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# Global Prayer Alert

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## **Revival in the Body of Christ**

*Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait I say on the Lord! (Ps.27:14).* The psalmist encourages us to trust in the Lord at all times. To “be of good courage” simply means to be strong, not to faint or be dismayed. When God strengthen our hearts we are able to do our normal duties, despite what we are going through. **Heavenly Father, please give me a heart that is not faint, but fixed on You in every situation. Enable me to be a strong witness of Your grace in every season of my life.**

## **Testimony: Eritrea – 3 Christians released**

Three Christian women were released from an Eritrean military camp on May 8. All three were originally detained for being members of a “banned” Christian movement after openly expressing their faith in a predominately Muslim village. Now, six months later, the women were brought before the camp’s leader and told that they would be released if they agreed to stop preaching the gospel and promised not to disclose details of their detention. The women said that to stop sharing God’s Word would be against their God-given convictions. The camp leader eventually decided to release them without condition. (E-mail: [Intercessors.Network@Telia.com](mailto:Intercessors.Network@Telia.com), 24/05/09). **Praise the Lord for the release of these Believers. Ask God to continue to give them strength and boldness to tell others about Jesus. Pray that other Christians detained in Eritrea will be released.**

## **Pray for your community: Children**

There are an estimated 10,000 child labourers in South Africa (this excludes children in sexual slavery), most of which are trafficked into slave like conditions. (Anex CDW, 2008). Based on the SAPS Annual Report 2007/08, 1,410 children under the age of 18 were murdered and 16,068 were raped. This is a 22% increase and a 7% decrease on 2006/07 numbers respectively (*South African Police Services*). It is estimated that more than 2 million children have died globally as a direct result of armed conflicts since 1990, with a further 6 million children permanently disabled or seriously injured. (UNICEF). (Email: [fact.a.day@eighty20.co.za](mailto:fact.a.day@eighty20.co.za), May 2009). The *World Weekend of Prayer for Children at Risk* is scheduled for 6-7 June 2009. More information and prayer resources can be downloaded from [www.viva.org](http://www.viva.org). **Pray for the protection of the children in your community. Pray that they will grow in wisdom as Jesus did when He was sitting in the temple at a young age (Lk.2:52). Pray that children all around the world would know the love of Jesus in their everyday lives.**

## **South Africa: Recession**

Almost 80% of South Africans are being more careful with their money than before the economic downturn, and budgets are becoming increasingly important. Although 80% of consumers' personal income has not dropped in the past six months, 45% reckon they are under greater financial pressure and 34% claim to be battling to maintain their lifestyle. Only 21% say the recession has not affected them yet. South Africa has entered its first recession in 17 years. (Website: [http://www.fin24.com/articles/default/display\\_article.aspx?Channel=News\\_Home&ArticleId=1518-2386-2432\\_2521664&IsColumnistStory=False](http://www.fin24.com/articles/default/display_article.aspx?Channel=News_Home&ArticleId=1518-2386-2432_2521664&IsColumnistStory=False)). **Pray that people will not lose heart in this trying time. Ask God to reveal His goodness to everyone (Ps.27:13). Pray that the Body of Christ will arise and give to the poor and needy (Acts 2:45).**

## **International: Lebanon – Parliamentary Elections**

On Sunday, June 7th, the Lebanese Parliamentary Elections take place. In Lebanon, there are far more than two major political parties! Sometimes described as a “neighbourhood of gangs,” Lebanon is a small country characterized by religious and political diversity. Religion and politics run deep in Lebanon. They determine who people are, who they associate with, and how they live. Due to generations of violence between groups in Lebanon, her people are increasingly committed to their own allegiances while still longing for change. Many Lebanese are becoming numb to the constant chaos that these divisions create. Parliamentary Elections in Lebanon occur every five years, but this election on Sunday, June 7th, is especially significant because it has the potential to make the divisions in Lebanon grow even sharper. (E-mail: [Intercessors.Network@Telia.com](mailto:Intercessors.Network@Telia.com), 24/05/09). **Cry out that God’s will be done in Lebanon as it is in heaven during these important elections. Pray that this election season in Lebanon will be peaceful. Pray that more reconciliation and forgiveness will occur in Lebanon. Ask God to reveal Jesus Christ, His Son and Saviour of the world to millions of Lebanese.**

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