prayer*: 11 May 2008

1. There are still countries that need a breakthrough concerning the hosting of the *Global Day of Prayer*. Please ask the Lord to supernaturally connect Christians in these countries with the teams organising the *Global Day of Prayer* across the world – so that every nation would be able to cry out to God on May 11th. Also pray for breakthroughs among young people, so that they would partake in the day of prayer.
 2. King of glory (**Ps.24:10**), we lift up **Europe** and the **Americas** before You. Reveal Yourself to the rulers of the **Ukraine**, the **United Kingdom**, **Yugoslavia**, **Anguilla**, **Antigua and Barbuda**, **Argentina** and **Aruba**. Let them serve You with fear and rejoice with trembling. Let them kiss (embrace) the Son, so they will not be destroyed in their wicked ways. Bless all those who take refuge in You (**Ps.2:10-12**). (*Transformation Africa*. Tel.: 021 856 3130, fax: 021 856 1174. Website: www.transformationafrica.com or e-mail: info@transformationafrica.com).
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Wednesday 23 April 2008

Metal bulls predict bonanza for SA

South Africa could generate as much as R186 billion this year from sales of platinum, palladium, rhodium and gold, which will boost tax revenue. According to an economist, about 1% of total revenue traditionally comes from the mining sector. It could now be as high as 3% given the recent increase in commodity prices this year. (Website: http://www.busrep.co.za/index.php?from=rss_&fArticleId=4207590). Give thanks to the Lord for these facts influencing our economy for the better. Please continue to pray that the bulk of electricity shortages would soon be eradicated so these and other predictions for 2008 may remain possible.

***Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)* bringing vital healthcare to Chad**

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) was formed in 1945 and is a Christian organisation whose mission is to use light aircraft in developing countries so that people in remote areas can receive the help they need. They have over 130 aircraft flying in more than 35 countries and every three minutes a *MAF* plane is taking off or landing, bringing physical and spiritual care. *MAF* recently flew a medical team to Salal, Chad, where 275 patients were able to receive medical treatment in an area with sparse healthcare.

(Website:

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/mission.aviation.fellowship.bringing.vital.healthcare.to.chad/16234.htm>). Give thanks to the Lord for establishing the work of this ministry. Continue to pray that there would be provision for them to help even more people in remote areas.

Thursday 24 April 2008

Focus on establishing 24/7 houses of prayer

- Continue to pray for God to pour out His Spirit of prayer and supplication on every house of prayer across the world (**Zech.12:10**). Ask for strength for each intercessor, perseverance and unity among leadership, favour with Believers and non-Believers in the surrounding communities and the necessary funds and premises for each house of prayer to continue in their work.
- Pray that definite places/venues will emerge as premises for houses of prayer. Ask for favour for Christians, that they find favour even with those opposing them, so that there will be places of prayer everywhere in the cities and towns of their countries.

Focus on *Global Day of Prayer*: 11 May 2008

1. Ask for breakthroughs concerning prayer in Europe. Complacency remains the single largest restraint in both the spreading of the gospel and inspiring Christians to call out to God. Pray for hearts to be softened and awakened to cry out to God for the unsaved. Ask for each country in Europe to host a prayer event this year on May 11th.
2. True God (**1 Jn.5:20**), we lift up **Europe** before You in prayer where the last 250 years have been years of world-wide advance for the gospel but, conversely, its decline in Europe. Let it no longer be that they come to listen to Your works, but not put them into practice. Change their hearts so they will truly be devoted to You (**Ez.33:30-33**). Have mercy on them O God, according to Your unfailing love. According to Your great compassion, blot out their transgressions, wash away all iniquity and cleanse them from sin (**Ps.51:1-2**). (*Transformation Africa*. Tel.: 021 856 3130, fax: 021 856 1174. Website: www.transformationafrica.com or e-mail: info@transformationafrica.com).

HOW TO PRAY FOR THE ECONOMY TO PROSPER

Many Christians are discouraged by visible deterioration in certain facets of life, by atrocities like crime, realities like unemployment, reduced quality of services rendered and many more. Still there are very practical things that we can focus on in prayer, asking for God's wisdom to come into the hearts and minds of people and that they, in seeing His wisdom, might turn many hearts to accept Him as king of their lives. There are specific issues in need of prayer covering that will help stabilise our economy and even make it grow. Let us not become weary in prayer, knowing that God also wants to meet practical needs of a nation as He does for individuals.

1. **Government to heed good advice:** Pray that our government would continue to listen to good advice concerning the furthering and establishing of a healthy economy for South Africa and not be caught up in personal or political agendas, but making healthy economical decisions as advised by wise counsel.
2. **Increased employment:** Pray that the economy will grow specifically in areas where more jobs can be created. Currently it is growing, but remains slow in areas where only a few jobs are created at a time.

3. **Growth in agriculture & mining:** Pray that the economy will grow specifically in areas where the skills level requirement of people is very low, e.g. agriculture and mining. We are currently growing in areas where high-level skills are necessary, but not forthcoming and this offers no relief for either unemployment or poverty.
4. **Increase in skills levels:** Also pray for relief in positions requiring highly specified skills, that these would be filled, preferably with South Africans, even if it means bringing back people from abroad.
5. **Upgrade of infrastructure:** Our country is growing more quickly than infrastructure can be upgraded and expanded. It is not sustainable and major change is needed. Pray that money spent on infrastructure will have the desired effect, specifically in the case of roads, harbours, airports, provision of electricity, schools, hospitals, railways etc.
6. **Completion of contracts on time and within budget:** Ask for all contractors working on big projects e.g. 2010 stadiums, to continue without accidents, without losses, without labour unrest and very importantly, to deliver on time! Even ahead of schedule!
7. **Improved education:** Pray for the education system, that more scholars will study mathematics and other subjects qualifying them for degrees at any tertiary institution. Pray for students to complete their tertiary diplomas and degrees so that the need for skilled workers in the economy can be met from within the country. The problem continues that too often we have no other choice than to employ foreigners for such skilled work.
8. **Effective policing:** We have excellent laws and regulations in South Africa, but the lack of effective policing renders this almost of no value. Please pray without ceasing for breakthroughs in the policing system to maintain law and order. Pirate copies, smuggling of various goods as well as drugs, importing products of low quality e.g. some from China and other countries, have a negative impact on employment and discourage small business enterprise development. Some imported products are even harmful for both human and animal consumption. Please pray for these things to be effectively turned around and addressed by government and police.
9. **Clean water:** The quality of water sources in some areas is deteriorating. Please pray for urgent attention to this matter, as it is essential for the sustainability of both environment and people, especially in preventing many illnesses and other unsavoury situations.
10. **Greater international competitiveness:** That South African business would become more competitive in order to export goods and products that will spur on job creation and earning profit from new investments and taxes that can be used to the advantage of all our people.
11. **Land issues:** Pray for tension between government and farmers to be relieved and bridged and that in some way a compromise is reached. Specifically that tensions concerning land claims issues are resolved and for the process to move to a conclusion. Pray that the land that has been transferred, be productively used to maintain food security in SA.
12. **Give thanks:** Give thanks to the Lord for those places where the drought has been broken. Pray for those who suffer because of floods. Give thanks to the Lord for there are still those left in government who desire to serve God faithfully and in righteousness. Pray for these righteous ones to also awaken in others the desire to change their ways and follow God.

Friday 25 April 2008

Eagles Rising Training Centre

Young people are often blamed for the crime problem. There is a need for them to be mentored into a different lifestyle, or for job or study opportunities, which will give them hope for a life beyond hunger, poverty and isolation. Please pray for a multiplication in the number of ministries who offer residential, full-time training to the body, soul and spirit of young people in a family atmosphere. Ask God to give your congregation His heart for the youth in your suburbs and townships. *Arise, cry out in the night ... pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift up your hands toward Him for the life of your children who are faint for hunger in the head of every street (La.2:19).* (Eagles Rising Training Centre. Tel.: 021 856 4486; fax: 021 856 4485. Website: www.eaglesrising.org.za or e-mail: office@eaglesrising.org.za).

OM Ships International

Prayer plays a central role in *OM Ships International* and it is the foundation for everything the crew is involved in. They ask for prayer in five key areas. Pray for sufficient crew to serve on board the ships. In particular, ask God to provide enough qualified deck and engineering officers to bring the ships from port to port. Pray for those who visit the ships, that they will be impacted by God's love when they step on board. Ask that doors will open for the crew to serve people in many different countries. Ask God to bless the crew with favour in the eyes of authorities. Pray for God's provision in the areas of finance. *OM Ships International* remains dependent on the generous giving of supporters. Pray for good relations with the local church. Their support and partnership is vital to follow-up contacts the crew makes. (Lars Widerberg, *Intercessors Network*, Storskiftesgatan 87, S-58334 Linköping, Sweden. E-mail: Intercessors.Network@Comhem.se or Intercessors.Network@Telia.com).

Saturday 26 April 2008

Focus on establishing 24/7 houses of prayer

- Lord, pour out Your Spirit of prayer and supplication on Your church world-wide. Grant that houses of prayer will be established all over the world. We ask that Believers will faithfully pray the promises from Your Word night-and-day so Your kingdom may come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven (**Mt.6:10**).
- Pray that Christians will spend more and regular times in prayer and fasting for breakthroughs in difficult situations. Also that they will become more disciplined in their prayer lives and start to see breakthroughs as they increase the time they spend with God.

Focus on Global Day of Prayer: 11 May 2008

1. Please pray without ceasing for last-minute translation and effective distribution of prayer material, the raising up of leaders to organise events in their areas and for unity among leaders in the prayer movement and church world-wide. As the Lord leads you, consider a time of fasting and prayer specifically for breakthroughs in different countries in the world.
2. Yahweh Nissi (**Gn.17:15**), we lift up **Europe** before You. We cry out on behalf of **Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta and Moldova**, that You would remove the sins of their fathers, that your mercy would come quickly to meet them, for they are in desperate need. Help them O God our Saviour, for the glory of Your Name, deliver them and forgive their sins (**Ps.79:8-9**). (*Transformation Africa*. Tel.: 021 856 3130, fax: 021 856 1174. Website: www.transformationafrica.com or e-mail: info@transformationafrica.com).

Sunday 27 April 2008

How the Holy Spirit changed lives in history and to this day

Acts 12: He will change your prayer life

It is really impossible for us to develop a prayer life if we are not led by the Holy Spirit. **Romans 8:26-27** says: *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.* In Acts 12, when the Believers heard that Peter was in prison, constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church (**Ac.12:5**). They learned what it meant to pray without ceasing, until the answer came and Peter was delivered from prison by an angel. The chains fell off and he walked out of prison. This divine intervention by God had even Peter wondering whether it was real or a vision! O how we need such intervention in our lives! That we might be set free from the prisons of our minds that tell us miracles never happen to us and the sick are only healed when someone else prays for them! Christians know they should pray, but spend so much time feeling guilty for not praying that they do not pray at all. God, through the Holy Spirit, searches our hearts all the time; we might just as well speak to Him about that which He already knows! Make your prayers simple – it is really only God listening and He knows everything already, but He loves it when His children speak to Him.

Father, forgive me for not just speaking to You in a simple way. Forgive me for trying to make something of prayer that it is not. Through Your Holy Spirit, will You teach me to pray, to make intercession, to worship and also be silent in Your presence? Let the issue of time and time spent in prayer become irrelevant in my encountering You continually through the working of Your Holy Spirit.

Freedom Day

Many people will celebrate *Freedom Day* in our country today. Ask for peace and order at meetings and that no lives will be lost in calamity. Let us unceasingly pray for thousands to realise that their only and real freedom is in the Spirit through the Name of Jesus Christ. Pray for a hunger and thirst after God in the hearts of our people; that their hope will not be in people in leadership, but in God.

Monday 28 April 2008

Economy: Skills profile mismatched

Currently there is a mismatch in SA's economy between the structural direction in which it is headed and its current skills profile. While the economy is creating 194,000 jobs according to formal sector statistics, 368,000 students matriculated last year. While the economy is headed in the direction of a need for skilled labour *via* advances in the tertiary sector, the sectors that employ large numbers of unskilled labour – mining and agriculture – are declining in importance. South Africa's *Labour Force Survey* notes that fewer than 400,000 jobs were created over six years. Notably, 455,000 jobs in agriculture were lost over those six years. (Website: <http://business.iafrica.com/news/837916.htm>). Let us continue to pray for the education system in our country, both secondary and tertiary. Ask for a greater willingness and seriousness for study to come into the hearts of pupils and students. Also pray for these gaps in the economy to shrink significantly over the next five years.

Africa's coastline under threat

In the long term, more or less a third of Africa's existing coastline could be swallowed up by rising water levels brought on by global warming. Africa is in the midst of an accelerating process of depleting its

natural resources and that natural resources sustains many parts of Africa's economies, whether it is in agriculture, in fisheries, in tourism. The worst affected by this process are rural communities which are poor and vulnerable and tend to depend more on these natural resources. (Website:<http://iafrica.com/news/worldnews/671620.htm>). Ask for supernatural wisdom for the governments of Africa on how to pro-actively address the immediate problems like moving people into safer areas. Also to plan for the future by exploring the natural resources along the coastline.

Tuesday 29 April 2008

Focus on establishing 24/7 houses of prayer

- Pray for an awakening in the hearts and minds of young people to begin calling on the Name of the Lord, especially at night when young people are at the highest risk to fall into traps of drug and alcohol abuse, sexual immorality, suicide etc.
- Pray that Christians will have an increasing desire to pray for breakthroughs in their nations. Also that they will become aware of the power of prayer in breaking through resistance to preach the gospel.

Focus on *Global Day of Prayer*: 11 May 2008

1. Cry out to the Lord in earnest for the last of the ±220 countries of the world to become part of the *Global Day of Prayer* this year. Ask for significant breakthroughs this week, especially in the closed countries in the 10/40 Window and also in Europe.
2. Eternal Life (1 Jn.5:20), we lift up **Europe** before You in prayer. Reveal to the people of **Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal and Romania** that they need to become children of God. Reveal to them that the Son of God has come and give them understanding so that they may know Him who is true. Show them Christ as the true God and eternal Life (1 Jn.5:19-20). (*Transformation Africa*. Tel.: 021 856 3130, fax: 021 856 1174. Website: www.transformationafrica.com or e-mail: info@transformationafrica.com).

Wednesday 30 April 2008

Power crisis may cost SA 2% of GDP (gross domestic product)

An energy crisis of the current magnitude could cost the South African economy between 1-2% of GDP per year, or R1 billion to R2 billion a day in the worst-case scenario, an economist of *Efficient Group* said. *Eskom's* nationwide load shedding to reduce demand has frustrated businesses and individuals and is set to continue for between five and eight years. (Website: <http://business.iafrica.com/news/826000.htm>). Let us continue to pray for this situation. Ask for wisdom for new initiatives that would help, sustain and accelerate power production to meet the growing demand.

Kenya conflict affects *Viva's* children's ministries

There is still unrest in Kenya, following the disputed elections. Three schools in *Viva's* Nairobi network have been seriously damaged and looted and the *Tunza* children's home has taken in 80 extra children from slum areas, which had to flee from their homes. Please pray for peace in Kenya, with a long-term resolution to the political unrest and a commitment to justice in the government. Pray for protection for all the network coordinators and children's workers in Kenya, as they try to support the most vulnerable at a difficult time. Thank God for the unity amongst Christian children's ministries and pray for God to provide for all their needs. (*Children at Risk Prayer News*. Websites: www.viva.org, www.facesofchildren.net or e-mail: pray@viva.org, info@facesofchildren.net).

Thursday 1 May 2008

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

Pursuing the kingdom of Christ: *For the transforming power of Christ's kingdom*

Concerning: *Spiritual darkness, church divisions, economic oppression*

- For the hearts of God's people to blaze with love and loyal obedience to Jesus as King and Lord of all.
- For the goodness and glory of Christ's kingly love to be experienced by many throughout whole cities.
- For Christ to bring Believers to dwell in cities where breakthroughs of blessing have not yet occurred. Pray that they would patiently pursue the promised blessing of Christ's kingdom in difficult places.
- That the power of Christ's love will bring lasting transformation throughout entire communities.

...if my people... (2 Chr.7:14).

Prepare to encounter God as His people: Present yourself to God as His 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, as churches and as one people of all nations.

After His suffering, He showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about" (Ac.1:3-4).

Friday 2 May 2008

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

Increase in united prayer: *For sustained movements of united prayer*

Concerning: *Prayerlessness, occult practices, materialism*

- That God will unite us in prayer with "one mind" (**Ac.1:14, 2:46, 4:24**) and empower us to pray passionately together for Christ's glory in the entire world.
- That God will hear and answer the prayers of the poor, the young and the marginalized and will be glorified by their praises.
- That God's Spirit would inspire and empower Believers to pray specific blessings upon their neighbours and friends.
- That people throughout our communities will be moved to call out to God for His help as never before.

...who are called by My name... (2 Chr.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 lands.

They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus and with His brothers (Ac.1:14).

Saturday 3 May 2008

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

Being filled with the Holy Spirit: *For God to pour out His Spirit upon all*

Concerning: *Intellectual pride, demonic oppression, spiritual blindness, depression*

- For God to pour out His Spirit upon every person alive on the earth.
- For the church to be filled afresh with God's Spirit, empowered as Christ's witnessing servants in the world.
- For the Spirit of God to reveal Jesus to those in spiritual darkness.
- That the Spirit of God will awaken the nations to hear His voice and to see His works (**Ac.2:33**).
- For many to be stirred by Spirit-given dreams to envision Jesus alive and at work in their lives.

...will humble themselves... (2 Chr.7:14).

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

"In the last days," God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams" (Ac.2:17).

Sunday 4 May 2008

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

Turning to God in repentance: *For many to turn from sin to new life in Christ*

Concerning: *Pornography, addictions, rebellion, immorality*

- For Christ to encounter people with His forgiving love, so that millions will turn from their sin to the joy of following Him.
- That the Word of the cross of Christ would break the grip of the power of sin so that many will find hope for their sins to "be wiped out" (**Ac.3:19**).
- That God would touch people to turn from their wicked ways (**Ac.3:26**), so many an attitude of repentance will sweep through whole communities.
- That times of repentance would bring times of refreshing (**Ac.3:19**) so that men, women and children will experience the presence of God.

...and pray... (2 Chr.7:14).

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

Repent, then and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord (Ac.3:19).