

## Newsletter May 2008

### ◆ 10 Days of Day-and-Night Prayer 1 to 10 May 2008

After Jesus was raised from the dead, He met with His followers many times during a period of forty days. On the last day that Jesus was with them, He told them to stay in Jerusalem and to wait for "the promise of the Father." Following His ascension into heaven, His disciples acted on His instruction - but it was not a passive waiting.

They sought God zealously, their hearts aligned, and in "one mind" concerning the promise about the coming Spirit of God. They waited by praying earnestly for ten days. Their prayers and statements were birthed from the written Word of God. Christ is again calling His church to unite in prayer. We are compelled to pray because the great troubles that shake our world have no human solution. Even more, we are called to pray because of the wonderful promises that God has purposed to accomplish by Christ's life and power among the peoples of earth. [www.jwipn.com](http://www.jwipn.com)

### ◆ 11 May 2008 (Sunday) Global Day Of Prayer

On Pentecost Sunday, 11 May 2008, the nations of the world will once again unite in the Global Day of Prayer.

On 15 May 2005 millions of Christians from 156 nations in the world united in the first ever Global Day of Prayer. Christians gathered in different venues, seeking God's face in repentance and prayer for the transformation of their communities and nations.

Driven by Hab. 2:14 ("For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea"), the dream is to mobilize Christians from every single nation in the world to participate in the Global Day of Prayer over the next few years until 2010. However, the focus is not only on a single day of prayer, but to see a lifestyle of prayer established that will transform communities.

This move of prayer is still miraculously expanding. In 2006 millions of Christians from 199 nations united in prayer and in 2007 even more Christians from 204 nations participated. [www.globaldayofprayer.com](http://www.globaldayofprayer.com)

### ◆ The Globe Reads The Bible In 90 Days

Christians from all the nations are invited to be part of this initiative to participate in a **Bible Marathon**, while continuing your fervent prayers and practical acts of mercy in your communities and nations during the 90 days of blessing after the Global Day of Prayer.

The **vision** is the following:

- 100 000 people reading the whole Bible in 90 Days in 2008
- 10 Million people reading the whole Bible in 90 Days in 2009
- 1 Billion reading the whole Bible in 90 Days in 2010

Mobilize your community/nation/region to read the whole bible during the 90 Days of Blessing from 12 May – 10 August 2008.  
You can register and find helpful information, tools, schedules and lots more on the website [www.globaldayofprayer.com](http://www.globaldayofprayer.com) and join the adventure!

### ◆ **Prayer Watches in South African Prisons**

- **In Johannesburg's Sun City Prisons** 94 groups of prisoners are praying in 24/7 prayer watches during the 10 days of prayer.
- **In Paarl in the Drakenstein prison** 110 youths committed to pray during the 10 days of prayer. Two cells have been changed into boiler rooms. 120 adult inmates will pray 24/7.
- **George prison** has 9 groups praying 24/7.
- **Attridgeville prison in Pretoria** has 3 prayer watches.
- **Central prison in Pretoria** has 1 prayer watch in the men's prison and 3 in the female prison.

### ◆ **De Rust Prayer Watch**

The De Rust Prayer Watch in Durbanville, Cape Town, started in September 2006 when 60 elderly men and women in a "Retirement Village" of 120 residents gathered for an interdenominational prayer meeting. At this meeting **25 individuals** committed to **praying 30 minutes per day** on an ongoing basis, while gathering on Wednesday mornings for a corporate prayer meeting. Every Wednesday they receive the Global Prayer Alert focusing on personal revival, the Body of Christ and community transformation around the world. After one and a half years of praying 12 hours per day, they testify of the faithfulness of God and the blessing of corporate 24/7 prayer that encourages them to keep on praying.  
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### ◆ **40 Days for Life campaign in the USA 2008**

David Bereit, National Campaign Director of 40 Days for Life reports: During the second 24/7 for 40 days prayer vigil outside abortion clinics all over the USA in 139 cities across 43 states over 150,000 believers have joined together in an historic display of Christian unity to pray and fast **for an end to abortion**. During these unified efforts, more than 35,000 people have taken to the streets, forming peaceful 40-day prayer vigils outside of Planned Parenthood centres and abortion facilities. Reports from around the country document that more than 500 lives have been spared from abortion - and those are just the ones we know about. Five abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry. Two Planned Parenthood facilities abruptly stopped performing abortions, and another abortion facility completely shut down following a local 40 Days for Life. Many people with past abortion experiences have stepped forward to begin post-abortion healing and recovery. And after 35 years of legalized abortion in America, many people of faith are experiencing a renewed sense of HOPE!  
<http://www.40daysforlife.com/about.cfm>

## ◆ **Prayer and Kindness transforming South African Schools**

*Nadine Arendse from Cape Town, South Africa writes:* “We trained regional coordinators and team members from a group called "Gateways" who work in schools across our nation. We shared with them about God’s heart of Intimacy and the different prayer focuses we have for young people. They were totally taken with prayer and together we renewed our vision for transformation in South African schools. In a school called Paarl Gymnasium in the Western Cape with more than 600 students one of the Gateways youth workers discovered an amazing approach to bad behaviour. There are approximately 70 Christian small groups or cell groups each of them led by students. Over 400 of the young people in the school belong to them.

“We gather our intercessory team which is made up of a cross-section of the cell groups and give them the name of the student and then mobilize every group leader to connect with the student by showing small acts of kindness. They might give him or her some chocolate, buy them a cup of coffee or even befriend them. Eventually the problem student is swamped with kindness and prayer. He or she is then invited to an evangelism adventure camp where the message of Jesus is presented. Whether they make a commitment to follow Him or not the relationships they’ve formed continue to grow and many become members of cell groups they’ve connected with.”

<http://www.24-7prayer.com/cm/content/855?sid=c2e62fbf10b919209fd3e864292c4a0c>

## ◆ **Schools Prayer Network in the UK**

Our vision - to see every school in the UK covered by prayer. With prayer we can give effective support and encouragement to Christian teachers, parents, governors, school board members and others who care about their local schools.

Many Christian organisations – such as the Association of Christian Teachers, Scripture Union, Urban Saints and Youth for Christ share a desire to see faithful prayer established for schools and actively support 'The Schools Prayer Network'. This is not an organisation to 'join' but exists simply to encourage prayer for schools in partnership with prayer groups, churches and Christian organisations.

We maintain a record of every school in the UK that’s supported by a prayer group. This means, for instance, that a family moving into an area can link up with those who are already praying for a local school. And anyone with a burden to pray can check which schools in their local area are already covered, and which are not. <http://www.schoolsprayernetwork.org.uk>