

# Weekly Prayer Requests

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“Prayer,  
it is the least,  
yet the most  
that we can  
do for them.”

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A young woman attacked for her faith; a sobering reminder of persecution that exists worldwide.

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

## Rape a Way of Life for Women in Darfur

[www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)

The rape of women and children in Darfur, Sudan has become an epidemic. It's an integral part of the violence that the government inflicts upon targeted ethnic groups and it's become so bad that many women are now resigned to rape attacks as a way of life. Making matters worse, scores of babies conceived through rape are being dumped by their mothers. The government is denying the problem.

## Zimbabwe Political Opposition Attacks

[www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)

President Mugabe has been accused of sponsoring efforts to starve, beat and kill supporters of his opponent so he can win the upcoming election. In recent attacks, four opposition party activists and a mayor's wife were killed.

## Flooding in China

[www.alertnet.org](http://www.alertnet.org) [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)

Heavy rains resulting in flooding have hit China, resulting in at least 171 deaths and the evacuation of 1.6 million people. Major landslides due to unstable ground from last month's earthquake are of particular concern.

## Protest Blocks Bible College Construction

[www.assistnews.net/Stories/2008/so8060112.htm](http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2008/so8060112.htm)

*India:* As the foundation work for a new Bible school started on June 10, a crowd of villagers came to the construction site to stop the workers, which resulted in the halting of progress. Pray that the Lord will work out the situation and change hearts so construction can continue.

## Death Threat over Construction

[www.compassdirect.org](http://www.compassdirect.org)

*Bangladesh:* Muslim fundamentalists in a village north of Dhaka caused destruction and threatened to kill a pastor in an effort to keep him from constructing a church on land that he purchased. "They drew a dagger at my chest and threatened to kill me if they see me [here] again."

## Christians Beaten by Hindu Radicals

[www.christiansincrisis.net/content/view/2144/117/](http://www.christiansincrisis.net/content/view/2144/117/)

*India:* Two Christian families, active in their community, were attacked recently in a Rewadahi village. Both were sleeping when 50 Hindu radicals forced them outside and started beating them because of their faith and disregard of local customs.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

## Government Apologizes to First Nations

[www.cbc.ca/news/](http://www.cbc.ca/news/) [www.canadianchristianity.com](http://www.canadianchristianity.com)

On Wednesday, June 11 Prime Minister Steven Harper read an apology from the House of Commons to the surviving students of the Native residential school system. He asked for forgiveness for the abuses and efforts to wipe out aboriginal languages and culture, and acknowledged the ongoing impacts on the lives of Natives in Canada.

## US Midwest Still Underwater

[www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)

As the banks of the Mississippi River spill over, there are more states, counties and cities in danger of "the great flood of 2008." It is predicated that as a result, there will be food shortages this year that will affect many countries around the world. Pray for all those who have lost homes, property and/or livelihoods.

## Kids/Youth Camps Prepare for Summer

Worldwide Christian camps are training their summer staff to work with the many church and unchurched children and youth that will visit this year. Pray for wisdom, health and spiritual preparedness for leaders and campers alike.

LOCAL PRAYER REQUESTS

