

Weekly Prayer Requests

08/29/08

Prayer of Thomas Merton

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and will never leave me to face my perils alone."

"Famous Prayers" by David A. Alexander, Ph.D. <http://members.tripod.com/david-alexander/id172.htm> (accessed August 27, 2008).

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Storm Drenches Haiti, Still Aims for Gulf

www.alertnet.org www.cnn.com

Tropical Storm Gustav tore through Haiti and the Dominican Republic on Wednesday, triggering floods and mudslides, resulting in 23 deaths. The storm may become a dangerous hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico, threatening oil fields.

Riots as Indian Floods Destroy Homes

www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/B0M283140.htm

Food riots erupted on Wednesday in eastern India, where more than two million people have been forced from their homes and 250,000 houses destroyed in the worst floods in 50 years. More than 1,000 people in South Asia have been killed since the monsoon began and those displaced won't be able to return home for another two or three months.

Aid Group Halts Darfur Work after Threats

www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/HEA740972.htm

German aid group Welthungerhilfe is halting most of its work in Sudan's Darfur region after armed gangs threatened to kill staff, and seven truckloads of emergency food were stolen. They are the latest in a series of organizations to suspend work, saying staff were increasingly at risk.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Indian Persecution Escalates

www.compassdirect.org

India: On Aug 23, a Hindu religious leader, who was instrumental in riots last December against Christians, was murdered. Hindu radicals assume that Christians are responsible and are therefore bent on revenge by destroying churches and killing believers. So far at least 15 churches are destroyed, 50 houses looted or burnt, and many killed.

Man Kills Daughter for Converting

www.persecution.com/topStory_saudiFatherKilling.html

Saudi Arabia: Recently, a Saudi member of the religious police killed his own daughter for converting to Christianity. The victim wrote in a blog that her family grew suspicious after having religious discussions with her and finding Christian materials on her computer.

Olympic Persecution: Bibles Confiscated

www.persecution.com/topStory_olympics.html

China: Customs officials confiscated 315 Chinese Bibles from a Vision Beyond Borders team on Aug 17. The Bibles were hidden in the group's suitcases and discovered as the group passed through customs in the Kunming airport.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

More People Living Below Poverty Line

www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N27446353.htm

The World Bank says that more people are living in extreme poverty in developing countries than previously thought as it adjusted the recognized ruler for measuring global poverty to \$1.25 a day from \$1. This means that there are 1.4 billion people living in extreme poverty, up 40% from the previous number.

Debbie Helsloot Update

www.mypcc.ca

God continues to work His hand of healing in Debbie's life. For the last month she has been coming home for the weekends and will come home for good Aug 28. She has gone from using a wheelchair at home, to only needing a walker, to climbing up stairs with a crutch. Pray for her as she continues to make more progress each and every day.

Canadian Health Outbreaks

www.ctvbc.ctv.ca

Pray that those affected by the recent listeria and mumps outbreaks will heal quickly and be restored to full health.

LOCAL PRAYER REQUESTS

