

## **PRAYER & FASTING FOR GODLY GOVERNANCE!**

In response to our Extra-Ordinary Prayer Meeting on Saturday (6/9/2008) at Provincial Parliament, there was unanimous agreement that we should set aside one day a week up to the elections:

**FASTING & PRAYER** for our **NATION**.

So in obedience to God's Word 1 Timothy 3:14-15, collectively we want to set aside:

**MONDAY** for the day of **FASTING & PRAYER**.

Thereafter, please set your cell phones to remind you everyday at **12 noon** to **pray** for our **Leaders in Authority** as well as for our **Spiritual Leaders**.

The greatest privilege and most revolutionary power available to the Christian is Prayer.

***"If you abide in Me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you"*** John 15:7

***"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father"*** John 14:12

The power of united prayer was demonstrated by the early church. Acts 4.....they prayed together with **one** heart, mind and spirit.

If we turn to the historical records of the Old Testament, we find a number of occasions where fasting and prayer brought forth the dynamic and powerful intervention by God.

**Jehoshaphat conquers Without Fighting** : 2 Chronicles 20:1-30

Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, received word that a very large army from the territories of Moab, Ammon and Mt. Seir was invading his kingdom from the east.

Realising that he had no military resources with which to meet this challenge, Jehoshaphat turned to God for help.

His first decisive act ....v3 **"he proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah"**

**Judah's Response:**

§ Collective fasting and prayer for divine intervention.

§ The common danger facing them brought them together as one.

§ Their jealousies and rivalries between them were set aside.

§ They were called to protect their common inheritance, rather than promote their individual differences

### **Practical lessons to be learnt:**

1. The anti-Christian forces that are at work in the world today are just as hostile and just as formidable as the army that threatened Judah in the days of Jehoshaphat.
2. These forces are united in hatred and opposition toward all who truly love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. They are not concerned about internal denominational distinctions between Christians. They are not disposed to spare the Baptist at the expense of the Methodists, nor the Anglicans at the expense of the Pentecostals.
4. Therefore this is no time for Christians to emphasize denominational issues that have divided us in the past. Rather it is time for all God's people to follow the example of Judah and unite in prayer and fasting.

### **God's Sovereignty**

"You sit above the vault of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers. You reduce rulers to nothing and make judges of the earth meaningless. It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding" Isaiah 40 & Daniel 2

Pray for the Leaders of our Country by name --- That they might have protection, guidance, wisdom, and awareness of God's presence in mind and heart and that they might practice integrity. I Samuel 12:14; 1 Timothy 2:1-6

### **Pray that:**

§ They might trust God with all their heart and not lean on their own understanding; that they will acknowledge Him in all their ways (Proverbs 3:5-6).

§ They will seek to have a conscience void of offence toward God and men (Acts 24:16).

§ God will place men and women of righteousness, such as Joseph, Daniel, Nehemiah, Mordecai, Esther and Deborah into positions of authority to lead the nation in righteousness (Proverbs 14:34;16:12).

§ Legislation in our country will be in line with principles from the Word of God.

§ Christians will be aware of governmental issues; will support leaders in prayer and act regarding issues concerning the moral and spiritual climate of the country.

§ Christians to become vital witnesses for Christ through their lives and words  
(II Corinthians 5:17-20)

§ Christians to meet the conditions for revival set forth in II Chronicles 7:14

1. Humble themselves (I Peter 5:6)
2. Pray effectually (James 5:16; Luke 18:1)
3. Seek God's face (Jeremiah 29:13)
4. Turn from their wicked ways (1 John 1:8-9)

**Remember:** The end-time purpose of God is the restoration and completion of the Church.  
(His Body)

The source of power for the achievement of this purpose is United Prayer and Fasting!

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**Remember, when the world pushes you to your knees, you're in the perfect position to pray.**