

# Weekly Prayer Requests

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## Ten Key Principles and Promises from the Bible for Powerful and Effective Prayer - Pt. 3

8. The need to pray in Jesus Name - "Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be full." John 16:24
9. The need to overcome the weakness of the flesh in praying - "Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." Mark 14:37b-38
10. The need for fervency and conviction in prayer - "Elijah was a man like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops." James 5:17-18

"Prayer Power" <http://upperroomyouth.witnesses.today.org/prayerideas.htm> (accessed August 6, 2008)

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

### Beijing Olympics Begin

<http://en.beijing2008.cn>

Pray for safety for those participating in and attending the games. Pray that the world would see the love of God emanating through the lives of Chinese Christians. Pray that the Gospel will be spread and the Enemy's work will be diminished.

### Earthquake and Storms Rock China

[www.alertnet.org](http://www.alertnet.org) [www.alertnet.org/200810W\\_10W.htm](http://www.alertnet.org/200810W_10W.htm)

A strong, 6.0 magnitude earthquake rocked the western Chinese provinces of Sichuan and Gansu on August 5, killing 1 person and injuring 23. Meanwhile, tropical storm Kammuri struck southern China on August 6, bringing fears of flooding to the foreground.

### Chinese Border Attack Kills 16

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

16 police officers were killed, and 16 more wounded, after an August 4 attack on a border police station in western China. 2 attackers crashed a heavy truck into a group of officers and then threw homemade bombs, setting off an explosion. Police suspect a terrorist plot behind the raid.

### Random Bus Attack Kills Young Man

[www.ctv.ca](http://www.ctv.ca)

A gruesome attack occurred on a greyhound bus travelling just outside of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba last Wednesday, July 30. 22-year-old Tim McLean was killed in an unprovoked attack by a fellow passenger while he was sleeping. Pray for Tim's family as they grieve through this tragedy.

### Nine Dead in Firefighter Helicopter Crash

[www.cnn.com/2008/US/08/06/helicopter.crash/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2008/US/08/06/helicopter.crash/index.html)

9 people were killed and 4 hospitalized after a helicopter carrying firefighters crashed on August 5 in northern California. The helicopter entered a remote area to pick up firefighters battling wildfires when it went down in the treacherous terrain. Pray for the families of those affected.

### L.A. Earthquake: Reminder to be Prepared

[www.cnn.com/2008/US/07/29/earthquake.ca/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2008/US/07/29/earthquake.ca/index.html)

A magnitude-5.4 earthquake shook the Los Angeles area Tuesday, July 29, leaving residents rattled but causing no serious damage or injuries. However, the temer served as a warning to southern Californians and those along the west coast: the "Big One" remains a possibility.

### Chinese Pastor Banned from Olympics

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

*China:* Chinese authorities have banished house church pastor Zhang Mingxuan from Beijing for the duration of the Games. Officers forcibly removed him and his wife on July 18 and took them to Hebei province to prevent them from meeting foreign officials visiting Beijing. Several other Christians remain in detention or face ongoing harassment.

### Church Leader Jailed

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

*Eritrea:* Dr. Kiflu Gebremeskel, a leader of Full Gospel Church, was arrested on May 23, 2004 after he was taken from his home in the early morning hours. Those jailed in Eritrea are routinely subjected to physical beatings and severe psychological pressure to deny their religious beliefs.

### Christian Couple Dies of Injuries

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*Iran:* An Iranian couple in their 60s died last week from injuries sustained on July 17 when secret police raided a house church service and severely beat them. Their daughter remains in police custody.

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