

Weekly Prayer Requests

07/25/08

Ten Key Principles and Promises from the Bible for Powerful and Effective Prayer - Pt. 1

1. The need for a clean and righteous heart - "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened." Psalms 66:18
2. The need to pray according to the will of God - "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we ask of Him." 1 John 5:14-15
3. The need to be led by the Holy Spirit and discerning the mind of Christ in prayer - "In the same way, the Spirit help us in our weaknesses. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans which cannot be expressed. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with the will of God." Romans 8:26-27

"Prayer Power" <http://upperroomyouth.witnesses.today.org/prayerideas.htm> (accessed July 23, 2008)

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Zimbabwe Rivals Start Negotiations

www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L23993012.htm

Zimbabwe's opposition party, MDC, and President Robert Mugabe's ruling ZANU-PF party have begun negotiations on a power-sharing deal that will end the political deadlock since Mugabe's disputed re-election on June 27. Pray for unity and peace amidst the situation.

Hurricane Bears Down on Mexico/Texas

www.cnn.com www.msnbc.msn.com/id/25783373?GT1=43001

Hurricane Dolly made landfall in Texas on Wednesday, whipping through the Gulf Coast near the U.S.-Mexico border. It picked up strength as it neared land with steady winds of 100 mph. Up to 15 inches of heavy rain is expected to cause flooding. Pray for the safety of those affected.

Earthquake in Japan; Floods in China

www.alertnet.org/T373018.htm www.alertnet.org/121682059436.htm

A strong 6.8 magnitude earthquake jolted northern Japan on Thursday, with minor damages and injuries being reported. Meanwhile, heavy rainstorms and resulting floods killed at least 6 people in central China. Almost 600,000 people are reported to have been affected by the storms.

Canadian Military

www.forces.ca

Pray for our military personnel's safety and that they would serve their country well in the places God has put them. Pray that our Christian brothers and sisters would be strong in their faith, their lives being shining examples. Pray that they would help turn places of war into places of peace.

Winnipeg Soldier's Body Arrives in Canada

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The body of Cpl. James Hayward Arnal, who was killed last Friday by a roadside bomb near Kandahar, Afghanistan, was flown back to Ontario this week. Arnal was the 88th Canadian soldier to die during the Afghan mission. Pray for his family and those close to him, that they would be find comfort and peace through Christ.

Crash Claims Lives of Brothers

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Two Canadian brothers, Jonathan and Eric Leduc, who both served overseas in Afghanistan, were killed Tuesday morning in a car accident near Quebec City. Pray for their family and friends as they grieve through this time.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Custody Handed over to Kidnappers

www.compassdirect.org

Pakistan: The men who kidnapped two girls on June 26 and then forced them to convert to Islam have won custody over them. Through a common interpretation of Islamic law, which says that a Christian can't have custody of a Muslim, the court decided that because of the girls' conversion, their parents' right to legal guardianship was invalidated.

Church Leader Imprisoned w/o Charges

www.prisoneralert.com

Eritrea: Haile Nayzgi, leader of the Full Gospel Church, has been in prison since May of 2004, when he was taken from his home and arrested without being charged. Since his arrest he has been moved to various locations and his family doesn't know where he is currently.

Imprisoned Woman Dies of Malaria

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Eritrea: 37-year-old Azib Simon, weakened by ongoing physical abuse, died in her cell of malaria after contacting the disease only a week before. Azib had been imprisoned and tortured for her Christian faith since December.

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LOCAL PRAYER REQUESTS

