

Weekly Prayer Requests

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Prayer is one of the profoundest tools that God has granted unto us as believers. It is the most effective weapon of the kingdom of God. He has ordained that it should be employed in any and every situation, from penning a letter to writing a book, from healing a cut to raising the dead, from the fall of a sparrow to the fall of an empire. There is no occasion too unimportant for prayer and no circumstances too challenging for its application.

“Prayer Power” <http://upperroomyouth.witness.today.org/prayerideas.htm> (accessed July 9, 2008)

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Iran Begins Test-Firing Missiles

www.cnn.com www.alertnet.org

Iran began test-firing missiles last week, in response to what it says are threats from Israel and the US. Iran has been warned to halt development of their nuclear program, amongst fears they're producing atomic bombs. Pray for peace among these nations.

Greenhouse Gas Commitment a Start

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The outcome of meetings this week provided a start in the work to reduce greenhouse gases, but more effort is needed to reverse the epidemic. A motion was endorsed by the G8 to half emission levels by 2050, but a meeting with emerging economies failed to provide a global commitment.

Afghanistan & UN Launch \$400M Appeal

www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/ISL86551.htm

Afghanistan and the UN launched an appeal to international diplomats and donors for more than \$400 million to feed 4.5 million people hit hard by rising food prices, poor harvests and drought. The 1-year plan would provide food security, agricultural development, sanitization and health.

California Wildfires Continue to Burn

www.cnn.com/2008/US/07/09/wildfires/index.html

More than 1,700 wildfires are currently burning in northern California; 320 are still out of control. 614,000 acres of forest have burned, destroying hundreds of homes and forcing the evacuation of 100,000 people. Pray that the fires will be brought under control and that no lives will be lost.

BC Missionaries Attacked in Kenya

www.ctv.ca

BC missionaries John and Eloise Bergen were badly beaten in a recent random attack while serving in Kenya. John is listed in critical condition. Pray for their recovery.

Zondervan Facing Lawsuit

www.woodtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=8644595

Christian publisher Zondervan is facing a \$60 million lawsuit filed by a man who claims he has suffered emotionally and mentally based on a misinterpretation of the Bible. Bradley Fowler claims that Bibles published by Zondervan use the word homosexuals in 1 Corinthians 6:9 to describe those who are “wicked” and won't inherit the kingdom of heaven, resulting in his family considering him a sinner.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

New Christian Couple Jailed and Tortured

www.compassdirect.org

Iran: Police in Tehran tortured a newly converted couple and threatened to put their 4-year-old daughter in an institution after arresting them for holding Bible studies and attending a house church. They were jailed for 4 days and beaten until bruised, and released on \$50,000 bail.

Law to Enforce Death Penalty Considered

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Iran: A penal code that would mandate the death penalty for those who commit, among other things, apostasy (leaving Islam) is expected to go to debate soon in Iran's parliament. If passed, the law would require execution of any Muslim who converts to Christianity—a fixed punishment that cannot be changed, reduced or annulled.

Jailed for Distributing “Harmful” Materials

www.prisoneralert.com

Vietnam: In spring 2007, Father Nguyen Van Ly was arrested for distributing materials criticizing the government's stance against the Church; materials that were seen as “harmful to the state.” He is currently serving 8 years in prison.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

LOCAL PRAYER REQUESTS

