

40 Days of Prayer for Revival

Re-digging the wells of Revival: 3-12 April 2010

As we commemorate the 150th anniversary of the 1860 revival in South Africa, we encourage people to pray with renewed fervency for revival in our nation. From 3-12 April we invite all those towns and cities that experienced revival over the past 350 years in South Africa to arrange special initiatives to pray that God will show us mercy and again open the wells of revival in their city/town.

At Jericho Walls we have drawn up a list of 74 cities and towns that we could find that experienced revival over the past 150 years. There are certainly more, but these are the ones we know about right now. This list is available on request. Should you know of revivals in towns that are not listed, please let us know so we can update the list. You can also contact us if you want to know if there is already someone on our database from your city or town who has indicated that they wish to be involved in this initiative. Contact Anneke Hanekom at tel.: 012 365 3213 or fax: 012 365 3214 or e-mail: info@global24-7.org

What to do during these 10 days:

- 1. Find a group of people, if possible from different denominations, and plan to gather every day for ten days to pray for your city/town. Among other things, you can use the prayer pointers in the Jericho Walls prayer guide.*
- 2. Give thanks to the Lord for His great deeds in the past and ask Him to repeat them in your community (Isa.64:1-5; Ps.85:6).*
- 3. Read Acts 2:17-21 and pray according to these verses, that God will again pour out His Spirit upon your city/town and open the former wells of revival.*
- 4. Where possible, consider setting up a 24-7 prayer room or prayer wall (schedule), to pray for the whole ten days. Consider a central venue where all churches can come together to meet for prayer.*
- 5. Revisit the different places in your city/town/community where you know previous revivals started. If you are uncertain, you may consider contacting Jericho Walls or do some research on the history of your community.*
- 6. Take time to worship and praise God for His great deeds (Num.21:17; Isa.12:3).*
- 7. Humble yourselves before Him. Ask His forgiveness for the evident sins of your town/city and the lack of devotion to the Lord. Pray that He will once again visit your community.*

Saturday 3 April 2010

Day 1: Re-digging the wells

📖 Isaiah 12:2-3: *"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

◆ Do you still experience the joy you felt when you first met Jesus as your Saviour? Or have you become weary and complacent? Allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart. Confess any complacency or apathy in your own relationship with the Lord Jesus. Ask Him to fill your heart with joy again, in spite of difficult circumstances you may find yourself in. Surrender yourself to Him with absolute confidence that He will again be your salvation. Pray for the Church to rejoice in the Lord again because He is our salvation.

Sunday 4 April 2010

Day 2: Re-digging the wells

📖 **Proverbs 25:26:** *Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.*

◆ Many Believers become weary or are disillusioned when they do not see an answer to prayer. It is because sometimes we have preconceived ideas of how God should answer our prayers. If you have limited God in any way, confess it before Him. Surrender your thoughts and expectations to Him and ask Him to work in the way He wants to, when He wants to and in whatever way He wants to. Pray for the Church to be cleansed from all wickedness, to be refreshed, and for those who have become tired to rise up with strength and perseverance.

Monday 5 April 2010

📖 **Jeremiah 2:11-13:** *Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.*

◆ Have you resorted to your own plans or programs because you grew tired of waiting on God to act? Confess any works of the flesh that you use to 'force' God to bring revival, salvation or deliverance to yourself, or to our nation. Let go of past hurts, pride or self-satisfaction with your own accomplishments, and surrender yourself anew to the Holy Spirit's guidance and direction. Pray for the Church to align themselves with God's plan for them, their community and for our nation.

Tuesday 6 April 2010

Day 4: Re-digging the wells

📖 **Genesis 26:12,18:** *And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The Lord blessed him ... and Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, which the Philistines had stopped after the death of Abraham.*

◆ Strife and jealousy in the Church are one certain way to stop the flow of the Holy Spirit. Allow the Spirit of God to search your heart. Confess anything that has caused disunity between you and other Believers, whether jealousy, envy, criticism, words or actions that hurt, etc. If you have to forgive anyone or ask others to forgive you, do it today and reconcile yourself with them. Ask the Lord to 'unplug' the well of His Spirit in you and in the Church, so that the living waters can flow freely.

Wednesday 7 April 2010

Day 5: Re-digging the wells

📖 Psalm 36:7-9 *How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.*

❖ Are you still delighting in the Lord Jesus Christ? The Psalmist wrote that we should delight in the Lord, and He will direct our paths. Come before the throne of God with one desire only – to fellowship with Him. Remember all He has done for you in the past. Praise Him and allow your heart to feast on the abundance He has given. Ask Him to restore you to a place where you can again delight in Him and Him alone. Pray that the Church will once again be known and respected for her love for Christ and for all people.

Thursday 8 April 2010

Day 6: Re-digging the wells

📖 Proverbs 14:27: *The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.*

❖ The fear of the Lord does not mean being afraid of Him, but rather to dread the possibility that He might remove His presence from us. God is attracted to a surrendered will and faith in Him. Are you willing to walk with God? When God calls for such a sacrifice He will also provide the grace for it. Humble yourself before Him and ask Him to pour out His Spirit on us, so that we rightly understand what it means to fear and revere Him and to walk in the fear of God. Pray for the restoration of the fear of the Lord in the Church in South Africa. Pray that Believers will become sensitive to the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

Friday 9 April 2010

Day 7: Re-digging the wells

📖 John 4:10-14: *Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ... Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." **John 7:38-39:** "Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

❖ Do you feel as if you are in a spiritual desert? Jesus promised that if we drink of His water, we will not thirst again. One way to drink of His water is to read the Word and meditate on its truths. Ask the Holy Spirit to open the Word of God for you so that your spirit may drink from the waters of life. Pray that the Church will return to the Word of God as the absolute truth, and to let the Word of God guide our actions,

thoughts and relationship with other people. Pray that living water will again flow from the Church to also touch the unbelievers in our nation.

Saturday 10 April 2010

Day 8: Re-digging the wells

📖 **Songs 4:12-15:** *A garden locked is my sister, my bride, a spring locked, a fountain sealed. Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates with all choicest fruits, henna with nard, nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense, myrrh and aloes, with all choice spices-- a garden fountain, a well of living water, and flowing streams from Lebanon.*

💎 The Bride of Christ is supposed to bear abundant fruit. Jesus Himself said that if the branches do not bear fruit, the Father will prune them. Allow the Holy Spirit to search your life. Repent of any fruitless deeds. Submit to the pruning of the Holy Spirit, which will result in much fruit. Pray for those that were sown in revivals of the past and through the preaching of missionaries, teachers and pastors that laboured and still labour in our nation. Invite the Heavenly Bridegroom to visit His Church and to delight in her.

Sunday 11 April 2010

Day 9: Re-digging the wells

📖 **Numbers 21:16-18:** *And from there they continued to Beer; that is the well of which the Lord said to Moses, "Gather the people together, so that I may give them water." Then Israel sang this song: "Spring up, O well! Sing to it! The well that the princes made, that the nobles of the people dug, with the sceptre and with their staffs."*

💎 Worship will open the wells of living waters. We need to learn to worship until we break through to God. Revival is restoration of worship, motivated by love and self-sacrifice. Our willingness to surrender ourselves to Him moves the heart of God. Worship must focus on God, His character and His works. Lift up your heart and soul to the One who is worthy of our worship. Pray also for the restoration of worship in the Church and for the focus to be on God again and not only on ourselves and our needs.

Monday 12 April 2010

Day 10: Re-digging the wells

📖 **Ezekiel 47:9:** *And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.*

💎 The release of God's favour and grace on the Church will automatically affect every aspect of our society. When the Church comes to a right relationship with God, healing will come to the nation. Ask that the Church in our nation will once again be a reflection of the heart and compassion of Jesus. Pray that God will use you as an instrument to bring healing to those around you.

Prayer Focus: Revival


Ps.69:32 ...you who seek God, let your hearts revive.

For the next 30 days, we will have a specific focus on revival in the Church worldwide. The prayer pointers focus on both your own relationship with God, and the relationship between God and the local congregation you are a member of. It is fine to pray for the greater Church, but when you pray, pray for people you know, to be revived.


- 1. Desire with all your heart for God to revive you again.*
- 2. Allow your mind to become quiet before Him and open your heart for the Spirit of God to work in and through you.*
- 3. Pause after each Scripture reference and prayer request and allow the Word to bring you into contact with God before you pray.*
- 4. After your prayer, remain quiet before the Lord and wait for the Holy Spirit to speak or minister to your heart.*


Tuesday 13 April 2010

Day 1: Revival focus: God speaks

 **Heb. 1:1-2** *Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.*


 **Meditation:** What language does God use? How does He speak to us today?


 **Personal:** Express your faith in the fact that God can and still speaks today. Tell Him that you desire for God to speak to you personally and understandably. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you how God speaks to you.


 **Congregation:** Pray that the voice of God will resound over your congregation. Ask that the ears of the people will be tuned to listen to His voice.


Wednesday 14 April 2010

Day 2: Revival focus: God speaks

 **Heb.1:1-2** *Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.*


 **Meditation:** Is there a difference between God speaking through prophets and God speaking through Jesus?

 **Personal:** Do you know what it means that God speaks to you through His Son? Express your desire for God to speak to you through Jesus. Submit yourself to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as He reveals the Son to you.

 **Congregation:** Pray for the Holy Spirit to hover over your congregation in the way He hovered over the waters in the beginning before God spoke light and the whole creation into being.

Thursday 15 April 2010

Day 3: Revival focus: The glory of the Son

 **Heb.1:2-3** *... his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power.*

📖 **Meditation:** What qualifies Jesus to be appointed by God to represent Him to people?

🕯️ **Personal:** Do you long to share in the relationship between the Father and the Son? Express this longing to be one with Jesus in a prayer to Him.

♥️ **Congregation:** Pray for the members of your congregation to become hungry to know God intimately and corporately.

Friday 16 April 2010

Day 4: Revival focus: The glory of the Son

📖 **Heb.1:2-3** ... *His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power.*

📖 **Meditation:** If Jesus is the exact imprint of the Father, can we be the exact imprint of Jesus? By implication – if Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God, should we not be the radiance of the glory of Jesus?

🕯️ **Personal:** Do you believe that God wants to imprint His nature on you through a personal, intimate relationship with Him? Express your desire to see the invisible glory of God through His work in you to transform you into the image of His Son.

♥️ **Congregation:** Pray for your congregation to so reflect the radiance of the glory of God that the whole local community will see Him.

Saturday 17 April 2010

Day 5: Revival focus: Righteousness and joy

📖 **Heb.1:8-9** *But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the sceptre of uprightness is the sceptre of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."*

📖 **Meditation:** Righteousness is how God measures our character against His standard of right and wrong. What does the word 'character' mean to you? How did Jesus, character-wise, measure up to God's standards?

🕯️ **Personal:** Can you honestly say that the overwhelming, continual state of your soul is gladness? If not, have you ever submitted yourself to God's evaluation of the condition of your soul? Would you not do so now and trust Him to show you any form of unrighteousness.

♥️ **Congregational:** The character of the Church is the reflection of the collective response of the members of the congregation to God Himself. Pray for the members of your congregation to respond to the longing of the Holy Spirit to draw people to God.

Sunday 18 April 2010

Day 6: Revival focus: Warning against neglecting your salvation

📖 **Heb.2:1-4** *Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and*

wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will.

🔗 **Meditation:** The salvation of mankind is the highest priority of the God of heaven. To accomplish it He paid the utmost price, the sacrifice of His Son. Why do you think mankind's salvation is so important to God?

🔗 **Personal:** The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in us is the convincing proof of our salvation. Salvation is not something to take lightly; it is the restoration of the honour and glory of God's fame amongst the nations. Does your life bring Him this honour? If not, bow before Him and pray for the testimony of the Holy Spirit in and through your life.

♥ **Congregational:** Many members of the Church are only Christian in name, not in lifestyle. Pray for the conviction of the Holy Spirit on every member in your congregation, for true salvation, and to be His witnesses in His power.

Monday 19 April 2010

Day 7: Revival focus: In death there is life

📖 **Heb.2:9** *But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.*

🔗 **Meditation:** Just as darkness is measured by the absence of light, so death can be defined only by the absence of life. As God is Life, so death must mean the absence of God. When Jesus "tasted death", does it mean that He experienced the full implication of being totally separated from God on our behalf, so that we need never experience the terror of this eternal "death"?

🔗 **Personal:** The death of Jesus means eternal life for each one of us. Have you ever thanked Him for this awesome, undeserved gift: never to taste real death (the absence of God) but to forever taste life (unlimited, unbroken intimate closeness to God)? Ask the Holy Spirit to bring you to the cross to experience the full power of the death of Jesus: victory over sin and the fear of death.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for a deeper, real understanding in the Church of what "salvation from death" means, and for hearts to be prepared to join in that suffering so that the glory of Jesus can be revealed in the Church.

Tuesday 20 April 2010

Day 8: Revival focus: The Founder of our salvation

📖 **Heb.2:10,17** *For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the Founder of their salvation perfect through suffering... Therefore He had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.*

🔗 **Meditation:** God the Father had to 'test' Jesus by allowing Him to go through all the suffering human beings are exposed to. Jesus was faithful in the midst of temptations and trials, even to the point of laying down His own will and His life. Because of this faithfulness, the Father trusts Him completely for your and my salvation.

🔗 **Personal:** Do you personally know Jesus as the Founder of your salvation? Do you know that the Father made Him responsible for your salvation? Are you willing to

trust Him to lead you to complete salvation even if it means you also have to lay down your will and your life? Give yourself into His hands and surrender your life to Him.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the members of your congregation to have a deeply personal, life-changing encounter with Jesus as their Saviour, the only One God could trust with the salvation of mankind.

Wednesday 21 April 2010

Day 9: Revival focus: Victory over sin!

📖 **Heb.2:16-18** *For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.*

🕯 **Meditation:** Jesus is not ashamed of or embarrassed by any human being. He knows exactly what we are going through in this life. He understands every sin, every failure, every temptation, every emotion and every deprivation. He gave Himself so that we can be helped to overcome all sin, temptation and pain. We can always trust Him to help us.

☪ **Personal:** Jesus shares in your suffering and wants you to share in His joy and love for the Father. He is your Brother. He can take you to the Father and represent you before the Father. Can you trust Him to help you when you are tempted? He wants to gain your trust with His help. Surrender yourself to Him and also your struggle to overcome sin. Allow Him to convict you and bring you to repentance.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray that Christians will realise that Jesus is there to help us to overcome each and every temptation to sin. He overcame, so He knows how to help us to overcome. Pray for the Church to trust Him to help them overcome sin and temptation, and not to compromise with the world because of our own inability to overcome sin by willpower alone.

Thursday 22 April 2010

Day 10: Revival focus: Victory over Satan!

📖 **Heb.2:14-15** *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.*

🕯 **Meditation:** Satan's power comes from God's judgment of sin. Sin deserves death and thus death has power. Satan deceives people into believing that they are powerless in the face of death. By removing the penalty of death, God broke Satan's power over humans. Those who believe in Jesus do not need to fear death, for death is but a door to eternal life.

☪ **Personal:** Are you afraid of dying? Why not surrender your life into the hands of Jesus with the full assurance that you will have eternal life? Trust Him to deliver you completely from all fear and to make eternal life a reality for you. Pray to be delivered from all evil in your life.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to understand what it means that the power of Satan and the fear of death have been broken. Pray for Christians to understand that

you may gain real power when you trust Jesus for eternal life and to be willing to lay down their lives for Him, so that others can be set free from the bondages of Satan.

Friday 23 April 2010

Day 11: Revival focus: Looking to Jesus!

📖 **Heb.3:1** *Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession.*

🔗 **Meditation:** The secret of the Christian life is faith that is focused on Jesus. It is to put our hearts on Him and to trust Him for the fulfilment of all God's promises. It is to believe that in spite of our weaknesses and sin, Jesus is able to bring about a glorious transformation in us. But then He must be the centre and the focus of our faith.

🌟 **Personal:** The motivation for most people's faith in Jesus is only to 'go to heaven' one day. They lack the understanding that faith must be a living, breathing, every-moment-of-the-day interaction with Jesus. To "consider Jesus" means that you fix your heart and mind on Him and His ability to make you more than a conqueror. His desire is to make you a partaker of His heavenly calling. If you want this, set your heart upon Him early in the morning, as often as possible during the day and the last thing you do before going to sleep at night.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to return to the centrality of Jesus as the object of our faith. Pray that people will desire to know Him for who He really is.

Saturday 24 April 2010

Day 12: Revival focus: Fill your soul with His glory

📖 **Heb.3:2-3** *...who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses.*

🔗 **Meditation:** Jesus' glory is based on what the Father thinks of Him. He was proven faithful and therefore God exalted Him to the highest position of honour. We are now invited to regard this trust that God puts in Jesus, as the assurance that Jesus can do for us what God expects Him to do – lead us to the Father.

🌟 **Personal:** Our response to the trust between God the Father and Jesus is to worship Him. Look unto Jesus and worship Him until your entire soul is filled with the knowledge of His faithfulness to both the Father and to you. Let this glorious reality fill your heart with complete trust in Him.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray that Jesus' faithfulness will fill the Church with hope so that the Church will again believe in the truthfulness of God and His Word. Pray that the Church will rise to a new level of faith and obedience.

Sunday 25 April 2010

Day 13: Revival focus: The evil of unbelief

📖 **Heb.3:12** *Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.*

🔗 **Meditation:** All unbelief is evil. Unbelief is not something that can be tolerated as a weakness. An unbelieving heart has become filled with darkness to such an extent that the person does not regard God anymore and this makes God out to be a liar. Unbelief must be given absolutely no place in our hearts.

☛ **Personal:** The way to counter unbelief is to turn to God in full confidence that He is who He says He is. If you suspect that unbelief is creeping into your heart, immediately begin to quietly worship Him by speaking out the truth of who He is. Tell Him that you believe that He is the Truth and everything He says is the Truth. Allow your heart to experience the presence of the living God. The more you do this, the more your heart will again be filled with faith.

♥ **Congregational:** Unbelief also comes because of too little communion with God. Pray for the members of your congregation to begin communing with God through regular corporate and individual prayer. Continual conversation with God, especially learning to hear His voice, stimulates faith.

Monday 26 April 2010

Day 14: Revival focus: Do not harden your heart

📖 **Heb.3:13** *But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*

🔗 **Meditation:** The first requirement of intimacy with God is a soft and tender heart that responds with immediate obedience to God's will. This openness to God can be lost when we allow the things of the world such as cares, riches and pleasures to entice our hearts away from God and cause us to shift our focus from God onto ourselves. Then relationship becomes religion. Faith becomes complacent and superficial. Slowly the heart closes and shuts God out.

☛ **Personal:** Has your heart been infiltrated by the things of the world to such an extent that you do not care for or love others anymore? Has your relationship with Jesus become cold, superficial, only focusing on your needs, your survival and your concerns? Allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart. As you humble yourself before Him, allow the Holy Spirit to soften your heart by willingly submitting yourself to His ways, even though the process may be painful.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in your congregation and convict the hearts of those who have become entangled with the world to such an extent that they cannot respond to the voice of God anymore. Pray for the hardness to be penetrated and for the Church to once more become soft and pliable in God's hands.

Tuesday 27 April 2010

Day 15: Revival focus: Exhort one another!

📖 **Heb.3:13** *But exhort one another every day...*

🔗 **Meditation:** The Church of Jesus is a Body, not an organisation. Sickness in one member affects, and slowly poisons the whole Body. God made us a Body so that we have to rely on one another and so that we have to take care of one another. If we cut ourselves off from the Body, the Body will suffer and we will die.

☛ **Personal:** Have you become so individualistic in your relationship with God that you no longer care about the spiritual life of others around you? Do you criticise the Church? Allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart. Confess any coldness, indifference and maybe outright anger and hatred towards other members in the Church. Ask the Holy Spirit to unite you again with the Body of Christ and express your desire to bring healing, not sickness, to the Church.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the complete restoration of the Church as the Body of Christ: for healing and cleansing of divisions, wounds, insensitivity, self-righteousness, racism and indifference to the suffering of some parts of the Body.

Wednesday 28 April 2010

Day 16: Revival focus: Sharing Christ

📖 **Heb.3:14** *For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.*

🧘 **Meditation:** The incarnation of Jesus is a mystery that has to be revealed to each and every one of us. Jesus became "one of us". If we accept Him as our Saviour and confess our faith in Him, we become "one with Him". This oneness is not only a spiritual concept, it is a living reality. His life becomes my life. His joy is my joy. My pain becomes His pain. My suffering becomes His. His pain becomes mine. What an amazing, glorious treasure!

🕊 **Personal:** Begin every morning by practising your faith in Jesus. Don't just pray and read the Word. Begin by withdrawing your soul from all its own business. Open your heart wide for the Lord Jesus Christ. Quieten yourself in His presence and listen to Him speaking to your soul. Remain quiet until your soul begins to respond to Him. In the beginning it will take some time, but practise it until your soul rejoices in your union with Him.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to return to her calling – to be the Bride of Christ. Pray for an intensifying longing of the corporate Body to be united with Christ in all aspects of every Believer's mind, spirit and soul.

Thursday 29 April 2010

Day 17: Revival focus: Entering that rest

📖 **Heb.4:8-11** *For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.*

🧘 **Meditation:** The Israelites had enough faith to leave Egypt, but not enough faith to enter Canaan. In the same way, we may have enough faith to believe in Jesus for eternal life, but not enough faith to enter into the fullness of a life with God in the here and now. The first stage is to believe and trust God in order to receive salvation; the second stage is to experience the victory.

🕊 **Personal:** There is a difference between a seeking faith and a resting faith. A seeking faith believes that Jesus can bless and waits for it. A resting faith experiences the peace that surpasses all understanding; a condition where there are no worries because the heart and mind have arrived at a place of complete rest. If you desire this, express your belief that it is possible and tell Jesus that you want to enter into this place of rest.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray that the Church will go beyond merely believing for the sake of salvation, to believing and experiencing real victory over sin, over Satan, over unbelief and over the inability to fulfil God's commission.

Friday 30 April 2010

Day 18: Revival focus: God's rest

📖 **Heb.4:10** ... *for whoever has entered God's rest, has also rested from his works as God did from His.*

🔗 **Meditation:** Our faith itself is not the rest of God. God Himself is the rest. We have to enter into God's rest by being united with God. The only way we can be one with God is by understanding what it means to cling to Jesus, to become "one with Him" and to trust Him to bring us into God's rest. It is to dwell with God, to have full access to God's presence and love, every minute of the day.

🕯️ **Personal:** Even if you do not yet experience this deep rest in God, begin by acquainting yourself with Jesus. Learn to quieten your mind and your emotions and to cast all anxieties and burdens onto Him. Learn to trust Him to take full responsibility to lead you into God's rest. Come away often to worship Him and express your desire for this deeper unity with Him.

♥️ **Congregational:** Pray for every member of your congregation to long for the depth and intimacy of a real relationship with God. Pray for the pastors, leaders and teachers to understand, experience and teach these deeper truths of entering into God's rest.

Saturday 1 May 2010

Day 19: Revival focus: Resting from works

📖 **Heb.4:10-11** ... *for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest...*

🔗 **Meditation:** It seems like direct opposites: "rest from works" and "strive to enter". Rest from works does not mean doing nothing. It means that 'busyness for God' will not necessarily give you the peace you are looking for. This kind of peace comes only when you have learned to commune deeply with God through Jesus Christ. The striving is to enter; it means to spend extended periods in God's presence, allowing the Holy Spirit and Jesus to work in you what you cannot work in yourself.

🕯️ **Personal:** The "works" that must be done is the exercising of your faith. To exercise your faith, you have to seek God's presence, believing that He hears you and then wait upon Him until He speaks to you. Then tarry there with Him, sometimes listening, sometimes worshipping and sometimes praying the Word back to Him. O God, help us to enter and experience Your Presence!

♥️ **Congregational:** Pray that God will be merciful and pour out a spirit of prayer on your congregation. Seek out other members and begin to pray and seek God together.

Sunday 2 May 2010

Day 20: Revival focus: The active Word

📖 **Heb.4:12-13** *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*

🔗 **Meditation:** The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit. We usually understand this in the context of spiritual warfare against evil, but here is a clear understanding that the first action of the Word is to penetrate our own hearts, and there to confront the remaining darkness inside of us. The Word of God must be read and used in such a

way that the intentions of our hearts are exposed. Are you involved with the Word in such a way?

✪ **Personal:** Your interaction with God depends on your interaction with His Word. The Word is Truth. Your life must be adjusted to the Truth. When you read the Word, allow the Word to examine your life and convict you. Confess your wrong ways and ask the Holy Spirit to help you adjust your ways according to the Word. Allow your heart to stand naked and exposed before the eyes of God.

♥ **Congregational:** In a time of revival much of the conviction comes when people hear the Word preached in power and truth. Pray for the Church to return to the solid foundation of the Word. Pray for preachers who can preach and teach without compromise, that the Word will become a sword that will penetrate the hearts of people.

Monday 3 May 2010

Day 21: Revival focus: Jesus in heaven

📖 **Heb.4:14** *Since then we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.*

🔗 **Meditation:** The work of Jesus our High Priest has a dual purpose. On earth He sacrificed Himself as the Lamb of God on the cross. In heaven He sits at the right hand of God officiating as our High Priest and Advocate. We need to understand both activities. He represents us in heaven, but we must also know that we are seated with Him in the heavenlies (**Eph.2:6**)

✪ **Personal:** Do you regularly confess Jesus as your High Priest? Doing it means that you acknowledge Him and the work He is doing. Your interaction with Him as High Priest also means that the power of a heavenly life is at your disposal. If you hold onto this confession, the hold of sin and of the devil on your life can be broken. Look to Jesus in the heavens. Set your heart on Him and let your heart stay with Him. He will bring you into His rest.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to receive the revelation of Jesus as High Priest in the heavens. Pray that this truth will transform the attitude of the Church concerning sin and Satan, from a defeatist attitude into a triumphant one, overcoming every hindrance according to God's promises.

Tuesday 4 May 2010

Day 22: Revival focus: A sympathetic High Priest

📖 **Heb.4:15** *For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

🔗 **Meditation:** Jesus knows from experience all the issues faced by humans because He emptied Himself of His godly power so that He could become truly human. He is patient with our weaknesses because He understands exactly how we feel. His focus is not in the first place to judge, but to help us overcome our weaknesses just as He triumphed over sin. If you set your mind to understanding this truth, your heart will be comforted and you will receive hope that you can be delivered from all and any form of sin.

✪ **Personal:** Jesus is worthy of our trust. The only thing that is needed is an unconditional, total surrender of myself to Him. I must not become despondent or

disappointed in myself because of my inability to live a sinless life. I must surrender myself totally into His hands and not resist in any way His dealings with me. Don't you want to surrender yourself to Him right now?

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to have an intense desire to become a Body who is wholly and completely without sin. Pray also for the Church to become as merciful and sympathetic with sinners as Jesus is. Let us confess our judgmental attitude and ask the Lord Jesus to put His heart in us.

Wednesday 5 May 2010

Day 23: Revival focus: Confidence to draw near

📖 **Heb.4:16** *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

🔗 **Meditation:** Our confidence is based on the sympathy and the power of our High Priest. Do you have this confidence? How does your life show His sympathy and power?

🕯️ **Personal:** Put this confidence into practice: 1. Go to God as the One who sits on the throne. He is merciful. He is waiting to receive you. He loves you. Take time to open your heart to receive and experience these truths. Bow down before Him. 2. Go with confidence and faith that He will receive you because of Jesus. Confidence means I accept Jesus' sacrifice; I honour the work He does; I honour the Father; I acknowledge the High Priest and I seek fellowship with Him. While you pray, during and after your prayer, be still and think about what happens between you and Him. 3. The more your soul is occupied with Jesus as the High Priest, the more your confidence will increase. He wants to make Himself one with you, with the utmost tenderness. He understands, He feels what you feel, He puts Himself in your place. Tarry in His presence.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to grasp this wonderful truth: At the throne of God all of mankind can still find mercy and grace. It is not yet the time for judgment. Pray that every member of the Church will understand this and take hold of the opportunity to go to the throne to find mercy and grace in this time of need.

Thursday 6 May 2010

Day 24: Revival focus: Mercy and Grace

📖 **Heb.4:16** *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

🔗 **Meditation:** Our confidence is based on what we believe about God's character. God's mercy means that when I come to Him with my guilt, my sinfulness and my unworthiness, I can be confident that He will forgive me and accept me. He will do that. God's grace means that the inner heavenly working of God's Spirit in me can transform me and change me completely so that I become a reflection of Christ Himself.

🕯️ **Personal:** Each person must accept for himself or herself, the merciful love of God. Understand that, in totality, Christ's work is to bring you to God and qualify you to confidently commune with God. He should be thanked for His work. Spend some time pondering and worshipping Him.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to experience this merciful love of God, and to respond in pure and humble worship and adoration. Pray for the truth of God's love to transform the Church into a loving, merciful and gracious community.

Friday 7 May 2010

Day 25: Revival focus: Our Trust

📖 **Heb.5:1-2** *For every High Priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.*

🔗 **Meditation:** The two requirements for a High Priest are that he must be appointed by God and he must be able to sympathise with those he represents before God. Jesus fulfilled both these requirements. Jesus was called by God to represent us before Him! The work of the Holy Spirit is to convince us of God's good intentions with us and to help us to trust Jesus by teaching us the truth about Him. Are you convinced that God's intentions are only good?

🔗 **Personal:** Jesus was also made weak so that He can represent us completely. He earned His glory because He was willing to suffer like humans. Suffering and weakness were His trademarks on earth. Now in heaven He wants to represent all those who are weak and who suffer. This is His eternal work: to represent you! Do you want to know this Jesus? Ask the Holy Spirit to make Him real for you and also to let you experience the fact that He represents you.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to come to the deep realisation that God is for them, not against them. Pray that this realisation will bring a deep humility and not cause the Church to become proud and arrogant in their dealings with unbelievers and sinners. Pray for the heart of Jesus to be visible in the Church.

Saturday 8 May 2010

Day 26: Revival focus: Christ as High Priest

📖 **Heb.5:4-5** *And no one takes this honour for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a High Priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten You"; as He says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."*

🔗 **Meditation:** God chose Jesus as mankind's representative before Him. He did not want any other person or being to do this work, except His Son. It is only His Son that understands the heart of God towards people. Since He is from God and returned to God, He can also take us there. Because He is one with God, He can also make us one with God. God entrusted Him with this glorious task: the reconciliation between God and Man.

🔗 **Personal:** Jesus receives great honour when He intercedes for sinners. That is why He came and why He gave up His glory that He shared with the Father. Every time we pray to Jesus for mercy, He is honoured! Every time we believe a promise of God and ask Jesus for the fulfilment, He is glorified in the Father's presence. Do you not want to honour Him now?

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to realise the truth of God's Word and His promises, and to begin to honour Jesus by praying and expecting Him to fulfil those

promises. Faith is just that – to trust that God's promises are the truth and that they will be fulfilled because of Jesus.

Sunday 9 May 2010

Day 27: Revival focus: Jesus' tears

📖 **Heb.5:7-8** *In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered.*

🔗 **Meditation:** What Jesus wanted to do for us, He first had to do for Himself. To qualify for the work of sanctifying us, He first had to be sanctified Himself. He had to learn to relate to God as a human being. The fact that He prayed with loud cries and tears demonstrates His immense struggling with the weaknesses of humans. He laid down His own will and experienced the agony of death because He understood God's promises and was obedient to God's will.

🕊️ **Personal:** The test for Jesus was obedience. What He did, He wants to teach us to do as well. He knows what the cost of laying down one's will is. He also knows the power that will be released if a person can do it. His death and resurrection enable us to follow His example because His heavenly power is at our disposal. Do you trust Jesus enough to be willing to follow Him all the way? Then come before Him and speak to Him about your obedience.

♥️ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church to hear the truth about the great work that Jesus has done, and that the truth will enable the Church to become completely obedient to the will of God. Pray for God's will to be done in the life of every member of your congregation.

Monday 10 May 2010

Day 28: Revival focus: The perfection of Jesus

📖 **Heb.5:8-9** *Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.*

🔗 **Meditation:** There are very few people who strive for perfection. Mostly because we have few role models who have attained this standing, and also because we cannot believe that it is possible for us to get to that level of holiness. Jesus was perfect as a human being. He did what no one in the Old Testament could accomplish. The way to perfection for us is to choose to lay down our will and to become completely obedient to God. This is the secret to breaking the power of sin and Satan.

🕊️ **Personal:** The key to a life filled with peace, joy and power, is obedience to God. Jesus' obedience, the laying down of His will, His death and His resurrection enable you and me to become obedient to God. This will also be accompanied by prayers, loud cries and many tears, but the call is simple: lay down your will and obey God. Is this not what your heart is yearning for? Come before God and take the first step in obedience – give Him your will. Ask Him for the grace to be obedient to Him every step of the way.

♥️ **Congregational:** A compromising Church is weak and can expect no impact on the lives of unbelievers. But the world has yet to see what can be done through a Church

wholly and completely obedient to God. Pray that the Church in our generation will come to this grand and high calling – total obedience to God's will.

Tuesday 11 May 2010

Day 29: Revival focus: Warning against complacency

📖 **Heb.5:10-13** *...being designated by God a High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.*

🔗 **Meditation:** Spiritual sluggishness makes the soul immune to the understanding of spiritual things. This sluggishness comes when Believers are satisfied simply because of the fact that they are Believers. Their hearts become entangled with the world and they have very little desire to enter into the deeper spiritual truths of life and of faith and power in Christ. To understand and esteem the heavenly priesthood of Jesus, one has to have a mind fixed on the heavenly Jesus, dissatisfaction with the normal Christian life as we experience it, a desire for complete salvation, willingness to lay everything on the altar, to follow Christ and to come to experience the power of indestructible life in Him.

👤 **Personal:** It is very dangerous to stay an immature Believer and never grow to maturity. That is to be satisfied only because you're not going to go to hell. Your life is still self-satisfying instead of God-satisfying. Come to the heavenly Jesus and express your desire to grow until you reach a fullness of understanding of who He is, no matter what the cost.

♥ **Congregational:** Pray for the members of the Church to become discontented and dissatisfied with the *status quo* in the Church. Pray for a deep inner urgency to grow in their knowledge and understanding of heavenly things. Pray for teachers who are able to teach and model lifestyles of complete obedience.

Wednesday 12 May 2010

Day 30: Revival focus: Maturing

📖 **Heb.5:12-14** *For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.*

🔗 **Meditation:** What is the difference between being a child in God and being mature? A mature believer knows Christ as the High Priest and the power of His heavenly life. A child knows Christ only as the crucified One, the earthly priest working reconciliation between God and man. A mature Believer lives with Christ behind the veil, understands the heavenly power of the blood and the life within the Holiest of All. Obedience does unique work in the heart of such a Believer. He or she is trained in obedience, in perseverance to overcome the things of the world and of the flesh. They can discern between good and evil, know God's voice and obey Him. Their conscience is trained to have one desire and that is to please God.

🕯️ **Personal:** Do you want to have this heavenly sensitivity concerning sin? A sensitive heart to know God's will in every aspect of your life? If so, then the Holy Spirit and the Word of God will lead you to know Christ as heavenly High Priest. Express your desire to grow in your knowledge of God and be faithful every day to exercise your faith and trust Jesus to perfect the work in you.

♥️ **Congregational:** Pray for the Church of Jesus to grow up to become a mature Bride, looking for and waiting for her Bridegroom to be revealed. Pray for pastors, preachers and teachers to disciple Believers so that they will not only need milk, but will begin to be fed with the solid truths of God's Word, so that the Church can mature and fulfil her role in our generation.

A Ten-Day Prayer Guide for the Global Day of Prayer 13-23 May 2010

The Ten Days of Prayer before Global Day of Prayer and Pentecost Sunday is part of the 40 days of prayer for revival in our nation and starts on Ascension Day, 13 May till Saturday, 22 May 2010

Pray globally. Gather locally.

Gather in creative ways.

Many are forming prayer chains to build bonfires of 24-hours-a-day prayer. Others will meet for an hour or two of focused prayer. Some will be fasting. Look for how the Holy Spirit may give you fresh ways to pray with family and friends.

Children are praying! Let's involve children as equal partners in our praying. A special version of this prayer guide has been prepared for children. It will help many families pray together and find creative ways to help children lift their voices along with others. Find it at www.globaldayofprayer.com/children.

Young adults will be praying around the clock. In many countries young people will be praying non-stop throughout the ten days. A special rendition of this prayer guide has been designed to catalyze and concentrate the prayers of young people of any age. Find this companion version at www.globaldayofprayer.com/youth.

Pray with different languages. This guide is being translated into about 50 languages, making it possible for many millions of Christians all over the world to be praying these same prayers. See www.globaldayofprayer.com to find available translations.

“Return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping...

Gather the people...bring together the elders, gather the children.” — Joel 2:12, 16

Following the hope in Joel; Because of the limitations of space, not all of the

important verses could be printed here. Please read each of the five different selections from the second chapter of Joel in your own Bible. There is one selection for every two days to encourage you to reflect on Joel repeatedly during the ten days of constant prayer.

Repentance is a gift. We shouldn't try to manufacture feelings of remorse. We should never fake or fabricate emotions. But we can sincerely open our lives to God. We can grow confident in His extravagant, constant love. Let's ask our Lord to grant us times of turning from darkness so that we can walk in His light as we never have before.

Break out of your routines by fasting or connecting with others to pray.

It's time. Let's get ready to meet God.

DAY 1

Thursday 13 May (day 31)

REVIVE

Our Father who is in heaven...

- for God to revive and unite His people as one family before Him.
- for wayward Christians to repent and return to God as Father, learning to obey and trust Him.
- for fresh movements of prayer, seeking the throne of grace with persistence.

DAY 2

Friday 14 May (day 32)

REVEAL

...sanctify Your name...

- for the truth of God's character to be exalted and honoured.
- for God to distinguish Himself from every false god and to expose every false thing spoken about Him.
- for the word of God to be proclaimed in every people and place across the earth.
- for the Scriptures to be translated and made available in every language.

a call to *RETURN*

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “Return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting and weeping and mourning.” — Joel 2:12 (NASB)

Read Joel 2:12-14 aloud. Consider how the present hour could be a critical moment as in Joel's day, a “yet even now” moment. For different reasons, many of God's people have drifted away from Him. But now He is calling us to return with all our hearts. Returning to God means more than going back to church and turning away from sin; It means turning our full attention to God, coming close to Him with confidence in His

amazing love. As we turn to Him, He desires to turn toward us. His mighty love not only rescues us from our wrongs, but also bestows blessing, empowering us to offer Him extravagant, grateful worship.

DAY 3

Saturday 15 May (day 33)

RULE

...May Your kingdom come...

- for many to be drawn by the power of the gospel to submit their lives to Jesus Christ, in order to love and follow Him as King.
- for Christ's followers to walk in the fullness of God's Spirit so that they can live in the likeness of Christ.
- for the Lordship of Christ to influence every part of our cities and societies.

DAY 4

Sunday 16 May (day 34)

TRANSFORM...and may Your will

be done, on earth as it is in heaven...

- for God's people to bring the influence and blessing of Christ into every aspect of commerce, arts, education and governance in ways that bring lasting transformation.
- for God's wisdom to be upon our government leaders, bringing changes that increase righteousness and justice.
- for the righteousness, peace and joy of Christ's kingdom to be a reality by the power of the Holy Spirit.

a call to *GATHER*

"Gather the people...and let them say, 'Spare Your people, O Lord...'

Why should the peoples say, 'Where is their God?'"— Joel 2:16-17 (NASB)

Read Joel 2:15-17. To repent as a people we must come before God together. He wants to encounter us as a people. That's why He's summoning us to break normal routines in order to assemble before Him in gatherings large and small. It's a time to interrupt daily habits of life, fasting from our normal diet, even moving from familiar rituals of worship to assemble in special ways. Why this urgency? Because something great is at stake for God's glory. Let's allow our hearts to be grieved by what we, as God's people, have done to bring shame upon His name. To the watching world, it can appear as if we have no God. Consider what brings sorrow to the heart of God, and pray that He will transform us to bring Him the glory He deserves.

DAY 5

Monday 17 May (day 35)

PROVIDE

...Give us this day our daily bread...

- for the basic needs of food, water and health care for the poor, for the sick, for refugees and for children.
- that God's people would become, by His Spirit's help, agents of healing and change, bringing forth the abundance, justice and peace that God desires.
- for God's people to break patterns of poverty in their communities, fulfilling God's promise of blessing amidst all peoples.
- for Christians to act with compassion and persistence to eradicate diseases and to serve well in the aftermath of epidemics such as HIV/AIDS.

DAY 6

Tuesday 18 May (day 36)

FORGIVE

...Forgive us our sins...

- for the Spirit of God to move on the hearts of men and women so that they will be able to see how God is grieved and how their lives are being destroyed by sin.
- for the Spirit of God to empower people to abandon patterns of sin and find grace to renounce allegiance to powers of darkness.
- for recognition of and repentance from sins that bring about war, poverty and injustice.

a call to *HOPE*

“Then the LORD will be jealous...and take pity on His people...Be not afraid ...be glad and rejoice. Surely the LORD has done great things.” — Joel 2:18, 21

Read Joel 2:18-22. We can be zealous to repent because God is so jealous for His name and for His people. Because of God's great love, our repenting should be bold and fearless. Our God will contend with the forces that devastate our communities. As great as the evil may be, God will do even greater things. Such hope brings joy as we sincerely turn to God, knowing that He desires to bring great goodness throughout the earth, transforming our cities, restoring our economies and healing our lands.

DAY 7

Wednesday 19 May (day 37)

RECONCILE

...as we forgive those who sin against us...

- to break the cycles of resentment, revenge and racism so that relationships are restored.
- for signs of Christ's reconciling power in the midst of militarized conflict, revealing God's desire to end all wars.
- to restore relationships between women and men, to bring reconciliation in marriages and to renew relationships of children with their parents.
- for those who suffer for the name of Christ to endure persecution in the Spirit and grace of Christ.

DAY 8

Thursday 20 May (day 38)

LEAD

...And lead us not into temptation...

- for Christians to be filled with such love and zeal to please God that they are unmoved by enticements of materialism and sexual perversity.
- for God's people to continue walking in the light of His ways and wisdom in order to fulfill His purposes throughout the earth.
- that Christ would guide leaders of business, education and government so that the curse of corruption would be overcome throughout cities and entire economies.

a call to *CELEBRATE*

"You will have plenty to eat and...praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you."— Joel 2:26 (NASB)

Read Joel 2:23-27. When God's people return to Him with all their heart, there is promise of tangible changes and great joy in their communities. Where there has been the curse of oppressive poverty, God desires to bring forth abundance so that many will gratefully praise His name. An even greater spectacle will be God making His home in the midst of His people. He will act wondrously in both goodness and power, surprising the world by revealing His presence among His people.

DAY 9

Friday 21 May (day 39)

OVERCOME

...but deliver us from evil...

- that God would restrain Satanic powers, revealing the truth of the Gospel, liberating many people to follow Christ.
- that people would be delivered from idolatry, witchcraft, demonic oppression and depression.
- for Christ to break powers of darkness which corrupt and dominate businesses,

governments and cities.

DAY 10

Saturday 22 May (day 40)

GLORIFY...for Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

- that signs of Christ's kingdom will so fill the earth that many will be moved to celebrate the hope of His coming.
- that Christ's power will be seen in the humility and compassionate service of His people.
- that Jesus would be honored openly, worshiped extravagantly and glorified globally.

a call to *REVEAL*

"I will pour out my Spirit on all people...

And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved." — Joel 2:28, 32

Read Joel 2:28-32 and consider how these promises could be fulfilled in greater ways than ever before. Turn to God with expectancy. He is about to advance His purpose to reveal His salvation globally. Even during days of dreadful shaking and difficulty, He will pour out His Spirit so that people all over the earth—elders and children, poor and rich, men and women—will resound with the call of God. From every race and in every place, people will hear and speak of God's call. Many will be saved to the glory of His name.

The Global Day of Prayer

Pentecost Sunday, 23 May

Pray with your church on Pentecost

Devote portions of your Pentecost Sunday morning service to united prayer. Help everyone realize that on this day we are all praying with the world as we pray for the world. Among proven ideas:

- Announce the fact that millions across the world are gathering to pray for the glory of Christ and the blessing of the nations.
- Read "A Prayer for the World" aloud as a congregation.
- Share reports of prayer from the ten days of constant prayer.

Gather in homes or public places

On the afternoon and evening of Pentecost, all over the world, Christians from many diverse streams will gather in their homes, or where appropriate, assemble in stadiums, public auditoriums and open squares. Some meetings will be small. Others will be large, but each one will be praying with the same vision of repentance and hope. As at the first Pentecost, we'll worship God openly in Christ's name and pray for the healing and blessing of the nations. As much as possible, we are seeking to gather in places beyond the walls of our church buildings.

- Help organise a gathering in your city. Confer with your pastor and other trusted local leaders. Find practical ideas to organise gatherings at **www.globaldayofprayer.com**.
- Not all gatherings will be large. Many are uniting in small groups in homes or public settings in their communities. If large gatherings aren't planned near you, why not host a prayer gathering in your home?

Pray with One Voice

A Prayer for the World

On the following pages (pages 12-14), you will find "A Prayer for the World." This prayer will be read in unison at every Global Day of Prayer gathering on 23 May. It was prepared by members of the International Prayer Council. It has been translated into many languages, many of them available at **www.globaldayofprayer.com**.

A Prayer for the World

Almighty God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Together with believers all over the world,

we gather today to glorify Your Name.

You are the Creator of heaven and earth.

There is no one like You, holy and righteous in all Your ways.

We submit to Your authority as the King of the universe.

We pray with one voice to enthrone You in our hearts

and to honour You before the world.

Lord God, You alone are worthy of our praise and adoration.

Our Father in heaven,

Thank You for loving the world so greatly.

You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ,

to die on the cross for our sins
so that we could be reconciled to You.
We are grateful to call You Father and to be called Your children.
Nothing can separate us from Your love.

**Thank You Father, for adopting us into Your family
because of Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

Lord Jesus Christ,

You alone are worthy to open the scrolls of history,
for You were slain and have redeemed us to the Father by Your blood.
We confess that You are Head of the Church
and Lord of all heaven and earth.
May people from every tribe and language become Your followers
so that Your blessing brings transformation among all peoples.
Let Your kingdom be established in every nation of the world
so that governments will rule with righteousness and justice.
And may Your Name be great, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Jesus Christ, You are the Saviour of the world and the Lord of all.

“They lifted their voices to God with one accord...” —Acts 4:24 (NASB)

Father of mercy and grace,

We acknowledge that we have sinned
and that our world is gripped by the power of sin.
Our hearts are grieved by injustice, hatred and violence.
We are shamed by oppression, racism and bloodshed in our land.
We mourn all loss of life in murder, war and terrorism.
Our homes are broken and our churches are divided by rebellion and pride.
Our lives are polluted by selfishness, greed, idolatry and sexual sin.
We have grieved Your heart and brought shame to Your Name.
Have mercy on us as we repent with all our hearts.

God of mercy, forgive our sins.

Pour out Your grace and heal our land.

Spirit of the living God,

Apart from You, we can do nothing.
Transform Your Church into the image of Jesus Christ.
Release Your power to bring healing to the sick,
 freedom to the oppressed and comfort to those who mourn.
Pour Your love into our hearts and fill us with compassion
 to answer the call of the homeless and the hungry
 and to enfold orphans, widows and the elderly in Your care.
Give us wisdom and insight for the complex problems we face today.
Help us to use the resources of the earth for the well-being of all.

Holy Spirit, we need Your comfort and guidance.
 Transform our hearts.

Lord Jesus Christ,

Because You were dead, but are now risen,
 and the Father has given You a Name above all names,
 You will defeat all powers of evil.
Tear down strongholds and ideologies
 that resist the knowledge of God.
Remove the veil of darkness that covers the peoples.
Restrain the evil that promotes violence and death.
Bring deliverance from demonic oppression.
Break the hold of slavery, tyranny and disease.
Fill us with courage to preach Your word fearlessly,
 and to intercede for the lost faithfully.

Almighty God, deliver us from evil.

King of Glory,

Come and finish Your work in our cities, our peoples and our nations.
We lift our voices in unison with believers from Africa and Asia,
 from the Middle East and Europe, from North and South America,
 and from Australia and the Pacific Islands—together we cry:

Lift up your heads, O you gates!

Be lifted up ancient doors

so that the King of glory may come in!

As Your deeds increase throughout the earth,
and as Your blessings abound to all the nations,
they will seek You, asking, “Who is this King of glory?”
Together we will answer:

He is the Lord Almighty!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Come fill the earth with Your glory as the waters cover the sea.
The Spirit and the Bride say:

Amen! Come Lord Jesus!