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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

We give praise and thanks to You, O God, we praise and give thanks; Your wondrous works declare that Your Name is near and they who invoke Your Name rehearse Your wonders. (Ps.75:1 AMP). All too often we do not praise God, because our circumstances overwhelm us. We need to get into the habit of praising God irrespective of our circumstance and to "praise God in advance". If you have asked God for something, praise Him in advance. Or simply mention all the great things He has done for you. If you cannot think of any, try reading **Ps.103:1-5** out loud as prayer. **My soul will bless You, O Lord, for You have done great things. You satisfy my soul with Your goodness. I lack no good thing.**

Testimony: Bamboo artisans share Jesus

Nearly every day, five S. Asian tribal women travel to surrounding villages to sell their hand-crafted bamboo items. When these women go to the markets, they bring something else with them: Jesus. These rural women don't know how to read, but they bring gospel tracts with them everywhere they go. One week, the women had an extraordinary opportunity before them when they visited a woman called Shalini who suffered for more than a year from a tumor in her neck. In faith, the five women shared Jesus' love with Shalini and prayed for her. God answered their cries and healed Shalini, completely removing the tumor. Shalini and her whole family saw Jesus' power and chose to follow Him, leaving their old traditions and religious practices to put their trust in the one true God. Six other families in their village also chose Jesus. (Website: <http://www.assistnews.net/STORIES/2010/s10060152.htm>, 02/07/10). **Praise God for the wonderful work that He is doing in this village. Pray that all the people who have received a touch from Jesus will share their testimony with others and that many hearts will be turned towards God. Pray for the protection of the women who share the gospel – against sickness, every form of witchcraft, despondency, or persecution.**

Pray for your community: Beliefs vs. secularism

Owners of a bed and breakfast in Cornwall, England, are facing legal action for refusing a double room to a gay couple. The moral approach of Christian owners, Peter and Hazelmary, has led to a lawsuit by a homosexual couple. The men were told they couldn't stay in a room together, because it violates hotel policy. They in turn argued that the policy violates their rights under England's new controversial equality law, which outlaws discrimination based on sexual orientation. This battle - homosexual rights versus the traditional right to religious freedom - is nothing new. But these court rulings may be precedent setting. Now the question lingers - will the United Kingdom allow Christians to freely practice their beliefs, or will it force them to embrace state-imposed secularism? (Website: http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2010/July/Gay-Couple-Sues-Bed-and-Breakfast-for-Moral-Stance/?cpid=EU_CWN_2010_190, 11/07/10). **Pray for all the people in your community that are faced with situations in their workplaces that are similar to these. Pray that God will continue to raise His standard against every work of the enemy (Isa.59:19). Pray that believers all over the world will not compromise their stand in Christ for the systems of this world.**

South Africa: Post-Soccer World Cup South Africa

After all the excitement over the nations visiting South Africa, the drama, the emotional seesaw of winning and losing and the euphoria of being the showpiece of the world, the citizens of South Africa will return to a normal life with normal challenges. We are still facing unemployment, poverty, rising living expenses, AIDS, racial tension and discrimination, corruption, violence crime, etc. Let us press in to seek God's face and to plead for His favour and mercy over our nation. (E-mail: JWWatches24-7@iemail.co.za, 06/07/10). **Thank God for His protection over South Africa during the past six weeks. Resist the work of the Evil One in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and pray that any xenophobic attacks, violence, bloodshed, murders and anarchy will be thwarted.**

International: Transform 2010

Transform 2010 begins 19 July and runs through August. This is an outreach focused on the Mediterranean and the 450 million people who live there. *Operation Mobilization (OM)* is sending teams to many of these nations. Can you help pave the way for the teams? And pray for the outreaches and countries? They will have a 24/7 Prayer watch in Malta at the center of the Mediterranean during the first 2 weeks of the outreach and then in a North African country for the last 2 weeks. For a complete prayer guide, please visit <http://www.transform.om.org/>. (E-mail: info@usa.om.org, 09/07/10). **Pray for following country: Albania: Pray that the eyes of Albanians will be opened and that they will move from darkness to light. Pray for unity among Christians and between churches.**

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