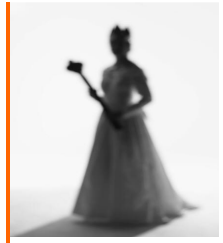


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"And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"
Esther 4:14b



WOMEN praying with other WOMEN for WOMEN across the world

We call on all Christian women around the world to take at least 15 minutes every Tuesday morning to pray. We encourage you to mobilize as many women as possible to pray, individually or in groups. Take a few minutes to ponder & pray at each point of the guideline below & be open to intercede as the Holy Spirit leads.

You are welcome to forward this e-mail to as many Christian sisters as possible. Please send us the name of the town and the country in which you reside & let us know what God is doing in your nations! [You are welcome to e-mail us with prayer requests and testimonies.](#) If you did not receive this e-mail directly from us, but would like to, feel free to send your e-mail address to info@hadassahwatch.org

We believe that God has called us as women, to intercede like never before, for His plans and purposes to be accomplished here on earth. Let us not slumber, but pray and call others to pray - for His Kingdom to come...

Ponder this ... a women of integrity ... Dorcas

At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, who is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds. Butshe became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him,... When he had come, all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made ...Peter put them all out, ...turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up..... And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord. (Acts 9:36-43)

Dorcas was a Christian, known and loved for her charitable works. She used what she had, skills in sewing, for the comfort and relief of the needy. Her 'good works' flowed from a heart grateful to God for salvation in Christ. She demonstrated Christian faith in action while alive, when she died she was cared for by those whom she served and when she was resurrected she was the cause of revival in her city. Dorcas did not aspire to be a leader, but was content to stay in her house and did all she could in all the ways she could. Let us pray for many Christian women to be like Dorcas, willing to put action to their faith and in gratitude towards God serve His children.

But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. (James 2:18)

Family and Marriage

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (Rom.8:15-16)

Let us shift our focus from the earthly realities to the heavenly realities that the Word of God teaches us. We live in a time when it is very important that we understand the glorious reality of being adopted into the family of God. We are confronted with many issues that can easily cause us to experience a 'spirit of bondage to fear'. It is only when we know who we are as children of God, that we will survive the onslaught of the evil one. Let us pray for an awakening amongst Christians worldwide of being 'family' of God and co-heirs with Christ that will result in global cry of 'Abba Father'.

Government and Authorities

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, (Ps.2:1-2)

Wars, tribal fighting, power struggles and rioting are so much part of the news that we have become desensitized to the horror and the suffering of the people involved. Women and children are usually bearing the brunt of the conflict. The increase in sexual attacks against women is a direct offshoot of the breakdown of law and order and the collapse of social mechanisms. Let us pray that governments and authorities will realize that they have been appointed as stewards of their people and that they will first and foremost see to peace and security for their people and not fight one another.

The Unsaved

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. (Matt.24:6)

Jesus Christ was adamant about the Gospel being preached to all nations before the end will come, by the end He meant His second coming. Pray that the Church will have a real longing for Christ's return. Let us also pray for the Church to share Christ's heart for the lost and purposefully pray for doors to be opened for the gospel in all the countries of the world and for workers to go out to bring in the souls.

Nation ... Kenya

The dispute over President Mwai Kibaki's re-election -- which the opposition says was rigged -- has plunged Kenya into a spiral of violence, battering its image as an east African trade and tourism hub and one of the continent's more stable nations. What started off as fighting between political opponents became tribal fighting between the majority Kikuyu tribe and the Luo and Kalinjan tribes. The fighting was soon exploited by criminal gangs who went on a rampage. Gangs from rival communities have been fighting each other with machetes, clubs, and bows and arrows. The total death toll is now more than 800 and is expected to rise. The number of more than 250,000 refugees will increase as thousands more are fleeing the chaos. Violence continues despite talks between President Kibaki and opposition leader Odinga, mediated by former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan. Let us pray that a peaceful and just solution will be found and that reconciliation will be possible. Pray for the thousands who lost everything and had to flee from their homes.

Testimony

Anne used to live in Kibera, a vast Nairobi slum where 700,000 people live. Only hours after the election results were announced, a group of men came into Kibera. They started beating up Anne's brother; they poured petrol over him and set him on fire. When the police intervened he was barely alive and later died in hospital. Anne's house was burned to the ground. This single mother of three, who also cares for two children of her sister, who died of AIDS, took the children and fled. She could only take her ID document with her. She now stays in Jamhuri Park with thousands of other displaced people. Anne is a member of "peer mothers", HIV-positive mothers working in an income generating program on the outskirts of Kibera. They produce beadwork that an international aid organization market for them. They also work as community educators, teaching women about HIV/AIDS, TB, etc. These women come from different ethnic groups but all say that does not matter. Most of them had to flee Kibera and lost everything in the riots. They would like to continue with their work, but when asked whether they will go back to Kibera, they said; "We will go back to our homes when the war is finished."

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Psalm 68 vs. 11 *"The Lord gives the command; the women who proclaim the good tidings are a great host..."*

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