

BILLION SOULS REVIVAL PRAYER CALL

**40 Days of Prayer, Fasting & Repentance
6 August – 14 September 2013**

PRAYER GUIDE

2 Chronicles 7:14

A worldwide call for 40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Repentance ending with an International Day of Prayer, Fasting and Repentance on Saturday 14 September (Yom Kippur) 2013.

Four Point Prayer Plan

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

We thank God for all those, from around the world, who have written devotions for these 40 days of prayer, fasting and repentance.

Due to the short time frame that devotions were collected and compiled, there may be a need for further editorial work.

Please contact us if you discover anything that you feel needs our attention. Further updates will be available at www.billionsoulsrevivalprayercall.org .

Thank you.



Introduction

Greetings in the Name of Jesus!

We thank you for your commitment to join with us for these 40 days of prayer, fasting and repentance from Tuesday 6 August to Saturday 14 September 2013 which is an International Day of Repentance. This is also Yom Kippur (Leviticus 23:27) which is the Jewish holy day of repentance and atonement.

The good news is that Jesus Christ is our atoning sacrifice and we can join with him in his ministry of prayer. He is the spotless Lamb of God **“who always lives to intercede”** for us (Hebrews 7:25).

Jesus Christ is our example when it comes to prayer. Jesus began his ministry with 40 days of prayer and fasting. The writer of Hebrews also says, **“During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears”** (Hebrews 5:7). Then in the Gospel of Luke, we read that **“Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up”** (Luke 18:1). So we too encourage you to persist in prayer and follow in His prayerful footsteps.

The foundational verse for this call to prayer is found in 2 Chronicles 7:14.

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The Hebrew word used for humble is *'kana'* which is found in 1 Kings 21:29 where God says when describing Ahab's fasting, **“Have you noticed how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because He has humbled himself, I will not bring this disaster in his day”**. So inherent in the meaning of 2 Chronicles 7:14 is the idea of fasting.

As one Australian pastor says, **“Fasting is aggressive humility.”** God does great things when people pray. God does even greater things when people pray and fast. The story of Esther fasting to save her people is a prime example of this (see Esther 4:16). A great man once said, **“Prayer and fasting shifts nations.”** That is exactly what we want to do as intercessors over these 40 days in partnership with God. Jesus says in Luke 12:32, **“Your Father delights to give you the kingdom.”**

All we are asking is that you commit to pray and that you also engage in some level of fasting over these 40 days. It might be missing one meal a day, fasting one day a week or doing a Daniel Fast which is essentially to go vegetarian (Daniel 10:2).

Outside of these parameters always seek medical advice. Always be wise. Whatever you do decide, give it to God. He will guide you. This is not about works, this is about grace. God looks on the heart and He will hear your prayers.

Please find below our four main prayer points over these 40 days of prayer, fasting and repentance. We invite you to pray them with us as you are led by the Holy Spirit.

1. **Pray for a worldwide outpouring of the Holy Spirit for revival and transformation of the nations of the world.**
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As we were in the planning stages of this Billion Souls Revival Prayer Call, the Lord led us to consider the story of the Prophet Jonah and his 40-day call for repentance given to the people of the great city of Nineveh (Jonah 3:1-5). Repentance is key to the success of this Billion Souls Revival Prayer Call. Repentance must always start with us.

It is our conviction that we should take heart from Jonah's success as we together intercede for the nations of the world to come back to God in a spirit of repentance. Jesus likened his own life to the story of Jonah (Matt 12:40). The good news is that the one who is greater than Jonah (Matt 12:41) is in us and He has paid the price for our sin and the sins of the world. As Jesus said in John 3:16:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Many Bible scholars see this as the greatest verse in the Bible. We would agree with them. This is God's heart. God loves souls (Ezekiel 18:4). That's why we are praying for a billion souls to find Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. We are also believing and praying for a million people to join with us in this prayer call. Hence the catch-cry '**a million for a billion**'!

We thank you again as we partner together to pray through these daily devotions. You can print this document or receive them as daily blogs and then share them with your friends. Register on the [website](#) or the [Facebook](#) page. There you can also post your own comments and prayers. Invite your friends to join you on this journey.

We especially welcome your testimonies during the 40 days as to how God has spoken to you or answered your prayers.

Together we *can* make a difference.

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Devotional for Day 1 - 6 August, 2013

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Intention:

The world is waiting for the church to WAKE UP and call on our God!

Scripture: Jonah 1 (taken from verses 4-12)

A violent storm arose....But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep.

CAPTAIN: How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us, and we will not perish.

CREW: Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us?

JONAH: I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you.

Reflection:

In these days God has been using the story of Jonah to sound a WAKE UP CALL to the Church particularly in the area of prayer. As Jonah was given a responsibility to preach to the city of Nineveh, the Church has been given the responsibility to pray for the people of our cities and nations and especially those who lead them (1 Timothy 2:1-6). And much like Jonah, we have fallen asleep and run away from our responsibility. As a result we find our world experiencing a great storm and the question is echoing across the nations: Who is responsible? Some would say it's the devil's fault...others would blame a particular group or religion. But the story of Jonah speaks to us that we, as God's people, are responsible and it is our fault.

Thankfully, though, as in the story of Jonah, there is HOPE and a second chance! During these 40 days as we WAKE UP and take responsibility (Jonah 1:12) for our prayerlessness, as we cry out day and night from the belly of the whale (Jonah 2:2), and as we turn away from our worthless idols (Jonah 2:8), the Lord who is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love (Jonah 4:2) will hear and respond to our united cry for mercy! The world is waiting!

Prayer:

Father, we honour You as our gracious and compassionate God who is slow to anger and full of unfailing love! We humbly bow before You and confess that we have run away from our responsibility to stand in the gap on behalf of the world and cry out day and night for justice. We also confess the many worthless idols we have run to that have stolen our hearts away from this responsibility to pray. We ask for Your forgiveness and for Your grace to strengthen us to wake up and become the House of Prayer You always had in Your heart for us to be! Amen!

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points as the Lord leads you.

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Devotional for Day 2 - 7 August 2013

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Intention:

Every believer in Christ throughout His Body welcoming Him every day, with zeal, to assist in the process of repentance to be ready as His Bride.

Scripture:

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches (Revelation 3: 19-22 NKJV).

Reflection:

A dear sister in Christ recently told me she has communion with the Lord every morning. How wise! What growth in Christ! Similarly I have begun also each morning to ask the Lord to come into my 'repent room'. I'm asking the Holy Spirit as my Teacher (John 13:13) to show me where to repent. He gently does, revealing old strongholds, generational curses, vows and old baggage that needs to be confessed and renounced in His Name. He promptly forgives me. I abide in Him more intimately. His Joy flows into me.

Prayer:

Yeshua/Jesus in Your Holy Name, we thank You that being Sovereign over all creation that You nonetheless count the hairs on our heads. You, Lord, wish to spend time with us, 'dining' with us in our hearts whenever we open the door to You.

Through Your Holy Spirit show each of us, every day, where we need to repent to become more like You and to be ready as Your Bride.

I ask, Lord, that from this day on You awaken me, my family and Your body all over the planet with a zeal to repent to be ready, today, as Your Bride for Your soon return.

I pray this in Your Holy Name. Amen and Amen.

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Devotional for Day 3 - 8 August 2013

David Bereit, 40 Days for Life

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Intention:

Pray that God will awaken in His people a full awareness of the abortion crisis, and that they will respond to His call to “speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.”

Scripture:

Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?" (Proverbs 24:11-12, NIV).

Reflection:

Abortion has become the leading cause of death worldwide, ending the lives of more than 42 million babies every year. More lives are lost annually to abortion than to war, hunger, cardiovascular disease, or AIDS. Every child that dies is precious in God's sight – made in His image and likeness. In addition to the millions of babies who perish, millions of women are harmed each year by abortion. Some are killed by abortions, many are physically scarred, and millions more are wounded emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually.

No different than Christian persecution in China or genocide in Darfur, once we become aware of a grave abuse of human rights anywhere in the world, we can no longer say we didn't know. Lives are at stake, and we are called to respond.

As we pray – and as we work to end the worldwide injustice of abortion – God will hear, and He will move mightily. I have witnessed this first hand. From just one hour of prayer around an old wooden table in Texas, God birthed the 40 Days for Life movement, which has since grown to more than half a million volunteers in 501 cities around the world over the last six years. 7,536 lives have been spared from abortion, 38 abortion facilities have gone out of business, and 83 workers have experienced conversions and quit their jobs in the abortion industry.

All because God's people acknowledged the abortion crisis ... and were willing to rescue those mother and babies at risk.

What can God do through YOU, as you pray – and work – to end abortion?

Prayer:

Lord, help me to see your children as you see them – as precious, unique gifts made in your image and likeness. Break my heart over the loss of these babies through abortion.

Help me resolve today to never be silent when human life is at risk. Help me to do everything I can to rescue those at risk of abortion, and to work until that day when no more women cry, and no more children die from abortion.

I ask this in your most holy name, Amen.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points as the Lord leads you.

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Devotional for Day 4 - 9 August 2013

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Today ***Pray for Mozambique*** finishes 40 days of prayer for their country. The theme of their daily prayers has been 'NOT WAR BUT...REVIVAL FOR MOZAMBIQUE'. This initiative:

- promotes Biblical discipleship, that is, all round growth in Christ-likeness among His followers,
- mobilizes the entire church in the entire nation to take the whole gospel to all persons in Mozambique who are not in the Faith, and
- encourages continuous 24/7 prayer.

Intention:

Idolatry takes what is God's and gives it to Satan!

Scripture:

Little children, keep yourselves from idols (1 John 5:21 NKJV).

Reflection:

We are idolaters when we let any person or thing take the place of God in our heart.

That may be ourselves, friends, parents, spouse, work, ministry, possessions, fame, money, sex, pleasure, the media, culture, fashion, dead relatives, political power, an ideology, technology, religion without Christ, or things such as rivers, mountains, animals, sun, moon, stars, animals, etc. Idolatry includes sorcery, witchcraft, divination, astrology, fortune-telling, initiation to cults, secret societies, and covenants with demons, and many other such practices.

Individuals, families, tribes, whole countries and cultures practice idolatry. It is clear that it is not only the uncivilized tribal peoples that may be guilty of idolatry. 21st century technology driven cultures are no less culpable.

Idolaters declare that they hate God and so provoke His jealousy and anger. It results in curse. It opens the door for Satan to rule. It brings only progressive destruction to those engaged in it as Romans 1:18-32 proves.

Can believers in Christ be guilty of idolatry? Yes! Otherwise why would the New Testament give so many warnings on the subject? I believe that idolatry among professing Christians may be more insulting to God than that practiced by children of disobedience. Idolatry among professing Christians may be the one thing that hinders revival in the world today!

Yet there is hope if we will take this counsel to repent given by James to "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up" (James 4:7-10 NIV).

Prayer:

O God, we kneel before you today in confessing idolatry in our lives. We own up to the many ways we have allowed things, even ministry or church to take Your place in our hearts. Father we do not want to continue to insult You in this. Forgive us. Break down and smash every idol that robs you of your glory. We welcome you to rule in our hearts without any rivals. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

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Devotional for Day 5 - 10 August 2013

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What is revival? Isaiah 44 gives us a beautiful description of what God longs to do for his people and a picture of what revival is like. Revival is like drought breaking rain falling upon a parched and barren land. Within days the brown landscape is turned to lush green.

Scripture:

"For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring,
and my blessing on your descendants.
They will spring up like grass in a meadow,
like poplar trees by flowing streams." (Isaiah 44:3-4 NIV)

Reflection:

This passage tells us three things about revival. First, revival is not worked up but sent down. It doesn't arise from the normal activities of church life. It comes down like rain when God chooses to send it. We can and must prepare the way (like the farmer prepares the soil), but only God can send revival.

Second, revival is not just showers of blessing but a flood. It is a mighty soul-drenching outpouring of his Spirit upon his people. It is God taking over his Church and saturating us with his powerful presence. How else will the streams of living water flow to unbelievers around us? Drawing water from half-empty wells will not do. We need this overwhelming flood to overflow our lives with love for others. This is what happened on the Day of Pentecost. Those first disciples could not contain the love and testimony bubbling up from joy-filled hearts. And this has been the marks of revivals ever since.

Third, revival will always impact youth. This has been a consistent feature of revivals throughout history. Young people have always been at the heart of every great move of God – a rising generation claimed for God.

But for revival to come there are preparations to make. God will not pour out his Spirit on hard and stony hearts. The soil of our hearts must be broken up and made soft and responsive. That's why 2 Chronicles 7:14 calls us to prepare the way through prayer and ongoing repentance. Do you want to be a part of what God is going to do? Then don't wait for someone else. Let God begin with you!

Prayer:

O Father, I come to you now. Search me and know my heart. Remove my heart of stone and give me a heart of flesh. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of my salvation and give me a willing spirit that delights to do your will. In the name of Jesus I pray.

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Devotional for Day 6 – 11 August 2013

Marilyn Rowsome, Billion Souls Revival Prayer Call Team

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Intention:

Prayer with fasting is an expression of repentance.

Scripture:

However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting (Matt 17:21 NKJV).

“Now, therefore,” says the Lord, “Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.” So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm” (Joel 2:12-13 NKJV).

Reflection:

In 1996, American founder of Campus Crusade for Christ International, Bill Bright, wrote, *“I strongly believe that America and much of the world will experience a great spiritual awakening. This Divine visit of the Holy Spirit of heaven will kindle the greatest harvest in the history of the Church. But before God comes in revival power, the Holy Spirit will call millions of Christians to repent, fast and pray for 40 days in the spirit of 2 Chronicles 7:14.”*

Thank you for being one of the million (our goal) who is praying, fasting and repenting during these 40 days. Please share this prayer call with your family, friends and church.

The word ‘fast’ in the Bible refers to the practice of self-denial especially of food. Some translations use the word ‘afflict’ for fasting (Isaiah 58:3,5 KJV). It means ‘weeping and mourning’. We do not think about eating in an emergency or the death of a loved one. Fasting is an expression of anguish and repentance before God. The people of Israel were called together in Solemn Assemblies, often for long periods, in order to search their hearts, confess their sin and repent (Joel 1:14).

Why do we fast during this global prayer call? We ‘afflict’ ourselves to pray more earnestly for our 4 faith goals. We say ‘no’ to our selfish desires and pride and put God first in our lives; we ask him to reveal hidden sins that have crept into our lives just like termites creep into a house and destroy it. Then we confess, grieve and repent.

Charles Stanley, American writer and speaker says, *“The greatest thing a church could have is leaders who fast and pray – not when the church burns down, but in order to get the church on fire....Fasting brings about a supernatural work in our lives.”* How often does your church leadership pray and fast and call the church to do likewise?

We also grieve over sin in our societies and cry out to God for transformation. Arthur Wallis in his book on fasting says *“...when exercised with a pure heart and a right motive, fasting may provide us with a key to unlock doors where other keys have failed; a window opening up new horizons in the unseen world; a spiritual weapon of God’s providing, ‘mighty, to pulling down strongholds.’”* Let us take a firm hold of this key.

Prayer:

God, we confess we have not taken seriously the discipline of fasting as individuals and churches. We have not cried out to you with true anguish of heart. Forgive us Lord. We want to live a new way. Thank you for the challenge you gave me to fast during these 40 days. Help me to remain faithful to this by the power of your Spirit in me. Amen.

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Devotional for Day 7 – 12 August 2013

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Intention:

The unity of the church is the Lord's means for reaching the world and saving souls, and as such this should be the priority of every Christian and especially every leader.

Scripture:

(Father) I pray that (Christians) will all be ONE just as You and I are...so that the world will believe You sent Me (John 17:21 NLT).

...that (Christians) may become ONE and PERFECTLY UNITED, that the world may know... (John 17:23 AMP).

Reflection:

According to the Bible, unity is a necessity for soul-winning. The division and brokenness of the Church in most communities diminishes God's glory, and at best, is seen negatively by most non-Christians. Christians should be able to love one another.

Imagine if pastors and congregations in each community began to seek the welfare of other pastors and congregations above their own. Imagine if pastors and congregations worked together to bring healing to the brokenness of their community.

The average community is unravelling, which manifests in the breakdown of marriages, youth delinquency, drugs, suicide and much more. Our modern communities are full of relational pain. However, only too often many Christians themselves are victims of society's brokenness—including pastors and leaders. Humble pastors and leaders need to begin the journey, through prayer, to bring healing to one another and to the Church of the community.

Only a healed, unified Church is able to heal a broken, divided community. There is something very impacting in seeing dozens of pastors who love one another testifying how they and their families have been strengthened by the love they have received from one another.

As this relational unity grows to touch, heal and impact the congregation members, the love of Christ cannot help overflowing to needy souls all around them.

Christ's prayer is for unity of the Church in order to reach the world. Soul-winners will always be the greatest advocate for the unity of the Church. The greatest prayer of the Bible is the high-priestly prayer of Jesus in John 17, and as such should be our priority prayer because it is our obedience to love one another that provides the answer to the prayer.

Prayer:

Father, teach us to pray in unison with Your Son that we, the Church, may be completed and perfected in unity in each community in our nation. Forgive us for our disunity and division, for our neglect of each other's needs, for the critical words and attitudes against each other. Cleanse us from this proud spirit that elevates myself, my ministry and my congregation above the needs of other Christians in other congregations.

Father, fill us afresh with the loving heart of sacrificial service that unites and heals the Church and overflows to needy communities. Amen.

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Devotional for Day 8 – 13 August 2013

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Intention:

To encourage persistent, hope-filled prayer until the justice of the Lord is seen on the earth.

Scripture:

“Will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly” (Luke 18:7-8 NASB).

Reflection:

Injustice throughout the world has reached monumental proportion. From drug cartels, terrorist organizations, rebel factions and natural disasters, injustice seems to be a common place throughout the earth. If we are not careful, the overwhelming reality of negative circumstances can discourage us from believing that the Lord will hear our prayers and will act with justice.

In Luke 18:7-8, Jesus promises us that when we pray continually and fervently, the Lord will not just hear our prayers but will answer with “quick justice”. Jesus began chapter 18 with a strong exhortation that we should always pray and not lose heart. Discouragement comes easily to all of us when it appears the Lord is not responding with answers to our prayers. 2 Corinthians 1:20 declares that the promises of God through Jesus will be established. We cannot lose heart even as the Lord delays His answers to our petitions.

As we cry out for the great release of the Lord’s justice and the redemption of one billion souls, it is important not to let the circumstances of this unjust world cause our hearts to lose hope. Our God is a God of justice. No one desires justice on the earth more than the Lord. He promises to release His justice as we continue to pray with hope and endurance. Join with us as we continue to pray and not lose heart until we see the justice of the Lord released upon the earth.

Prayer:

God of justice, we pray with faith and fervency. Release your justice on the earth. Exalt the name of Jesus and release the revelation of Your Son to the lost and the destitute. We will continue to cry out day and night until Your justice is seen on the earth. Amen!

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Devotional for Day 9 – 14 August, 2013

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Intention:

To see a world where immorality is an exception rather than the accepted practice seems impossible. However, if we first address the issue within the church, then there is hope for the world.

Scripture:

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people (Ephesians 5:3 NIV).

Reflection:

Statistics tell us that adultery, fornication, pornography, divorce etc. are much the same within the church as they are in the world. This being the case, it is obvious then, that we need to pray for a fresh revelation of holiness to come on our lives. How can we pray with any real authority if our lives are no different from the world? If the sanctifying work of the Spirit has not brought about a transformation of our thinking and behaviour what right do we have to tell the world how they should to behave?

We have been redeemed to be free from sin; forgiven and empowered to live holy lives, which reflect the grace of God. Grace must not be an excuse to live weak immoral lives, but an incentive to rise above worldly standards and with the help of the Holy Spirit live in holiness and godliness, bringing glory to God.

The sexual revolution has certainly impacted the world. Whether it is improper sexual behaviour and relationships between either, male and female, male to male or female to female, it all falls into the one same category of immorality and this damages people's lives.

It is time for a new revolution, and it must begin in the household of faith; a revolt against ungodliness and a return to godly standards of pure and holy lives. There is a better way to live; righteous peace and joy in the Holy Spirit; it's time that we showed the world it is possible.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, may your Kingdom come and your will be done in our lives, that the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit transform and empower us to live pure lives in all godliness, to bring praise and honour to you. Where we have fallen short and sinned against you, we ask for your forgiveness in Jesus' name.

Help us make righteous choices as we choose to obey your Word and not follow the standards of this world. Holy Spirit, help us live sexually pure lives free from perversion in word and in deed. May we truly hate sin and in turn have the courage to pursue righteousness and holiness. Thank you for your grace on our lives. Teach us to walk in true holiness. In Jesus' name, I pray!

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points as the Lord leads you.

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Devotional for Day 10 – 15 August 2013

Carol Stubbs, Tweed Heads, Australia

Former children's worker, now married to Australian Aboriginal leader, Greg.

Intention:

How can you get God to listen to you?

Have you ever thought your prayers didn't make it through the roof, let alone to the throne room of God? Our heavenly Father longs to hear us pour our heart out to him.

Scripture:

We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does his will, God listens to him (John 9:31 ESV).

Reflection:

How do we worship? Every moment of our life is worship to God; all that we say, all that we do, all that we think. Let our conversations be honouring to God. Serving those in need is worshipping God. Taking control of our thoughts is obeying God. Step up and step out, aware of the Holy Spirit's presence, power and protection. Walk in the confidence of the One who lights our path, who loves us and lives in us.

How do we do His will? Do what is right. Think good thoughts. Love God with all our heart, all our emotions and all our will. Love God by obeying Him. The Bible gives us some simple instructions: respect our parents and elders; live in unity with our brothers; love our neighbours and obey God by sharing the gospel with them. If we are honest, many of us have hurdles to overcome right here. Are all our relationships good with our family, friends and neighbours? If not, worship God by doing something about it today. Are we looking for opportunities to share the gospel? Is Jesus such a part of our life that we can't stop talking about Him?

Prayer:

Father, forgive me for failing to obey you. Speak to me and show me where I need to change. Thank you for my family, my friends and my neighbours. I want to love them as you love them and serve them in an attitude of worship to you.

I present my body as a living sacrifice, aware that it is holy and acceptable to you, because of all that Jesus accomplished on the cross for me. I step up and step out into the world today willing to do your will and know that I am empowered by your Holy Spirit. I give you all praise and honour, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points above as the Lord leads you.

- 1. Pray for a worldwide outpouring of the Holy Spirit for revival and transformation of the nations of the world.**
- 2. Pray for a billion people to find Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.**
- 3. Pray for an end to abortion and for God to turn back the tide of death and immorality that is sweeping the nations of the world.**
- 4. Pray for a multiplication of prayer, praise and worship to God across the world as never before, to bring great glory to God.**

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Devotional for Day 11 - 16 August 2013

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Intention:

Be amazed at how God can grow a mighty prayer movement when one man steps out in obedience to God and calls others to unite in prayer and repentance.

Scripture:

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

Reflection:

Today faithful pray-ers around the world will end a season of 101 days of prayer following the Global Day of Prayer (GDOP) 10-1-90 strategy.

In July 2000, South African business man, Graham Power, had a vision to call Christians from all denominations in Cape Town for a Day of Repentance and Prayer and to challenge others across Southern Africa to do the same. Two years later through another vision, this challenge was to be given to the rest of Africa and around the world. In 2004, 56 nations in Africa participated in the first ever continental Day of Repentance and Prayer for Africa. The flame of prayer was burning in Africa!

Through the International Prayer Council the call went out to the nations of the world to participate in the Global Day of Prayer process. On Pentecost Sunday 2009 a miracle happened when the GDOP expanded to 220 countries in the world. Together with the 10 Days leading up to and the 90 Days of Blessing following the GDOP, there was a sense that the call to unity and repentance was deepening. This lay the foundation for God to fill the nations with His glory as His children from around the world cried out to him in unity.

2010 began a new season focusing on increasing the number of gatherings on Pentecost Sunday in smaller settings, such as local churches, family homes and businesses instead of stadiums and assembly halls. As in the first Pentecost, transformed Christians transform their communities as they offer themselves to God as instruments through which their prayers can be answered. The Global Day of Prayer anticipates the forming or furthering of local alliances among pastors, churches, missions and business leaders, to bring practical, transformational blessing to their communities. *This happens when prayer becomes a lifestyle.*

Prayer:

Prayer of blessing from the 90-Day Guide for 17th August.

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points above as the Lord leads you.

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Devotional for Day 12 – 18 August 2013

Anonymous National Prayer Leader

Intention:

Just as an individual needs to deal with sin in his or her life so too do nations. Nations sin when the established laws of that nation run contrary to the Word of God.

Scripture:

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time (1 Timothy 2:1-6 NIV).

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves (Romans 13:1-2 NIV).

Reflection:

God's goal is to bring us into a right relationship with Him. Sin negates that process so in order to restore that relationship we need to repent – or turn and go in the opposite direction to what led us into sin in the first place. As nations we need to consider our ways. Are the laws and statutes of our nation based on the Word of God or have we gone our own way and made laws that accommodate our own desires and thoughts?

Where we have cast off restraint and gone our own way we need to gain a fresh revelation of Jesus and what He wants not only for ourselves as individuals but also for us corporately as nations. We must turn from our wicked ways in order for Him to be able to heal our land. Without repentance we are doomed to continually live outside of God's perfect plan for us as His people. Now is the time to repent.

Prayer:

Father we confess that we have thought that we could live our own lives as we please paying only token recognition of our need for you. Please forgive us for such arrogance and help us to turn our hearts back towards you. Re-fire us with your Holy Spirit and restore a right spirit within us.

As nations we have ignored your word and done as we please. Bring the leaders of our nation to a point of recognising that they do not have the answers, leading them to a humble recognition that your ways are best. Turn the nations back to yourself and let your Word strike deep into the hearts of all the people bringing with it a revival of repentance. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points above as the Lord leads you.

Billions Souls Revival Prayer Call

Devotional for Day 13 – 19 August 2013

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Intention:

Half a billion Muslims in Greater Central Asia (between Turkey and China) are desperate to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. How long do they have to wait?

Scripture:

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:20-23 NIV)

Reflection:

Today people are afraid to go to the really tough places as missionaries—to places that are in the news every day. Places like Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, and all the countries ending with ... 'stan'. Humanly speaking it is understandable, but take a close look at what Jesus said to his disciples:

1. Jesus met his disciples after He rose from the dead. They rejoiced at seeing him, but were also clearly concerned. Jesus quiets their spirits with "Peace be with you."
2. They along with us are to be sent out in the same manner as the Father sent Jesus to earth—also to a rather dangerous place—so Jesus is sending us.
3. We are not sent alone. Jesus breathed upon them and gave them the Holy Spirit. So it is with us too.
4. Most people stop with verse 22, but Jesus goes on to say something absolutely startling in verse 23. "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

It sounds like Jesus is giving us the power to determine whose sins are forgiven!

It is true. Because Christians are not going to the tough mission fields of Central Asia, everyday Muslim's die in their sins. We get to decide whether their sins are forgiven or not by simply staying home or ignoring what Jesus said about the church sending workers.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, please forgive us for being afraid of speaking to Muslims around us or not going to the Muslim world when you call us to go. We dedicate our life to you to use us however you wish. Thrust out more workers for the harvest of souls in the hard places of the world. Amen.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points above as the Lord leads you.

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Devotional for Day 14 – 19 August 2013

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Intention:

God calls people to himself out of a fallen world. For he has a plan for each person's life and is committed to see it come to pass. He never gives up on a person and neither should we.

Scripture:

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, the he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified (Rom 8:28-30, NIV).

Reflection:

God has been in the business of searching for people since the time Adam and Eve were hiding from him in the Garden of Eden. Today He continues his search for all people. Often he does that through us because He wants to straighten out the lives of those who have gone astray and are hiding from him. He does not want anyone to perish.

He alone is the source of life and he wants to lead us into a bright and beautiful future. God as the Creator, know the hurts that we have and all the experiences, good and bad, that we have encountered in life. God is never finished with us. He is always there to mould and shape us so that we can conform more and more to the likeness of his Son Jesus.

Here in Papua New Guinea lives are lost in tribal clashes due to such things as land disputes. There are payback killings over rape and much more. Many crimes are committed because of high unemployment and jails are overflowing. There are social injustices due to corruption in the government. As a result of living in a fallen world, many people are being hurt day by day. The Gospel has been preached throughout the islands and mountains but still many people choose to go their own way. There are many 'skin' only Christians. So there is widespread need for repentance and reconciliation so that this nation can become the paradise that God intended.

Prayer:

God Our Creator, thank you that you created us for yourself and that you love each and every person. Thank you that you did not wipe mankind from the face of the earth when sin entered the human race. Instead you worked out a rescue plan and in the fullness of time you sent your Son Jesus to live amongst us so that we can be reconciled to you. Now that Jesus is seated at your right hand, help us to continue the ministry of reconciliation that he began in the power of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us for our reluctance to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world today. Change us to be like Jesus so we can minister his love to others. Amen.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points above as the Lord leads you.

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Devotional for Day 15 – 20 August 2013

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Intention:

Using familiar verses from Hebrews 12 to discover both what we should pray and how we should pray as we devote ourselves to prayer during this season.

Scripture:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart (Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV).

Reflection:

As we pray, there are some important reminders in these verses to strengthen us.

1. We are not alone! As we pray let us draw encouragement from those whose faith-filled lives, even in times of difficulty and challenge, have reflected the faithfulness of God. May we not grow weary or lose heart as we pray.
2. As we pray ask God to show us the hindrances in our communities, nations and around the globe which create resistance to revival. Pray these hindrances may be thrown off.
3. As we pray ask God that the entangling sin affecting so many lives today may be completely broken and people find freedom in Jesus.
4. And as we pray, let's ask God for a renewed desire to seek Jesus first and let us fix attention on Him. There is so much to distract us. Let us not grow weary or lose heart especially when opposition comes for Jesus has gone before us.
5. Give thanks for Jesus using these verses.

Prayer:

Lord, as we meditate on these verses, we want to say sorry for the times when we have become hindered and entangled with sin. Please set us free.

Please show us how we can pray freedom over our community and nations so that those around us would be free - fixing their eyes on Jesus and seeking Him first.

We thank you for all whose faithfulness has encouraged us and especially we thank you for the example of Jesus Christ. Help us to keep considering Him and learning from His life and from all He **endured for us. In His precious name we pray. Amen.**

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points above as the Lord leads you.

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Devotional for Day 16 – 21 August 2013

Andrew Murray, the South African devotional writer, teacher and pastor (1828-1917)
in acknowledgment of Christian leaders of the past who still speak to us today

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Intention:

The evangelization of the world depends first of all upon a revival of prayer. Deeper than the need for men – aye, deep down at the bottom of our spiritless life, is the need for the forgotten secret of prevailing, worldwide prayer.

Scripture:

And I will fill [them] with a spirit of mercy and a spirit of prayer (Zechariah 12:10 GNT).

Do all this in prayer, asking for God's help. Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God's people (Ephesians 6:18 GNT).

Reflection:

Every child of God has the Holy Spirit in him to pray. God waits to give the Spirit in full measure. Ask for yourself, and all who join, the outpouring of the Spirit of supplication [prayer]. Ask it for your own prayer circle. It is only in the power of the Spirit already in us, acknowledged and yielded to, that we can pray for His fuller manifestation. Say to the Father, it is the Spirit of His Son in you that is urging you to plead His promise.

Pray that our mission work may be done in this spirit – waiting on God, hearing the voice of the Spirit, sending forth men with fasting and prayer (Acts 13:2-4). Pray that in our churches our mission interest and mission work may be in the power of the Holy Spirit and of prayer. It is a Spirit-filled, praying church that will send out Spirit-filled missionaries, mighty in prayer.

Time is one of the chief standards of value. The time we give is a proof of the interest we feel. We need time with God – to realize His presence; wait for Him to make Himself known; to consider and feel the needs we plead for; to take our place in Christ; to pray 'til we can believe that we have received. Take time in prayer, and pray down blessing on the mission work of the church.

Prayer:

Lord of All, I ask that you pour out your Spirit on me and my fellowship that we will be moved to pray. Help us to continue steadfastly in mighty prevailing prayer for worldwide revival. Too often our praying is replaced by activities and busyness in our lives and in our fellowships. Forgive us for our prayerlessness and our carelessness with your Word. We repent of self-effort and selfishness that makes us depend on worldly strategies or the flesh. Help us to pray in the power of your Holy Spirit using the sword of the Spirit. We give ourselves wholeheartedly to your ways for your work.

We thank you for the acceleration of mighty global, national and local prayer movements in the last few decades. We declare now a multiplication of prayer, praise and worship to you, as never before, throughout the earth, that will bring great glory to your name. In Jesus name. Amen.

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Devotional for Day 17 – 22 August 2013

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Intention:

God wants to transform entire communities – not just individuals. He can change desperate situations that seem impossible to us.

Scripture:

If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain... or if I send pestilence among My people, and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:13-14 NASB).

Reflection:

Sins such as idolatry, bloodshed, and broken covenants defile the land – literally. But if we repent and return to God He promises to heal the land – literally.

In Almolonga, Guatemala, villagers had worshiped an idol for 500 years. Many men were alcoholics who beat their wives and did not provide for their families. Drunks slept in the streets and jailors sent their overflow to surrounding prisons. Today, 88% of villagers are Christians, priests have taken their idol elsewhere, and all four jails closed – no longer needed. Parents teach children to work hard, and the village prospers. Even in drought, moist soil in Almolonga produces giant vegetables which villagers sell to several countries.

Desperate Christians in Manchester, Kentucky began to pray together, repent, and, at God's direction, they marched against drugs and corruption. 22 corrupt officials were jailed. Churches work together with government agencies to rehabilitate young people from drugs, and funerals of young people are no longer common. Even the land is being healed. The ecology has changed so black bear, Rocky Mountain elk, wild turkeys, and large fish now supplement the diet of the poor.

Desperation is a common element in these stories of contemporary transformation. Christians set aside differences of doctrine and practice to pray together and then obeyed what He showed them to do.

Prayer:

Lord, may Your kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Thank you Your fire has fallen in communities in our lifetime, with many saved & restored, the land healed, and social structures and governments dramatically changed.

Forgive our complacency with less than You desire for our lives, families, communities, and nations. Give us Your heart for the lost. Teach us what to pray and do. Increase our hunger to spend time in Your presence and Your Word. Help us learn to hear Your voice. Do not let us be satisfied until we see Your glory. In Jesus' name.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points above as the Lord leads you.

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Devotional for Day 18 – 23 August 2013

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Intention:

We, as the people of God, need to know and use our power and authority over evil that was given to us by Jesus.

Scripture:

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you (Luke 10:19 NIV).

Reflection:

Spiritually speaking, life is a battlefield. Most of the battles that we fight are not “of the flesh”, meaning they don’t have to do with things in the natural, but instead, they are spiritual battles (Ephesians 6:12).

As soldiers of Christ, God gives us spiritual armour and weapons (Ephesians 6:13-18) and he gives us the power to use them. In this passage in Luke, serpents and scorpions are symbolic of evil spirits. No matter what we face, we can be encouraged that through Christ, we have authority and dominion over every negative influence and all spiritual powers that we encounter. Jesus has given us authority “to overcome all the power of the enemy”.

In India we face many challenges - over 600 million people live in deep poverty, Christian workers face persecution in some districts, sexual immorality has resulted in a HIV/AIDS epidemic, the caste system holds people in bondage, child labour is increasing, youth are growing up without hope and over 1 billion are without Christ. There are so many strongholds that we need to address in the power and authority of Jesus.

So church leaders and members, now is the time to stand in the gap and resist the devil (James 4:7) in the power and authority that Jesus has given the people of God. In these 40 days we must straighten our armour and sharpen our weapons and enter the battlefield for the saving of a billion souls.

Prayer:

Dear God, I thank you for the victorious life, death, resurrection and glorious ascension of Jesus that has brought me into a right relationship with you. I pray that your presence will be strong in my life and that I will minister to those in need with the power and authority of Jesus. May my life bring glory to you.

Forgive me for times I have allowed fear or lack of willingness to cause me to shrink back from the spiritual battle. I pray that your power be made manifest in my life and that, in the name of Jesus, I will demolish strongholds of the enemy. Thank you for the confidence of knowing that you are for me and are always with me. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points above as the Lord leads you.

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Devotional for Day 19 – 24 August 2013

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Intention:

That we might truly enter into God's provided rest.

Scripture:

There remains then, a Sabbath rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience (Hebrews 4:9-11 NIV).

Reflection:

The author of Hebrews spends the entire fourth chapter dealing with the Sabbath rest of the people of God. In verse 10 he writes, "...for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work." As we rest from our works, God's work is highlighted and He receives all the glory and praise. We enter into His rest, which is not a cessation of activity on our part, but an awareness that we are called to allow God's work to progress within us. To make it simple, it means going back to the words of Jesus in John 15:5, "Apart from Me, you can do nothing."

We need to repent, because we have not entered God's rest. We have tried to build our own kingdoms, in our own strength, and somehow procure our own salvation. We repent and rest, and when we move away from God's rest, we repent again and move back into God's rest.

This, Isaiah says, is our salvation...depending upon the saving power of Christ and His continued work within us.

Prayer:

Lord, I thank you for providing an eternal rest for us. Even now, on this earth, you invite us into that rest. Forgive me for not staying there with you in that resting place. I so often try to do your work in my own strength. I repent! I turn from dependence upon self and turn completely to you.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points above as the Lord leads you.

- 1. Pray for a worldwide outpouring of the Holy Spirit for revival and transformation of the nations of the world.**
- 2. Pray for a billion people to find Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.**
- 3. Pray for an end to abortion and for God to turn back the tide of death and immorality that is sweeping the nations of the world.**
- 4. Pray for a multiplication of prayer, praise and worship to God across the world as never before, to bring great glory to God.**

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Devotional for Day 20 – 25 August 2013

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Intention:

Prayers can't be answered unless they are prayed.

Scripture:

So he said to his disciples, "The harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in. Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest (Matthew 9:37-38 GNT).

Reflection:

I found this old poem in my files, and it is so true:

"A life without a purpose is barren indeed
THERE CAN'T BE A HARVEST UNLESS YOU PLANT SEEDS
There can't be attainment unless there's a goal
And man's but a robot unless there's a soul
If we send no ships out, no ships will come in
and unless there's a contest, nobody can win
For games can't be won unless they are played
AND PRAYERS CAN'T BE ANSWERED UNLESS THEY ARE PRAYED."

Billy Graham once said, "To get nations back on their feet, we must first get down on our knees". And Max Lucado writes, "God's power is unleashed when God's people pray." Can I urge you then to pray to the Lord of the harvest for a billion people to find Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour? For when we pray we CAN EXPECT GOD TO ANSWER OUR PRAYERS. We can be sure that he wants to answer our prayers but we need to pray!

Prayer:

Lord of the Harvest, please forgive us of our prayerlessness. I pray that you will raise up a prayer army throughout the nations of the world. Call many more people into this army so we will see a great harvest of souls throughout the nations of the earth.

MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME AND YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points as the Lord leads you.

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Devotional for Day 21 – 26 August 2013

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Intention:

God is calling on us to pray effectively.

Scripture:

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and never become discouraged (Luke 18:1 GNT).

Reflection:

The parable of the persistent widow told by Jesus (Luke 18:1-8) presents us with helpful insights on effective intercession.

The woman comes from a lower status. She had no name in the society. She had no money to pay a lawyer. She had nothing to show. She was completely desperate. The woman had no possibility of a solution to her case except the judge. Likewise effective prayer comes from a desperate person. She was someone with no possibility of a solution elsewhere except from God. Effective prayer presents a believer with his vulnerability and his weaknesses before God. Effective prayer overcomes all forms of self-sufficiency. It comes from a person who empties himself of dependence on his own knowledge and abilities to allow the Spirit of God take over his prayers (Romans 8:26-27). Through such effective prayer, God receives all the glory. In this kind of prayer, He has no competitor.

The woman was denied justice on several attempts, but she was not put off. She kept on knocking on the door of this wicked judge and kept pleading with him. Effective prayer does not give up on God. Unlike this wicked judge, we have a caring and listening Heavenly Father. Though, at times, according to His most Holy and Wise Counsel, He does not answer outright but helps us develop a relationship with Him. He does so to help shift us from being transactional in our approach to being relational. Jesus connects the persistence of this woman with her faith and says to his disciples, "Now, will God not judge in favor of his own people who cry to him day and night for help?" (Luke 18:7 GNT) Effective prayer focuses faith on Christ, not on us.

Prayer:

Father, we thank you that you are a loving and caring God! We humbly present ourselves as we are. We confess all forms of self-sufficiency in our praying and our lack of desperation. We allow you to take over. Redirect us and help us overcome all slowness and slackness. We ask you to help us pray with persistence in the power of the Holy Spirit! In Jesus' name. Amen!

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points as the Lord leads you.

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Devotional for Day 22 – 27 August 2013

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Intention:

In the beginning God made the heavens, the earth and people. He made everything beautiful. He was and is delighted with what he has made.

Scripture:

A voice crying in the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low, the uneven ground shall become level and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed (Isaiah 40:3-5 NRSV).

Reflection:

When God created the world His intention was clear. It was to be filled with people who would tend and care for the glorious diversity of nature. Humbly and willingly serving our Maker in this way all would live in peace with Him and each other.

How far we have strayed. Made so beautiful in His image we have torn down His forests, tainted His refreshing atmosphere and polluted His seas and rivers. Yet all this pales into insignificance at what has happened to our souls and minds. The dirt of this fallen world has filled the hearts of His people, blinding us to His will, causing greed, corruption and selfishness. Instead of beauty we see injustice, poverty, slavery, and lawlessness. The grace and joy of life is stained with the grime of our sin.

Yet He loves us with an unending, caring devotion. The LORD has not given up on this world or its people and neither should we. What He began in creation He will bring to completion. He longs to forgive, renew our hearts and minds and bring us into his will. How joyful He will be when we are all working together to bring into being the kingdom that was His original intention for the world.

Prayer:

Mighty and wonderful God, we have fallen so far and failed so pitifully. Forgive us we pray about the part we have played in allowing this beautiful world to sink so low. Forgive us for the unborn lives lost through abortion, the pure lives crippled by abuse, the honest lives warped by corruption, the healthy lives ruined by drugs. Forgive us for the poverty, starvation, death and decay we see all around us. May we become instrumental in bringing renewal to the world. We ask this, oh Lord not because we are good, but because you are faithful. Amen.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points above as the Lord leads you.

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Devotional for Day 23 – 28 August 2013

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Intention:

Seeing through the smoke.

Scripture:

Now the appointed sign between the men of Israel and the men in ambush was that they would make a great cloud of smoke rise from the city (Judges 20:38 NASV).

Reflection:

In the Bible smoke is a symbol of a blinding power in times of change for good or evil (for example, when the Lord descended on Mount Sinai to give Moses the 10 commandments in Exodus 19:17-20:26).

As challenges continue to pummel the news of the nations with record rains, floods, tornadoes and more, it is like fires filling the atmosphere with smoke. A supernatural smoke-screen confrontation is being released with a fervent cry of the desperate behind it saying, "Lord give me eyes to see and ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church."

Today we are in a critical time of cleansing and shift. Yes, fire and smoke is all over the news! But can we see beyond it into God's heavenly purposes? Though our circumstances may not seem like they are changing, God is making a way in the spiritual realm. Manifestation will come if we keep our eyes fixed on Him. It is an hour to move beyond the smoke-screens of news, disappointments, discouragement, rejections in our lives, and cling to the promises in the Word of God.

We are in an hour when the spirit of Elijah is rising up to restore all things (Matthew 17:11). In the midst of the destruction, can we see that God is at work in our circumstances today? Will the spirit of Elijah rise up within us to see that which has been taken, stolen, lost or destroyed even over centuries, now be restored? Can we see through the smoke-screens around us into the heavenly realms to call forth and not let go of heaven's purposes until we see them come to pass?

Prayer:

Thank you God that you are calling us, as your people, to see your redemptive purposes and will through the smoke-screens of life and to cling to your promises until we see them fulfilled. Forgive us for the times when we have allowed the smoke-screen to throw us off track. You are raising up a NEW army with RENEWED strength, focus, fervor and vigor for the hour we are in. In the midst of the smoke of our lives, help us to press in to you. Thank you that the light of your Word and your promises are waiting for us. Amen.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points above as the Lord leads you.

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Devotional for Day 24 – 29 August 2013

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Intention:

Our sensitive repentance is an imperative in our passionate pursuit of intimacy with God. He draws us gently and encompasses us completely.

Scripture:

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God (Matthew 5:8 NIV).

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matt 11:25-30 NIV)

Reflection:

In the aspects in which we are pure hearted, we glimpse God's perspective.

The more pure hearted we become, the more we see God. It is our Father's will that we know Him as His sons and it is our privilege, through grace, to repent from everything that separates us from Him. When we rest deeply in the wholeness, the gentle lowly light and ease of who God is, we become like Him. All obstacles, all that separates us from Him, all that is not love, in us, dissolves. Then, others can see their Father and be drawn to His loving kindness.

Prayer:

You are my Beloved. All I am I offer you. Consume me, that only purity remain as my gift to you, Jesus, that this beloved world might see you and know you as Lord and Saviour. Convict us with repentance, worldwide, so the nations may be transformed into abundant life that brings glory to you.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points as the Lord leads you.

- 1. Pray for a worldwide outpouring of the Holy Spirit for revival and transformation of the nations of the world.**
- 2. Pray for a billion people to find Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.**
- 3. Pray for an end to abortion and for God to turn back the tide of death and immorality that is sweeping the nations of the world.**
- 4. Pray for a multiplication of prayer, praise and worship to God across the world as never before, to bring great glory to God.**

Billions Souls Revival Prayer Call

Devotional for Day 25 – 30 August 2013

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Intention:

Let us remember that our prayers are already based on Biblical promises of assured victory!

Scripture:

And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly Romans 16:20 (NKJV).

Reflection:

Satan will be crushed. God will do it, but not without us, for under our feet he will be shattered. Clearly, there will be a final, global fulfilment of this prophecy at the end of the age. But within the overall context of Romans 16:17-20, it is likely that Paul was referring to a partial, local fulfilment in Rome as well. He had just finished describing the divisions, false doctrines and deceptions that were invading the church at Rome, and Paul seemed to be attributing these assaults not just to wicked men but to Satan himself. Through His Church, though, God would enforce His power, authority and victory over the accuser.

If our mission is to exalt the Lord everywhere we go, then certainly we will be enforcing the devil's defeat everywhere our feet step as well. Thus let us crush with confidence! Years ago we led a prayer team from IHOP and YWAM to Culiacan, a city in Mexico. We stayed in a cheap, dirty hotel in a ghetto part of the city. On our last morning there, one of the missionaries with YWAM was walking by the owner of the hotel, and in that moment he heard the Lord say, "It's time." So he and two others started talking with her.

She said that she had reached a point of desperation, was on the verge of losing the hotel due to financial problems, and also sensed a deep need in her life spiritually. She mentioned that the fifth floor of the hotel was haunted by evil spirits, and the previous day she was in a room on that floor. Suddenly, she felt a hand brush up against her neck and pull her hair. Knowing that it was a demon, she was very afraid. At the same time, though not a Christian, she knew she needed help from God and actually cried out to Him in that moment. After hearing her story, the three missionaries shared the gospel with her, and afterwards she prayed with them to receive Jesus into her life. Truly our assignment in the nations is "to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God" (Acts 26:18 NKJV).

Prayer:

Lord, you are highly exalted, far above all principalities and powers and might and dominion. All authority in heaven and on earth is yours. We are calling upon you today to stretch forth your hand of power and deliver those imprisoned in darkness. Set those free who are trapped in the abortion industry, in sex trafficking, in false religions and false ideologies. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points above as the Lord leads you.

Billions of Souls Revival Prayer Call

Devotional for Day 26 – 31 August 2013

Margaret Whyte Dravikula of Scotland and Fiji, formerly missionary in the South Pacific.

Intention:

Who is there to stand in the gap and intercede for the nations, for the poor and needy and the unborn?

Scripture:

I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. (Ezekiel 22:30 NIV)

Reflection:

In the days of Ezekiel, God was looking for a godly leader who could stand in the gap and intercede for the people. Jeremiah had a similar search and could not find one (Jeremiah 5:1-6). Isaiah also failed to find an intercessor. Isaiah laments that “The Lord looked and was displeased that there was no justice. He saw that there was no-one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene” (Isaiah 59:15-16 NIV).

Praying makes a difference. Prayer changed the dynamic and invites the Lord to get involved. Prayer opens the gates, the windows and the doors for the Lord to act. We may feel like our small prayers do not count for much. But one righteous person standing in the gap could have saved Jerusalem from destruction (Jeremiah 5:1).

Standing in the gap is more than praying for those who have not yet heard the gospel. As Isaiah 59:15 shows, intercession is also about interceding for social justice. This was one area where Israel went wrong. They did not stand in the gap for the poor and needy and they oppressed the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow (Ezekiel 22:7).

Intercessory prayer is not passive, it is active. When our heart breaks for the nations who are dying to a lost eternity, when we live alongside those in need and see their poverty, when we think of the unborn children not given a chance to live, we can stand in the gap. We can make a difference. We can pray.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you that when we come to you in honest prayer on behalf of others that you hear. Help us to deeply feel the needs of the nations, spiritually and physically. Help us to get alongside and stand in the gap for those who need you and are born into cultures who have never heard the good news. We also pray for those who need justice and relief from poverty and crippling debt, for those suffering hunger, disease, war and famine. We intercede for the widows, the orphans and the fatherless and for those who have never had a chance to live. We invite you to act on their behalf. Thank you for hearing our prayer. Amen.

We end the month of August today and enter into September for the final 14 days of our prayer and fasting with repentance.

There are a number of prayer initiatives in September that begin this week.

- 2 Sept – 40 days of Prayer and Repentance in the UK - see [Saints in the Stadium](#)
- 4 Sept – 22 days of International Prayer for Jewish People begins – see [Jewish Prayer Focus](#)

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Devotional for Day 27 – 1 September 2013

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Intention:

Jesus prayed a prayer for the unity of all believers, the children of God. What should be our response to His prayer for oneness?

Scripture:

I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me (John 17:20-21 NKJV).

Reflection:

The biggest challenge for the Church today is how we might become one united family under one God, just as our God is an undivided Body of the Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Jesus' prayer in John 17 indicates that He desires that all believers on earth be included in the beautiful oneness of the family of God, their heavenly Father. The Bible describes the beauty of the unity of a family in Psalm 133:1, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity".

I believe the reason why Jesus was lifted up on the cross was to gather all his children together under the grace of the Father God. It is the declaration that God Himself has completely removed all the barriers that prevent God's children from coming close to His house. The biggest barrier was sin and guilt. This then caused barriers like brokenness in human relationships; divisions and hatred among God's people caused by their sins and unforgiveness toward one another. The cross is the declaration by God Himself that He has accepted all His children by forgiving their transgressions by paying the price for our sins.

Therefore Jesus' prayer for oneness means we need to accept one another as we come into the Father's house. Jesus has done His part of the oneness prayer by giving up His own life on the cross. Now it's our turn to do our part. That is to nail our pride, our ego, our own agendas, our hurts and wounds on the cross in order to die with Jesus and experience a new life of unity with all God's children.

Jesus prayed, "that they also may be one in Us." Yes, the Father will answer this prayer and we, as believers, will become one and will be in His love and embrace.

Prayer:

Father, we thank you that you have forgiven all our sins by allowing Jesus Christ to die on the cross. We believe Jesus paid the price for our sins against you, which was too big for us to pay with anything we have. And yet, we see the little debts of our brothers and sisters and find it difficult to forgive. We see the little differences of our brothers' opinions of the interpretation of Bible verses and stand apart from each other. Therefore, we are divided and do not experience the power and beauty of the oneness of the God's family. Father, we repent and turn to you and your heart of grace and love. Help us in our weakness. We are poor in heart. Come and help us with your Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Devotional for Day 28 – 2 September 2013

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Intention:

As Christians living within a dark culture that promotes death, we need to move our light out from under the basket. We need to move from the shadows into the light of God's truth.

Scripture:

Give glory to the LORD your God, before he causes darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while you look for light, he turns it into the shadow of death, and makes it gross darkness (Jeremiah 13:16 KJV).

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me (Psalm 23:4 KJV).

Reflection:

DEATH...to some it sounds so finite, scary and dark. In our 'Culture of Death' life is not highly valued. Through abortion, our culture seeks to exalt personal 'convenience' over the life of another. Through euthanasia it seeks to rid itself of the weakest among us. Through marriage re-definition, it seeks to remove the life potential that comes from the union of a man and a woman.

Jesus came so we can have LIFE and have it more ABUNDANTLY (John 10:10). So it is not enough to say Jesus came to bring us LIFE - He came to bring us LIFE in ABUNDANCE.

If you want to see the Devil's fingerprints on society...look for death in a life lived with no abundance but instead with 'paucity' (or poverty). What does this look like? Mother Teresa said it well: "*It is poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish.*"

Truly, the Church has been the 'Walking Dead' in terms of our societal apathy to this mindset. We have elevated one individual's life over the significance of another. This is the exact opposite mindset of the Christian life which should seek to consider oneself as less important than another and to pour out oneself in sacrifice to God, family and society.

LIFE...Christ uses the parable of a seed dying in order to release the potential for many seeds (John 12:24). Once we give our human secularist mindset over to God, He will take the horror from death and turn it into a sprouting seed for new LIFE. Darkness and death must flee in the face of the Son and His promise for newness. For the repentant Christian...it's time die!

Prayer:

Lord, please keep our hearts pure before You as we read of these sins. Fill our hearts with mercy for "they know not what they do". We know too that we are all equally in sin without Your saving grace. But we join with You, Lord, in grieving over these sins, and we minister to You in Your grief as our Elohim God, Creator and Giver of all life.

Heavenly Father, please lead us in Your way in dismantling the labyrinths of Satan in our laws and culture. We repent for the sins of these lawless ones Lord, and ask that You bind every demonic power and cleanse and redeem us all with the blood of Jesus.

Please turn the hearts of everyone back to You, Lord, by the power of Your Holy Spirit. May the spiritually blind see, the spiritually deaf hear, the spiritually lame walk, and the spiritually dead be resurrected into New Life. Amen.

Billions of Souls Revival Prayer Call

Devotional for Day 29 – 3 September 2013

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Intention:

Pray that we would boldly declare the truth of God's Word when contending for a culture of life.

Scripture:

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NIV).

Reflection:

In contending for a culture of life, on issues such as abortion, Christians have had some limited success in using the appeals of secular society or the world. There are the different declarations of the United Nations which can sometimes win the day. There also is a growing body of medical research and scientific discoveries which can be used in different battles. Secular social sciences too sometimes can be used to support the Christian view on life issues.

While we can rejoice in every victory that seems to push back a culture of death we must realise that written agreements and reasoned arguments by themselves won't ultimately transform society the way that we want. What do we do if the UN changes its position or makes other conventions that promote a culture of death? What do we do with hardened hearts and minds that refuse to believe that God is real and that human life is sacred?

The above passage assures us that God's mighty weapons are available to us as we contend for a culture of life. We need spiritual weapons to demolish spiritual strongholds. These include God's Word, prayer in the name of Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit, faith, hope and love. These weapons can break down proud human arguments against God that keep people from seeing God's truth.

In all our contending for a culture of life we must prayerfully and unashamedly declare the unchangeable truth that "God created man in his own image" (Genesis 1:27). The declaration that every human being has intrinsic and equal value in the eyes of God is key to our victory.

Prayer:

Loving Heavenly Father, thank you that you created human beings in your own image so that we could live in a right relationship with you. Your Word declares that we are your workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works (Ephesians 2:10). And so we want to honour you as our Creator with lives that are pleasing to you. Forgive us for our reluctance or embarrassment to declare the truth of your Word as we contend for a culture of life. Instead, may we put on the full armour of God, boldly praying in the Spirit, while using your Word the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:10-18). Help us to take our stand against the spiritual forces of evil of this dark world as we contend for a culture of life. In the mighty name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Billions Souls Revival Prayer Call

Devotional for Day 30 – 4 September 2013

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Intention:

Jesus valued the individual who was in need – so must we.

Scripture:

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him (Mark 10:49-51 NIV).

Reflection:

As the Body of Christ, we have a common future and identity. This involves welcoming others, forgiving one another, humbling ourselves, becoming less—not claiming superiority over another. Our identity and future show we have the same feelings and are unified in following the Father's plans. It includes understanding our different cultures and helping each other—becoming open to others and doing what Jesus would have done.

The story of Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52), teaches us many lessons about evangelization, fellowship, integrity, and solidarity. Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?"

Jesus showed he valued humanity by being available. The blind man's answer, "I want to see," was his response, and he was healed. It was a miracle of Jesus; his faith healed him. He decided to follow Jesus and there was transformation.

Jesus' method was to open up to the needs of the other person. Faced with Bartimaeus' cry, Jesus stopped, asked for him to be called, and asked the question, "What do you want me to do for you?" All these actions value *the individual*—not a method, ideology, or doctrine. Jesus simply appealed to fellowship, opened up, and showed interest in the other person. This is because fellowship, cooperation, integrity, and solidarity are about sharing life and valuing the other person.

Often, we do not want to ask, "What do you want me to do for you?" We are afraid the person will ask us something unexpected, or worse, something we do not want to give or do. Asking questions causes instability and discomfort. We prefer to be in control and manage our agendas.

Bartimaeus was an outcast. He was considered a sinner, excluded from the covenant, excluded economically, excluded from the appreciation and esteem of others due to his blindness. Mark attributed value to him by stating his name. He was not a nameless beggar. This was very significant. We must learn the way Jesus responded to each person's need.

Prayer:

Father, thank you that you see us not only as peoples but as individuals. Your Word declares that you have engraved us on the palms of your hands and that even the very hairs on our head are numbered. Thank you that Jesus, as the exact representation of your being, showed this same love for people. Help us to follow the example of Jesus in responding to needy, often neglected and rejected, people as individuals. Forgive us for our preoccupation with big crowds and big statistics at the expense of the individual. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Billions Souls Revival Prayer Call

Devotional for Day 31 – 5 September 2013

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Intention:

God can choose to send a great revival quickly when His people obediently pray and proclaim His truth.

Scripture:

Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city--a visit required three days. On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. (Jonah 3:3-5 NIV).

Reflection:

When God planned a revival for the Gentile city of Nineveh, the first thing He did was look for a person He could work through. Jonah was that one so God shared His plan with him.

However, Jonah was not happy with this plan. Perhaps he protested, "Lord, destroying Nineveh is more reasonable than saving Nineveh. If Nineveh prospers, then the Israelites will perish." So, Jonah arose to flee from the presence of the Lord by ship to Tarshish. God had a passion for Nineveh and chased Jonah in order to fulfil His plan.

Jonah found himself in the belly of a great fish and submitted to the plan of God. After that something amazing happened. Jonah went into the city and on the first day began to proclaim the destruction that God would bring in 40 days (verse 3). Surprisingly, the people of Nineveh repented and turned their hearts toward God. Even the king of Nineveh heard about this amazing event, and he publicly proclaimed a fast throughout the country. Great transformation started in Nineveh.

Yes, revival belongs to God. But the question is, who is going to submit to God's will and pray? Compare the time of God's preparation for Jonah to pray for the revival to the time when revival really did happen. Revival was not difficult for God, but it was the matter of finding that one person fully submitted to God's will and ready to pray and proclaim.

Today, God is able to save people and bring revival, even in just one day. However, who is going to pray and submit to His will? That is the question.

Prayer:

Lord God, we pray for revival in the great cities of our day. You're looking for your 'Jonahs' to use them to bring revival today, as you did in Nineveh. Please forgive us for any times we have wished that judgment and destruction would come upon sinful people and wicked cities. We believe you are a merciful God who desires that none should perish. We believe that you have the power to bring revival even quickly as in Nineveh. So we ask you to do that in our day around the world. In your great mercy we ask you to do that today. Amen.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points as the Lord leads you.

Billion Souls Revival Prayer Call

Devotional for Day 32 – 6 September 2013

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Intention:

We know that He hears us.

Scripture:

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him (1 John 5:14-15 ESV).

Reflection:

He hears.

A Chinese hymn says, “Softly, softly listening. He is softly, softly listening. My Shepherd knows my voice.”

Our Shepherd is bending down to his lamb, our Dad leaning in to hear his child’s requests. He focuses his attention on us. No static obscures our voice. We don’t need to shout. As we ask according to His will, our Heavenly Father hears us.

We listen.

The hymn continues, “Softly, softly, listen. I will softly, softly listen. I turn my ear to hear my Lord’s voice.”

We quietly tune our hearts into the whispers of Scripture that the Spirit breathes. This allows us to move into the place of praying ‘according to his will’. We can pray confidently using God’s own words, raising the souls of those he has laid on our hearts—though we may never have seen their faces—to the throne.

He answers.

“He is the Great Shepherd, the Lord of Life. My whole life I will follow my Lord’s voice.” The hymn rises to this triumphant conclusion.

The One we petition is no tin pot ruler, no wizard of tricks, but the Author of Life in whom all things hold together. We can fully rely on his ability, confident that ‘we have the requests we have asked of him’. We have been given a blank cheque on an unlimited account. One billion souls are not beyond his power to save, nor corrupt national systems beyond his power to change. Ask big. He hears. He answers.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, Great Shepherd of the sheep, we thank you for hearing us. Please guide us now to pray according to your will. Please bring in the sheep still outside your fold. Jesus gave his life for them, that they may also follow your voice. You are well able to do this. We praise you for hearing and answering these prayers, which we bring in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points as the Lord leads you.

Billions Souls Revival Prayer Call

Devotional for Day 33 – 7 September 2013

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Intention:

We need to turn totally to God then cry out for revival.

Scripture:

Samuel said to the people of Israel, "If you are going to turn to the Lord with all your hearts, you must get rid of all the foreign gods and the images of the goddess Astarte. Dedicate yourselves completely to the LORD and worship only him, and he will rescue you from the power of the Philistines." So the Israelites got rid of their idols of Baal and Astarte, and worshiped only the LORD (1 Samuel 7:3-4 GNT).

Reflection:

After truly turning to God, Samuel cried out to God and the Lord thundered from heaven. The only cry of the wicked that God hears is that of repentance, and once we have repented then he honours our desired petitions. It is time to repent and cry out to God.

I feel the message of grace has been compromised and some of the Church has gone into apostasy. The fear of the Lord, righteousness and holiness is no longer encouraged and much of the Church is living like the rest of the world. This happens when teachers insist that grace makes no demands for righteous works, ignoring that we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works (Ephesians 2:10).

Jesus Christ refused Satan's offer of the world's kingdoms and their glory in exchange for God's worship. It's a shame to see our Church today giving in to this offer. A craving for physical pleasure, pride in our achievements and possessions and the glory of this world have corrupted the Church.

We, the Church, must first completely return to the Lord and cut off any ungodly association that we have made with the world. There can't be victory outside the camp when there's defeat within the camp.

Revival is only possible on the condition that the Church admits her backslidden state and repents and turns away completely from it. When REVIVAL comes to the Church, others will be affected. Many will respond positively to the gospel of Jesus Christ for salvation.

Prayer:

Our Heavenly and Merciful Father, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled. We have turned away from following you with all our heart, our mind and our strength. O Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame. In our pursuit of world riches, honour and glory we have fallen into temptation. We have witnessed disasters come on us yet we have not sought your favour, O Lord our God, by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth. Now, Lord our God, who bought us by the precious blood of your son, Jesus Christ, hear our prayers. O Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O God, do not delay, because your Church and your people bear your name, the name **JESUS CHRIST**. AMEN!

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points as the Lord leads you.

Billions of Souls Revival Prayer Call

Devotional for Day 34 – 8 September 2013

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Intention:

To ask for God's help in the breaking of unbelief in our hearts, in our churches and across the body of Christ worldwide and to increase our faith to see His Glory revealed across the nations.

Scripture:

Jesus said to her (Martha) "did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the Glory of God" (John 11:40 NIV).

Reflection:

We thank God for all that He is doing around the world today. However from a Westernised Church view we have to confess that a root of unbelief has taken hold both inside and outside the Church that has led, and is increasingly leading, to the rejection of God and His Word. The fruit of this root is an increased godlessness and wickedness that is affecting individuals, families and communities in every area of society.

Throughout scripture we are told of the consequences of unbelief. Deuteronomy 2 tells us that the Israelites could not enter the Promised Land because they did not believe God. Jesus could do no miracles in His own town because of unbelief.

However as unbelief breaks God's heart, so faith pleases and thrills His heart. As today as we pray, we pray with thanksgiving and with faith. Today Jesus comes to us and says, "do not be afraid, only believe". If together we can believe, then we shall see the Glory of God, for that Glory will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

As we pray let us remember that we are saved by faith, justified by faith, we live by faith and we walk by faith.

Prayer:

Father it is Your will that none should perish but that all should come to know You. As we pray to You in faith today, we do so in worship and thanksgiving and in the knowledge and belief that You hear our cry and that in Your wrath you will remember mercy. Today we declare that as we believe, we shall see the Glory of God in our nation and the nations in our time. Amen

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points above as the Lord leads you.

- 1. Pray for a worldwide outpouring of the Holy Spirit for revival and transformation of the nations of the world.**
- 2. Pray for a billion people to find Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.**
- 3. Pray for an end to abortion and for God to turn back the tide of death and immorality that is sweeping the nations of the world.**
- 4. Pray for a multiplication of prayer, praise and worship to God across the world as never before, to bring great glory to God.**

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Devotional for Day 35 – 9 September 2013

from a lady missionary serving long-term in a restricted access area in Asia

Intention:

As Jesus, while on earth, only ever did what He saw the Father doing, so we need to be doing exactly what we see Jesus doing.

Scripture:

Let us run the race that is before us and never give up. We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way and the sin that so easily holds us back. Let us look only to Jesus, the One who began our faith and who makes it perfect (Hebrews 12:1-2 New Century Version).

Reflection:

As a young Christian, I really wanted to know God's plan for my life, but was confused about how to find it. Yes, from the Bible I learned valuable principles for life, but nothing seemed to fit my own circumstances.

Then I received the single piece of advice that has kept me on the Way (who is Jesus, after all!) for more than 30 years now: If you do not have a vision for what to do with your life, then make it your vision to be like Jesus. Then He can take you anywhere, and have you do everything that He wants.

You know, the craziest things happen when we get radical instead of just reasonable in fixing our eyes on Jesus, learning in our weak and fumbling way to love, think and act like Him.

- Maybe a relative will be happily surprised when we say something nice about someone instead of criticising.
- Or the police officers will ask "Why?" when they see you chatting with a homeless person - and listen to your answer.
- You might get news that a stranger you shared your testimony with ten years ago believed in Christ as a result and is now on a foreign mission field.
- People from a different ethnic group are suddenly eager to befriend and listen to you when you adopt their meal-time customs.

I still have so far to go in learning to be like Jesus, but those things are just a few encouragements I have received along the way so far.

Prayer:

Almighty and loving Father, We thank You for bringing us into Your great family. Thank you for making Yourself small enough for us to see You in Jesus who came to live amongst us. Please forgive us for all the times we have been 'reasonable' in our following You instead of simply believing and accepting that You mean what You say. Help us simply to fix our eyes on Jesus, to do what we see Him do; to desire praise from You more than praise from the world. We ask in His name. Amen.

Billions of Souls Revival Prayer Call

Devotional for Day 36 – 10 September 2013

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Intention:

Over 1.8 billion people or 27.9% of the world's population have almost no access to see or hear the gospel within their own culture. These groups are known as "unreached."

Scripture:

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" (Romans 10:14 NIV)

Reflection:

God's heart is that none should perish and Jesus died that whosoever believes might receive everlasting life. Yet in today's world, over one in four people do not have the opportunity to hear that good news! Why? Huge barriers of geography, language, politics, and culture stand in the way. Sometimes believers nearby are simply unaware or unconcerned about the need of unreached groups because the groups are isolated from the society as a whole where they live.

Jesus commanded His disciples to ask the Lord of the Harvest to thrust forth laborers; we can obey that command and see our world transformed by the power of His love. Let's repent of our fear or hesitation to obey His commands and to be fruitful disciples that multiply other obedient disciples from our own home towns to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

Prayer:

Father, forgive me for my reluctance and fear to be a bold witness to those around me. Give me Your heart of love for every person, even those I would consider enemies. Help me to truly grow up to fully be like Jesus and to reproduce other obedient disciples who do likewise. Help me to recognize the hearts of those around me that the Holy Spirit has prepared to hear and respond to the gospel. Use me to share in appropriate ways and at appropriate times. Give much fruit that remains for Your glory and transforms my community and the world. Thank You that it's never too late to sow the seeds of the Word of God and to be Your hands and feet to my world! For Your glory among the nations, and in His Matchless Name I pray, Amen!

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Billion Souls Revival Prayer Call

Devotional for Day 37 – 11 September 2013

John Robb, International Prayer Council and Children in Prayer movement

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11 September marks a special day in the USA. Today Christians across that nation will join together for two prayer events – [National Day of Prayer and Repentance](#) and [Cry Out America](#). Let us offer special prayer for them today as they seek the Lord for their nation at this crucial time.

Intention:

We need to teach children to hear the voice of God so that they may change the spiritual climate in their families, in their schools and even in their nations.

Scripture:

“Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them. For the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these” (Matthew 19:14 NASB).

Reflection:

We know that it was the boy Samuel who clearly heard the voice of the Father, but it was Eli, the High Priest, who guided him in understanding and encouraged him in obedience. Today parents, teachers and adults all carry the responsibility to provide opportunities and guidance for the next generation to grow in prayer and intimacy with God.

The church no longer needs to entertain this generation; they are crying out to be trained as worship leaders, intercessors and evangelists.

Teaching children to hear the voice of God is an important part of discipling this generation. It takes discipline and practice but as they listen they begin to recognise their Father’s voice and learn to follow Him. Obedience to God’s Word is a vital step in the preparation of a spiritual army and children are eager to ask forgiveness from their peers, to do acts of repentance and to change the spiritual climate in their schools, families and even their nations.

And the stories just keep on coming in from around the globe, as an ever increasing number of children join the most remarkable prayer awakening in the Church in recorded history. Could this be the “Third Great Awakening” taking place in our time?

Now it is our time to prepare the way, to make the path straight, to give this generation the support and encouragement they need to fulfil their God-given destiny.

Prayer:

Our Loving Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of children and all the love, joy and blessing they bring into our lives. Forgive us for leaving them aside when we are too busy for them or underestimating their capacity to hear from you and be used by you for your holy plans and purposes in the world today.

Thank you for the many children’s prayer movements that you have raised up around the world in these last days and how they are having a great impact for the Kingdom of God. Help us to disciple the next generation even from their infancy and early childhood that they may learn how to hear your voice so that they may truly know you and be channels of your love to lost and dying world. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points as the Lord leads you.

Billion Souls Revival Prayer Call

Devotional for Day 38 – 12 September 2013

Warwick Marsh, National Day of Prayer and Fasting, Australia
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Intention:

To share in God's grief and love and allow that grief and love to spur us to prayer and action.

Scripture:

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart... The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence (Genesis 6:5-6, 11 KJV).

Reflection:

I often think of these verses in Genesis and how God's heart was grieved when he looked upon the earth which was full of violence and wickedness because every imagination of man's heart was evil.

I remember the first time I saw the Movie '[The Silent Scream](#)' in 1985 which was narrated by former abortionist, [Bernard Nathanson](#), who had himself committed 60,000 abortions.

I was so grief-stricken I went up to a mountain that overlooks Wollongong and cried for 2 hours. That movie showed an abortion on ultrasound. You could see the baby trying to get away from the suction tube on the screen. I could not imagine the evil that had so filled our hearts that we, the world over, could legalise such a barbaric practice. Worse still was that this terminal act of violence was conducted against the most innocent and defenceless of human beings.

The womb has now become the most dangerous place for a human being to exist. Each year [44 million children](#) suffer this terminal act of violence. Only four babies out of five make it out of the womb alive. In the three minutes it has taken you read this devotion, another [240 babies](#) have been killed.

So let us join together in asking God for forgiveness and cleansing for our silence as Christians on this issue and for the healing of our land. The Billions Souls Revival Prayer Call is an 'imagination for righteousness' because we can make a difference when we pray together.

Prayer:

Father in Heaven, you love us and you are not willing that anyone should perish. You are grieved with our violence and wickedness. We are made in your image and we should not destroy each other - much less the innocent children that are yet to be born. Lord forgive us for the sin of silence. Bring an end to abortion and turn back the tide of death and immorality that is sweeping the nations of the world. In Jesus' Name. Amen!

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points as the Lord leads you.

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Devotional for Day 39 – 13 September 2013

Daniel Lim, International House of Prayer Kansas City

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Intention:

To embrace the compassionate heart of Jesus and His vision for the harvest

Scripture:

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. **Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest** (Matthew 9:35-38 NKJV).

Reflection:

Prayer and the works of the great commission are two inseparable realities in the heart of God. Jesus' vision for the lost multitude produced a deep compassion and cry within His being. Out of the depths of His heart, came one of the most gracious commandments; the commandment "to pray". Through this event in Matthew 9, we received the revelation of another crucial name of God; i.e. the Lord of the Harvest. Our Lord is the Lord of the Harvest. He always set His eyes on the harvest and has all the strategy for the harvest, including the power, the time and the personnel.

He simply commanded us to identify with His compassionate heart for the lost and to enter into the pre-eminent works of prayer; works of prayer that produce more labourers in the harvest fields. The burden for a billion souls to be harvested into His glorious kingdom is burning in His heart. We need to catch that fire through prayer and active participation with the Holy Spirit in the works of the harvest. When we pray "Lord of the Harvest, send forth labourers", often we become the answer to our prayers. We become the sent one along with others who are sent.

Prayer:

Lord of the Harvest, the harvest is so plentiful but the labourers are so few. Lord of the Harvest, send forth labourers from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth, from the ends of the earth back to Jerusalem. Send forth labourers with all kinds of spiritual gifts. Here am I, send me too. In Jesus name, Amen!

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The International Day of Repentance

(Yom Kippur, Israel's National Day of Atonement)

Devotional for Day 40 – 14 September 2013

Pastor Jeffrey Daly, National Day of Repentance
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Intention:

I ask, Lord, on this International Day of Prayer, Fasting and Repentance that you cleanse our consciences from dead works to serve You more intimately and with the zeal and joy of an overcomer.

Scripture:

For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Hebrews 9:13-14 (NKJV).

Reflection:

Today is a huge day in the body of Christ in many nations. Thousands, taking time to be alone with the Lord; praying with the Holy Spirit's loving guidance; "afflicting our souls" (Leviticus 23: 26-32) will seek and will receive forgiveness from the Lord for a laundry list of past sins, old strongholds, outdated inner vows, and generational curses.

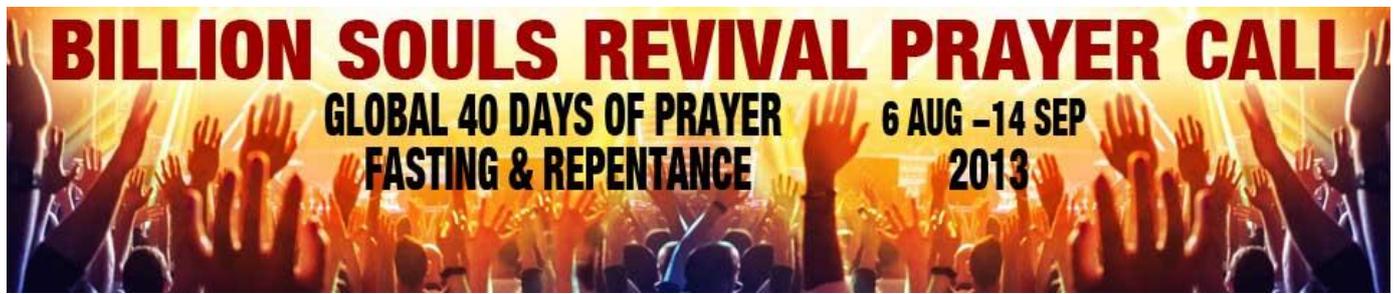
We all have these "dead works" and they have weighed down our service to Him to advance His Kingdom. Repentance is a real change in life's direction away from the flesh and the world towards His Purity. Today, and every day, thanks to the Lord's perfect blood, is a day to become a clean vessel of the Holy Spirit, to repent, to become an overcomer, soon to sit with Him on His throne as He also overcame and now sits with His Father on His throne. (Revelation 3:19-21).

As we individually renounce the "dead works" we all carry around with us, He restores our souls (Psalm 23:3); and intimacy with the Lord and His joy always follows repentance. As the power of repentance catches on, lukewarmness in the body will dissipate; apostasy will be confronted; new believers will come into the Kingdom; unity in the body of Christ will increase. A growing remnant within the Bride will continue to awaken, more and more ready to meet the soon-returning Bridegroom. And repentance will be received as a common practice. We will serve the living God with fresh zeal for the power of repentance to change our lives and advance the godly destiny of our nations.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, if one very reluctant man, Jonah, could trigger massive repentance in a wicked pagan nation, causing You, Lord, to relent from the disaster that You said You would bring upon them (Jonah 3: 10), we pray today that the outpouring of repentance in Your body on this holy Day of Atonement will please You and will awaken Your Bride to be ready for Your soon coming. I pray this in Your Holy Name, Lord Jesus. Amen and amen. "

Continue in prayer using the 4 prayer points as the Lord leads you.



What Next?

PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE END OF THE 40 DAYS!

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- **Send us your testimonies as to how the Lord has spoken to you and how your prayers have been answered. Use the links below.**
- **Send us any feedback or suggestions.**
- **Contact the prayer and mission networks mentioned in this Prayer Guide to learn more and develop prayer partnerships.**

We thank God for you and will be looking forward to hearing from you!

Together we can be confident that our prayers have made a difference.

Warwick Marsh & David and Marilyn Rowsome
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