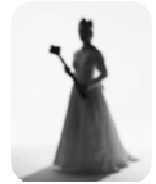


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# Hadassah Watch

*"And who knows but that you have to a royal position for such a time as this?" Esther 4 vs. 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](mailto: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...

## Soccer World Cup 2010

South Africa will be the first African country ever to host the 2010 Soccer World Cup. It will take place between the 11<sup>th</sup> of June and the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2010. From its humble beginnings in 1930 the Soccer World Cup has grown to be one of the most spectacular sporting events in the world. The 2010 World Cup promises to be the planet's biggest sporting event ever. Well over a billion people are expected to follow the month long tournament between the world's top 32 soccer playing nations. The World Cup is the most important competition in international soccer and is organised by FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) the sport's governing body. The tournament takes place every four years. The previous tournament was held in 2006 in Germany and Italy won the World Cup. <http://www.swc2010.com/>, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010\\_FIFA\\_World\\_Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_FIFA_World_Cup).

*Pray that God would use this huge event for the furtherance of His kingdom here on earth. Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit with the power to convict people of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8). Pray that people will be convicted of the sin of unbelief, of the revelation that Jesus is ruling in heaven at the Father's right hand, and that Satan is judged and has no more power to keep people in bondage. Pray that the South African church will be faithful in praying for God's purposes to be fulfilled with this great event.*

## Ponder this ... Ke Nako...it is time...Waka Waka...this time for Africa

*Ps 69:13 But I pray to you, O LORD, in the time of your favor; in Your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation.*

The slogan for the World Cup is "Ke Nako" which means "It is time". Waka Waka is the official World Cup song. Waka Waka means: "This Time for Africa". The song will be performed by Shakira and South African group Freshlyground, at the Closing Ceremony before the World Cup Final on July 11 in Johannesburg Soccer City Stadium. <http://www.southafrica.info/2010/wakawaka.htm>

In the Bible we read how God has used Africa in many different ways, in the past, to fulfill His purposes here on earth. God has used Africa many times as a place of REFUGE (for Jacob and his sons and for Jesus Christ). Africa has also been used as a bread basket in a time of famine. Moses - the Prince of Egypt lead the people of God from Africa to their promised land. Over many years prophetic words went out over Africa that this continent will play a major role in the end times. The focus had always emphasized that Africa will be a place where the Word of God will be available and that it again will be the "breadbasket" of the world. There is also a prophetic word that a fire of revival will start in the south and spread through the continent and the world like wildfire.

*Pray that the World cup slogan and theme song will be of spiritual significance for Africa! Ask God to pour out His Spirit on South Africa to fulfill these words -that it will be God's time for Africa! That the prophecy, that a fire of revival will start in South Africa and touch the whole world, will be fulfilled. Pray that God would once again use Africa as a spiritual bread basket to the nations. Pray for local churches to rise up and grasp the opportunities to further the kingdom of God in both their local communities and other nations of the world.*

## NATIONS

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.." Matthew 28 v 19*

The world population is over 6.8 billion. Of the 6.8 billion, 1.9 billion people have never heard the gospel. There are 74 countries where Christians are persecuted. Every 3 minutes a Christian is MARTYRED. There are over 2200 languages without a copy of the Scriptures. There are estimated more than 6600 unreached people groups in the world, yet for every unreached people group there

are at least 600 evangelical churches and over 60 000 believers. The Soccer World Cup is a huge opportunity to reach the nations with the Gospel. Nations like North Korea, which is regarded as the most closed country in the world. Nations like France and Spain where the church is in decline. Nations like Nigeria and Ivory coast that are battling for peace every day. (*Siyathandaza, we will pray, by OM*)

*Pray for God's will to be done in the lives of every inhabitant of South Africa and every visitor from the nations. In the name of Jesus pray for every hindrance that the kingdom of darkness has employed to keep people in darkness, will be removed and destroyed (2 Cor 4:3; 2 Cor 10:4). Pray that many people who visit South Africa will have the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ clearly explained. Pray for the breaking of the curses of all ungodly rituals, invocations and occult ceremonies before and during the World Cup. Pray that the plans of the evil one to cause violence, crime, sexual immorality, corruption and greed, will be frustrated and nullified. Pray for the purifying and cleansing power of the blood of Jesus against all sin.*

## TESTIMONY - finding God through soccer

***"In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of His glory."***  
Eph 1v 11-12

Soccer has always been a very important part of my life; since I was young I have always been playing, practicing and trying to improve. My biggest dream therefore, was to one day represent Bafana Bafana at the World Cup. In 2007 I decided to take a step in that direction, I enrolled as a student in a Football DTS of a missionary base in Argentina called Youth With a Mission (YWAM), thinking that it would be the perfect place and time to perfect my soccer skills and jump start my way to professional soccer. I entered YWAM not really knowing what I was getting myself into, I had heard that YWAM was a Christian missionary organization, but it never occurred to me that the Lord would be using my ignorance of Him and passion for soccer to totally redeem my heart and begin a transformation in my mind. The beginning of those amazing 6 months I spent in Argentina was filled with me realizing that my selfish desires are not important; I realized that my dream of becoming a soccer player had become my priority in life, and God was tired of being second best! I decided to lay aside my selfish ambitions and to allow God to use me as He pleases. I believe that decision was the most important decision I have made in my life. Since then God has continued to surprise me, He has shown me how I can please Him, serve Him and honor Him using the gifts and talents He has given me. In February 2009, the Lord opened doors for me to create a Football Academy focused on teaching Christian values to Muslim kids, there are currently about 35 kids from the local neighborhood. I haven't stopped dreaming, I believe God will use me to affect soccer on a professional level, may it be coaching, managing or talent spotting, I will do it to the Glory of God and for His kingdom. (Pagiel Joshua Chetty)

*Thank the Lord for testimonies like these and pray that after the 2010 World Cup there will be many more testimonies like these. Pray a blessing over every outreach aimed at spreading the good news about Jesus Christ during this time. Pray for every Christian who will be involved in evangelism, social outreach, hospitality, security or any involvement regarding visitors to our nation, to be equipped, anointed and commissioned by the Holy Spirit to touch the lives of people they meet.*

## Christian Soccer Players

Amongst the famous soccer players that will be coming to play soccer in the 2010 World Cup, there are some outspoken Christians like the Brazilian Kaká (Ricardo Izecson dos Santos Leite) He is a devout evangelical Christian. Kaká became engrossed in religion at the age of 12: *"I learnt that it is faith that decides whether something will happen or not."* He removed his jersey to reveal an *"I Belong to Jesus"* t-shirt and openly engaged in prayer moments after the final whistle of Brazil's 2002 World Cup, and Milan's 2004 Scudetto and 2007 Champions League triumphs. He also had the same phrase, along with *"God Is Faithful,"* stitched onto the tongues of his boots. During the post match celebration following Brazil's 4-1 win over Argentina in the 2005 FIFA Confederations Cup final, he and several of his teammates wore t-shirts that read *"Jesus Loves You"* in various languages. Kaká is a member of the organization *Atletas de Cristo* ("Athletes of Christ"). His goal celebration consists of him pointing to the sky as a gesture of thanks to God. Kaká's favourite music is gospel, and his favourite book is the Bible. Since November 2004, he has served as an Ambassador Against Hunger for the United Nations' World Food Programme, the youngest to do so at the time of his appointment. (Wikipedia) **Rev 12 v11** *"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony..."*

*Thank God for all the players like Kaká. Ask God to give them the courage to boldly proclaim what they believe in, like Kaká did. Pray that the Christian testimony of Kaká and others like him will be used to bring people to Christ. Pray that God would also use them to bring other players to Christ. Pray for all the players protection.*

**Be blessed as you pray & spread the good tidings of the gospel of Jesus Christ!!!**

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

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