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Global Prayer Alert

A weekly prayer guide for congregations, prayer groups and 24-hour prayer watches.
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Revival in the Body of Christ

I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps.27:14). Take a few moments every day for the remainder of this month, seeing that it is the last month of the year, to reflect on the goodness of the Lord towards you. Write down everything where you know God has provided for you through the months throughout this year. Bring the writings on the paper as praise before God. Ask the Holy Spirit to seek Your heart and confess any thought of ungratefulness towards God. Confess your dependence on God.

Testimony: Beauty for ashes

"We had an amazing week" writes Rachel Warwick, organiser of a school 24-7 Prayer Room in Chertsy, UK. "Some really deep stuff going on with some of the kids, and staff too. One of our newer resources invited pupils to write words which others use to describe them in a sand tray. They could then choose not to believe those words by wiping them away with their hand and writing more positive alternatives instead. Conversations over this resource included an 11 year old girl who said people called her ugly. She was genuinely one of the most beautiful girls in her class. Even when encouraged by the team member to choose "beautiful" as her alternative word, she could only bring herself to accept that other people might think she was OK. A 12 year old boy wiping away tears as he tried to think of alternatives to the word he originally wrote – "misunderstood" " (Website: <http://www.24-7prayer.com/blog/1113,02/11/09>). **Thank God for the 24-7 prayer ministry in UK. Thank God for opportunities like these where children can discover what God says about them. Pray for the establishing of prayer rooms similar to this one right across the world.**

Pray for your community: Life of a Correctional Officer

When you work in Correctional facilities for as long as I have (12 years) you tend to become slightly blasé about your surroundings. Walking through a prison to me is no different than walking through a shopping mall. But every now and then one gets an unexpected reminder. Just the other day one of the Correctional Officers was stabbed in Pollsmoor Prison, Cape Town by one of the offenders. It brought home the reality that the place in which we work can be very dangerous. Does that stop our work? Absolutely not! That just gives us even more reason to continue what we are doing. It is for this very reason that we live and breathe. Changing the life of a petty criminal is great and it may just stop another loaf of bread from being stolen, but when the life of a murderer, gangster or rapist is changed, we prevent another LIFE from being taken or destroyed. The Correctional officer is in recovery. (E-mail: info@prisonbroadcast.org.za, 10/11/09). **Pray against the stabbings of Correctional Officers in Pollsmoor Prison and any jail known to you. Pray for the protection of Correctional Officers against any act of violence. Pray that Correctional Officers will stand for justice and not perform any act of corruption or bribery.**

South Africa: Avoid holiday horror

Parents are advised to take special care in choosing toys for children and supervise their playing during the summer holidays because of increased accident risks. The *Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Southern Africa (Child Safe)* said there was always an increase in children with injuries being admitted to trauma units in the holidays. Children are normally not cared for properly at this time. Parents of young children should avoid toys that shoot projectiles, have parts that fly off or could shatter in pieces. (Sunday Argus, 08/11/09). **Pray for the protection of children over the holiday season. Pray that parents will take extra care to ensure that children are safe at all times.**

International: Climate change and natural disasters

According to a new report released by *Save the Children*, up to 175 million children every year could be affected by natural disasters resulting from climate change within the next decade. Disasters such as floods, cyclones and droughts, as well as a dramatic increase in malnutrition and disease, could have a devastating impact if something is not done to curb the effects of climate change. We are already seeing the results of climate change in the high number of natural disasters that have hit the Asia-Pacific region over the last few months. We must continue to pray for these countries as they face the huge challenge of rebuilding their communities physically, emotionally and spiritually. (E-mail: pray@viva.org, 09/11/09). **Pray for the United Nations Climate Change Conference taking place in Copenhagen from 7-18 December 2009. Pray those world leaders would be passionate about and active in combating climate change, and that they would truly understand the implications of what would happen if they did not do so. Pray for the communities in all the following countries - Samoa, Philippines, Vietnam and Indonesia and others who have been affected by natural disasters.**

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