

PRAYERS *toward a*  
GREATER PENTECOST

A TEN-DAY PRAYER GUIDE

*for the*

GLOBAL  
DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 17 - 27

2007

*For the earth will be filled  
with the knowledge  
of the glory of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.*

*- Habakkuk 2:14 -*



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## Brothers and sisters in Christ,

A rising movement of prayer for renewal and revival has swept across Africa and the earth like an incoming tide. In 2006 approximately 250 million Christians in 198 countries joined in repentance and prayer on the second ever Global Day of Prayer.

On May 27, from the rising of the sun in the east and across each time zone until it sets, we look forward to joining with many millions across the world responding to this call from God to humble ourselves and pray. As one body we will worship our Lord, celebrate His majestic grace, turn from our sins and offer ourselves as a blessing to the nations.

Isaiah 66:18 says, “And I, because of their actions and their imaginations, am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see My glory.”

We are excited and expectant to “see His glory” and encourage all Christians from every denomination, church, community and family to join in this special day of repentance and prayer.

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— Habakkuk 2:14*



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# A Global Day of Prayer

*All together...in many places*

*“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.”— Acts 2:1*

**All together in many places.** As dawn broke on the first Pentecost, Christians were gathered “all together in one place” (Acts 2:1). On this coming Pentecost, many millions of believers will again be all together—but in many places—praying in one accord for the biblical hope of Christ's glory and the transformation of all nations.

**Arising from Africa.** At the dawn of the millennium, a small band of believers in Cape Town, South Africa, called others to join them in praying for their city and their nation. In 2001, a stadium full of 45,000 expectant people gathered to seek God in repentance. Soon gatherings like it—all meeting on the same day—multiplied across Africa. In 2004, more than 20 million people prayed at more than 2,000 sites in every country of Africa. Christians of Africa invited believers around the world to join them in the first-ever Global Day of Prayer, which drew together an estimated 200 million people on May 15, 2005.

**Across the face of the earth.** On June 4, 2006, an estimated 250 million Christians prayed together in 198 countries. The movement continues to spread and to deepen, packing large stadiums, filling the open squares of small villages, surging around the clock and uniting many churches in prayer for Christ's greater glory and the blessing of all nations.



## Ten leading up to One followed by Ninety

We can find inspiration in the three parts to the birth of the Church: ten days of constant prayer leading to Pentecost, one day of prayer witnessed by the whole city and days of blessing that followed. For these reasons, the Global Day of Prayer has three parts.

**10 Ten days of constant prayer: May 17 - 26, 2007.** On Ascension Day, May 17, millions of Christians will find ways to pray night and day throughout the ten days leading to Pentecost, following the pattern of Christ's followers before the first Pentecost.

**1 The Global Day of Prayer: May 27, 2007.** On Pentecost Sunday, Christians in almost every country will assemble to pray, many in homes and other public venues, many more in stadiums and open squares. Television, radio and internet will help to connect and align our prayers even more.

**90 Ninety days of blessing: May 28 - August 25, 2007.** As in the first Pentecost, transformed Christians transform their communities as they offer themselves to God as instruments through which their prayers can be answered. The Global Day of Prayer anticipates the forming or furthering of local alliances among pastors, churches, missions and business leaders, to bring practical, transformational blessing to their communities.

# Why pray toward a greater Pentecost?

*For the Glory of Christ and the Blessing of the Nations*



*"Gathering them together, He commanded them...  
to wait for what the Father had promised..."*

— Acts 1:4

After Jesus was received into heaven, His first followers gathered in an upstairs room to do as Jesus had told them: to wait for "what the Father had promised." They were praying for more than personal spiritual enrichment. Receiving God's Spirit was just the beginning of all that God would do in order to finish everything He promised for the entire world.

**Hope-filled passion for God's promises.** As we listen to what poured out from their hearts in the days that followed Pentecost, we can get an idea of how they prayed during those ten days. They prayed in fervent, hope-filled passion for God to fulfill His promises all over the earth regarding His kingdom. Their prayers sprang from the written Word of God. Christ's teaching about God's kingdom had ignited their hope for the advance of Christ's love and power among all peoples.

## Praying onward—toward greater things beyond Pentecost.

As amazed as they were at the wonders of Pentecost, the Acts account says they kept up patterns of persistent praying after Pentecost. If they were with us today, they would likely be praying for God to pour out His Spirit and use His people in even greater ways.

**Ten days uniting in continual prayer.** Beginning on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 17th, and continuing until Saturday, May 26th, believers around the world will be organizing ways to pray together night and day. Inspired by the example of the first followers who "joined together constantly" in prayer (Acts 1:14), we expect that the ten days between the time of the ascent of Jesus and the descent of His Spirit will be filled with believers praying around the clock and across all time zones. This prayer guide is being translated into many languages so that millions of people around the world will have the same biblical beginning points to pray through these ten days. You won't be praying alone.

**Christ again calls His church to unite in prayer.** The great troubles that shake our world compel us to pray. But even more, the tremendous promises of God should move us to pray with urgency and desire. But regardless of how we may be stirred to pray—by great needs or by great hopes—there is a universal conviction in these days that Christ Himself is calling His church to pray. What better way to obey our Lord than to give ourselves to ten days of continual prayer, culminating on the day of Pentecost?

# Ten Days of Constant Prayer

May 17 - 26

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## How to Use this Prayer Guide

- 1. Deepen your praying in scripture.** Consider how the verse from the book of Acts provides solid ground to pray with clear hope for the daily prayer emphasis. Explore more by checking the practical background notes for each day's topic online at [www.waymakers.org/tenday](http://www.waymakers.org/tenday). Taking a few moments to ground your praying deeper with a fresh look at the Bible will help you pray with more joy, confidence and persistence.
- 2. Sharpen your praying by lifting specific concerns.** You'll find particular concerns listed which relate to the day's topic. Your awareness of these problems can be fortified with a bit more information. Check the helps for each day at [www.waymakers.org/tenday](http://www.waymakers.org/tenday) so that you can pray with renewed relevance.
- 3. Focus your praying with others.** Invite others to pray with you. Enjoy the experience of enlarging your prayers by organizing prayer times with others. Find ideas about how you can facilitate creative, dynamic sessions of united prayer at [www.waymakers.org/tenday](http://www.waymakers.org/tenday).

Download the easy-to-use "User Guide" from [www.waymakers.org/tenday](http://www.waymakers.org/tenday) to get all the helps mentioned above in one place. Or come to the web site daily to listen in on others praying.



## Gather in Extraordinary Prayer

- 1. Find creative ways to gather.** It's a time of surpassing some of the standard patterns of prayer. Millions of Christians will be praying together in extraordinary ways. Many are forming prayer chains to build bonfires of 24-hours-a-day prayer throughout the ten days. Others are finding ways to pray with others for short blasts of focused prayer. Some are fasting. Others are scheduling conference call prayer sessions. Look for how the Holy Spirit may be giving you fresh ways to call family and friends to pray.
- 2. Pray with different languages.** This prayer guide is being translated into about fifty languages so that many millions of Christians the world over will be praying these prayers. See [www.globaldayofprayer.com](http://www.globaldayofprayer.com) to find translations available in a number of other languages including Spanish.
- 3. Watch for ways God may guide you.** As you pray for your community, God may impress you and others with specific ways that He can use you to become part of the answer to your prayers.



“...and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, ‘Which,’ He said, ‘you heard of from Me...’”  
— Acts 1:3-4 (NASB)

## Seeking THE KINGDOM OF GOD

*For the transforming power of Christ’s kingdom*

Concerning: *spiritual darkness, church divisions, economic oppression*

### For the Glory of Christ

- For the hearts of God’s people to blaze with love and loyal obedience to Jesus as King and Lord of all.
- For the goodness and glory of Christ’s kingly love to be experienced by many throughout whole cities.
- For Christ to gather and instruct His people from the Scriptures concerning the hope of His life-giving kingdom.

### For the Blessing of the Nations

- For Christ to bring believers to dwell in cities where breakthroughs of blessing have not yet occurred. Pray that they would patiently pursue the promised blessing of Christ’s kingdom in difficult places.
- That the power of Christ’s love would bring lasting transformation throughout entire communities.



“These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer...”  
— Acts 1:14 (NASB)

## Increasing in UNITED PRAYER

*For sustained movements of united prayer*

Concerning: *prayerlessness, occult practices, materialism*

### For the Glory of Christ

- That God would unite us in prayer with “one mind,” (Acts 1:14, 2:46, 4:24), empowering us to pray passionately together for Christ’s glory in all the world.
- That God would hear and answer the prayers of the poor, the young and the marginalized and would be glorified by their praises.

### For the Blessing of the Nations

- That God’s Spirit would inspire and empower believers to pray specific blessings upon their neighbors and friends.
- That people throughout our communities would be moved to call out to God for His help as never before.
- That the leaders of our community would ask God for His wisdom and hope.



“‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit on all people...’”  
— Acts 2:17

## Being filled with THE HOLY SPIRIT

*For God to pour out His Spirit upon all*

Concerning: *intellectual pride, demonic oppression, spiritual blindness, depression*

### For the Glory of Christ

- For the Church to be filled afresh with God’s Spirit, empowered as Christ’s witnessing servants in the world.
- For the Spirit of God to reveal Jesus to those buried in spiritual darkness.

### For the Blessing of the Nations

- That God would pour out His Spirit upon every person alive on the earth.
- That the Spirit of God would awaken the nations to hear His voice and to see His works (Acts 2:33).
- For many to be stirred by Spirit-given dreams to envision Jesus alive and at work in their lives.



“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”  
— Acts 3:19

## Turning to God in REPENTANCE

*For many to turn from sin to new life in Christ*

Concerning: *pornography, addictions, rebellion, immorality*

### For the Glory of Christ

- For Christ to encounter people with His forgiving love, so that millions turn from their sin to the joy of following Him.
- That the Spirit of God would help many to recognize how they have grieved God and openly confess their sin.
- That the Word of the cross of Christ would break the grip of sin’s power so that many will find hope for their sins to “be wiped out” (Acts 3:19).

### For the Blessing of the Nations

- That God would bless His people by helping them be the first to turn “from their wicked ways” (Acts 3:26) so that massive movements of repentance would sweep through whole communities.
- That these movements of repentance would bring “times of refreshing” (Acts 3:19) so that men, women and children would experience the presence of God.



“Everyone was filled with awe... All the believers were together... Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need... They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people...”

— Acts 2:43-47

## Pursuing THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*For relationships to be transformed*

Concerning: *racism, poverty, violence, crime*

### For the Glory of Christ

- That God would release outbreaks of Christ’s peace all over the world through the changed lives of His people.
- That reconciliation among churches would remove divisions and hostilities, marking relationships among Christians with love, joy, unity and gladness of heart.
- For Christ to move so powerfully and clearly that His people, as well as the onlooking world, are “filled with awe” (2:43).

### For the Blessing of the Nations

- For God’s people to turn away from greed and worldly desires and become more generous than ever.
- For God to intervene in wars, restraining spiritual forces of evil, subduing terrorism, and protecting the lives of those afflicted.
- For God to use Christians to help lift people from the oppression of extreme poverty. It is estimated that a billion people struggle to survive on less than one dollar a day.



“For the promise is for you and your children...”

— Acts 2:39 (NASB)

## Empowering THE COMING GENERATION

*For God’s purpose for families and children*

Concerning: *broken homes, sexual perversion, child exploitation, abortion*

### For the Glory of Christ

- For Christ to strengthen marriages and homes.
- For young people to follow Christ early in life, serving Him with a lifetime of extreme devotion.
- That young leaders would be recognized and released to help churches (Acts 6:3-7).

### For the Blessing of the Nations

- That Christians would boldly show the love of God’s family to orphans, widows, the defenseless, and the homeless.
- For Christians to extend God’s fatherly love to millions of children orphaned by wars and the HIV/AIDS epidemic.
- For God to empower the coming generation to fulfill His promises throughout the earth.



“...and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.”

— Acts 2:39 (NASB)

## Resounding THE CALL OF GOD

*For the nations to hear the voice of God*

Concerning: *unreached peoples, idolatry, unbelief, illiteracy*

### For the Glory of Christ

- For the Word of God to be proclaimed to people of every language, tribe and nation (Acts 1:8, 2:5).
- That the world would hear of the “mighty deeds of God” in the words of their own language and the ways of their own culture (Acts 2:11).
- For Christ to be followed in every people, especially among the thousands of unreached people groups who still lack vital, growing, multiplying churches.

### For the Blessing of the Nations

- For the Bible to be translated for the 2,500 people groups without even one verse in their language.
- That the Bible, published in diverse media, would become available to people everywhere.
- That God would call many to Himself (Acts 2:39) who would call on Him to be saved (Acts 2:21).



“...rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.”

— Acts 5:41

## Suffering with power for THE GLORY OF JESUS

*For the faithful courage of His people*

Concerning: *persecution, injustice, terrorism*

### For the Glory of Christ

- That those who face opposition because they serve Christ will respond with the gentle, courageous character of Jesus (Acts 4:13).
- For Christians who suffer for Christ’s name to be strong in joy and faith.
- For God to glorify Himself by His great deeds in places where He is rejected (Acts 4:21).

### For the Blessing of the Nations

- For our leaders and governments to be blessed.
- That government leaders who oppose Christ (Acts 4:25-27) would be blessed with wisdom so as not to be found “fighting against God” (Acts 5:39).



“Stretch out Your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of Your Holy Servant Jesus.”  
— Acts 4:30

## Bringing THE HEALING OF CHRIST

*For Christ to bring substantial healing*

Concerning: *lack of health care, the AIDS epidemic, witchcraft, pollution*

### For the Glory of Christ

- That communities would see the hand of Christ extended, bringing miraculous healing among the sick (Acts 5:14-16).
- That the name of Jesus would be declared with signs and wonders in the presence of many (Acts 3:16).

### For the Blessing of the Nations

- For the end of HIV/AIDS in our generation.
- For Christians to act with wisdom, compassion and persistence to eradicate diseases.
- For Christians to engage in providing basic health care to the needy. Thousands of children die daily worldwide from preventable diseases.
- For God’s people to work wisely, trusting God to work powerfully, in order to bring healing to the land.



“He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.’”  
— Acts 3:25)

## Extending THE BLESSING OF CHRIST

*For promised blessing among all peoples*

Concerning: *hunger, warfare, gangs, corruption*

### For the Glory of Christ

- For Christians to live in expectancy that the ancient promise of blessing would soon be fulfilled, bringing transformation to their communities and countries.
- That Jesus, Abraham’s greatest descendant, would be seen for all He really is among all peoples.
- For churches to work together as one family in Jesus’ name, co-working with God to change lives, cities, and nations.

### For the Blessing of the Nations

- For the righteousness and justice of God to affect the ways of commerce and politics, cleansing whole societies from the curse of corruption.
- For the peace of Christ’s kingdom to influence the way cities and nations are governed.
- For the joy of Christ’s kingdom to erupt in celebrations of grateful praise amidst every people group on earth.

# The Global Day of Prayer

*Pentecost Sunday, May 27*

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## With your local church during Pentecost morning services

Plan portions of your Pentecost Sunday morning service to be devoted to prayer. Creative ideas abound. Among them are:

- Announce the fact that millions across the world are gathering to pray for the glory of Christ and the transformation of all nations.
- Read aloud the “Prayer for the World” as a congregation (pages 12-14).
- Share reports of how people have been praying during the ten days.

## Tune in to the broadcast

The Global Day of Prayer vision foresees multiple, live simulcasts of stadium events in various parts of the earth. Since plans for these broadcasts and reports are fluid with the possibility of many changes, please visit [www.gdopusa.com](http://www.gdopusa.com) or [www.globaldayofprayer.com](http://www.globaldayofprayer.com) to keep current with plans and schedules. These web sites will include information about how you might access various media signals and downlinks to use in local gatherings and Sunday worship services.

## Assemble in public venues

On the afternoon and evening of Pentecost, all over the world, Christians from many diverse streams are planning to gather in large public stadiums, public auditoriums, and open squares. As at the first Pentecost—when the blessing of Christ was manifest on the streets and open public settings—we’ll worship God openly in the name of Christ and pray for the healing and blessing of the nations. As much as possible, we are seeking to gather in places beyond the walls of our church buildings.

- Find out about a gathering near you at [www.gdopusa.com](http://www.gdopusa.com).
- Help organize a gathering in your city. Confer with your pastor and other trusted local leaders.
- Invite Christians to your home.

## A Prayer for the World

The following prayer was prepared by members of the International Prayer Council. It has been translated into many languages, many of them available at [www.globaldayofprayer.com](http://www.globaldayofprayer.com). The prayer will be read in unison at every Global Day of Prayer gathering.



# A Prayer for the World

*"They lifted their voices to God with one accord..." —Acts 4:24*

## **Almighty God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

Together with believers all over the world,  
we gather today to honor and glorify Your Name.  
We bow before Your throne  
and acknowledge that You are the Creator of heaven and earth.  
There is no one like You, holy and righteous in all Your ways.  
We submit to Your authority as the King of the universe.  
We pray with one voice to enthrone You in our hearts  
and to honor You before the world.

**Congregation:** Lord God, You alone are worthy  
of our praise and adoration. We worship You.

## **Our Father in heaven,**

Thank You for loving the world so greatly  
that You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ,  
to die on the cross for our sins,  
so that we could be reconciled to You.  
We are grateful to call You Father and to be called Your children  
because of our faith in Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Nothing can separate us from Your love.

**Congregation:** Thank You Father for adopting us into Your family.  
We now cry, Abba Father!

## **Lord Jesus Christ,**

You alone are worthy to open the scrolls of history,  
for You were slain and have redeemed us to the Father by Your blood.  
We confess that You are Head of the Church  
and Lord of all heaven and earth.  
May people from every tribe and language become Your followers.  
Let Your kingdom be established in every nation of the world,  
so that governments will rule with righteousness and justice.  
May Your gospel be made known to every person.  
May Your blessing bring transformation among every people.  
And may Your Name be great, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Congregation:** Jesus Christ, You are the Savior of the world  
and the Lord of all.

## **Father of mercy and grace,**

We acknowledge that we have sinned  
and that our world is gripped by the power of sin.  
Our hearts are grieved by injustice, hatred, anger and violence.  
We are shamed by oppression, racism and bloodshed in our land.  
We mourn the loss of innocent life  
in abortion, war and terrorism, persecution and senseless murders.  
Our homes are broken by selfishness and immorality.  
Our lives are polluted by greed, idolatry and sexual sin.  
Our churches are divided by rebellious pride.  
All the sins that we may find in our world, You have found among Your people.  
We have grieved Your heart and brought shame to Your Name.  
We approach Your throne of grace in this hour of need.  
We ask for Your mercy and Your help to repent with all our hearts.

**Congregation:** God of mercy, pour out Your grace. Forgive our sins.  
Heal our land.

## **Spirit of the living God,**

We confess that we can do nothing apart from You.  
Be poured out upon all flesh.  
Transform the Church into the image of Jesus Christ.  
Release Your power to bring healing to the sick,  
freedom to the possessed, comfort to those who mourn  
and release for those who are oppressed.  
Come and melt the hearts of people to love again.  
Answer the call of the homeless, the hungry, the helpless and the dying.  
Enfold orphans, widows and the elderly in Your arms.  
Display Your mercy and provide for our needs.  
Give us wisdom and insight for the complex problems we face today.  
Help us to use the resources of the earth for the well-being of all.  
Pour Your love into our hearts and fill us with compassion.

**Congregation:** Holy Spirit, we need Your comfort and guidance.  
Come and transform our hearts.



# Ninety Days of Blessing

May 28 - August 25

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## Lord Jesus Christ,

Because You were dead, but are now risen;  
and because the Father has given You a name above all names,  
You will defeat all powers of evil.

We pray for the tearing down of strongholds and ideologies  
that hinder and resist the spreading of the knowledge of God.

We resist the plan of the enemy to keep nations in darkness.

Remove the veil that covers the peoples.

Restrain the evil that promotes violence and death.

Bring deliverance from demonic oppression.

Break the hold of slavery, tyranny and disease.

Fill us with courage to preach Your word fearlessly;

and give us a spirit of intercession to pray for the lost faithfully.

**Congregation:** Almighty God, deliver us from evil and the Evil One.

## King of Glory,

Come to the nations of the world.

We welcome You to finish Your work in our cities,  
our peoples and our nations.

We now lift our voices in unison with believers from Africa and Asia,  
from the Middle East and Europe, from North and South America,  
and from Australia and the Pacific Islands – together we cry:

**Congregation:** Lift up your heads, O you gates!  
Be lifted up ancient doors  
so that the King of glory may come in!

As Your deeds increase throughout the earth,  
and as Your blessings abound to all the nations,  
they will seek You, asking, “Who is this King of glory?”  
Together we will answer:

**Congregation:** He is the Lord Almighty!  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Come fill the earth with Your glory as the waters cover the sea.  
The Spirit and the Bride say:

**Congregation:** Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

## Becoming the Blessing of Christ

Anticipating the blessing of cities and communities, the Global Day of Prayer becomes a catalytic moment for the forming or furthering of local alliances among pastors, congregations, mission agencies and business leaders to bring practical, transformational blessing to their cities and communities. To help you dream and plan, find out about how Christians throughout America are fulfilling the promise of the “90 Days of Blessing” at [www.gdopusa.com](http://www.gdopusa.com).



## Global Days of Prayer are scheduled each year on Pentecost until 2010:

May 11, 2008

May 31, 2009

May 23, 2010

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