

VHIM- 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting, Jan. 9-29, 2023

We are aligning our hearts with God's Word in Isaiah 58:6-12 as we Pray corporately for the release of the captives, freedom for the crushed and mistreated, and for breaking every yoke of bondage.

DAY ONE JAN 9

JESUS IS GOD

John 1:14; Hebrews 1:13; Colossians. 1:15-20

Jesus, "the one and only," is worthy of our worship and exaltation.

Let us magnify Jesus today as we begin our **Prayer**, exalting Him for His acts of creation, His all-surpassing power, and unrivaled beauty and greatness.

God's people joined together to **pray** in greater numbers, and with greater focus, than ever before! Globally on the local, national, and international levels, God's people are **praying** for their communities, for countries and people groups, and critical global issues (like the persecuted Church, world crisis, children at risk, victims of human trafficking, etc.).

VHIM is connecting with others worldwide to **pray** for the country, region, and issues we are passionate about! During this consecration, in addition to our **prayer** requests, we will utilize the Open Doors and Operation World **prayer** calendars as we agree in **prayer** throughout the nations.

A PRAYER FOR UNITY

1. As we seek the Lord's face together in **prayer**, we **pray** that He will draw us closer to Him and each other.
2. May we be strengthened in our inner man, united in the unity of the faith, and delighted to carry out His plans and purposes to His greater glory.
3. **Pray** for the creative work of God that reveals Jesus in our cities, neighborhoods, schools, places of business, halls of government, and marketplaces.
4. Boldly ask Jesus to be present among His Church in glory and power so that we would find sufficiency for all that we need in Him. He alone can author newness and hold all things together.

THE LOST

Pray for the lost souls around you. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the hearts He has opened to receive the Gospel. Ask God to show them His light and save them.

THE WORLD:

The amazing harvest of new believers continues across Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Churches around the world must gain a vision for unreached people. **Pray** that the Church passionately pursues this end!

DAY TWO JAN 10

JESUS IS LORD

Ask, seek and knock today as you approach the Lord for the desires of your heart.

Let us **pray** today in humility, a willing submission to Jesus, Lord of our lives and the head of the Church.

We offer **prayers** of worship that express His worthiness, and we trust Him with our lives.

Jesus said that when He was "lifted up," He would draw all people to Himself (John 12:32). As we lift up Jesus today, let us **pray** for the power of the Holy Spirit to draw people to the beauty, truth, and life that is found only in Jesus.

THE WORLD:

Most of today's least-reached people have not heard the Gospel. Many barriers (geography, language, culture, religion, politics, economics, spiritual darkness) leave them hidden or overlooked. These unreached groups generally will not hear the good news until someone reaches across the barriers to share and demonstrate the love of Christ until a Church grows among them.

Pioneer mission work is hard, expensive, and takes time. It requires great cultural understanding, commitment, and spiritual warfare through **prayer**. Many unreached peoples have small populations, and Christians know little about them because they are so isolated or appear to blend in with larger groups.

- **Pray** and ask God to reveal Jesus to these smaller, more vulnerable groups. When Jesus commissions the Church, He assures the believers of God's power and authority and the presence of the Holy Spirit. The work before us is great but not so vast as the greatness of God, who promises to go with us and empower us.

THE SUTHERLANDS

Prayer requests for Benin and the work of Liberty International Learning Center:

1. Continue to **pray** for the children's outreach. We will restart after the school break on Jan 11th. We **have** been praying for the children and the village of Anagbo. We want to begin doing more outreach to the families and do some more **prayer** walks. **Pray** for discernment, guidance, God's grace, and anointing.
2. **Pray** for unity among us as American (Western) laborers, laborers outside the village, and laborers within the village of Anagbo. We have a multicultural team and need the Holy Spirit's leading to work together. So far, we are doing well, but we are not ignorant of the enemies' devices.
3. **Pray** for our upcoming outreaches: 1) A village library since the children do not have the study books needed for school. 2) A literacy program so that adults can read the Word of God and youth who could not attend school have an opportunity to learn to read and write.
4. **Pray** for the upcoming elections in Benin on 1/7/2023. They will vote for leaders in the government (not the president). **Pray** for peace and safe and democratic elections.

5. Jan 10th is national Voodoo Day; this is a public holiday. Many people will be celebrating, and it will be a spiritually dark day in Benin. **Pray** for Resurrection life for those walking in darkness. Pray they come to the true Light, which gives light to everyone. (John 1:9).
6. **Pray** that the Lord will raise up laborers from within and outside Benin to extend His kingdom in Benin.
7. **Pray** the Lord will raise up laborers for all of Africa and Asia. **Pray** for the overall ministry of Liberty. Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus as we impact communities in all areas of their lives (spiritually, physically, socially, and economically). Blessings to you for your **prayers**.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"
Matthew 25:40

DAY THREE JAN 11

JESUS IS THE CREATOR

PRAYING FOR THOSE AROUND US

Allow God to speak through you today, and remember you bear His image to the world. *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."* Matthew 5:14

PRAYER + REFLECTION

1. Jesus, help me to see Your image in every person I encounter. Awaken my spirit to this all around me.
2. Lord, teach us to be united and practice loving one another so we may transform our communities.
3. Lord, help us reflect Your image to our community, collectively and communally being marked by how we love, serve, sow, and give generously.

INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO PREPARE AND EQUIP YOU FOR SERVICE.

1. And He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, and teachers, for the training of the saints in the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ. – Ephesians 4:11-12
2. Today, ask the Holy Spirit for a burden for His work and souls. Ask Him to stir up His gifts within you and remove anything hindering your gifts and callings.

THE WORLD

The future of Jerusalem. The world's holiest city is probably also its most volatile flashpoint. The conflict between Israelis and Palestinians has resisted major international efforts to resolve it. The fundamental and seemingly irreconcilable differences between most Israelis and Arabs mean that any outbreak of serious conflict can easily embroil neighboring countries - especially Lebanon and Syria. Many feel that such a war is almost inevitable. **Pray** in the Spirit for the peace of Jerusalem.

Romans 8:26 – *"And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words."*

THE WORLD

Missionary vision in the Church: An Acts 1:8 strategy is needed for every Church and denomination. A dedicated few have achieved remarkable results.

1. **Pray** for the awakening and growth of missionary concern. **Pray**, give, and go to the harvest fields.
2. **Pray** for the speediest possible completion of the goals in the Great Commission by the Lord Jesus to His Church. Until the Gospel of the Kingdom is preached in all the world for a witness to all, the end cannot come (Matt 24:14).
3. **Pray** all churches to make obedience to the Great Commission their primary ministry objective. Biblically, this goes beyond mere evangelism to include the imperative of discipleship ("make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" Matt 28:19-20 ESV). Only through the mobilized resources of the whole Church will we be able to bring the task to a conclusion, or closure, in our generation.
4. **Pray** Christian leadership training institutions and programs incorporate the centrality of missions as the fundamental and essential core component of every teaching.
5. **Pray** the multiplication of missionary **prayer** movements—the component of the Great Commission in which every Christian can actively participate. (This involves strategic intercession for mission workers, specific teams and projects, unevangelized peoples, and spiritual warfare to open the way for the Gospel to bear much fruit among those the enemy wishes to isolate from the Gospel).
6. **Pray** for the adoption of unreached people by mission agencies, churches, Christian groups, **prayer** circles, and individuals. (Such is expressed through **intercession**, advocacy, raising awareness, and the support of those working among said peoples.)

DAY FOUR JAN 12

JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR! - INTIMACY WITH THE LORD

1. **Pray** for spiritual hearing, spiritual vision, and revelation.
2. **Pray** for the Holy Spirit's direction to increase in your life.
3. **Pray** for divine vision from the Lord, understanding His ways in your life, and understanding what He is doing throughout the Earth.
4. **Pray** for a deeper relationship with Him. Spend extra time with Him today.
5. **Pray**: Lord, I want to know and love You more.

AFRICA

Christianity has become the religion of almost half of Africa's population and nearly two-thirds of sub-Saharan Africa. From 1900 to 2010, Christian numbers grew from 9.1% of the population to 48.8%, from 7.5 million to 504 million. Of the world's evangelical Christians, over 33% live in Africa – a proportion that increases annually! It is possible that within our lifetime, over half of the world's evangelicals will be from Africa.

- **Pray** that the spiritual vibrancy of Africa's believers will spread to the rest of the world's Christians.

DAY FIVE
JAN 13

MADE ALIVE IN JESUS

By God's grace, we live and breathe and have our being. Acts 17:28 – *"For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring."* Thank Him for His protection and provision.

Pray that your community will experience God's mercy.

1. **Pray:** Jesus, use my life to expand the Gospel and reach those I know.
2. **Pray:** Jesus, guide me to tell my story that leads others to You.
3. **Pray:** Jesus, teach me to become a witness in my community, revealing Your love and sacrifice to all.
4. **Pray** that God would use you so your neighbors and city can experience His goodness.
5. **Pray** for your Church to be an expression of God's love.

THE YOUTH

- We **pray** against the stronghold social media has upon our children.
- Place in the hearts of mankind to spread the fruit of the spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) on social media - Galatians 5:22-23.
- We **pray** the Holy Spirit will arrest and destroy the spirits of perversion and lasciviousness permeating social media platforms.
- We **pray** laws of righteousness will be established to combat the schemes and wicked devices of the enemy.
- We **pray** the Holy Spirit will deliver and turn the hearts of wrongdoers from filthiness and wickedness.
- Lord, take out the taste for foulness from the heart and minds of the wrongdoers.
- Lord, give my child(ren) the Spirit of wisdom and revelation of You. Open the eyes of their hearts so they will know and cherish the hope to which You have called them. Help them understand that they are Your rich and glorious inheritance and that the immeasurable greatness of Your power resides in them in accordance with the working of Your mighty strength.
- Fill the children with your Holy Spirit!
- Lord, I thank you for providing for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of my child(ren) today.

"I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him." Ephesians 1:18 & 19

YOUNG ADULT CHILDREN

1. Lord, we lift our adult child(ren) up to You now and place them into Your loving hands. You know precisely what is needed in their lives to keep them humble before You.
2. Lord, we **pray** that there would be an acknowledgment of Your truth and that it would bring conviction.
3. Cause them to turn to You in their desperation and not become enraged.
4. Lead them beside the still waters.

5. Deliver them from the snares and traps of the enemy.
6. Allow them to feel Your presence, drawing them closer to You. Keep them as the apple of Your eye and keep Your hand upon them.
7. In Your mercy, guide them into truth and help them to walk in Your ways. In Your precious name, Amen.

"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." (Psalm 91:11)

AFRICA

Prayer movements have a remarkable impact in Africa. The Global Day of **Prayer** originated in Cape Town through Transformation Africa and involved tens, if not hundreds, of millions of Christians. The all-night **Prayer** meetings of the Redeemed Christian Church in Nigeria - called the Holy Ghost Services - attract an average of 500,000, but this is merely the most well-known of many such meetings. The familiarity of Africans with the reality of spiritual warfare, and their willingness to faithfully put in many hours of intercession, are possibly the most significant factors in the remarkable church growth on this continent.

- **Pray** for continued commitment to sustained intercession and for the rest of the global Church to learn from this wonderful example.

DAY SIX JAN 14

FORGIVEN BY JESUS

What a gift we have in Christ—His forgiveness and freedom from condemnation!

REPENTANCE AND SEEKING GOD

1. Seek the Holy Spirit's conviction and repent in areas of disobedience.
2. **Pray** in the Spirit and ask for the Holy Spirit for revelation.

CLEANSING BY THE SPIRIT AND WORD.

1. Seek the Lord for cleansing.
2. Apply the Word to situations by **praying** the Word and **praying** in the Spirit.
3. Confess anything the Holy Spirit brings to mind that is keeping you from Christ today, and accept His forgiveness.
4. **Pray** for our world to experience true repentance and God's radical forgiveness.
5. **Pray** for your Church's impact on the community as the Gospel is shared.

AFRICA

Mobilizing: Key to the whole African mission endeavor is the work of MANI (Movement for African National Initiatives), a pan-African mission mobilizing and networking movement. Vision 5015 is the ambitious plan to raise 50,000 Nigerian missionaries in the next 15 years. Several other nations have similar long-term mobilizing plans for raising missionaries and reaching the unreached in their own countries.

- **Pray** that God will raise innovative, effective, and locally appropriate strategies of mission mobilization, yielding a new generation of passionate African workers.

DAY SEVEN JAN 15

NAPAL

1. Please **Pray** that our brothers and sisters in Nepal "... stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong" (1 Cor. 16:13).
2. **Pray** that as they endure increasing persecution, their stories of unjust treatment will spread, and the Gospel will be shared.
3. **Pray** that in the face of uncertainty and fear of accusations, Christians would continue to serve others despite the risk.
4. **Pray** for those who are in police custody or prison for talking about their faith.
5. **Pray** that unrighteous laws will be eradicated, and that religious freedom will become part of Nepal's identity.

AFRICA

Nigeria and the Sahel, through which runs the north-south fault line between Muslim and Christian majority areas, are in profound need of **Prayer**.

The sporadic outbreaks of violence in Nigeria escalated into more frequent and intense massacres against Christians by increasingly bloodthirsty fundamentalist Muslim groups. The Nigerian-originated Islamist and anti-education movement Boko Haram now assumes the role of the most-feared terror group in Africa.

The Christian response to Islamist predation has been largely peaceful, but not always. Besides the religious fault line, the conflict also touches upon tensions over land between southern settled farmers and northern pastoralists. Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, and other West African nations face similar uncertainties. Should something as terrible as the north-south civil war in Nigeria break out, the likelihood of meltdown in much of West Africa is high.

1. **Pray** for those orchestrating violence to be foiled and those on both sides who love peace to prevail through wisdom, discipline, and graciousness.
2. **Pray** for peace in Africa, where attacks and the threat of attack by Islamic extremists continue in almost daily occurrences against the Church.
3. **Pray** for Cameroonian women who received medical attention after being disfigured in a twisted persecution act. Boko Haram militants barbarically cut off the ears of women captives.
4. Please **Pray** for these victims, the tiny village of Kalagari, and other villages susceptible to the brutality of Islamic extremist groups like Boko Haram.
5. **Pray** also for Christians to continue evangelizing the region's Muslims with love and without fear.

DAY EIGHT

JAN 16

LEADERS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS & COURTS IN THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

1. **Pray** for husbands, leaders of churches and organizations, and government leaders of municipalities, states/ provinces, and nations.
2. **Pray** for the federal court system levels: district courts, circuit courts, and the Supreme Court of the United States,
3. Ask the Lord to give them Godly wisdom and guidance to serve the people.
4. **Pray** that they would rule with righteousness.

AFRICA - ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Reducing local causes of poverty, particularly corruption, would reinject billions of dollars into the grassroots economy. Many could be lifted out of poverty where greater economic accountability is imposed and budgets spent on developing trade and production. When wars and conflicts end, infrastructure develops, and education and health improve, a massive difference could be made. If Western and Chinese economic interests were less rapacious and dealt fairly and justly with African nations, Africa could make great progress.

- **Pray** for economic justice for a region that has endured centuries of plunder.

DAY NINE

JAN 17

WORLD LEADERS

Political leaders need **prayer**, as the Scriptures exhort us (1 Samuel 12:23, 1 Timothy 2:1-4). As pressures on world leaders increase, so do the uncertainties and dangers in the 21st Century. The ones who lead us need special **prayer**.

- **Pray** specifically for good and just rulers to be raised. In many historical instances, God has used rulers to accomplish His purposes on Earth.
- Pray that those unfit to rule their lands may repent and change (as did Nebuchadnezzar) – or be removed (as were Pharaoh and Belshazzar).

AFRICA

Discipleship is rightly being addressed as Africa's greatest challenge. The growth of Christianity has been remarkable, but the follow-up has traditionally been lacking. Non-Christian customs and worldviews permeate the Church. Syncretism (An attempted amalgamation of different religions, cultures, or schools of thought) is a significant problem in many areas. Thus, many Christians are not free from the influence of witchcraft and evil spirits.

A growing number of churches and ministries throughout Africa now place a high priority on discipleship. This will shape more Christ-like character and promote a biblical worldview among churchgoers.

- None of these challenges are unique to Africa, but we **pray** that God might purify His Church on this continent.

DAY TEN JAN 18

AFRICA

Today, Islam is the major challenge for Christianity— the 230 million Muslims north of the Sahara and the 325 million in sub-Saharan Africa. The "race" to win peoples to Christ from the traditional religions in West Africa and across the Sahel has largely been lost; most have been Islamized, even superficially.

More recently, Muslim missionary efforts have extended to nearly every country in Africa, and they are remarkably **successful** in many places, especially in Central Africa. Oil-funded education, aid projects and grants, and a well-orchestrated drive to give Islam a role in Africa's political life have had some success.

- African Christians and mission agencies need to **pray** and make Muslims a priority for demonstrations of the love of Christ. Culturally sensitive approaches must be developed for planting churches among them.

IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

We respond to the call of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, to welcome the stranger. Move the hearts of your people to show them welcome.

1. Lord, we **pray** for those who will go to sleep unfed and unwelcome, strangers in foreign lands, and people who have fled for their lives and are far from their homes.
2. We lift up in **prayer** those escaping persecution and conflict, fleeing death, torture, or ruthless exploitation. Meet their needs for safety and a home.
3. Cause wars to cease and bring justice to the nations so that no one will need to flee again. Bless all who seek refuge on this Earth.

DAY ELEVEN JAN 19

UNITY AMONG THE BODY OF CHRIST

1. Father, please help us focus on your mission individually and collectively.
2. Please help us to live in harmony with each other. Eradicate lines of division.
3. Help us see and fulfill Your desire to work together as a body to accomplish what You have set before us.
4. We **pray** for wisdom to set aside differences.
5. We **pray** for those who have offended you and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to forgive.
6. Help us to think godly thoughts of love and forgiveness. Begin by bringing unity with believers in the Lord Jesus, and then let that increase to all other people so they will become believers in You.
7. We **pray** that we, the Body of Christ, cling to our first love.
8. We worship, adore, and praise God in Spirit and truth.

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and truth." – John 4:24

THE AMERICAS

The growth of evangelicals in Latin America in the last Century, especially the previous generation, is spectacular. In 1900, evangelicals numbered about 700,000, or 1% of the population (only about 200,000 of these being in Spanish and Portuguese-speaking countries). They have now surpassed 100 million, or 16.8% of the population.

Most of this growth was fueled by the steady, faithful proclamation and witness of tens of thousands of laypeople and pastors planting small churches out of a passion for the Gospel - praise God for such growth and **pray** that it might continue! The Americas are home to over 35% of the world's evangelicals.

DAY TWELVE JAN 20

THE POOR, MARGINALIZED AND DISADVANTAGED, THOSE WITHOUT LOVED ONES

Father, today we **intercede** for the people we sometimes neglect in our society – the widows, widowers, orphans, single parents, and the homeless.

1. We **Pray** that You will fill the void of the absent spouse, sibling, friend, mother, and father.
2. Cover them with Your mantle of love when they are vulnerable and insecure.
3. May Your Holy Spirit give them strength, courage, joy, and inner peace.
4. Bless and provide for the underprivileged and under-served. May Your guiding angels be at their service when they are in need.
"If you mistreat the poor, you insult your Creator" — Proverbs 14:31

THE AMERICAS

People movements are growing among the Amerindians, who have long been resistant or indifferent to the Gospel – understandable given that Christianity mostly followed in the wake of the devastation of disease, conquest, and colonialism. Church growth is occurring among Quechua and Aymara churches in the Andes, Mayan peoples in Central America, and, increasingly, native peoples in North America.

Also notable is the increasing indigenization of the Gospel centuries after it should have happened!

- **Pray** that Christians from majority groups might learn from, esteem, and honor fellow believers from amongst Indigenous groups.

DAY THIRTEEN JAN 21

REVIVAL

- Lord, revive Your people to call on Your name.

- Turn our hearts toward You and away from sin. Renew within us a contrite and humble spirit.
- Create clean hearts washed by Your Living Water, Lord.
- Help us to be filled with awe of Your marvelous works.
- Bring the instruction of the Bible back into the mind and heart of mankind.
- Revive the courage of believers everywhere to share Your message of love.

"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation." - Psalm 85:6-7

THE AMERICAS

Mission's vision has rapidly grown and matured in Latin America. The 1987 COMIBAM (Cooperation Misionera Iberoamericana) conference in São Paulo, Brazil, generated continent-wide interest and sparked numerous initiatives to reach the unreached. At that time, there were around 60 agencies with 1,600 missionaries. Today, there are over 400 agencies representing more than 10,000 missionaries!

An increasing proportion serves outside Latin America and in the unevangelized world. Major sending nations are Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, and Peru, but missionary sending structures are developing in most lands. Quite apart from this are the thousands who serve God abroad as economic migrants or deliberate tentmakers.

- **Pray** for consistent, loving, fruitful witness of these servants of God to their host cultures.

DAY FOURTEEN JAN 22

PASTORS

Lord, strengthen and protect our pastors in the US and worldwide.

Fortify their resolve to preach the unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Give them boldness and tenacity to stand for You. Please help them to speak the words of resurrection and the freedom of repentance. *"The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits."* – Daniel 11:32b

THE AMERICAS

The resurgence of Indigenous peoples - and their fight for recognition, greater autonomy, and self-determination. From the Arctic to the tropics to the Antarctic, natives were routinely exterminated, subjugated, and swindled out of their lands and rights. This struggle took on violent overtones in many regions - Guatemala, Peru, Mexico - while it has been chiefly legal and political in others. Such trends also foster growth in the pre-Christian religions and superstitions once held by these peoples.

Additionally, the legacy and progeny of the 11 million enslaved Africans brought to the Americas are issues that likewise demand repentance, reparation, and reconciliation from the European colonizers.

It was chiefly Christians who fought to end the slave trade and evangelize the native peoples of the Americas; Christians should lead the way in walking the path of complete reconciliation.

- **Pray** that God would create humble hearts in His people. May we genuinely listen to one another and do whatever it takes to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace? (Eph 4:3)

DAY FIFTEEN JAN 23

SELF-EXAMINING AND INNER HEALING

1. **Pray** and ask the Lord to reverse curses because of personal sin and rebellion, which entered through trauma, word curses, generational, or witchcraft.
2. **Pray** to the Lord, renounce, and cast out demonic entities assigned to carry these curses.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal things in your life that are not pleasing to the Lord.
4. Ask Him to take away the desire to do displeasing things to Him and give you the power to resist temptations.
5. Invite the Holy Spirit into your life to fill every void and take His place on the throne of your life.
6. Ask Him to fill you with the Holy Spirit as He commanded us to be filled, and as He promised in His Word if we ask in faith. **Pray** this in the Name of Jesus.
7. Thank God for forgiving your sins through Christ's death on the cross.
8. Thank Him for directing your life and filling you with His Holy Spirit.

Galatians 3:13-14 – *"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."*

Acts 4:31 – *"And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness."*

Acts 13:52 – *"And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit."*

DELIVERANCE FOR A LOVED ONE OR FRIEND

Deliverance for those experiencing physical and emotional afflictions (Mental illness, depression, anxiety disorder, suicidal tendency, fear, stress, panic attack, abuse, uncontrolled anger, rape, rejection and abandonment, condemnation, etc.)

1. **Pray** they would learn how to rest in the Truth (Jesus).
2. **Pray** they would trust that the Holy Spirit is holding them more than they are trying to hold Him. (Colossians 1:17- *He is before all things, and by Him, all things hold together.*)
3. We **pray** for their deliverance. Help them discover and rest daily in God's wholeness of grace, peace, and fellowship.
4. We **pray** the Holy Spirit will teach them how to delight themselves in the Lord, leading to cleansing and newness of life.

THE AMERICAS

The potential role of Christians in societal transformation is limitless, but addressing needs positively must accompany recognition of previous failures - including slavery, genocide, and Christianization done with cruelty and insensitivity. A humble approach to reconciliation and reparation for past sins will empower believers to minister in the present day.

Evangelical Christianity is an easy target for critics of religion in the Americas today. But, in the face of opposition, when the Church truly embraces Christlikeness and adopts the character and priorities of the one it calls Lord, critics are silenced, enemies become sisters and brothers, and above all, God is glorified.

- **Pray** for the willingness of the Church to confront social and economic injustices biblically. One of the main benchmarks of evangelical effectiveness in the 21st Century will be how churches and ministries share and live out the Gospel in contexts of systemic injustice.

DAY SIXTEEN JAN 24

PRAY FOR UKRAINE, RUSSIA, AND UNITED STATES

We pray that all ambitions of corrupted leaders are frustrated and thwarted. Let the Lord's plans stand firm forever. Let His intentions never be shaken.

1. We ask You, Lord, to intervene.
2. We **pray** for wisdom as world leaders maneuver, strategize and speak out. Lord, move in their hearts and guide their steps and plans.
3. **We pray** that Ukraine and Russia **will** be places without corruption.
4. We **pray** for the leaders of both countries to know God's truth and peace and be transformed by His Holy Spirit **so** that they would seek to lead their countries in the way of righteousness and peace.
5. We ask for repentance, grace, forgiveness, and reconciliation throughout Ukraine and Russia.
6. We **pray** for the people that they would not have animosity between them but be united in reconciliation.
7. Lord, open doors of opportunities for the **Gospel**. You have a way of showing up when things are difficult.
8. **We pray** against heightened tension between Russia and the United States.
9. We **intercede** against **Russian ground forces (land and sea) infiltration** in the US.
10. Despite this conflict, make Your name known across Ukraine and Russia.

"The LORD frustrates the nations' plans and thwarts all their schemes. But the LORD's plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never be shaken" (Psalm 33:10-11).

THE AMERICAS

The urban poor: In North America, they usually live in the decaying hearts of major cities; in Latin America, they live in enormous slums that ring or even permeate the major cities. Churches have a significant role and are well-positioned.

- **Pray** for the light of Jesus to shine through Christian ministry, effecting urban renewal with a reduction in crime, violence, and substance abuse and growth in education, employment, and, most importantly, the winning of lives into the Kingdom.

DAY SEVENTEEN JAN 25

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

1. **Pray** for the Sutherlands, Brenda Fuller & Compassion for Christ, Chariots for Hope, Ms. Z, Rayne Ellis, Ms. Tanya at Call to Serve, Ambassadors Fellowship, and other missionaries serving.
2. **Pray** for these missionaries to be strengthened in the faith. **Pray** for provision and safety for their personal lives.
3. **Pray** for God to raise sufficient support systems for them to continue the work He started. **Pray** for their ministries to move forward.

"If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot." - Jeremiah 20:9

ASIA

Praise God for the growth of the Church into new places. Lands previously cut off from overt Christian ministry are now home to dynamic, growing churches and unprecedented numbers of believers. This started with China in earlier decades, then moved to the former Soviet countries in Central Asia, the Caucasus Republics and Mongolia in the 1990s, and most recently in several Southeast Asian countries.

Even in the heart of the Muslim world, thriving ministry to Christian populations (and another expatriate, non-Muslim peoples) is happening. Only in Saudi Arabia and Maldives are there no public-meeting Christian congregations; even in these countries (and many others), there are numbers of believers meeting together privately or in secret.

- **Pray** and praise God for spreading the Gospel throughout these nations.

DAY EIGHTEEN JAN 26

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Lord, we thank You for the grace, favor, and mercy You have extended to our nation, the United States of America.

1. **Pray** for our President, leaders, and those who govern us that they will turn to God with humble hearts and follow Him.
2. **Pray** for our military leaders who have dedicated their lives to serving on battlefields and sacrificing their blood to protect this nation and the people worldwide.
3. **Pray** that, as a nation, we will return to God.
4. Thank You for allowing us to live in a country where we can freely worship You.
5. Thank You for protecting the people, our leaders, borders, and military personnel at home and abroad.

6. Your faithfulness extends to every generation.
7. We will meditate on Your goodness and mercy all day long. Lord, we bless your holy name.

ASIA

Praise God for the indigenization of Christian ministry and leadership in Asia. The recent growth of the Church has primarily been through the work of national workers, local evangelists, and ordinary believers. These churches are, more than ever, Asian in structure, style, and leadership - taking forms relevant to those they are trying to reach.

Beyond the continent itself, Asian Christian leadership is assuming a much more significant role in the global body of Christ. This includes countries such as South Korea, China, and India but also places such as Sri Lanka, the Philippines, and Indonesia.

- **Pray** and praise God for spreading the Gospel throughout these nations.

DAY NINETEEN JAN 27

ASIA

China's re-emergence as a global superpower is possibly the major global political and economic factor in the first decades of the 21st Century. China is growing more assertive in international diplomacy and political engagement. The pragmatic marriage of centralized state control with an increasingly capitalist economy has achieved stupendous financial growth. But such growth, fueled by massive consumption of resources, cannot be sustained indefinitely; what happens when the bubble bursts will have a global impact.

The primary demographic shift to an aged population (because of the one-child policy) will burden working-age people tremendously. The huge gender gap - in many areas, a shortfall of 20-30% from equal gender balance - has further severe implications for long-term societal stability. The quasi-colonization by ethnic Han of China's hinterlands (Inner Mongolia, Xinjiang, Qinghai, Tibet, Yunnan) and accelerating immigration to under-populated and under-developed Russian Siberia are all potentially catastrophic to the Indigenous populations.

- **Pray** for God's will to be done in China as it is in heaven.

CORONAVIRUS IN CHINA

After the easing of China's "zero Covid" policies in December 2022, the country is struggling with a massive wave of infections and deaths, almost all going unreported. 62,724 -Currently Infected Patients; 60,308 (96%) - in Mild Condition; 2,416 (4%) -Serious or Critical

- **Pray** for the Lord's mercy in healing those suffering in body, mind, or spirit.
- Lord, be present to people who need Your loving touch because of the virus.
- We cry out, Lord, on behalf of those infected. May they feel Your power of healing.
- Heal the sick and bind up the broken-hearted who grieve their loved ones cut down by Covid.

- Put your finger upon China. Pour out your Spirit. Prick the hearts of the leaders to do good. Let righteousness rule. Let your Word go forth into the destitute places. Open their eyes so that they may see that you are Lord.
- Touch the wandering children, those who are being led into sex trafficking.
- We **pray** for a shield of protection and the angels to encamp around them.
- We **pray** your hands rest upon them. Keep them mentally and heal them emotionally where they are hurting.
- We **pray** for restoration. Breathe new life upon China.
- Send laborers to spread the Gospel.
- We **pray** for protection for Christians. Encourage, protect and release those imprisoned. Protect and provide for Your missionaries.
- We **pray** that Your will be done in China. We thank you for China.

Psalm 107:20 – *"He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."*

DAY TWENTY JAN 28

VHIM CLASSES, SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

1. **Pray** for continued growth and an unobstructed vision for implementing VHIM courses.
2. According to the Lord's will, **pray** for the scheduled 2023 WOVEN Gathering in October.
3. **Pray** for souls, the team, and all participants.

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE

1. Ask the Lord to protect the Exhortation and **Prayer** Hour and the 15 minutes **prayer** time.
2. Bind and rebuke the enemy and all human efforts against the Night Watch.
3. **Pray** for insight for **Prayer** needs.
4. **Pray** for increased commitment, tenacity, and anointing to keep the ministry progressing.
5. **Pray** for God's continued anointing and covering as we serve.

ASIA

Demographic shifts will have massive implications for Asia's future. The rapidly rising life expectancies and reduced birth rates of China, Japanese, and South Korean populations will significantly burden the next generation.

The gender gap is caused by selective abortion and infanticide in East and South Asia; these have created a deficit of tens of millions of girls, giving rise to prostitution, sex trafficking, wife buying, and abduction.

Then there are the expanding populations in most Arab world, notably Yemen and Palestine (also the poorest Arab countries), Afghanistan, Pakistan, and many Southeast Asian countries.

Over the years to come, all of these dynamics combined will generate incredible pressures on nation-states and fuel large-scale migration, unrest, economic upheaval, and ecological stress.

- **Pray**, Lord, have mercy on the vulnerable amidst Asia's populous billions!

DAY TWENTY-ONE JAN 29

ASIA

The region that witnessed the birth of the Church now sees its rapid decline. Large-scale and sustained emigration after centuries of tenacity has denuded the Middle East of most of its Christian communities. This slow-burning process rapidly accelerated along with the violence in Syria, Iraq, etc., over the last several years. For it to have endured this long, despite discrimination and persecution, is remarkable.

The rise of Islamic extremism in the region increased the pressure to marginalize and even eliminate Christian presence. Orthodox Jewish forces on Messianic Jews are also acute.

- **Pray** that the ancient Orthodox and Catholic communities might come to new life and vigor to become effective witnesses. There is an encouraging acceleration of new movements of people to Christ in the region, but not nearly large enough to offset the losses of traditional Christians.

PRAY ABOUT YOUR ROLE

What is God's will for your life? In this new year, 2023, are you willing to do whatever He commands regarding the world's needs? Is it possible God is calling you to a specific ministry in **praying**, supporting, or going to the ends of the Earth for Him?

The last **Prayer** in the Bible is "*Come, Lord Jesus*" (Revelation 22:20). Peter tells us that we should be "*waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God*" (2 Peter 3:12 ESV). How better can we do it than by **praying** for the fulfillment of Genesis 12:3, Revelation 7:9-10 and Matthew 24:14?

- **Pray** for the speediest possible evangelization of the world, of every unreached people group, area, city, and nation.

We worship the Lord and thank Him for answering our **prayers in Jesus' precious and mighty name, AMEN!**