

Weekly Prayer Requests

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It is not enough for us to say, "I love God," but I also have to love my neighbor. It is very important for us to realize that love, to be true, has to hurt. I must be willing to give whatever it takes not to harm other people and, in fact, to do good to them. This requires that I be willing to give until it hurts. Otherwise, there is no true love in me and I bring injustice, not peace, to those around me.

It hurt Jesus to love us. We have been created in His image for greater things; to love and to be loved. We have been created to love as He loves us. Jesus makes Himself the hungry one, the naked one, the homeless one, the unwanted one, and He says, "You did it unto Me." On the last day He will say to those on His right, "whatever you did to the least of these, you did to Me," and He will also say to those on His left, "whatever you neglected to do for the least of these, you neglected to do it for Me."
- Mother Teresa

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Quake Lake Drains, Heavy Rains Continue

www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/PEK286888.htm

China's biggest "quake lake" has successfully drained, relieving over 1.2 million people who were in danger. But there are fears that ongoing heavy rains could still threaten reservoir levels and create flooding in earthquake-devastated areas, potentially threatening thousands.

High Prices Reduce Flow of Food Aid

www.reliefweb.int

Global food aid deliveries have sunk to their lowest levels in nearly five decades, with deliveries of wheat and maize dropping the most due to the impact of rising food prices around the world. Pray for the turning of the economy; pray that countries would step up and contribute more.

2.7 Million Children Forced to Work

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806110005.html>

A whopping 2.7 million children in Uganda, one out of every three, are subjected to hazardous child labour. They may be pushed to work by their parents to help sustain their family, forced to beg on the streets due to poverty, or exploited and used for prostitution by others.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

"Florida Outpouring" Revival Continues

www.floridaoutpouring.com <http://fieldnotes.msnbc.msn.com>

Revival meetings happening since early April continue in Lakeland, Florida, where miraculous healings and restorations continue on a daily basis. Evangelist Todd Bentley, of Fresh Fire Ministries, has extended the meetings indefinitely because, "God is moving...and people know something is happening here."

More Rain Threatens Soggy Midwest US

www.cnn.com

Many towns and cities in the US Midwest are bracing for flood waters as rains continue and rivers rise. Thousands of people in Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Indiana are affected. Some towns have already flooded, destroying homes and taking at least ten lives.

A Revolution of Change

We as believers need to stand up and live out our faith in a real way. Pray that our lives would reflect Christ. Pray for faith and boldness in talking with our peers. Pray for an attitude of love in the way we treat others. Pray that our world will see a revolution of change.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Death Threat and Church Dispute

www.compassdirect.org

Indonesia: In the latest in a series of threats, an Islamic extremist group confronted and threatened to kill church leader Bedali Hulu. For the past 18 months, Hulu's church has faced severe opposition in a battle to hold services in the village. The church will soon take the matter to court.

Pastor Imprisoned for Leading Rally

www.prisoneralert.com

Vietnam: Pastor Y Wo Nie was arrested in 2004 for leading a demonstration demanding more religious freedom and the release of property confiscated by the Vietnamese government. He received a nine-year sentence. His family has not been able to visit him.

Jesus Movie Prompts Interrogation

www.christiansin crisis.net/content/view/2108/117/

Bhutan: Police will be interrogating missionary Amil Romir for showing a movie about the life of Jesus. After seeing many people turn to Christ through the movie, several religious extremists filed a complaint against Amil and his film team and are pressuring police to take action.

LOCAL PRAYER REQUESTS

