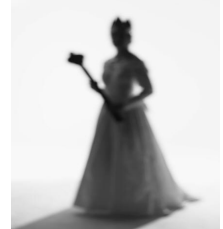


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"And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

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 ...

I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (Mat. 16:18)

We are increasingly confronted with news about restrictive laws against Christians in various countries, but we also hear about wonderful testimonies of God moving in unprecedented ways.

Bratislava, Slovakia: What happens when a city unites to pray 24-7-365? When young people are calling the various churches to join together to pray non-stop for a whole year? The Slovakian capital Bratislava is six months into just such a crazy prayer experiment. Peter Cernak reports. "God gave me a vision for a year of prayer where Christians from all churches and communities would be invited to participate," he said. "At first I was intimidated by the idea. But when we began to spread the vision throughout the churches, the response was positive and every denomination got onboard. We took the plunge and launched 24-7-365 in September 2007. So far we've prayed together for more than 4,000 hours and God has been speaking to us. I think God is calling us to three things: passion to love God and the world around us; expectation to ask the Lord what His plans are for our town and nation and for faith to act; and to unite in prayer. We can't wait to see what our Father will do in the next six months."

Romania: Revival of prayer among young people

"We are seeing a genuine revival among young people in Central-East Europe," reports Romanian prayer leader Ioan Peia. "There is a radical call among the young generation to spend time with the Lord and see his glory. Ten years ago the Lord started to raise an army of watchmen all across Central Eastern Europe, who are on fire for Him and entered into prophetic intercession. In Romania there have been 16 national prayer and fasting conferences over the past two years. All over the nation the young are coming to pray for hours and days," Peia says. "There is a fire burning inside them, there is the power of the Holy Spirit in sharing the Gospel and there is harvesting."

A national youth meeting planned for March 30 and April 1 is expected to draw 5,000 participants from across the nation. Thousands of local churches will join forces in two large evangelistic crusades in May and June.

Worldwide: Christians read their Bibles in 90 days

Approximately 100,000 Christians joining in the Global Day of Prayer on Pentecost Sunday and the ten days of prayer and fasting preceding this 'largest prayer gathering ever', will also read their Bible cover-to-cover in 90 days following this event. Global Day of Prayer initiator Graham Power, a businessman from South Africa, writes: "Let's repossess that what the enemy has stolen: let us read the Word, pray the Word and serve God's people practically as God directs us in Scripture. Globally there is a firm belief that a new day is dawning. We need to move into a deeper intimacy with God if we want to see the nations of the world transformed. We need a new and fresh revelation of God." The Bible reading schedule which can be downloaded at www.globaldayofprayer.com is based on one hour reading per day.

(Source: www.joelnews.org)

The Middle East: The God of the Bible is moving powerfully in the Middle East to draw men, women and children to Him in record numbers. More Muslims have come to faith in Christ in the decade than at any other time in human history. In **Afghanistan** there were only 17 known evangelical Christians before 9/11/2001, now there are well over 10,000. In **Iraq** there were only a handful Muslim converts to Christianity in 1979. Today there are more than 70,000 Iraqi converts to Christianity. In **Egypt** Church leaders report that

more than a million Egyptians have turned to Christ in the last decade. Since the early 1990's more than five million Sudanese have become followers of Christ, despite civil war, genocide and widespread persecution. *Let us praise God for what is happening in His Church and rejoice in the God we serve. Pray that these prayer movements will spread into neighbouring countries. Pray for these converts from a Muslim background who often experience rejection and persecution from their families and communities. Trust the Lord for a new generation of Christian leaders who will fearlessly follow Christ Jesus. Let us pray for a spiritual awakening when people read the Bible.*

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. (Hab.2:14)

Nation ... Zimbabwe

"...the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses." (Daniet 4:32)

Urgent prayer request for Zimbabwe elections: 29 March

Most of us know about the serious situation in Zimbabwe and the suffering of its people. We as Christians around the world need to stand before God's throne to pray for grace and mercy for that nation. It is clear that only a divine intervention can bring change in that nation. Let us pray with hope and faith when we pray - *"It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely seek him."* (Heb.11:6)

Please let us not under estimate the situation in Zimbabwe. There is a very real potential that violence can break out during and after the election and that will cause much bloodshed.

There is ample evidence from history that God changed nations in answer to prayer. We have seen this in Kenya recently, in South Africa in 1994, then in Liberia, Ivory Coast, Hungary, Sudan and many others. *Let us pray for every form of corruption and tampering with the votes to be exposed.*

Let us pray for God's peace to reign in the nation from now until the elections and also afterwards.

Pray that God will fulfil his purposes with that nation and that the church in Zimbabwe will take their place before the throne of grace and that God will help them at His right time.

Pray for economic and social restoration of the whole country.

Pray for the church to move forward in unity and much wisdom and that they will understand their times and know what to do. In 1 Tim.2:1-4 we are taught that we must pray for governments and all in positions of authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and it pleases God our Saviour, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

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God is a just judge and God is angry with the wicked every day. (Ps.7:11)

Testimony

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.24:14)

In August last year we prayed for the nation of Myanmar (Burma). At that time Buddhist monks lead peaceful demonstrations against the government to protest against rising costs as well as the repressive government. Recently missionaries labouring in this troubled nation have revealed the amazing report of 4,700 Buddhist monks who committed their lives to Christ. Buddhist monks and nuns began inviting Christian missionaries to come and share the gospel in the privacy of their monasteries. Despite the dangers involved, missionaries visited a number of monasteries several times. The majority of these monks are from the dominant Bama people who are normally "very resistant to the gospel." One of the ministries reported that "4,700 Buddhist monks were led to Christ through our ministry. It appears that the Holy Spirit had urged these monks and nuns to call our evangelists to come and share the gospel of hope and love. After several intense discussions, close to 80 percent of the monks present in each of the monasteries raised their hands to accept Christ, and then knelt down to pray and receive Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Baptisms are being done discreetly - no more than three at a time for the sake of the safety of the converts as well as our workers."

(Source: IntercessorsNetwork@Telia.com)

Let us praise God for His faithfulness in answering our prayers. Pray for those new converts for wisdom and spiritual strength. Let us pray with more faith and passion for more conversions in Myanmar and other countries.

"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest." (Matt.9:37)

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

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