



Sometimes He Calms the Storm

Matthew 14.22-33 • Rev. Dr. Don L. Davis

Doesn't it seem that our Lord Jesus, now exalted as Head of the Church at God's right hand in glory, should be able to prevent us from having to encounter or endure the troubles of this world? After all, didn't he taste death for every person, overcoming in his own body the effects of sin and the Curse, and by his resurrection, demonstrated his lordship and power over all God's enemies? Without question, our Lord is able to protect his own from trouble altogether, to rescue them from the snare, and prevent them from having to endure any trouble or anxiety of any kind. Why doesn't the Lord now, in every case, simply make it impossible for his people to have to undergo trial and difficulty? Why not create a barrier, a hedge of protection around his own, ensuring them that they need never experience the dark side of this life? Why not ensure the absence of evil and its impacts on those who cling to him by faith?

Frankly, this is not the way of the Lord. To eliminate all pain and trial would be out of sync with his own obedience, which he learned through suffering. God's intent is to conform us to the image of Christ, and he himself endured the cross, despising its shame, and received glory and honor from God's hand—for he persevered in the will of God. Sometimes, our Lord can prevent you from enduring trouble, and others times he strengthens you in the midst of trouble. Sometimes he calms the storms around us, and other times, he calms his dear children in the midst of the storm.

Either way, our Lord is lord, and he is good.

During a fateful night on the sea of Galilee, a fierce storm came upon the disciples' boat being beaten by waves against a strong wind. They were in peril—fighting a nasty storm, a long way from land. Our Lord was not with them in the vessel and in the midst of this life-threatening situation, but came to them—actually walking on the waves of the sea. Peter saw the Lord



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Pray for:

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walking on the water, and sought leave from him to do the same. After a brief time of walking on the waves, overwhelmed by the waves and wind, and his own disabling doubt, he immediately sank into the sea. Our Lord Jesus rescued the doubt-filled disciple, retrieving him from the deep, and entered into the boat. Upon his arrival within the boat, the fierce winds and tumultuous storm ceased. The disciples, amazed and overwhelmed at Jesus' power and glory, gladly acknowledged that Jesus truly was the Son of God.

Our Lord can as easily bring us through a storm as stop it altogether. We ought never doubt his love and grace to us, for it is his deliberate plan sometimes to protect and strengthen us in the midst of the storm, rather than the avoidance of it. His grace is sufficient for us, for his strength is perfected (fully manifested and completed) in our situation of lack, weakness, and difficulty.

Our Lord is the Lord of all creation; sometimes he calms the storms in our lives, and, at other times, he calms his own dear child, as the storm passes by overhead.

To pray for revival in the city is to believe that our God is not intimidated by the storms blowing through the lost communities of our inner cities. He is able to deliver us from the storm, or keep us within it. Let us plead with him for his superintending grace, however he decides to lead us through to the other side.



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I'll Depend on You

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Lord, in the midst of deepest pain,
Or at the time of greatest gain,
This line will be my sure refrain, yes
"I'll depend on You"
And when the battle rages strong
Or when it seems all strength is gone
This chorus here will be my song, that
"I'll depend on You."

I'll depend on you, O, I'll depend on You
Ev'ry day in ev'ry way, yes, I'll depend on You

And when my skies are cold and gray
Or things around me do give way
Within Your loving arms I'll stay, yes
I'll depend on You
No matter what this life may bring
I'll trust in You alone, my King
And joyful praises ever sing, for
I depend on You

Your promises won't fail me now
I will go on to win somehow
I'll keep my hand upon the plow, and
I'll depend on You
These trials here will purify
Your precious Word will satisfy
And You will answer by-and-by, and
I'll depend on You.

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Global Strategic Vision

Pray fervently and in faith for the following *Gateway Cities in the 10/40 Window*. Ask the Lord of the harvest for laborers, increased vision, and manifestations of the Holy Spirit's revelation and power.

- Northern Africa: *Algiers* and *Tripoli*
- Middle East: *Beirut*
- Central Asia: *Delhi*
- Eastern Asia: *Fukuoka-Kita-Kyushu*, *Ulaanbaatar*, *Pyoungyang*, and *Yangon*

Intercede for these great cities, asking God to reveal Christ to them as the Cornerstone and Foundation, as the final hope of redemption for their population. Pray that the Father would renew the Christians who dwell within them, that God would pour out his Holy Spirit upon all the inhabitants of the cities, that the *Church of Jesus would bear true witness to his salvation and his Kingdom in a fresh way in these influential Gateway cities*. Pray, too, that the Holy Spirit would move in a new and powerful way to bring conviction and fear within these eight key global centers with their need for salvation and deliverance in Jesus' name.

- Pray for *a spiritual awakening in Algiers*, that the Islamic fundamentalists who have gained such political power would be touched and convicted, and awakened to their need for the Gospel.
- Pray for *the unity of the Church in Beirut*, that they would be strengthened in their faith and be able to take advantage of the limited openness to sharing the Good News with members of that nation.
- Pray for *the Spirit's outpouring upon Tripoli and Delhi*, that evangelism would be allowed in Libya and with greater freedom in



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Delhi, for workers to concentrate on the Muslim, Hindu, and Sikh populations in them, for aid for the over 5 million in the slums of Delhi, for foreign workers in Tripoli, their wisdom, boldness, and clarity in sharing the Gospel.

- Pray for *Fukuoka-Kita-Kyushu* and *Ulaanbaatar*, that these great Eastern Asian cities would sense their need for repentance, for disillusionment over false religions, for help and aid for the churches and their leaders, for a new readiness in the populations for the message of Jesus.
- Pray for *Pyongyang* and *Yangon*, that the Holy Spirit would allow the governments to allow greater freedom for the Christians there, that Bibles might be distributed without interference, that the spiritual strongholds on the Buddhist populations would be broken down, that the poor would have their needs met, and the Good News of the Kingdom declared plainly to them.



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National Strategic Window

Pray fervently on behalf of these great cities in America, making special mention of the poor and unreached within them (*Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Houston, Boston, and Miami*).

Ask God to make Jesus real to these great pagan cities, the most populous cities in America. Pray that the Holy Spirit would be poured out on God's people in a special way in these cities, that the sufficiency of Christ would be understood through a new understanding of the Word of God. Pray that God would grant the believers in these cities a new hunger for authentic spirituality that will rediscover Christ as both Foundation and Cornerstone, that will renew the worship and outreaches of the churches in them.

With all our hearts, too, let us pray that the Father would raise up a new generation of warriors, of disciplers, of pastors, of laborers who will fearlessly take the Good News in word and deed to the poorest communities in these great cities. Let us believe God for revival and renewal among those who dwell in spiritual darkness.

- Pray for *the awakening of the truth of the Gospel in the churches of these cities*, that pastors and Christians within them will rediscover Christ as the Capstone, that they come to experience his presence in a deep way, and to feel again the urgency and power of the Holy Spirit to win the lost around them, and feel the burden of being custodians of God's true Word.
- Pray that God would move on *the hearts of believers in these cities in such a way that new and fresh testimonies of the truth in Jesus* would be given in neighborhoods that rarely, if ever, hear of the victorious reign of God in Jesus, and his offer to cleanse the repentant through his shed blood.



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- Above all this season, pray for *an outpouring and visitation of the Holy Spirit upon the churches in these cities, especially upon those who minister the Good News of Christ among the least evangelized in these communities*. Pray that God would grant the churches in these cities deep grace to see what is at stake in the telling of the Good News, and that all believers in them would sense the need to share the powerful riches of the truth of God within their particular circles of influence. Pray for a new awareness of God's mandate to make disciples in these cities, and for fresh, vigorous efforts to plant churches among the poor in these cities.



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Regional, Local, and Inter-Ministry Strategic Focus

Let us claim together the power of the Word of God on each ministry area listed below, trusting the Holy Spirit to manifest his wisdom and presence within each area, filling the members who serve within them, and empowering a new generation of believers through them to spark fresh revival and a new awakening among the unreached urban poor within Wichita, and throughout our entire geographic region.

Wichita Office

- World Impact Wichita is well under way with our summer ministry. We have 4 interns who have been working hard to prepare and run an aggressive kids Bible club. We are using the kids clubs to be strategic in our church planting outreach, both in current ministry areas and some new areas where we would like to see if the Spirit is moving! Please pray for these kids who come and who will also go to camp that they would have a powerful summer and that their families would be drawn into the church plants as well.
- By the time you read this, we will most likely be done hosting our second major conference of the year (TUMI Satellite Director's Conference was the first) and our Candidate Assessment Program is the second. Again, we praise God for his faithfulness in giving us what we need to host these with excellence. Continue to pray that God will provide for our village campus needs (AC units that break down, upgrades in needed areas, etc.) so we can continue hosting well. Also, our property manager will be leaving at the end of summer so please pray that God would bring just the right person as his replacement. As you can imagine, this is a very important position as we have a lot of property between our village campus, missionary homes, and thrift stores.
- Please pray for our thrift store ministry also as we are needing to make some changes as our 2nd store has been struggling to meet its budget.



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- We recently added another mobile medical stop at Restored Community Church! Please pray for this site as it gets off and running that it would meet medical needs of the poor and also bring people into the Kingdom via Restored!
- Praise God for the Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost, empowered the young apostolic church and now leads us as Christ's Kingdom advances through our church planting efforts in the city!

Planted Churches in Wichita

Please pray for our church plants, for their growth and impact on their respective communities, for the glory of God.

- Lighthouse Community Church in Oaklawn
- La Iglesia Cristiana Vida En Cristo Jesús in Planeview
- Living Hope Church

Christ the Victor (Wichita Church Planting)

Please continue to lift up Christ the Victor Church as we are in the midst of strategic decisions for our future. We are working hard to figure out our next steps in planting two more churches (one in English and another in Spanish). We have a potential Latino couple who is interested in planting a church with us so please be in prayer for that, especially for Lisa Entz (church planting director) who meets with this couple and discerns the timing and the plan for this. We are hoping to start a second English-speaking church soon, the main thing is to figure out the leadership of that. Please pray God would raise up leaders within our current church and that the faithful core would continue to develop and use their collective gifts to reproduce in another church plant.

Please pray for our Spanish-speaking church plant on Market St. as our indigenous leader couple, Gerson and Myra Berrios, are looking to purchase a house and move into the neighborhood. Please pray that they could find the right house and sell the one they are in now.



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TUMI

Satellites, Hope School, and Growth

- Praise God with us for the continuous, steady growth of the number of TUMI satellites in America and across the world (85 satellites, with 9 satellites in 11 countries), and close to 700 students being equipped for ministry and mission through them.
- Pray for the entire TUMI satellite network, all the site coordinators, mentors, and students, applications in process, and new sites recently accepted into our family. Pray for their vision, commitment, resourcefulness, and protection as they lead their students into the Word of God more fully.
- Praise God with us for the completion of the Spanish Capstone Curriculum! Allsman and Team did an amazing job and the final files are at the printers. We will soon have softcover Spanish Student Workbooks!
- Pray for our satellites and our local Hope School Fall classes starting up next month. Pray for the students to persevere and excel in their studies as they seek to fulfill the call of ministry on their lives.

New Initiatives and Potential Partners

- We praise God for a wonderful time at the Men's Conference that Bob Engel hosted in June. Men were encouraged in their walks and several expressed a desire to partner with us for the Advance of the Kingdom. Pray for wisdom for Bob as he follows up with conferees, ways of connecting urban leaders, and possibility of potential WI Associates.
- Continue to pray for the WI Associates program, designed to identify, equip, and release indigenous pastors and leaders into church planting initiatives. Pray for God's leading as TUMI is involved in every phase of this program; pray for funding, partners, contacts, and openings to work with emerging indigenous leaders for church planting.
- Pray for God's leading with recent conversations about translating Capstone into French and Romanian, with possibilities of new



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satellites in Haiti, Brazil, Mexico, Costa Rica; pray for timing, contacts, and clear direction as we pursue new relationships.

- Pray especially for our partnerships with Prison Fellowship, Evangelical Free Church of America – for our existing sites and administration, along with possibilities of new connections with prisons, potential church plants, and the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions; pray also that God would supply funding, personnel, and vision to expand our partnership with Prison Fellowship with new sites in both Michigan and Florida, with the makings of a three-year prison program in our Florida site using TUMI curriculum as its core.
- Pray for contacts with church plant movements in Los Angeles, Guadalajara, Denver, Colorado Springs, India, and other places which are considering establishing TUMI sites
- Pray for God's providential direction as we follow through on numerous leads from various quarters regarding TUMI expansion, partnerships, and new directions.

Staff and Personal Requests

- Continue to pray for Don Davis' family as they mourn the loss of their sister, aunt and friend.
- Thank you for praying for Don Allsman's mother. We praise God for continued good news regarding her cancer numbers coming down. Please keep praying for her complete restoration to health.
- We praise God for the health of little August Davis McElligat and that he and his family will be coming to Wichita to see Grandpa and Grandma, and friends and family.
- Pray for TUMI staff family members whose needs continue to require fervent intercession: For Cathy Allsman's health; Lorna's brother Odrey's healing from diagnosis of Lou Gehrig's disease, ongoing healing for Dan's mother's health, Carolyn's sister-in-law, Nancy, who has struggled with recurring cancer, Beth's mother in a



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nursing home, Don's family members (Robbie, Alicia, Norma, and the children of deceased Veronica).

- Pray for our protection and health, our spirituality and growth as we pursue new exciting directions in leadership training with the Great Tradition, and ask the Holy Spirit to fill us as we seek to strengthen our World Impact church planters in their prospective endeavors.
- Pray for our TUMI Staff vacations this summer, that there would be rest and refreshment for us all.
- Pray for Don's upcoming speaking engagements for inspiration, clarity, and blessing as he addresses diverse audiences on various themes.
- Pray for TUMI National, especially the transfer of new staff members, Dr. Fernando and Telma Argumedo to TUMI (based in LA).
- Pray regarding our need for support and financial support, and wise use of our funds as we pursue our next projects.

TUMI Satellites

- Please pray for the planning of a special fund raising event for TUMI and Prison Fellowship that could greatly expand our training of inmates.
- Praise God for the eight TUMI graduates in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Prison Fellowship this month.

CAP

Please pray for our recent CAP graduates and preparations for the next CAP session.

World Impact Health Ministries

Mobile Clinic

World Impact Medical Ministries Wichita is shepherding in a new site. Please pray for the leadership while we go through the blessings and pains during genesis phase. Pray for me (Miles) as I also begin to coordinate the summer activities with the Mobile Clinic schedule. We truly desire to exalt



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Christ in our work and we are blessed with excellent Christian physicians. Pray that they would have continued openings in their busy schedules to serve.

Good Samaritan Clinic

For the GraceMed's Good Samaritan Clinic the medical director is stepping down; his last day is July 1st. Please pray for the right medical director to replace him, and for a smooth transition as we wait for the right person. We could also continue to use prayers for the Spirit's wisdom upon all of our staff.

Wichita Thrift Stores

Please pray for the staff and ministry opportunities of the World Impact thrift stores.

Dallas

Pray for the staff and various ministries of World Impact Dallas.

Deer Creek Christian Camp/Denver TUMI

- Pray for the staff and ministry of Deer Creek Christian Camp.
- Pray for the expansion of Denver TUMI. The English class is in progress and the Spanish class will start very soon. Pray that our condo in Denver would close. We signed the contract March 29 with a scheduled closing date of May 10. Over a month later there is now no closing date. It is a Fannie Mae (bank owned) property so we got it very cheap and we would like to start renovations so we can move to Denver and be able to get our new TUMI ministry there started in earnest in the fall. I am still helping Hendrik at the camp this summer as needed.

Morning Star Ranch

Pray for the Ranch staff and students, for their work, study, and ministry opportunities.



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St. Louis

Please pray for the safety of our neighbors and staff as their have been several close shootings this past week. Please pray for the funding needed for the copper theft on the building. Please pray for much needed staff.

Other Regional Items

Please pray that we can work together more with our church plant efforts and have a coordinated vision. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we seek to follow and strategize for the plans that we believe the Lord has given to us.

San Diego

Pray for the staff and various ministries of World Impact San Diego.

Newark/TUMI-NJ

- Please pray that a relationship can be established with Emmanuel Christian University. This is a theological seminary that focuses on preparing Hispanic emerging pastors and Christian leaders. They are looking for a more centralized location to reach Hispanic leaders in the Tri-State (New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania) area.
- We have formed a World Impact Pastor's Association for the inner city of Newark, New Jersey. Pray that this will also be an outlet to train, equip, prepare, and disciple the next group of church planters, pastors, evangelists, and other Christian leaders to strengthen our inner city Newark churches.
- We are in the process of reaching Filipino and Brazilian church leaders to present the work that TUMI is doing in preparing Church leaders for the 21st Century. This opportunity to prepare their Christian leaders at a fraction of the cost of the more expensive theological schools and seminaries has attracted a great deal of interest.
- Please pray that through the work of TUMI the poor and disenfranchised people within our community may be reached through the various ministries of World Impact, Newark, NJ.



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Chester

Glen and Sharon Geraghty are moving to Chester in the next week. We would appreciate prayer for their move and also as Glen gets settled in and our church planting efforts take off, that the Lord would lead our team in planting churches and raising up indigenous leaders in Chester.

Fresno

Our biggest prayer request here in Fresno is that God would build his church, in particular with Home Fellowship Celebration Church. Having eager disciples and dedicated leaders is so important in the work that we have been called to. Please pray for more of both. Continue to pray for Bethany and Manchester churches, that they both would grow and thrive in the ways that God desires for them. Finally, pray for volunteers for our thrift store and that the Lord would do a new work in the Kings Estates area in Fresno.

San Francisco Bay Area

Please pray for our summer interns. Pray that God blesses them as they ministry along side us.

San Francisco

We are celebrating our first TUMI - SF graduation. So please pray for our graduates that they will continue on in their ministry. We are praying that they rise up and begin a new work for the Lord.

Oakland

Please pray for our summer as we ministry with Bible clubs and have volunteer groups and an eye screening.

Los Angeles

Watts Christian School: Pray for guidance in assembling a “Re-start Team” to research and develop a Spirit-led strategy for re-opening the Watts School in fall 2011. Pray that God would lead us to significant local stakeholders, influencers and community assets that can contribute to this process. Pray for a partnership to formalize with Biola University, Pepperdine University



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and WI to work together for the success of this school. Let the eyes of our hearts (faith) lead us to great new things in Watts.

TUMI LA

Please pray for:

- Mentors and Students who are taking classes this quarter.
- God's provision for this quarter.

LA Church Plants

Bob Engel's praise report on the 2011 Men's Conference:

- Theme: *No Man Left Behind*
- Total Men: 258
- Baptism: 2 from Ray Moore's Church
- Speakers: Don (English) and Fernando (Spanish)
- Churches and organizations represented: 28
- All West Coast World Impact cities were represented.
- Countless numbers of pastors and men came up to me afterwards saying how blessed and challenged they were.
- I called a meeting of pastors and any leader who felt a call to plant churches. Don and I facilitated the time. About 25 showed up with 5 men in particular gave me their email and are committed to the vision and want to move forward on "next steps."

The Oaks

Pray for the staff and various ministries of The Oaks Camp.

Harmony Heart Camp

Please pray for our summer camps from the inner cities of Newark, NJ and Chester, PA. Please pray that they will enjoy God's creation and be drawn closer to Him and each other because of their time spent at Harmony Heart Camp.



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Winnipeg - TUMI

- Pray for our Spanish satellite as we complete the first two years of study. Especially pray for the unity of the churches and pastors who send their students to Escuela de Entrenamiento Biblico. And for new students for the new school year!
- New doors seem to be opening to the launching of a new satellite/school in Brandon Manitoba, a city almost 3 hours west of Winnipeg. We are seeking to find a solid Coordinating Council to help determine whether we launch a new satellite or use it as part of our Winnipeg based school. Pray for the right pastors and leaders to rise up if He wants this to become a reality.
- Continue to pray for healing for Fred Stoesz.

Friends and Partners

God's continued leading and direction through our WI national and local Board members, God's blessing, protection, and wisdom for Dr. Phillips and the executive team, for all the Directors of WI ministries nationwide, for all our supporters and volunteers; pray for our partnership churches, here in Wichita and throughout the nation, that God would bless them, empowering them to grow, mature, and multiply so that the Gospel of Christ would spread in their own communities, and from them across the country and world.

Continue to pray for our elderly parents, and for those who have recently lost their parents and other loved ones.

Lift up all those who have recently lost loved ones. Pray that the Lord will comfort all of our family (and their families) during this time of loss and that the Lord will use this time of sorrow to direct the attention of any in their circles who do not know the Lord to our Savior.

Please continue to pray for the health of our ailing parents. Please pray also for all of the parents of staff who are aging and beginning to experience health concerns.



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Please pray for our staff children across the country. Pray for their encouragement, safety, strength, and growth as they serve with their families in the city. Pray that each will follow the Lord's leading in their lives and that all will be radical disciples of Jesus.

For the National Office Ministry

Pray for wisdom for the leadership and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our entire staff. Pray for health, nurture and joy along with vision and encouragement among our staff. Pray for their provision and refreshment as they serve us all!

Pray fervently for God's great favor and leading upon Dr. Phillips, and for strength and anointing as he travels and speaks. Continue to pray for his family, and for all the members of our excellent National Board, and all the ministries, staff, and friends of World Impact.

For World Impact

Please pray for more laborers for the harvest in partnership with World Impact. Pray that we would have more applicants to join World Impact staff.

Pray for God's blessing on our urban church plants around the country, for church plant team leaders and members, for outreaches in new neighborhoods, and prospects of new teams.

Pray for a new level of power and spiritual passion for our workers on the field, for their health and stamina, and for a new vision of how God wants to use them to make disciples of Jesus, both in their own communities and around the world.

Pray for God's financial blessing upon our local and national ministry, that we would gain the resources to do effectively and excellently what God is calling us to do.



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Algiers

(al-jeerz)

Day 3

Meaning: "the islands"

Country: Algeria*

Population: 3,722,000

Poverty: No major slums, much unemployment

Religious Breakdown:

99.4% Muslim

0.4% Christian

0.07% Evangelical

Status of the church: 2 small fellowships

Major Religious Sites:

Djemaa el Jedid

(Fishermen or New) Mosque,

Djemaa el Kebir (Great) Mosque,

Sidi Abderrahaman Mosque

City Significance/History:

Algiers was an important commercial outpost first under Phoenicia and later under Carthage, Rome, and Byzantium. Pirates used this area as a protected location, and the Barbary coast began to get a reputation in the 16th century. The Ottoman Empire, based in Turkey, conquered much of North Africa. The Ottoman set up beys—provincial governors over its territories—and one was based in Algiers. The French controlled the area for the next 130 years, leading up to Algeria's independence in 1962.

In recent years, the Islamic fundamentalists have gained more and more political power. The political leaders are having an increasingly hard time protecting the rights of women.

In the last few years, the Islamic religious men have tried to force the Muslim women to wear the veil. The veil not only covers the face of the women, but represents a society where women are little more than possessions owned by their husbands. If Islamic law is placed on the women, what freedom these women have today will be removed from them.

Islamic fundamentalists have gained more political power

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the Muslim women as more Islamic laws are placed on them. These laws will restrict their freedom and make them second-class citizens. Pray for Christian marriages and godly families to be raised up.

2. Pray for the foreign population. In the last few years the Islamic fundamentalists have been targeting the foreigners with violent acts, and many have been killed. Missionaries have been affected and many forced to leave.

3. Pray for a peaceful solution to the severe political bloodshed initiated by the Islamists in what has been called "The Second Algerian War." Fundamentalists are seeking to install a government similar to the Iranian Islamic state.

4. Pray for the security of Berber and Arab Christians and the underground churches. Some have received death threats, and murders occur regularly in the city.



Tripoli

(trip-uh-lee)

Day 3

Meaning: a natural abrasive

Country: Libya*

Population: 1,828,000

Poverty: Oil has increased the standard of living

Religious Breakdown:

96.0% Muslim

3.0% Christian

0.08% Evangelical

Status of the church: A handful of Libyan believers

Major Religious Sites:

Gurgi Mosque,

Karamanli Mosque

City Significance/History:

Also called Tarabulus, Tripoli is a seaport first settled by the Phoenicians. One of the first items exported was tripoli, a light-colored, very fine powder used as an abrasive or for polishing. Desert traders also brought gold, ivory, ebony, dates, and other goods by camel caravans to Tripoli.

History has proven to be very violent for the city and people of Tripoli, with one conqueror after another fighting for this city. The Phoenician rule was replaced by the Romans, then Vandals, Byzantines, Arabs (who brought Islam to the area), Spanish, Turks (as a colonial capital for the Ottoman Empire), Italians, and British before Libya became an independent kingdom in 1951.

On September 1, 1969, modern-day Libya was established through a coup that placed Muammar Qadhafi in power. He balances the government between Islamic fundamentalists who desire a stronger Islamic state, and rivalries within the regime itself.

Tripoli is the capital city of Qadhafi's military regime. Libya is known as a strong force behind the spread of Islam in other nations and for international terrorist activities. It is also the headquarters for the Islamic Call, a major Islamic mission organization.

Prayer Points

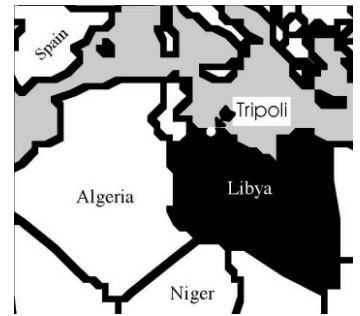
1. Pray that the terrorist activity emanating from here would stop and that the financial support of terrorism would end.

2. Pray that evangelism would again be allowed in Libya.

3. Pray that radio programming beamed into the city would find a responsive audience and many would turn to the Lord.

4. Pray that foreign Christians working in Tripoli would have wisdom, boldness, and protection as they witness to Libyans. Many of these workers can only share their faith with people they trust, who will not turn them into the police.

5. Pray that God would thwart the evangelistic plans of the Islamic Call and bring many to himself who would otherwise be missionaries for Islam.



Beirut

(bay-root)

Day 8

Meaning: "wells, springs"

Country: Lebanon*

Population: 1,543,000

Poverty: 16 years of civil war have left ruin and poverty

Religious Breakdown:

61.0% Muslim

38.0% Christian (Catholic & Orthodox)

0.04% Evangelical

Status of the church: 2000-year-old Orthodox and Catholic churches, a few evangelical churches

Major Religious Sites:

Harissa and Mt. Sherral Maronite Monasteries

City Significance/History:

A succession of different foreign powers have overrun and controlled Beirut throughout the last 4000 years. The Assyrians, Greeks, Romans, Ottoman Turks, and French all used this city as a regional base. Most of these powers brought their gods with them.

For most of the 20th century Beirut was a beautiful Mediterranean city and recognized as a principle banking and commercial center for the Arab world. Since the 1970s, Beirut has turned into a battle zone, and different sides have taken up arms. The religious lines were set. The Muslims controlled the western side of the city, and the Christians the eastern side. Written cease-fires were nullified when another bomb would explode, renewing violence and fear between both sides.

Peace has returned to Beirut after a decade and a half of war in which Muslims and Christians brutally killed each other. It looked more like the times of the Crusades, rather than the modern age. How long this peace will last is not known. The government is trying to rebuild the infrastructure of the city and country. Investors who helped the city become the Paris of the Near East after World War II have not returned, fearing religious instability and violence.

Prayer Points

1. A greater sense of unity in the body of Christ has developed. Pray that it will continue and increase. Pray also that believers would be strengthened in their faith.

2. Pray that Christians would take advantage of a great openness among non-Christians to hear the gospel.

3. Pray for the youth, that they would not be drawn into immorality and drugs, and that God would open doors for ministry so that youth can be reached.

4. Many families have suffered tremendously, losing members through violence and bloodshed. Ask God for comfort and consolation in the healing process.

5. Pray for the gospel to be preached on radio, TV, videos, and in audio cassettes and literature. Pray also that the church has a greater vision for media ministry.



Delhi (del-ee)

Day 17

Meaning: "threshold"

Country: India*

Population: 10,857,000

Poverty: 3.5 million people in slums

Religious Breakdown:

52.0% Hindu

25.0% Muslim

20.0% Sikh

0.9% Christian

0.01% Evangelical

Status of the church: 220 congregations

Major Religious Sites:

Jama Masjid Mosque,

Lakshmi Narayan Temple,

Might of Islam Mosque,

Nizam-ud-din Shrine

City Significance/History:

Delhi has been a hub of activity since the 4th century bc. Traders would come and go to the old city. In the 12th century, Delhi became the capital of Muslim India. The Mongol invaders brought bloodshed and Islam with great force. At this time, most of northern India was under Mongol power. The Red Fort was built to protect the city and to display the glory of the Mongol Empire.

The capital has moved to a number of other cities until the British built New Delhi. Old and New Delhi are a mixture of culture, style, and history.

Delhi, the capital of India, displays the diversity and contrasts of a third-world urban center in the process of modernization. Imported cars and colorful city buses share the streets with horse-drawn carts and wandering cows. People of varying languages, educational levels, and cultures migrate here from all over India. They are drawn by the economic and educational opportunities. Temples of all shapes and sizes, scattered steeples of ancient churches, and myriads of mosque minarets reflect the religious diversity.

The capital has mushroomed in size since the British left. Air pollution, high electricity usage, and water shortages have become increasing problems because of the population.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that peace and love would replace the spirit of violence and anger in the city.

2. Pray that God would use the government in Delhi to allow more freedom for Christian witness throughout all of India.

3. Little outreach is focused on the Hindus, Muslims, and Sikhs. Each group needs its own church. Pray for workers to be raised up to plant churches.

4. Modernization has strained the city to the limit, with vehicle pollution choking everyone. Pray that the growing disillusionment will turn people to Jesus.

5. Pray for aid and outreach to the 5 million people who live in the growing slums.

6. The headquarters of many Christian organizations are here. Pray for wisdom for the leaders so that spiritual blessings might flow throughout the country.



Pyongyang
(pyung-yahng)
Day 30

Meaning: "peaceful ocean"
Country: North Korea*
Population: 2,471,000
Poverty: Rationing of basic foodstuffs
Religious Breakdown:
68.0% Nonreligious/Atheist
29.5% Korean Religions
1.7% Buddhist
0.6% Christian
0.36% Evangelical

Status of the church: 3 official churches, numerous house churches

Major Religious Sites:
Tower of the Juche Idea,
Manyongdae Monument (Sung's birthplace)

City Significance/History:

Since 2333 bc, Pyongyang has been central for powers ruling the Korean Peninsula. The Chinese, Japanese, and the Wang Dynasty all tried to control it. Few Western ideas penetrated the area, but Roman Catholicism did. The farmers followed this new religion. Because they were uneducated and poor, the government paid little attention until some Confucian aristocrats converted.

By the 19th century, Christian missionaries were sailing up the Taedong River to Pyongyang. The Confucian government attacked and sank one ship. Robert Thomas escaped by swimming to shore. Before he was martyred, he presented a Bible to his executioners. The killing of over 8000 Korean Catholics and the few Protestants followed.

In 1930 Pyongyang, with its many churches, was considered Asia's capital of Christianity. However, in 1945 before the Japanese surrendered, Stalin placed troops in northern Korea. The Communist regime that emerged was led by Kim Il Sung. Thousands of Christians were martyred during and after the Korean War.

In recent years Billy Graham has visited Pyongyang and shared the gospel with the late President Kim. This Marxist nation remains one of the most closed countries to Christianity.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that the government in transition will change its policy and allow religious freedom, true public worship, and the construction of church buildings.
2. Pray that the house churches would be given growth, opportunity, and freedom to develop into mature congregations. Pray for Christian leaders to be raised up.
3. Pray that believers could be contacted and visited by Christians from the outside and that they could travel to international gatherings.
4. Currently the official church is not allowed to cooperate with outsiders in Bible distribution. Pray that Bibles and other Christian literature can be produced, especially for school children. Pray that a press to print Bibles can be established.
5. Pray for national reunification between the South and North. South Korean Christians greatly desire to spread their spiritual fervor northward.



Ulaanbaatar

(oo-lahn-bah-tor)

Day 30

Meaning: "red warrior"
Country: Mongolia*
Population: 600,000
Poverty: 26.5% of population is poor.
Religious Breakdown:
50.0% Shamanist/Animist
26.0% Buddhist
19.0% Nonreligious
4.0% Muslim
0.03% Christian

Status of the church: 10 churches

Major Religious Sites:
Gandan Monastery,
Mongolian Astrologers Center

City Significance/History:

The Gobi Desert and steppes of the Mongolian flatlands have historically produced warriors that have conquered vast territories. The Great Wall of China was built to keep the Mongols out. (The wall never physically failed; it was the watchtower guards being bribed that allowed the Mongols through.) Central Asia and Persia saw the Mongols sweep through. The great unifier of the Mongols, Genghis Khan ("universal king") expanded the Mongol Empire to Arabia, Russia, and China.

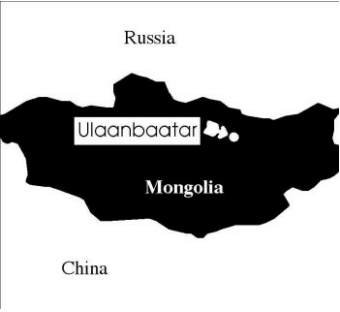
In the 17th century Ulaanbaatar became the home of Jebtsundamba Hutuktu, one of the revelations of the living Buddha. Almost 100 years later, Gandan Monastery was built in the city as a Buddhist center and temple.

With the fall of the Mongolian Empire, Mongolia became a territory fought over between China and Russia, at times controlled by one or the other power.

Stalin, in the 1930s, shut down the monasteries and imprisoned the monks because they were too powerful. Communism fell apart in Mongolia in 1990 and religion was able to reestablish itself. Gandan is now the only functioning monastery in the country; the rest have been closed or turned into museums.

Prayer Points

1. Continuing economic difficulties and unemployment make life hard for Mongol families. Pray that the hardships these people are going through would be alleviated.
2. The city council is requiring churches to register and give full details (ie. name, gender, work place, home address) of all worshippers. Pray that believers would be free to meet and worship and for the raising up of local Mongol leaders to guide the new fellowships.
3. Disunity among Christians exists over which Mongolian Bible version is preferable. Pray for consensus on this important issue.
4. Pray that cults and other religions would not confuse the young believers in the Lord Jesus Christ—that the false religions would decrease in popularity. Some short-term missionaries have been counter-productive in their witness. Pray for wisdom for these teams working in the city.



Yangon

(yen-gen)

Day 28

Meaning: "no more enemy"
Country: Myanmar*
Population: 3,905,000
Poverty: Poorest country in Asia, 22.6% inflation
Religious Breakdown:
89.0% Buddhist
4.0% Muslim
4.0% Christian
2.5% Evangelical

Status of the church: Both an "official" and an unregistered church

Major Religious Sites: Shwedagon Pagoda,
Kaba Aye Pagoda,
Innwa Jail,
Sule Pagoda

City Significance/History:

Some 500 years before Christ, the Mon people established their empire at this location. Having close relations with Indian kings allowed Buddhism to spread quickly among the Mons. It was on the Singuttara Hill where they chose to build the Shwedagon Pagoda. Buddhist tradition tells that five lotus flowers gave rise to five birds, each carrying a yellow robe or wrap. The robes were for five Buddhas that would reach enlightenment and then guide this world to Nirvana. So far, four of the five Buddhas have appeared. When the fifth, Maitreya, appears he will bring the new world cycle. Each of the past four Buddhas have left relics (a staff, filter for water, one of the robes, and eight head hairs) all at Shwedagon.

Throughout history, pilgrims have come to this pagoda, bringing their offerings and hoping for Nirvana to come quickly. The high place of the hilltop pagoda made it strategic.

The British, in their quest to control more trade in the east, captured Shwedagon because it overlooked the delta below. The city developed under the British. When the Japanese arrived, they were viewed as liberators from the British rule. Shortly after World War II, the country was granted independence.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for unity between the denominational and evangelical churches.
2. Pray that the church leaders would grow in their vision for the local church, and that the local church would reach out in Jesus' name.
3. Pray for Christian leadership training and other short-term training programs—for more local leaders to move the gospel forward.
4. Pray that the government would change its authoritarian policies.
5. It is very difficult to evangelize Buddhists. Pray that the spiritual strongholds over Buddhism would be broken down.
6. Pray for the poor—that their physical needs would be met and that they would have the good news preached to them.



Fukuoka-Kita-Kyushu
(foo-koo-oh-koh/kee-tuh/kee-oo-shoo)
Day 31

Meaning: F – "blessed hill," KK – "north nine states"
Country: Japan
Population: 4,164,000
Poverty: Little poverty
Religious Breakdown:
95.0% Shintoist & Buddhist
2.5% Christian
0.32% Evangelical

Status of the church: F-85; KK-72

Major Religious Sites:

KK—Sumiyoshi Shrine,
F—Shofukuji Temple,
Kushida Shrine,
Munaga Taisha Shrine,
Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine,
Aso Mountain

City Significance/History:

As early as 300 bc, a fort was located at Hakata Bay. This small community traded with Korea and other lands, but was not a power in the area. In the late 6th century, Fukuoka became the primary city for trade with China. Hakata Bay provided great protection from the ocean, and its location just off of Korea made it a natural springboard for trade with China.

The trade routes brought Zen (deep meditative) Buddhism to Japan in the 12th century. Today the Shofukuji Temple stands as the oldest Zen temple in Japan.

One hundred years later, Mongol invaders twice tried to conquer Japan through Hakata Bay. The invasions were not successful, more because of violent typhoons than the Japanese superiority in fighting. Japan was saved from the well-trained Mongol forces.

By this century, the city became an industrial and fishing center. It was the largest city on the island of Kyushu, as well as the political center.

In 1963 five cities of Fukuoka province were incorporated to form Kita-Kyushu. This united city is now the island's most important industrial center. The local government desires to increase foreign trade and to become Japan's gateway to the rest of Asia.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for revival motivated by a spirit of repentance, and that joy and enthusiasm might replace the formality in worship services.
2. Pray that seminaries will teach sound biblical theology, so that new graduates will be empowered to lead the church into spiritual growth. Pray for encouragement and spiritual strength for the pastors, that they might be refreshed by the Holy Spirit.
3. Pray that the grip of juvenile delinquency upon the area will be broken, and that the Christians ministering to these youth can lead them to the Lord.
4. Pray against occultism and false religions, which are especially targeting the youth.
5. Pray that the churches will be an example of cooperation in evangelism.

