

# Weekly Prayer Requests

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## Ten Key Principles and Promises from the Bible for Powerful and Effective Prayer - Pt. 2

4. The need for agreement in prayer - "Again, I tell you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:19-20
5. The need for right relationships with others - "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your heavenly Father in heaven may forgive your sins." Mark 11:25
6. The need for faith in prayer - "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24
7. The need for persistence in prayer - "Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up." Luke 18:1-8

"Prayer Power" <http://upperroomyouth.witnesses.today.org/prayerideas.htm> (accessed July 30, 2008)

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

### Cholera Kills 172 in Indonesia's Papua

[www.canada.com/topics/news/world/](http://www.canada.com/topics/news/world/)

At least 172 villagers have died in a cholera outbreak that has triggered unrest in Indonesia's remote eastern Papua province. Aid workers confirmed the victims had died from severe diarrhea and vomiting caused by cholera that spread via drinking water from a river and products in markets.

### UN Abandons Eritrea-Ethiopia Mission

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

The UN has ended its 8-year peacekeeping mission between Eritrea and Ethiopia, saying they had little choice but to withdraw since the countries had been limiting peacekeeping efforts; the mission had become impossible to implement. Critics are warning the withdraw could lead to a new war between the two countries.

### UN Troops, Police Surround Haitian Rebels

[www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N30462910.htm](http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N30462910.htm)

Rebels in northern Haiti were surrounded by UN and police trying to negotiate their surrender on July 30. Tensions rose around demands for the reinstatement of the country's army, causing an uproar and nearly starting a riot.

### Canadian Missionaries Arrive Home

[www.nationalpost.com/related/topics/story.html?id=687779](http://www.nationalpost.com/related/topics/story.html?id=687779)

BC missionaries John and Eloise Bergen, who were nearly killed in a recent attack in Kenya, returned home to Canada on Monday. The couple was beaten, raped, slashed with machetes and left for dead, yet still offer their attackers forgiveness and vow to go back to continue their work.

### Two Killed in Tennessee Church Shooting

[www.cnn.com/2008/CRIME/07/27/church.shooting/](http://www.cnn.com/2008/CRIME/07/27/church.shooting/)

A shotgun-wielding man opened fire at a Unitarian church during their Sunday morning service, killing 2 adults and wounding seven others. The injured are recovering in hospital, but prayer is needed for the families as they grieve through this process. The man was angry over the church's liberal stance on homosexuality and women's rights.

### Canadian Troops Mistakenly Kill 2 Children

[www.cbc.ca/world/story/2008/07/28/afghanistan-cdn.html](http://www.cbc.ca/world/story/2008/07/28/afghanistan-cdn.html)

Two children died Sunday after Canadian troops opened fire on a car they feared was about to attack their convoy in Afghanistan. The driver of the car ignored repeated signals to keep a safe distance, thereby instigating the shooting.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

### The Voice of the Martyrs' Website Attacked

[www.vomusa.org/topStory\\_siteAttack.html](http://www.vomusa.org/topStory_siteAttack.html)

On July 24, VOM's website was deliberately attacked from outside of the US, forcing them to take the site offline temporarily. They believe the intent was to silence the online voice of the persecuted church. Prayer is asked for persecuted Christians around the world, especially during this Olympic season as the world's attention turns to China.

### Christians Attacked by Hindu Extremists

[www.vomusa.org/topStory\\_india.html](http://www.vomusa.org/topStory_india.html)

*India:* On July 13 and 20, Hindu extremists attacked 2 different churches in the same district, severely beating 2 pastors and 3 believers and burning Bibles and song books. 3 of those who were attacked were taken to the local police station where they were accused of forcibly converting Hindus.

### Christian School Teacher Beaten to Death

[www.vomusa.org/topStory\\_india.html](http://www.vomusa.org/topStory_india.html)

*India:* On July 19, a Christian school teacher died after being beaten up by Muslim youth, the result of a protest over curriculum by a group of students. Pray for the family.

LOCAL PRAYER REQUESTS

