

Global Day of Prayer

27 May 2012

“if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land”

2 Chron 7:14

A PRAYER GUIDE

“And I am about to come and gather all nations and tongues and they will come and see My Glory:

Isaiah 66:18

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TEN leading up to ONE followed by NINETY

Why are we gathering?

The primary purpose we gather is for the Glory of Christ and the blessing of the nations.

*“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.”*

Hab. 2:14:

Following the example of the first believers who "joined together constantly" in prayer (Acts 1:14) until the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Global Day of Prayer is calling Christians from all nations to unite in prayer.

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Ten days of constant prayer: 17 – 26 May 2012. Starting on the 17th, millions of Christians will find ways to pray night and day throughout the ten days leading to the Global Day of Prayer, following the pattern of Christ's followers before the first Pentecost.

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The Global Day of Prayer: 27 May 2012. Christians in many countries will assemble to pray. Many will gather in small groups such as prayer groups, homes, local churches, businesses and some may even assemble in large stadiums and other public venues. In some places, television, radio and internet will help to connect and align our prayers even more.

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Ninety days of blessing: 13 June - 10 September 2012. 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 is where prayer becomes a lifestyle.*

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Ten Days of Constant Prayer

17 - 26 May 2012

Pray Globally, Gather Locally

"I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth"

Isaiah 62:6-7

The 10 Days preceding the Global Day of Prayer creates an excellent opportunity to unite in prayer with millions around the globe based on Acts 1 & 2.

Pray with different languages.

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at http://www.globaldayofprayer.com/10days_prayer.html

Gather in creative ways.

Many are forming prayer chains to build bonfires of 24-hours-a-day prayer. Others will meet for an hour or two of focused prayer. Some will be fasting. Look for how the Holy Spirit may give you fresh ways to pray with family and friends.

Children are praying!

Let's involve children as equal partners in our praying.

A special version of this prayer guide has been prepared for children. It will help many families pray together and find creative ways to help children lift their voices along with others. Find it at

http://www.globaldayofprayer.com/10days_prayer.html

Young adults will be praying around the clock.

In many countries young people will be praying non-stop throughout the ten days. A special rendition of this prayer guide has been designed to catalyze and concentrate the prayers of young people of any age.

Find this companion version at http://www.globaldayofprayer.com/10days_prayer.html

“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you.”

Luke 24:46-49

Wait for the promise of the Father.

The disciples were told to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit before they begin to spread the message concerning Jesus as the Christ, the promised Messiah. The promise was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost. In one sense, this fulfilment can never come again in the same way that it came at that first Pentecost. In another sense we need to wait for the Father to fulfil His promise in us in our generation on a daily basis.

It is critical that we remember that the Spirit in us is not merely a power at our disposal. The Spirit *is the real living presence and the power of the Father* working in and through us. The disciples felt helpless to meet their enemies, or to preach about the Christ, until they were empowered with power from on high! We too can only be witnesses in our generation if we also receive the power of the Holy Spirit that can empower us to do things that are impossible in our own strength.

God promises that those who wait on Him will be filled with the same power to spread the same message to all nations who are alive on earth today. As you spend time in prayer each day reflect on the promises given by Jesus concerning the work of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to demonstrate this power in and through you, and in and through the lives of everyone on this planet who believes that Jesus Christ is Lord.

History can be repeated. As part of our waiting on God to fulfil His promise to us once again, let us read and meditate on the Book of Acts. See how this promise was fulfilled and what effect it had on the early Church, on their lifestyle, their conduct towards one another and their mission to reach the whole world with this message of repentance and forgiveness as they experienced it being worked out in their own lives.

Set your heart and mind to wait for the promise of the Father!

Day 1 : 17 May 2012

Baptize us!

WAIT FOR THE PROMISE

[Jesus said:] "You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit!" (Act.1:5)

PRAY:

- For believers to join together in united and persevering prayer to once again wait on God for the fulfilment of His promise
- For a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our generation, on men and women, young and old, rich and poor, literate and illiterate, rulers and servants
- For the Church to repent of incidences where we quenched or disobeyed the Spirit through unbelief

Read and meditate on Acts 1 and 2

Day 2 : 18 May 2012

Empower us!

BE MY WITNESSES

[Jesus said:] "You will receive power..." Acts.1:8

PRAY:

- For believers to become living testimonies of God's salvation, forgiveness and deliverance in a very troubled and needy world
- For the restoration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit to the Church so that every believer can minister God's power to a hurting, disillusioned and corrupt world
- For the Church to repent of dead works and for allowing the world to infiltrate, dictate and intimidate our witness

Read and meditate on Acts 3,4 and 5

Day 3 : 19 May 2012

Sanctify us!

BE HOLY AS I AM HOLY

[Jesus said:] "I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you." Joh.15:16

PRAY:

- For the Church to grow in maturity and be released in ministry through the faithful work of apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers and evangelists
- For the revival of holiness, humility, simplicity and integrity in the Church
- For the world to see the reflection of Christ in the lives of ordinary believers in every aspect of society and in acts of selfless compassion

Read and meditate on Acts 6,7 and 8

Day 4 : 20 May 201

Guide us!

KNOW THE TRUTH

[Jesus said:] "He [the Spirit of Truth] will guide you into all the truth." Joh.16:13

PRAY:

- For the Church to proclaim the undiluted and uncompromising truth about Jesus Christ and the fact that there is no salvation but in His Name
- For Christians to be strengthened in their knowledge of Jesus Christ, for deceptions to be exposed and for ignorance to be removed
- For the veil that the god of this world put on the minds of unbelievers to be removed through the testimony of Christians and the truth of the Gospel message

Read and meditate on Acts 9,10 and 11

Day 5 : 21 May 2012

Convict us!

REPENT AND BELIEVE

[Jesus said:] "When He [the Holy Spirit] comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment." Joh.16:8

PRAY:

- For anointed teaching and preaching to pierce the hearts of unbelievers, hard-hearted sinners and backslidden Christians and bring them to repentance
- For the world to experience God's kindness through a Church who loves unconditionally, without judgment, criticism or arrogance
- For Christians to deny themselves, to submit and obey the voice of the Holy Spirit

Read and meditate on Acts 12,13 and 14

Day 6 : 22 May 2012

Comfort us!

TAKE HEART, I HAVE OVERCOME

[Jesus said:] "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper [Comforter]." Joh.14:16

PRAY:

- For strength, perseverance, grace and joy for Christians who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ
- For the salvation of the interrogators, the politicians, religious leaders and the judges who order persecution of believers
- For Christians to persevere when subjected to all kinds of suffering, poverty, oppression, mocking, injustice, sicknesses, etc. for the sake of Christ and His kingdom

Read and meditate on Acts 15,16 and 17

Day 7 : 23 May 2012

Unite us!

BE ONE SO THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE

[Jesus prayed:] "...that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me." Joh.17:21

PRAY:

- For a deep work of the Spirit to join and reconcile the hearts of believers across races, languages and cultures to become one new man in Christ
- For the Church to bear with one another in love, to eagerly maintain unity and to really become one Body, one in Spirit, one in hope, one in faith, with one Father and one Lord
- For the Church to unite in finishing the task of World Evangelism, to share resources and to appreciate the different callings and gifts God placed in the Body of Christ

Read and meditate on Acts 18,19 and 20

Day 8 : 24 May 2012

Deliver us!

OPEN THEIR EYES

[Jesus said:] "I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God; that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Me." Acts.26:18

PRAY:

- For Christ's victory on the cross over all the power of Satan, demonic principalities and spirits, to be boldly and fearlessly proclaimed to all people groups, languages and nations
- For people to be delivered from bondages, for covenants made with spirits of death and destruction to be annulled and for lies to be exposed
- For divine revelation of the truth concerning Jesus Christ to those who are in any form of idolatry, secularism, atheism or deception

Read and meditate on Acts 21, 22 and 23

Day 9 : 25 May 2012

Teach us to pray!

BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER

[Jesus said:] "...will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night?" Luk.18:7

PRAY:

- For the Church to believe that we have a God who answers prayer and persevere in supplication and thanksgiving
- For understanding of how to wait on God for His counsel and how to unite in prayer with the Holy Spirit in His intercession
- For the Church to understand the urgency of the times, to lay aside all hindrances and to confidently draw near to the throne of grace to plead for grace and mercy for ourselves, our communities and the nations of our world

Read and meditate on Acts 24, 25 and 26

Day 10 : 26 May 2012

Set us apart!

GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PROCLAIM

"While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me..." Acts.13:2

PRAY:

- For the Church to be obedient to the call of the Holy Spirit to send labourers to the harvest fields
- For the spiritual, emotional, physical and financial provision and support for those who heeded the call and are serving in any cross-cultural setting
- For doors to open in countries hostile to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for workers to be granted long-term visas and jobs, and for divine appointments to share the Gospel

Read and meditate on Acts 27 and 28

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The Global Day of Prayer

Sunday, 27 May 2012

Pray with one Voice.

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together In one place"

Acts 2:1

The *single thing* that we request every observance to do is to pray the prayer called, "A Prayer For The World" (PFTW), during the event / gathering, no matter how large or small.

This is your opportunity to unify in prayer with Christians from across the globe.

Pray with different languages.

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"They lifted their voices to God with one accord..."

Acts 4:24

PRAY WITH YOUR CHURCH, GATHER IN HOMES OR ASSEMBLE IN PUBLIC PLACES

United by a Prayer for the World, Christians from all over the world, from different cultures and denominations, from many diverse streams will gather in their homes, or where appropriate, assemble in stadiums, public auditoriums and open squares and many will devote portions of their Sunday morning Service to united prayer.

Some meetings will be small. Others will be large, but each one will be praying with the same vision of repentance and hope. As at the first Pentecost, we'll worship God openly in Christ's name and pray for the healing and blessing of the nations. As much as possible, we are seeking to gather in places beyond the walls of our church buildings.

On this day we are all praying with the world as we pray for the world.

A Prayer for the World

Almighty God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

We gather with believers all over the world,
to glorify You as Creator of heaven and earth.
You alone are holy and righteous.
We submit to Your authority.
We praise and adore You alone.

Father, we honour You

Lord Jesus Christ, we honour You

Holy Spirit, we honour You

Our Father in heaven,

Thank You for loving the world so much
that You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ,
to die on the cross for our sins
so that we could be reconciled to You.
Fill us with your love as we faithfully intercede for the lost,
the hopeless, the helpless and the world.

Thank You Father, for adopting us into Your family.

Lord Jesus Christ,

You died on the cross and
redeemed us to the Father by Your blood.
You are Head of the Church
and Lord of all heaven and earth.
Let Your kingdom be established in every nation of the world
bring transformation among peoples of all tribes and languages
so that righteousness and justice will prevail.
May Your Name be great, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Jesus Christ, You are Lord of all.

Father of mercy and grace,

We have sinned.
Our world is gripped by the power of sin.
Our hearts are grieved by injustice, hatred and violence.
We are shamed by oppression, racism and bloodshed in our land.
We mourn all loss of life in murder, war and terrorism.
Our homes are broken and our churches are divided by rebellion and pride.
Our lives are polluted by selfishness, greed, idolatry and sexual sin.

God of mercy, forgive our sins.

Pour out Your grace and heal our land.

Spirit of the living God,

Transform Your Church into the image of Jesus Christ.
Release Your power to bring healing to the sick,
freedom to the oppressed and comfort to those who mourn.
Fill us with compassion
for the homeless and the hungry
for orphans, widows and the elderly.
Give us wisdom and insight for our world's problems
and for fair distribution of our resources.

Holy Spirit, guide us and lead us.

Lord Jesus Christ,

You destroyed sin, conquered death and defeated Satan.
Remove the veil of darkness that covers the peoples.
Restrain the evil that promotes violence and death.
Deliver us from demonic oppression.
Break the hold of slavery, tyranny and disease.
Help us to tear down strongholds and ideologies
that resist the knowledge of God.

Almighty God, deliver us from evil.

King of Glory,

Come and finish Your work in our cities, our peoples and our nations.
From all continents and islands we cry:

Lift up your heads, O you gates!

Be lifted up ancient doors

so that the King of glory may come in!

Come fill the earth with the knowledge of Your glory
as the waters cover the sea.
The Spirit and the Bride say:

Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

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Ninety Days of Blessing

28 May 2012 – 25 August 2012

*This is our opportunity to become vessels of blessing through
prayer and action.*

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Luke 4: 18 - 19

The 90 Days of Blessing follows the Global Day of Prayer as an opportunity for Christians to not only continue in persistent prayer, but to actually become the answers to their prayers.

This is an excellent opportunity to challenge the youth and children to go to the neglected places to pray and serve. Their nature is to be there where they can make the difference, so let’s join them in becoming a transformation force in our communities!

You can find the 90 Day Prayer Guide and available translations here:

http://www.globaldayofprayer.com/90days_prayer.html

*“The King will reply, I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me”
Matt 24:40*

A Prayer Guide for the 90 Days will challenge you to continue your prayer efforts, but we also want to challenge you to become physically involved in the places that we normally pray for.

Five sections are included in the Prayer Guide for the 90 Days:

Meditate on the Word, Pray the Blessing, Ask for the Nations, Declare your Faith, and, Pray on Foot.

- In **‘Meditate on the Word’**, you will read through Joshua, Nehemiah, Luke, Acts and Jude one chapter per day. Let the Holy Spirit enlighten the eyes of your heart as you consider how He is calling you to obey His Word daily. A simple way to meditate is to actually copy the Word in your own handwriting; then, write it again in your own words. Finally, ask the Holy Spirit how to obey it, how to put it into practice.
- In **‘Pray the Blessing,’** you will pray relevant scriptures which highlight keys from the reading.
- Then, **‘Ask for the Nations’** invites you to learn about and intercede for 90 of the least-reached people groups from areas with little or no access to the gospel.
- **‘Declare your Faith’** in proclamation of the Truth of His Word over these nations and over your life, your family, community and nation as well. Then,
- **‘Pray on Foot’**—take it to the streets of your own world and see God working with you, confirming His Word with signs and wonders following! We’d love to hear testimonies of what you partner with God in doing to see His kingdom coming and His will being done in your life and your world!

Find the prayer guide here: http://www.globaldayofprayer.com/90days_prayer.html
or e-mail info@globaldayofprayer.com to request a copy

Building towards a lifestyle of Prayer

*“The Church has not yet touched the fringe of the possibilities of intercessory prayer. Her largest victories will be witnessed when individual Christians everywhere come to recognize their priesthood unto God and day by day give themselves unto prayer.”
John R. Mott*

The 3-legged strategy of the Global Day of Prayer serves as a catalyst to establish a lifestyle of prayer. In Isaiah 56:7 God calls His church to be a house of prayer for all nations! Therefore His call throughout the ages was to pray continually (1 Thess. 5:17). It is prayer that connects us with God’s heart for a broken world and ignites and inspires us to go and be the answers to our own prayers by loving His world and gathering the harvest.

The Global Day of Prayer in its fullest sense is not only about gathering for the sake of having gatherings. The focus is the glory of Christ and the blessing of the nations, expressed in united prayer when as many people in as many places around the world gather around Pentecost Sunday. At the very heart of these gatherings is the desire to see a lifestyle of prayer rekindled amongst individual Christians and the global church.

Prayer is a spiritual discipline that starts with the individual believer and we do not have to search too far to find a model to follow. Jesus’ lifestyle was a lifestyle of intimacy with the Father. When he called his disciples to “watch” with Him, He was the one setting the example. The 10 Days of Prayer leading up to GDOP doesn’t only give us the opportunity to pray with and for others, but it is also an excellent training ground for our individual prayer lives. The key here would be to aim low. Begin with 5 minutes and expand on that as you begin to focus better. Do not aim to suddenly pray for an hour. You will be disappointed and loose heart.

Use variety of posture, setting and information. And if you struggle to concentrate, use a journal to write down your prayers and answers to prayer. The key is to start. Remember that prayer is a conversation and even if you do not know how to pray, tell Him what you are struggling with and you will soon be surprised where this conversation will end up!

On the GDOP website you will find a magnitude of resources to help you in your personal prayer life. Visit http://www.globaldayofprayer.com/res_individual.html where you will find practical resources like:

- The Hour that changes the World – A practical Model
- Seek My Face – How to spend an hour in prayer
- How to pray the Word

There has never been any revival that has not been preceded by a revival of prayer. It IS the mandate of the church to be a house of prayer and therefore we should aim to move from churches that pray to become praying churches. Everything we do should be soaked in prayer. If we truly believe that prayer moves the hand of God, then we should pray non-stop for a world faces with so many challenges.

Establishing a lifestyle of prayer in your local church or community, on the back of the GDOP, could prove to be very hard work . . . but prayer is hard work! It will require leadership, creativity and perseverance. The rewards, however, will be more than you can comprehend. When we pray, God works and He works the impossible. Once again the key is to begin . . . start small and build gradually.

One of the most common requests we receive at the GDOP Office is on how to run a prayer room. Two key resources that will be of great help in this regard can also be found on the GDOP website on the following link: http://www.globaldayofprayer.com/res_247.html.

The two resources referred to are:

- How to run a prayer room
- How to do 24-7 for the youth

Both these resources, along with many others on the same link, will stimulate creative ideas on how to initiate, mobilize and maintain a prayer room. There are also many other websites that would be very helpful to establish a lifestyle of prayer in your church or community. Please do visit:

- <http://www.jwipn.com/>
- <http://www.global24-7.org>
- <http://www.ipcprayer.org/>
- <http://www.24-7prayer.com/>

As a final note it is important to note that a lifestyle of prayer needs focus. The more informed we are and the more specific our prayers can be, the more likely that we will continue our efforts. The 10 Day Prayer Guide, The Prayer for the World and the 90 Days of Blessing Prayer Guide serves this very purpose. The information in these guides unite us, but also sharpens our focus to stand in the gap for the nations. It also lays the foundation to continue our prayer efforts throughout the year. As you visit the resource link on the GDOP Homepage, you will find resources and website links from many of our wonderful friends around the world, helping you to continue your efforts beyond GDOP.

Let us continue to gather on the Global Day of Prayer, but let's use this wonderful opportunity to watch and pray 24-7-365 around the world. Our focus is the glory of Christ and the blessing of the nations . . . a life soaked in continual prayer.

Future Dates

YEAR	10 DAYS	GDOP	90 DAYS OF BLESSING
2013	9 – 18 May	19 May	20 May →
2014	29 May – 7 June	8 June	9 June →
2015	14 – 23 May	24 May	25 May →
2016	5 – 14 May	15 May	16 May →
2017	25 May – 3 June	4 June	5 June →

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