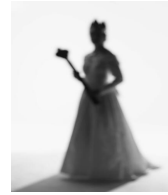


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"And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this"
Esther 4:14b

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 - Challenges the Church face

That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, Col. 1:10

The challenges of today's church are many and it is difficult to define which are the most ominous. But its greatest malady usually boils down to two chronic impediments.

1) Compromise with the standards of the world. Unfortunately, the modern church seems to have been more influenced by society, rather than society being affected by the church. The church has become more and more like the world. It has sought to be popular and acceptable to society, and in doing so, it has compromised its standards of morality and holiness. Statistics show that the ratio of moral dysfunctions among professing Christians closely parallel that of secular society. Domestic violence, drug abuse, alcoholism, sexual immorality and promiscuity are commonly found among churchgoers. The Christian divorce rate reached the same level as that of secular marriages.

(2) Apathy toward its mission in the world. By and large, the modern church world has become mostly occupied with what God can do for them, rather than remembering their mission to reach the lost for Christ. We live in a very self-centered society, and rarely see churches and believers laying aside their selfish interests to serve the Lord's interests. Only a tiny percentage of Christians ever attempt to share their faith with others. *(Extracts from "What people ask about the Church"© by Dale A. Robbins, 1995, a publication of Victorious Publications, Grass Valley, CA 95949.)*

Pray that the Church worldwide will be salt to the earth and a light to the world.(Matt.5:13-15) Pray that the Church will walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. (Col.1:10) Pray that we as the Church of God will not be ashamed to share the gospel with other people so that they can be saved.(Rom.1:16)

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. Mark 16:15-16

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers,Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse. (Mal.4:6)

One of the primary concerns regarding the breakdown of the married, two-parent family is the impact on children. More than 30 years of social science research indicates that children do best when raised by their married mother and father. Equally revealing is the research on the impact to children when the father-mother structure breaks down. Whether through divorce, cohabitation or same-sex "marriage," (Focus on the family)

Pray that Christian parents will take up the responsibility to teach their children Biblical principals through their daily example and that they will see themselves as 'separated' from the world's standards. Ask God to re-establish the trust in relationships between parents and children. Pray that the Church will speak out against issues like same-sex marriages from a Biblical perspective.

NATION- Pakistan

Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake, awake, sing a song! Judges 5:7

Anticipation for Pakistan's first large Christian Women's Leadership Conference is building as over 5000 women are expected to gather, during the first week of March, in Karachi for an historic event - a conference for Christian women who want to grow in their capacity as leaders. YWAM Pakistan Chairman, Zafar Francis, opened the YWAM Pakistan training centre in Karachi in 2008 and is thrilled to pioneer this groundbreaking event. "I am hoping our Pakistani women will realise their worth before God and move into the leadership roles He has designed for them in our nation and beyond," Zafar reports. "Some of our best students are ladies! They understand children, the elderly, their communities. They are used to hard work and have faced many difficulties. A new generation of more educated Christian ladies in particular are eager, through God, to change their nation for the good. We want to assist them to engage with the social and spiritual realities that create poverty and suffering. They are the future for the transformation of cities and for the relief and development we long to see take place in impoverished communities and tribes around the nation." (Intercessors Network)

Praise God for initiatives like these to empower women spiritually in a country where they are traditionally not excepted as equal. Pray that the Lord will achieve His purposes with this conference. Pray for God's protection over the women attending the conference.

THE LOST

Over 10% of North Korea's population of 22 million have been starved to death in the past decade because of acute food shortages caused by natural disasters and economic mismanagement. The totalitarian state also stands accused of systematic human rights abuses. Reports of torture, public executions, slave labour, and forced abortions in prison camps have emerged. A US-based rights group has estimated that there are up to 200,000 political prisoners in North Korea. Subsequently 250,000 North Korean refugees have fled to reside as illegal immigrants in China with hopes of gaining asylum in free countries. Countless North Korean children have been orphaned; many are enslaved, abused, homeless, starving, sick, or living in dangerous circumstances. The tragedy and suffering they have endured is inestimable. (BBC News)

Trust God for the salvation of those thousands facing death without Christ. Pray that the Church worldwide will intercede with the heart of God for these suffering people. Please pray for all North Korean children to be rescued from the powers of darkness; that God would bring about a mighty deliverance so that this entire generation will live, have hope and a future and know His love.

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

TESTIMONY: NORTH KOREA

Roli, a veteran missionary of more than 100 missions into North Korea testifies: "When we gather together we close all of the windows and all of the blinds and we send all of the children outside. You cannot gather with many people ... maybe three or four. "We pray together, we sing praises, and then we read John 3:16-18. We also read I Corinthians 1:18-26. Roli knows the risks are high: four of her Christian friends so far have been executed because of their witness. She was arrested herself, and has spent time in the prison camps. "When I first started this work I was nervous and I would be afraid and when I came back I would say, 'This is dangerous work' and 'I am not going to do it anymore.' But when I think of the people in North Korea I change my mind and I decide to go back again," she said. Roli's trips into North Korea, where she's developed an extensive network of house meeting locations, have shown her that no level of repression will kill the Christian spirit. "People are less afraid. (Christians) are becoming bolder to share the gospel. Many people are coming to faith." (Voice of the Martyrs)

Thank God for people like Roli who are willing to risk their lives for the sake of the gospel. Pray that many more Christians will take up the Great Commission and bring the gospel of salvation in Christ to the lost. Ask God for committed Christians who will go into the mission fields of the world and if not going themselves will be senders and intercessors for missionaries. Trust God that the Church will say like Paul "the love of Christ constrains us" knowing that Christ also died for those who have not heard.

Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 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.24:9-14)

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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