

Intentional prayer. Explosive power.



Prayer is vital. Throughout the Bible, the mention of prayer is persistent and recurrent. And the power unleashed through the discipline of prayer is evident.

"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 will heal their land."

– 2 CHRONICLES 7:14; NIV

Although the priority on prayer is obvious, we continue to hurry about our lives, seldom taking time to stop and focus. Has there ever been a more critical time in history for prayer to become a priority for the Church? The problems both within and outside of the body of Christ are seemingly insurmountable, and the challenges we face more grave and desperate than ever before. We need to pray, filled with humility, honestly admitting dependence. Focused. Intentional. We need to pray for believers and for the lost. We need to pray for power and for provision. We need to pray for the poor, the marginalized and the victims of injustice. The list is endless. The need is overwhelming.

"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 4:31; NASB

That's what we need. Power. We need to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that the body of Christ can once again move forward in word and in deed with bold confidence. In repeated scriptural accounts, this kind of power came "when they had prayed." Over and over again, the result of communication with the Father is an endless string of "God showing up moments." Just because a voice, full of humility and brimming with praise, dares to take the invitation seriously, the God of the universe promises to demonstrate His power and glory.

"We recognize that we are completely dependent on the power of God. Communion with God is the source of power to fulfill the mission."

– HUNGRY FOR LIFE'S CORE VALUE #3

Hungry For Life desires to serve the body of Christ as a resource to promote, encourage and aid in facilitating increased and focused prayer activity. Using every opportunity possible where followers of Jesus Christ gather, we implore the Church worldwide to join together in an informed and unified prayer initiative. We call this initiative "Sacred Infusion," reflecting the Biblical truth that the kingdom activity of the Church, infused with the power of prayer, will produce explosive and prolific results.

What is Sacred Infusion?

Sacred Infusion is a Hungry For Life initiative that emerged from a desire to see the Church be unified and focused in prayer in order to receive power and advance the kingdom of God. The first step towards serving the body of Christ as a resource is the Weekly Prayer Requests bulletin. Specific needs from around the world are collected and compiled, and a space is left blank for recipients to enter local and/or personal requests. This bulletin can be distributed through your church office, small groups and/or any other event or means where believers are gathered together.



Weekly Prayer Requests

05/09/08

"Our prayer must not be self-centered. It must arise not only because we feel our own need as a burden we must lay upon God, but also because we are so bound up in love for our fellow men that we feel their need as acutely as our own. To make intercession for men is the most powerful and practical way in which we can express our love for them." John Calvin

May we, the Church of Jesus Christ,—those who bear His name—be so captivated by His love and compassion, that we are unavoidably moved to intentional prayer and selfless acts of compassion on behalf of those in need.

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Cyclone Nargis Hits Myanmar Hard

www.cnn.com www.ctvbc.ca
A massive storm hit Myanmar on the weekend, killing up to 100,000 and displacing one million people. Dispersment of aid is a challenge due to heavily flooded areas. The aftermath could be even worse due to the lack of food, clean water and shelter, and the spread of diseases.

Volcano Forces Thousands from Homes

www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/No7196125.htm
An eruption from Chile's Chaiten volcano has forced 4,500 residents from their homes and it could be months before they are able to return. Over 6 inches of ash has built up in places and contaminated ground water supplies.

Food Shortages Persist in Kenya

www.reliefweb.int
Despite the end of a long drought as rains start to fall, Kenyans are still facing a food crisis. The doubling of prices, along with food access and security are all factors that continue to threaten an already weakened people.

Wave of Hunger Threatens World

www.cbc.ca/world/story/2008/04/22/un-world-food.html
Worldwide, soaring food prices could push more than 100 million people into an extreme level of poverty. Protests and riots have broken out in several developing countries due to the rising costs of corn, wheat and rice.

Injured Woman on Road to Recovery

www.mypccc.ca
Debbie Heslot, who suffered a serious spinal cord injury in an accident at a Christian concert last month in Abbotsford, is slowly recovering at VGH. She is gaining strength in her hands and arms and is starting to move some toes again, but her recovery will be a long and difficult process.

Unity Among Churches & Leaders

Pray for the unity of churches around the world and for Christians to "be the church" to those around them, having one heart for the lost in their cities. Pray that walls will be broken and believers will all strive towards the common goal of serving Christ.

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THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

The Michael Job Center for Orphan Girls

www.michaeljobcenter.com www.driobsmision.com
India: Dr. PP Job runs an orphanage and school for girls orphaned by the martyrdom of their parents. He opened the center after his own sons were martyred for their faith. Pray that the girls will grow into godly women and for the furtherance of this ministry.

Evangelist Imprisoned for Witnessing

www.prisoneralet.com
Eritrea: On May 11, 2005 Evangelist Girmay Ambaye was arrested for witnessing about Christ to people on a city bus. Three years later, he is still serving his sentence.

Forty-six Christians Arrested, Two Remain in Detention

www.persecution.com
China: 46 Christians were arrested on April 13 during a Bible class and worship service as a result of a government campaign against house churches. 44 were released after posting bail and confessing their "sin."

Local Prayer Request Headline Number One

Please input your first prayer request here.

Local Prayer Request Headline Number Two

Please input your second prayer request here.

Local Prayer Request Headline Number Three

Please input your third prayer request here.

Step One:

Visit the Sacred Infusion website (www.sacredinfusion.org) and download the Weekly Prayer Requests page. If you'd like, you can subscribe to receive a notification each week, letting you know that the new page is online.

Step Two:

Open the PDF file and edit the local prayer requests fields to customize it, making it relevant to your church or group.

Step Three:

Distribute the bulletin to your prayer group leaders, either by saving the PDF and emailing it, or by printing the PDF and delivering hard copies.



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