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Revival in the Body of Christ

Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (Ps.73:25-26). God is our Refuge of Strength no matter what we are facing. Often our hearts might fail and we feel we can not go on any more. It is then that we feel the loving arms of our Father lifting us up. The strength of man is a vain hope. Only God can save. Only God can change the season. Only God can do the impossible. **Heavenly Father, we put our trust in You alone. When my heart fails, lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.**

Testimony: China – Investing in confident Christians

Three decades ago, China's Cultural Revolution saw some of the most dramatic restrictions on the practice of religion ever seen. But today's communist rulers have radically altered their views about religion and have granted substantial freedom to Christians prepared to worship within state-sanctioned churches. Within these boundaries, Christianity is growing in China as never before - and doing so supported by millions of dollars of government funding. On the outskirts of Nanjing, a building site illustrates the scale of the communist state's commitment to supporting the development of Christianity. Local officials say that the building under construction will become China's largest state-sanctioned church - with space for 5,000 worshippers. It represents just one example of the strategy to encourage the development of religion in China. (E-mail: editor@prayer-alert.net, 10/09/10). **Praise God for this growth of His Church in China but also remember the huge numbers of Christians meeting in house churches still facing persecution. Pray that God's Word will be ministered in purity and power at each of these meeting places. Pray that everyone who hears the Word of God will make a commitment to follow Jesus.**

Pray for your community: Spiritually responsible men

Daniel was a man who, from within his position in the government, took spiritual responsibility for the situation in his country and commanded authority and respect because he lived a life of integrity. In prayer he took responsibility for the future of the Jewish people, and a study of the book *Daniel* makes it clear that his prayers can be summarised in Jesus' words, "Let Your kingdom come". *Samuel* took responsibility for the people by saying that he would certainly not sin against the Lord by failing to pray for them (**1 Sam.12:23**). *Joshua* was a man who took responsibility for his family and made sure that his whole household served the Lord (**Josh.24:15**). *Boas* took responsibility for his family and social commitments by marrying *Ruth*, in this way obeying God's commands (**Ruth 3:13**). (Website: http://www.jwipn.com/daily_prayer_guides/JW%209-2010%20Sep.pdf, 14/09/10). **Pray that the men in your community will stand as priests of their homes, providing for their family and being true fathers to their children.**

South Africa: Crime statistics

The country's murder rate showed its largest decline since 1995, falling below 17 000 for the past year. The rate fell 8.6% in the past financial year ending March 31, 2010. For the year ended March 2009 there were 18 148 murders. Attempted murders dropped 6.1%. (Website: <http://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/Crime-stats-show-drop-in-murders-20100909>, 09/09/10). **Praise God for the decline in some of the statistics. Pray that South Africans will remain positive and continue to seek God to heal this land (2 Chr.7:14).**

International: Zimbabwe

In Zimbabwe, a shocking number of children are facing an uncertain future. 47% of the population are undernourished, 1.8 million children are living as orphans, and life expectancy in the country is just 44 years. Although the economy has recently started to improve, more than 80% of working-age people are unemployed. Children are forced to cope with major instability, often having to try to provide for themselves, with little hope of an education which will set them up for later life. Only 20% of the country's children attend school. (E-mail: pray@viva.org, 31/08/10). **Pray for Zimbabwean children, who have suffered so much through no fault of their own. Pray that God would be their provider and protector, and would send His people to do His work amongst the most vulnerable. Pray for Viva Network Zimbabwe, a group of projects and churches working together to serve around 4,000 children at risk in 10 deprived communities around Harare.**

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