

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 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... An ordinary woman

“But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; His kingdom will never end.” Luke 1vs30-33

As we enter the Christmas season, we enter a wonderful time of celebrating our Savior’s birth. We celebrate God’s grace extended to mankind. As women, let us look at Mary the mother of our Savior. There was nothing particularly unusual about Mary. She was not from a wealthy or illustrious family. When the angel appeared to this young teenage girl, she was engaged to be married and was undoubtedly doing what engaged girls do—dreaming of being married to Joseph, of the home they would live in, of the family they would have. I don’t believe she was expecting her life to be used in any extraordinary way. The significance of Mary’s life was not based on any of the things our world values so highly—background, physical beauty, intelligence, education, natural gifts and abilities. It was Mary’s relationship with Jesus that gave her life significance. “The Lord is with you,” the angel told her (Luke 1:28). That is what made all the difference in this young woman’s life. And it is what makes all the difference in our lives. God did not choose this young woman because she was worthy of the honor of being the mother of the Savior. The angel said to Mary, “Greetings, you who are highly favored!” (v. 28, emphasis added). That phrase could be translated, “you who are graciously accepted.” If any of us is to be accepted by God, it will be because of grace—not because of anything we have done. It’s all because of grace. Over and over again in Scripture, we see that God chooses people who are undeserving. God didn’t look down from heaven and say, “I see a woman who has something to offer Me; I think I’ll use her.” Mary did not deserve to be used by God; to the contrary, she marveled at God’s grace in choosing her. The moment we cease to see ourselves as undeserving instruments, chances are we will cease to be useful in the hand of God. (<http://www.reviveourhearts.com/pdf/uploads/PortraitWomanUsedGod.pdf>) *Spend some time praising and worshipping Him for who He is and for His grace and mercy (Psalm 150:6; Psalm 22:3; Acts 16:25; Psalm 29:2; Exodus 34:14; John 4:23-24) Declare your submission to Him and your willingness to do what He asks. Ask the Lord to help you to go into a deeper relationship with Him. Take time to wait silently before the Lord. Ask the Lord to show you the things that are on His heart that He wants to show you and that you need to pray about. Write down any impressions of what you sense God is saying to you. Write it down in a journal and pray about it.*

FAMILY

One of our greatest needs as women is to become women of the Word, so that our prayers, our responses, and our words are saturated with God’s way of thinking. The world does not need to hear our opinions. When friends approach us for advice about dealing with their children, their boss, their finances, their fears, their depression, or other issues, they don’t need to hear what we think. We should be able to take them to the Word and say, “I don’t have the answers you need, but I know Someone who does. Here’s what God’s Word has to say about this situation.” *Pray that the women of your nation will become women of the Word. Pray that they will have a new hunger and thirst for the Word of God. Pray that they will be rooted and grounded in the Word of God. Pray for many new Bible based Bible studies to start in small groups in your nation. Pray that they would do what the Word of God says in every aspect of their daily lives. Pray that the Word of God would be central in all our families, that our families would start living according to the Word of God. Pray for every Christmas service in churches across the world that God’s Word would be preached anointed by His Holy Spirit. That people who rarely come to church, would be saved and set free by His Word!*

NATIONS

“Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.” Luke 2vs34 - 35

Eight days after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph took the infant to the temple (Luke 2:21-35). Simeon, who had been waiting for the appearance of the Messiah, took the Christ-Child in his arms and blessed Him. Simeon spoke of how the Child would be a sign that would be spoken against—foreshadowing the cross and the suffering He would undergo. Then Simeon looked at Mary and spoke words that she would not fully understand until she stood beneath the cross of her Son 33 years later. On that day she surely remembered Simeon’s words, “A sword will pierce your own soul too” (v. 35). There at Calvary I believe that sword pierced Mary’s soul. As a mother she was losing her Son. She was giving up His life. Even as He laid down His life, she gave up her Son for the salvation and the redemption of the world. Mothers, have you laid down your children for the sake of Christ and His kingdom? How sad it is on occasion to see Christian parents stand in the way of their children laying down their lives for the sake of Christ; And what a joy to see parents who gladly release their children to the will of God. *Pray for all the mothers who give up their sons to go and proclaim the Gospel to the nations. Pray that God would give them faith and courage to release them into what God has called them to do - even if He has called them to give their lives in nations where the gospel is forbidden. Pray that Christian mothers in your nation would release their children to God and trust Him to fulfill the purposes He has for them.*

TESTIMONY - God’s grace in the midst of great darkness

When God puts challenging circumstances in our lives, we either worship or we whine. I am reminded of the children of Israel in the wilderness who murmured incessantly. When Mary’s world was turned topsy-turvy, when she was faced with a drastic change in plans, she responded in worship and praise. “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior” (vv. 46-47). So begins her Magnificat—one of the greatest hymns of praise ever lifted up to heaven. She worshiped God for His wonderful acts, for His mercy, and for choosing her to be a part of His great redemptive plan.

Another woman in our day, whose life was suddenly turned upside down when crime affected her life in a devastating way, is Ina Smit. Like Mary she rose above her circumstances and became a Christ-like example to many others. Here is her testimony...” On the morning of 29 November 2002 when my husband greeted me on his way to the business he helped run for my son, I listened to the inner voice of the Spirit of God and went with him. It was a wonderful day. Late in the afternoon, just before we were to close the shop for the day, it started to rain and there was a storm with lots of thunder and lightning. My husband went outside to see how severe the storm was. I heard what I thought was two loud thunder strikes. The next moment two armed men ran into the office and demanded money and the keys of the vehicles. I could not find the car keys and said to the men that they could get anything they wanted when my husband comes back. The one armed man then took his gun and held it against my back, forcing me to walk outside. When we came outside he kicked me and when I fell I saw my husband lying in a pool of blood on the ground. I crawled to him and called out the Name of Jesus Christ a few times.” I also said, Lord I do not accept this, I speak Your life into him!” I also immediately asked the Lord to forgive these two men because they did not know what they were doing. Suddenly a glorious peace that is beyond description settled all over me. I put my hand on my husband’s shoulder and asked him to speak to me one more time .The next moment I felt how my husband took my hand, I saw his shining face surrounded by a glorious light. He said to me:” I am now ok, you must hold on, I know you can...”I just knew that my husband was in heaven and that just before he died, he saw heaven open, like Stephen in Acts 7:55&56. He saw the Son of God standing on the right hand of God the Father to receive him. Two years later, after the court procedures, I could go to my husband’s murderer and tell him that I forgive him and that he needs to make right with God. Three years after my husband’s death, the Lord sent me another godly husband, my own Boaz. We have been married for 4 years and are very blessed and happy. Recently I told my daughter that her father had to die, for me to realize how great GOD’S GRACE truly is....”

Thank God for what he did for Ina. Pray also for all people in your nation that are affected by violence and crime. Pray for the Lord Jesus Christ to redeem the lives of victims of violence, crime and corruption and to comfort them (Ps.72:14; Hab.1:2; Ezek.34:16). Pray for righteous punishment for those who practice crime, violence and corruption (Zeph.1:9; Prov.21:15; Jer.10:24). Pray for the spirit of fear to be broken and to be replaced with the fear of the Lord (Jer.51:47; 2 Chron.19:7).

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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