

# Weekly Prayer Requests

07/04/08

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

-Ephesians 6:18 (New Living Translation)

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

## Vote on Zimbabwe Sanctions Expected

[www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L03575788.htm](http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L03575788.htm)

In response to the widely condemned election, the UN is expected to vote next week on sanctions against President Mugabe, which includes an arms embargo against the country, travel bans and asset freezes on the government.

## Colombian Hostages Rescued

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

After 6 years in captivity, 15 hostages were rescued from rebels in a stunning Colombian military operation, which involved agents earning the rebels trust over time before making their move. Pray for these individuals as they return to their families and integrate back into society. Pray that the country's political situation will improve.

## Police Torture Videos Surface in Mexico

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

Videos showing Mexican police being trained in torture techniques made headlines in national media recently. The tapes, which show horrible and shocking practices, have raised concerns about the Mexican police force, and now human rights investigators are examining the situation.

## National Repentance

[www.ifapray.org/firstfridayprayerfocus.htm](http://www.ifapray.org/firstfridayprayerfocus.htm)

Pray for a restoration of the moral backbone and of biblical ethics in Canada. Pray for an increased outpouring of the Holy Spirit to "convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment," and "to guide us into all truth." (Jn 16:8-13)

## "All In Authority"

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Intercede for Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the government, the opposition party, the Cabinet and Supreme Court. Pray for your Premier, MLA and other provincial and local officials. Pray for men and women in positions of leadership in the church, education, medicine, science, business, media and entertainment.

## Mercy and Grace of God

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Offer thanksgiving that, in Christ, we know the fullness of God's compassion, mercy, grace and liberty. Cry out for mercy upon our land, the lives of the lost and suffering, and our lives and families. Pray that relatives, loved ones, peers, neighbors, friends and enemies will know redemption, freedom and the sufficiency of God's grace.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

## Christians Abducted by Extremists

[www.persecution.com/news/index.cfm?action=fullstory&newsID=609](http://www.persecution.com/news/index.cfm?action=fullstory&newsID=609)

*Pakistan:* On June 21, 16 men were abducted by Taliban extremists when they gathered to pray. The men were separated from their families, forced into vehicles and held for an hour while they were beaten. They were released 10 hours later from a cave, after refusing to convert to Islam.

## Pastor Evicted for Duration of Olympics

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*China:* On July 2 officers evicted house church leader Pastor Hua Huiqi and his family from their Beijing home. The government had branded Hua and other activists as "trouble-makers" and is set on keeping them from the Olympic Games in August, by either detainment until September or removing him and his family completely out of Beijing.

## Pastors Arrested on Way to Meetings

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

*Lao People's Democratic Republic:* In March Pastor KhamLa Namheng and 7 other pastors were arrested and jailed when they tried to enter Thailand to attend meetings. Police searched their bags and found Bibles and letters.

LOCAL PRAYER REQUESTS

