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

On this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word. (Isa. 66:2). Often when we are faced with hardships, we just want the time of brokenness to pass by. Matters must be dealt with in the shortest possible time and we want quick fixes. God states in His Word that He is near to those who show remorse for their sin, experience agony as a result of being mistreated or any other circumstance that bring about discomfort in your soul. His eye is also turned to those who do not take His Word lightly, but take heed to His Word and follow in obedience. (Ex.5:1-2; Heb.3:7-11). **Lord, You have the words of eternal life. We need Your Word to sustain us. We cannot live by bread alone, but we are fed by Your Word. Help us, Your people to hear Your voice again and to tremble at Your Word.**

Testimony: Iran – Court acquits 11 evangelical Christians

Eleven members of one of Iran's largest evangelical house church movements, who were charged with 'action against the order of the country' and drinking alcohol, have been acquitted by an Iranian court. The charges referred to their involvement in a house church meeting and to taking communion wine, Iranian Christians said. In a written verdict issued in mid-May, the court ruled that since the eleven claimed to be conducting a Christian ceremony, their activities were covered by Article 13 of the Iranian Constitution, which allows Zoroastrians, Jews and Christians to 'perform their religious rites and ceremonies, and to act according to their own canon in matters of personal affairs and religious education'. (E-mail: editor@prayer-alert.net, 26/05/11). **Praise God for intervening on behalf of these believers. Pray that the believers in Iran will remain strong in their faith and continue to meet and encourage one another in the Word of the Lord.**

Pray for your community: 10 Days of Prayer and GDOP

Who would have thought that the gathering of 45 000 Christians in Cape Town on March 21st 2001 for a day of prayer, would result in all 220 nations around the world taking part during 2010 in the biggest prayer gathering in history! The *Global Day of Prayer* has brought greater momentum over the last 10 years to the worldwide prayer movement. At the same time the 24/7 prayer movement gathered momentum from different corners of the world with literally tens of 1000's of prayer watches established over the last twenty to thirty years. Since the revival in 1861, the 10 days before the Day of Pentecost, have been set aside for Pentecost Prayer Gatherings in various denominations. This year, millions of Christians around the world will be gathering in prayer rooms, churches, schools, offices, businesses, private homes, etc, seeking God day and night for an extra-ordinary out-pouring of His Holy Spirit upon us. Why don't you consider doing the same or even opening your home and invite some friends to pray together? For more information visit <http://globaldayofprayer.com>. (E-mail: threecord1@telkomsa.net, 30/05/11). **Pray that many prayer groups and congregations will take part in this initiative. Pray that people will seek God wholeheartedly and continue to grow in the knowledge of God and expand the Kingdom of God here on earth.**

South Africa: Restoring the family (Imprisoned Youth)

More than a third of South Africa's prison population is under the age of 25. A third of young people think that it would be acceptable to physically attack somebody who had assaulted them in the past if the opportunity arose. Violence within families appears to be a major contributing factor to youth crime. In a South African study which compared young offenders and young non-offenders, 27% of the offenders said that people in their family sometimes hit each other compared with nine percent of the non-offenders. (Website: http://www.parent24.com/Teen_13-18/health_safety/Families-need-healing-20110404, 31/05/11). **Pray for the youth of South Africa; that they will choose to keep their way pure by taking heed to the Word of God. (Ps.119:9). Ask the Lord to reveal His way to young, even when they are exposed to violence in their homes. Pray that parents will be careful how they conduct themselves in front of the children and strive to live in harmony with their partners and other members of the family.**

International: Algerian Christians

The head of the Algerian Protestant Church Association (EPA) - to which the majority of Algerian churches belong - received a notice, dated 22 May, from a High Police Commissioner informing him that a decision had been made to close down all Christian places of worship throughout the country that are not designated for religious purposes. Most church buildings have not been officially designated because it has proved impossible for them to obtain registration from the authorities following stringent regulations introduced in 2006, which were designed to restrict the religious activity of non-Muslims. The closure order applies to existing church buildings and those under construction. The High Commissioner threatened "severe consequences and punishments" for violation of the order. (E-mail: subscribe@barnabasfund.org, 26/05/11). **Ask the Lord to give wisdom to the church leaders how to deal with this new wave of persecution. The vast majority of the churches are affected by this order.**

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