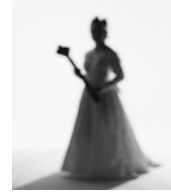


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“And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this”
Esther 4:14b

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.

WORLDWIDE FINANCIAL CRISIS

As the year 2008 draws to a close we are facing the worst global financial crisis since the Great Depression. The international financial markets around us continue to tumble and countries like the US, UK, Japan, Singapore and the Eurozone are slipping into recession. The fear of a global meltdown has begun to haunt people everywhere. What should be a joyous time of celebrating the birth of Christ our Savior, with our loved ones has indeed for many, become a time of great uncertainty and pain. Many face unemployment as job cuts sweeps the globe.

Ps 37:25” I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.”

Pray for the people and especially the Christians in your country to put their trust not in their possessions or jobs, but in God. Pray that God would use these difficult times to bring backslidden Christians back to serve and trust Him fully. Pray that Christians all over the world will once again realize and celebrate the true meaning of CHRISTMAS! Pray that the Christian’s focus will be on Christ and not on the presents. Pray that Christians all over the world will be the hands and feet of Jesus, by serving their communities during the Christmas season.

PONDER THIS... Elijah and the widow of Zarephath

1kings 17:8-9 and 14-16 “Then the word of the LORD came to him; Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food.... For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.’ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.”

The word: “Zarephath” means a “crucible” or “smelting place.” The name is probably more than coincidental because God is shaping Elijah through this event. Going to Zarephath required Elijah to travel right through Israel (where Ahab was hunting for him), and into Sidon (right in the heart of Baal country). Along with the command, God gives Elijah a PROMISE. He will provide for him through a widow there. Elijah responded in FAITH. He trusts God’s promise to provide for him by obeying his command to go to Zarephath. What follows is fascinating and instructive. Elijah teaches the widow (who is probably a Baal-worshiper), how to relate to God. Thus, in addition to experiencing the FULFILLMENT of God’s promise, he also influences the woman toward faith in God. So through these two events, Elijah learns that God will provide for him and protect him. Elijah also learns that God is superior to Baal. Finally, he learns that God will work through him to influence others toward Him. These are exactly the things Elijah will need when God sends him to square off against Ahab and the whole Baal-worship system on Mt. Carmel. Elijah had no knowledge at this point that God would call on him to do this—but God knew, and he was carefully preparing him for it. <http://www.xenos.org/teachings/ot/otfigures/elijah1.htm> At this difficult time of great financial uncertainty, where many Christians are being ‘smelted’, pray that they would endure. Pray that people would see that the Christians in your community and country are different because of their unmovable faith in God and His provision. Pray that because of that many will turn to faith in Christ. Pray that God will work through the Christians in your community and nation to influence others toward Him.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Globally millions of people are facing unemployment. Many people are having their dreams dashed as the financial pressures mount, and bills start piling up. Job loss is one of the highest stress-causing events in life. It not only has a profound effect upon one's emotional well-being, but also on the family. It is individuals who are unemployed, but families suffer the cost of unemployment. In times of unemployment, other issues start to impact. Increased physical and mental health issues emerge. Self-esteem is lowered. Depression and suicide increases. Increased tensions in relationships can appear creating instability and at times even violence. www.atikokanprogress.ca **Pray for all the families in your nation affected by the financial crisis. Pray especially for those families where the bread winners have lost their jobs. Pray for God's peace and guidance over those families. Pray that God would open up other avenues of provision and work. Pray that people would spend their money wisely and not go into debt over the Christmas season.**

NATION- U.S.A.

The USA is a unique global superpower. Decisions made in America's politics, economics and its armed forces echo across the world. On the shoulders of a 47-year-old first-term senator, with the power of inspiration yet no real executive experience, now falls the responsibility of prosecuting two wars, protecting the nation from terrorist threat and stitching back together a shredded economy. **Pray for the US President Elect Barack Obama and the government in all the decisions they make each day. Pray for the safety of Mr. Obama & his family.**

In the last century the United States has sent out more missionaries than any other country, impacting every nation on earth. 35% of all foreign missionaries are American. **Pray that these missionaries would be able to work in partnership with local churches.** The 5.4million Jews living in America are the largest concentration of Jewish people in the world. It is estimated that 10% of the people in New York are Jewish. More and more Jews are giving their lives to Jesus. **Pray for the salvation of Jews in America.** Many Afro-American churches are isolated from mainstream white churches. **Pray that the Holy Spirit would bring a spiritual unity across churches that go deeper than race and culture.** America is home to some of the world's most successful entrepreneurs, but 35 million American citizens live below the poverty line The economic crisis is affecting the entire world- not just the USA- pray for God's favor upon His children. **Pray that God will reveal new inventive ideas, solutions & businesses to Christians that will be an answer to economic problems.** www.24-7prayer.com

TESTIMONY -In crisis, Wall street turns to Prayer

Tony Carnes is based in New York City and a senior writer for Christianity Today. Following is part of the article he posted on the 19th of September on the Politically Concerned Christians, website: The turmoil in New York's financial markets triggered a spiritual response among Christian leaders reminiscent of the response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Cell phone text messages quickly spread calls to prayer. On Monday, Christians on Wall Street set up special prayer meetings for the week. First came the special prayer conference calls on Monday and Tuesday nights. Then, starting Wednesday, extraordinary prayer meetings were scheduled at Merrill Lynch, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup, Morgan Stanley, Deloitte, and elsewhere. Pastors began planning to gather for a sidewalk prayer meeting outside of the stock exchange. Mac Pier of the New York Leadership Centre says that some Christians in NYC hope that God can use the crisis for good. Pier says, "God can use this situation as he did in the 1857 Layman's Prayer Revival that started on Wall Street to draw people to a fresh recognition of our absolute dependence on his grace and love." Mike Faulkner, pastor of New Horizon Church, says, "Honestly, I am praying God will bring healing and revival." He recalls how during the 1930s Wall Street crash, Central Baptist Church on Manhattan housed people who had lost their homes. "The church should be available in every way for people on Wall Street who maybe didn't think much about God before."

Harry Tucker, a long time strategic adviser to Wall Street executives, believes that God has put "us in crisis to grow our courage." Tucker says the tough times return people to foundational principles: "On the street these principles don't resonate when the gravy train is running." The vice chair of a Wall Street investment firm observes the struggle within himself: "You come into this environment and it sucks it out of you. You know, I am often repentant because I realize, man, I just ... I never say and do stuff like this outside this environment on Wall Street." For him, the crisis is also a cleansing. One chief operating officer says that maybe Christian faith can stand out as a light of compassion and truth. "We should not be intimidated by the magnitude of the darkness of the times, but [should] realize how quickly the light stands out in all that darkness. We need to turn around and realize that one match lights up all of Shea Stadium when it is pitch black. If Christians walk like Christians, we can do it. Prayer, first of all. So before any general ledger closes, we should pray over the books." http://www.politically-concerned-christians.org/wall_street_turns_prayer.htm **Thank God for testimonies like these!**

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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