

# Weekly Prayer Requests

11/28/08

"This is my prayer in the harvest  
When favor and providence flow  
I know I'm filled to be emptied again  
The seed I've received I will sow"

I am moved by these lyrics from *Desert Song*, written by Brooke Fraser. "Filled...to be emptied again." We were never meant to hold on to blessing of any kind...we were born to give it away.

Lyrics from *Desert Song*, written by Brooke Fraser. ©2008 Hillsong Publishing.

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

## Terrorist Attack in Mumbai, India

[www.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/asiapcf/11/27/india.attacks/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/asiapcf/11/27/india.attacks/index.html)

At least 125 people are dead after terrorists rampaged two five-star hotels and various other locations on Nov 27. The attackers split into groups and began shooting and taking hostages, including six Canadians. At least 327 others were wounded. Pray for those affected by the attacks.

## Brazil's Catastrophic Flooding

[www.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/americas/11/27/brazil.floods/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/americas/11/27/brazil.floods/index.html)

Flooding from heavy rains has produced one of the worst disasters in Brazil's history. The flooding has affected 1.5 million people, 1/4 of the population. 97 people are dead and 79,000 more are homeless. Military personnel are delivering food, medicines and clothing to those in need.

## Pirates Seize Ships off of Somali Coast

[www.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/africa/11/25/somalia.pirates.yemen/](http://www.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/africa/11/25/somalia.pirates.yemen/)

In recent months dozens of ships have been attacked in the Gulf of Aden by pirates based in Somalia. The most audacious hijacking came on Nov 15, when pirates seized a freighter carrying 2 million barrels of crude oil worth \$100 million. Pray that the ships and hostages will be released.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

## Church Goes Underground, Pastor in Prison

*Uzbekistan:* Pray for a church in Uzbekistan that has recently lost its registration and has been forced to go "underground." Please continue to pray for Pastor David who is suffering in prison for his faith amidst some serious health challenges. Pray for complete healing and supernatural health in spite of the poor conditions where he is kept.

## Two Believers in Prison

*China:* Pray for Alim and Osman, who are both currently imprisoned. Alim has been in prison for 9 months, while Osman has been in for 12 months and continues to serve out his two-year sentence of "re-education through labor." Also pray for the wives and children of these two young men.

## Oppression of Christians Persists

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

*Mexico:* Hostilities from traditionalist Catholics against Christians in Southern Mexico have grown in recent times. Many believe that only they have rights to religious practice and that others must conform to their religion. Thus, non-Catholics live in fear of being expelled from their properties. Recently four Christians were jailed for refusing to participate in and help pay for a traditionalist Catholic festival.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

## More Working People Turn to Food Banks

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

A study released Nov 25 found that over 704,000 Canadians went to food banks during a one-month study last March. Even after years of economic growth, food-bank use is still 6% higher than it was a decade ago. Of particular concern is that 20% of all those helped are living on income from current or recent employment, suggesting that more people are struggling to get by.

## Christmas Events & Programs

Pray for the many opportunities Christians around the world have to share the Good News of the Gospel with those who have never heard. Pray that many unbelievers will attend special Christmas events and respond to our Father's love in sending us Jesus.

## Low Church Attendance & Secularism

Australia is a major global contributor with continued strong ties to the US and the UK. Australia struggles with low church attendance and secularism. Pray for: revival, the Aborigines, increased church attendance and the many immigrants from Asia.

LOCAL PRAYER REQUESTS

