

LET GOD ARISE!

The Season of Lent and the Observance of Holy Week

3.9.11 - 4.16.11



Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Psalm 51

As we enter the most sober season of the Church Year, it is important that we who pray for genuine revival in the cities of the world be transformed ourselves. The Lenten season, a forty-day period starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday of Holy Week, calls us to brokenness, contrition, and confession. Let our prayers for the lost be joined to the compelling testimonies of our lives, as we reflect on and embody Jesus' suffering, crucifixion, and death. As disciples of the humble Nazarene, let us invite the Lord to walk with us as we embrace his lowliness and humility, and share the mind of him who was obedient to death, even death on a Cross.

Come and Walk with Us

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Lamb of God, so meek and lowly,
Prince of peace, God's only Son
Travel here beside us, come, dear Nazarene,
Won't You come, and walk with us.

Precious Lord, dear Savior Jesus
Form in us Your faithful love
Lead us on Your Way, up to Calvary's hill
Won't You come, and walk with us.

Word made flesh, and Suff'ring Servant
Humble King, sent from above
Lead us to Your Cross, and we'll follow You there
Won't You come, and walk with us.

Come, and walk with us,
Come, and walk with us.

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Pray for:

*Gateway Cities of
the 10/40 Window*

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Global Strategic Vision

Pray fervently and in faith for the following *Gateway Cities in the 10/40 Window*. Pray to the Lord of the harvest for more laborers, fresh manifestations of the Holy Spirit's power, and transformation and openness to the Gospel in these strategic Gateway cities.

- Northern Africa: *Khartoum* and *Mogadishu*
- Middle East: *Damascus* and *Istanbul*
- Central Asia: *Calcutta* and *Jaipur*
- Eastern Asia: *Beijing* and *Phnom Penh*

Pray fervently for these great cities, supplicating on their behalf before the Lord, asking him to pour out his own dear Holy Spirit upon them, that the Gospel of Messiah Jesus may penetrate every dimension of these societies within each of these influential Gateway cities. Let us entreat the Lord on behalf of these key cities, believing God for his intervention:

- Pray for Northern Africa and for the great cities of *Khartoum* and *Mogadishu*. In *Khartoum*, pray for peace and that relief shipments can get to the people—pray that Christian relief agencies can get in. Pray also that workers can train local leaders and that Sudanese Christians will evangelize and disciple new believers to carry on the work of the Gospel, pray for strength to withstand suffering. Pray for Bible translation work to continue, for more translators; for workers in literacy training and for financial resources to rebuild the church. Pray that the people would see how the government is treating non-Muslims and that this would cause them to turn to Christ. In *Mogadishu* pray that the warlords would lose their power and the government would be stabilized, pray that the poor would receive the food and care they need, the streets would be peaceful and safe. Pray for the persecuted underground Somali church; pray that these believers would be disciplined into faithful and wise leaders



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in the young church, that they would be Christ's warriors bringing his peace. Pray that Christian relief workers can effectively communicate the love of Christ as they distribute food and medicine.

- Pray for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit within *Damascus* and *Istanbul*, great Middle Eastern cities. In *Damascus* pray Christian TV, radio, Bibles, and literature would have great evangelistic impact and that the Orthodox and Catholic Christians would be born-again, becoming active witnesses for Christ. Pray for laborers to serve in the new slums among the unreached urban poor. Pray for more full-time workers to serve the churches and train new leaders. Pray for the development of Christian radio and TV, distribution of Christian videos, and use of Bible correspondence to learn of Christ in *Istanbul*. Pray that the economic crisis, rise of the fundamentalist Muslim political party, and the city's ancient roots as a religious and political capital would cause many throughout the Muslim world to turn to Christ. Pray for unity and love among the local Turkish fellowships.
- Pray for *Calcutta* and *Jaipur*, powerful Central Asian cities. In *Calcutta*, pray for a Christian witness in the city's slums among the Muslims, pray for the poor as they struggle for daily survival. Pray for strength and resources for Christian relief agencies and a Christian witness among the poor and unreached Muslims. Pray that God's power would be evident to the people living in bondage to the destructive god Kali, pray that the value of human life will be recognized, especially of females. Finally pray for the students studying in the Bible colleges. In *Jaipur* pray that the Muslim Meo people and the higher caste Hindus (the Rajputs, Jats, and Marwari) might become responsive to the gospel. Pray for increased conversions through Christian literature, radio, and correspondence courses. Pray that churches would multiply. Pray against the worship of rats



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that produces conditions that foster pneumonic plague, and pray that children would be protected by the laws abolishing early marriage.

- Pray for *Beijing* and *Phnom Penh* in Eastern Asia. With its incredible media coverage through the Olympics, *Beijing* has emerged on the world stage as a central city of worldwide importance. Pray for the safety of the persecuted house church leaders in Beijing. Pray that officials favorable to Christianity will be raised up and that the believers will have discernment about how and to whom they should share the Gospel. Pray that Christians will wisely take advantage of foreign business opportunities that are streaming into Beijing in a way that advances the Kingdom, and pray that disillusioned university intellectuals in their search for truth would discover Christ. Pray for unity among the church leaders in *Phnom Penh*, and that the Lord will raise up more Christian leaders to disciple the harvest, especially youth workers. Pray that God will grant wisdom and finance to Christians who are willing to pioneer practical projects to rebuild the city and the lives of the people, and pray for protection of the body of Christ from materialism, corruption, wrong doctrine, and competition. Pray that these believers would be healed and able to forgive their former enemies who tortured them in prisons.



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National Strategic Window

Intercede on behalf of eight of the inner cities of America, (*Tacoma, WA; Monmouth-Ocean, NJ; Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA; Ventura, CA; Springfield, MA; Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL; Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA; Honolulu, HI; Chattanooga, TN-GA*) that God might bring revival, renewal, and power to the churches in these cities. Pray that the Holy Spirit would fall upon them, transforming them, and that he would ignite fresh movements of vital spirituality and missions through them to reach the neighborhoods which do not know Christ.

- Pray for revival among God's people who live in these cities, that they would renounce all fleshly power and glory, that pastors and Christians within them will rediscover their identity and mission to be the Church of God in their cities, and that they will reflect that in renewed desire for holy living and fresh passion to win the lost around them, and feel the burden of being custodians of God's true Word.
- Pray that God would pour out his power and grace upon the 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.
- Above all this month, pray for that the Holy Spirit will transform the churches in these cities, igniting new passion for Christ, new love for the Gospel, and new missional efforts to plant Christ-centered, Bible-based churches in these cities. 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

Pray for God's leading for all our staff, volunteers and partners who serve in our WI Wichita Office and assist us in the administration and accomplishment of our ministry, for our staff regionally, and for the leaders of the ministry in the Wichita office. Please continue to pray for Al, Andy, and Daren as they provide leadership to our local ministry, and Al in our regional mission (Morning Star, Deer Creek, St. Louis, and Dallas).

- Pray for our staff to remain healthy with sickness going around.
- Pray for safety for our staff in the city with increasing desperation leading to violence, theft, etc. Pray also that the Lord would protect our buildings and resources from being stolen or damaged.
- Pray for our three Christ the Victor church plants and 2 more possible Spanish-speaking church plants.
- Pray for our year-end giving as we rely on this heavily to fund our yearly budget.

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



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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.

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 (80 satellites, with 9 satellites in 11 countries across the world), and close to 670 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.
- Pray for Don Allsman's oversight of the last phase of the Spanish translation process, especially with the final edits being made on the modules, and the duplication of the videos.



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- Pray for our upcoming Satellite Summit 2011 “Back to the Future: Retrieving the Great Tradition.” Pray for our satellite delegates, the conference logistics, and the Spirit’s leading for our gathering in Wichita for worship, fellowship, and networking.
- Pray for our spring Hope School classes, a number of new Hope School enrollees.
- Pray for our newest satellite in Vancouver, Washington, TUMI *Song of Hope*, ministering to the poor and broken in the Portland area.

New Initiatives and Potential Partners

- 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 satellites in Haiti, Brazil, Romania, 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 both Denver and Colorado Springs, who are considering establishing TUMI sites in both cities.



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- Pray for Karel Golcher, one of our Spanish Capstone translators, who continues to make progress in translating *Sacred Roots* into Spanish.
- Pray for possible connection and partnership with the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions, who are considering Capstone in their leadership education offerings. Individual Rescue Missions are being encouraged to explore the possibility of hosting TUMI satellites, and a number are showing interest.
- Pray for possible partnerships with Logos Bible software, and a Capstone preaching resource program connected with Francis Chan and others. The initial discussions have been favorable to a partnership; pray God's leading and blessing on this attempt to digitize Capstone for the Logos Bible Software.
- 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

- Pray regarding our need for support and financial support, and wise use of our funds as we pursue our next projects.
- Praise God for the completion of the Hennings' home! Pray that their move and transition will be smooth and refreshing.
- Pray for Don's upcoming speaking engagements for inspiration, clarity, and blessing as he addresses diverse audiences on various themes.
- Pray for TUMI staff family members whose needs continue to require fervent intercession: 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 nursing home, Don's family members (Robbie, Alicia, Norma, Janice, and the children of deceased Veronica).



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- 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.

TUMI Satellites

- Please pray for continued healing for Cathy Allsman who has experienced a chronic illness since September.
- Pray that Don Allsman's mother's cancer marker will continue to go down.
- Pray for our TUMI opportunities with Prison Fellowship and a meeting Don Allsman will have with Prison Fellowship staff from Michigan and Florida in February.

CAP

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

World Impact Health Ministries

Mobile Clinic

Currently two locations are in need of Christ-centered physicians. Pray that the Lord would reveal his direction and wisdom for future dental outreaches and continued opportunity for furtherance of salvation through compassion care.

Good Samaritan Clinic

Pray that we would look through the eyes of the Lord with open hearts while the clinic expands its building and during the implementation of expanded services including all of its extremities that are involved. Pray that the physicians and nursing staff would be recipients of God's provision to allow for effective medicine as well as for his gospel to be made known.



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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

Pray for the staff and ministry of Deer Creek Christian Camp.

Morning Star Ranch

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

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

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

Chester

FDCS

- Pray for a 5th grade teacher for next year.



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Church Planting

- Pray for the team as they are going through transition
- Pray for indigenous leaders to emerge.

TUMI Chester

- Rick Horne, our academic dean is currently raising support. Please pray for supporters to come alongside him.

Dental Clinic

- Pray for Pennsylvania's Accessibility Board to approve our proposal so that we can re-apply for our construction permits and start construction.

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.

Oakland/San Francisco

- Please pray as World Impact Oakland and World Impact San Francisco join together.
- Please pray for our TUMI Student and resident during the Christmas season. Many are separated from their family.
- Please pray for our staff as they travel about this Christmas season.

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

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for a partnership to formalize with Biola University, Pepperdine University 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

- Praise. We had 94 delegates for The Urban Church Association Conference. 11 stood to affirm God's call on their life to plant a church.
- Pray for discernment as we now are seeking the Lord for key leaders from the city whom we can associate with in planting multiply churches, leading associations and directing TUMI satellites. We know they are there and are believing that God will lead us to them and call them to join us in taking our cities for God and His Kingdom.
- Praise. We were able to bless 26 pastors and their churches with over 400 Thanksgiving Baskets and 600 blankets. The pastors were touched by the blessings of other churches.
- In January we will host another School of Church Multiplication for those interested in planting Simple Churches. Pray now for the Spirit to move among the right people and for Bryan Cullison as he leads the School.

The Oaks

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

Harmony Heart Camp

Please pray for our summer program. During these spring months we will be hiring our summer staff – please pray for discernment throughout the hiring



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process. Also, please pray for many campers to be able to come to Harmony Heart Camp this summer.

Winnipeg - TUMI

The fastest growing group of students now arriving at the School of Urban Leadership (SOUL) are African immigrant brothers and sisters who are hungry to learn and grow. Pray for our team we seek to engage with them as teachers and mentors. The language barriers are always there which make things even harder. Many also need deep healing for the pains of the past as well as the struggles as immigrants into our city. Life is not easy for them! Pray for George Klassen as he continues to direct this ministry.

Our Spanish satellite, Escuela de Entrenamiento Biblico (EdenB) continues to cross denominational lines that have been rare among Hispanic churches here in Winnipeg. Continue to pray for unity among our churches and students. God is at work and walls are coming down. We have had two mini-conferences now and we were amazed how many lines were crossed during those days together. Pray for me, Fred Stoesz, as I continue to give oversight to this satellite.

Pray for the unity between the 2 satellites. More and more we are realizing and discussing how much better we might be if we brought both of these two schools together. We have begun that discussion. Pray that God would direct us into what is best for our students in both of these satellites.

Pray also 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, empower-



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ing 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.

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.



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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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Khartoum (kahr-toom) Day 5

Meaning: "elephant's trunk"
Country: Sudan
Population: 2,477,000
Poverty: 2.8 million displaced people not officially counted in Sudan's population
Religious Breakdown:
70.0% Muslim
11.0% Traditional Religions
16.0% Christian
3.1% Evangelical

Status of the church: Growth among relocated southerners; a few Muslim converts

Major Religious Sites:

Hamed al Niel Mosque,
El Kabir Mosque,
Mahadi's Tomb

City Significance/History:

The spread of Christianity in the early centuries followed trade routes. It remained north of the Sahara Desert and along the Mediterranean Sea, but was able to penetrate into Sudan because of the Nile River.

The White and Blue Nile rivers joined together to make a fertile agricultural zone where life was pleasant and crops grew well. Established nearby was Soba, the capital of the Christian kingdom of Nubia (c. 580), not far from present-day Khartoum. By the 14th century, an active Christian kingdom was almost extinct as Islam grew. During the 19th century Khartoum became an export location for slaves and ivory.

The silver-domed mosque and minarets mark this Islamic capital. Islam has been growing in the north of Sudan as Muslim holy men lead the country into *sharia* (Islamic) law. This law is forced on the Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

The famine in the south has caused death and hardship on the non-Muslim peoples. People do seek help in Khartoum but are banished to the harsh southern desert—1 1/2 million have died and over 5 million are internal refugees. Aid sent to Sudan rarely reaches the needy. The suffering has heightened as the government has stymied relief efforts.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for peace and that relief shipments can get to the people. Pray that Christian relief agencies can get in and be protected from hostile political forces.
2. Pray that workers can train and teach local leaders. Pray that Sudanese Christians will then evangelize and disciple new believers to carry on the gospel, thus helping new churches to grow.
3. Pray for Bible translation work to continue and for more translators; pray also for workers in literacy training.
4. Pray that Muslims and non-Muslims would see the way the Muslim government is treating non-Muslims and this would cause them to turn to Christ.
5. Pray for financial resources to rebuild the church and for strength to withstand suffering.



Calcutta (kal-cut-uh) Day 18

Meaning: after the goddess Kali
Country: India, West Bengal Province*
Population: 13,604,000
Poverty: World's lowest urban living standard, 400,000 homeless
Religious Breakdown:
75.5% Hindu
22.9% Muslim
1.5% Christian
0.03% Evangelical

Status of the church: 163 congregations, only 45 Bengali-speaking

Major Religious Sites:

Kali Temple,
Sitambara Jain Temple,
Tara Keshwar Temple
Nakhoda Mosque,
St. Paul's Cathedral

City Significance/History

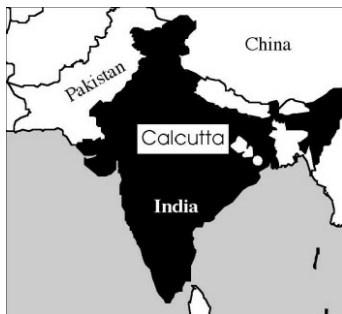
A little over 300 years ago, Calcutta was just one of thousands of small villages in India. The British in the late 17th century settled here, and the village quickly grew into a city. Invasions by Indians made it necessary for the British to build a fort for protection. Calcutta became the capital and export center. William Carey pioneered a missionary movement here in 1793. The fall of the British caused great hardship in the city. Just to the east, East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) was established. Hindus moved west and Muslims moved east.

The slums of Calcutta have been made famous by the humble Mother Teresa. She and others, like the Buntains, have brought hope and life to the slums, but increased migration to the city keeps the slums growing.

The local Bengali people have worshiped Kali. Seen as the Earth Mother-Creator, she also has an evil side. Kali, translated "black," is the goddess of warfare, pestilence, blood sacrifice, and death. Calcutta, the city of Kali, lives up to its name. Many people come here to find a better life; most end up never finding it. Kali with her necklace of human heads claims another victim to death. Yet the masses of people still come. Calcutta is India's largest city—a city deep in bondage to its goddess.

Prayer Points

1. The slums are some of the worst in the world, and the city has the world's lowest urban living standard. Pray that the poor can live in dignity and find the food they need. For most the struggle for daily survival allows them no time for spiritual things.
2. The destructive god Kali is worshiped and appeased. Pray that God's power would be evident to the people living in bondage to Kali.
3. Pray that the value of human life will be recognized, especially of females.
4. Pray for the Christian relief agencies, especially the hospitals and orphanages, that are ministering to the needy. Pray for strength and resources for the staff.
5. Pray for a Christian witness in the city's slums and among the unreached Muslims.
6. Pray for the students studying in the Bible colleges.



Damascus

(duh-mas-kus)

Day 9

Meaning: named after Damshak, the city's founder
Country: Syria*
Population: 2,511,000
Poverty: Increasing hard times
Religious Breakdown:
90.0% Muslim
8.8% Christian
0.1% Evangelical

Status of the church: Christians have the freedom to worship; a number of churches

Major Religious Sites:

Omayyad Mosque,
Chapel of St. Paul,
Takieh es Sulaymanieh Mosque,
Tomb of Sayyidah Zaynab

City Significance/History:

On the road to Damascus Paul the apostle's life was forever changed by the power of Jesus. But people lived in the city many years before Paul's visit. Records unearthed in the city indicate that from the 3rd millennium bc to the present, the city has been inhabited.

Because of its location, the city has been conquered, destroyed, and rebuilt many times. Most of the ancient empires controlled the city during their apex. The religion of the city changed with almost every foreign power. The Arameans built a temple to their god, Hadad, the god of storms and rain. In the 3rd century, this same temple site was used to construct an enormous temple for the Roman god Jupiter, the god of war, lightning, and thunderbolts. With the rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire, the temple was converted into the Church of St. John the Baptist. It is believed his head is still at the site.

With Islam's arrival, the church was converted to a mosque, only later to be taken down and rebuilt into the largest mosque of its time (7th century). Two of the Omayyad Mosque's minarets are named the Minaret of the Bride and the Minaret of Jesus. Muslim tradition says that Jesus will appear at this location on the Judgment Day.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that the Orthodox and Catholic Christians would be born-again, active believers and witnesses.
2. Pray for laborers interested in serving among the new slums and unreached poor areas of the city.
3. Pray that the Muslim majority would receive godly wisdom from their Christian contacts and that the conversions out of Islam would increase. Pray for Christians to have boldness when given the opportunity to witness.
4. Pray for effective evangelism through Christian TV and radio—that Bibles and Christian literature would have a greater impact.
5. Pray for more full-time workers to serve the churches and to train new leaders in the congregations.



Beijing (bay-jeeng) Day 23

Meaning: "northern capital"
Country: China*
Population: 12,332,000
Poverty: Communism had provided basic needs
Religious Breakdown:
59.1% Nonreligious/Atheist
30.1% Chinese Religions
1.4% Muslim
6.1% Christian
0.1% Evangelical

Status of the church: Growing TSPM and underground churches (see [Jinan](#) for TSPM explanation)

Major Religious Sites:

Fayuan Si Temple,
Niu Jie Muslim Temple,
Guangji Temple,
Mao Zedong Memorial Hall,
Temple of Heaven

City Significance/History:

Beijing's location on the edge of China's Northern Plain, made it a strategic military location for the control of China's north. Brutal invasions have marred Beijing throughout history.

Genghis Khan, coming down from Mongolia, slaughtered and destroyed the city in the 13th century. From the rubble arose Khanbaliq, "Khan's Town." His grandson, Kublai Khan, ruled all of China, his capital being Khanbaliq. Corruption and fraud destroyed the Khan's reign, and the Ming Dynasty grew in its place.

The Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, and the Ming Tombs are lasting examples of the grandeur and exclusionist attitude of the Ming power base. Reigning from the 14th — 17th century, the Ming Dynasty fell apart, allowing the Qing Dynasty to take over China and set up their capital in Beijing, only later to become a victim of the Cultural Revolution (1911).

After the Japanese were defeated in World War II, Mao Zedong took power and started the People's Republic of China, turning all of China over to communism. Beijing grew, the old imperialism gave way to communism; with communism came roads, railways, one language, and universal education.

Prayer Points

1. From Beijing 1.2 billion people are governed. Pray for God's purposes to be worked through the government, especially when the communist "old guard" dies. Pray that officials favorable to Christianity will be raised up.
2. Pray for the safety of persecuted house church leaders who seek to minister for Christ in this tightly controlled environment. Pray that believers will have discernment about how and to whom they should share the gospel.
3. Pray that disillusioned university intellectuals in their search for truth would discover Christ. Also, pray for the effective follow-up and nurture of returned intellectuals who have become Christians while studying abroad.
4. Many foreign business concerns are streaming into Beijing. Pray that Christians will wisely take advantage of these opportunities in a way that advances the kingdom.



Mogadishu

(*moh-guh-dish-oo*)

Day 6

Meaning: unknown
Country: Somalia*
Population: 849,000
Poverty: Violence and drought have caused great poverty
Religious Breakdown:
99.9% Muslim
0.04% Christian
0.03% Evangelical

Status of the church: Little growth in the last 100 years, a few Somali believers

Major Religious Sites:

Fakr Al Din Mosque,
Great Mosque

City Significance/History:

War—drought—devastation, the cycle of life for Saphia. She ran out of food—her two camels and goats died as the ground turned to dust. Eight months pregnant, she decided not to flee with her family to Ethiopia. Instead, she moved to a refugee camp outside Mogadishu, where the streets became battle zones. Daily her husband sought food and work in the city.

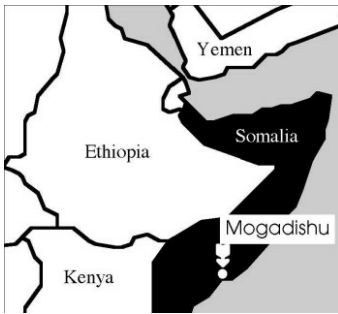
Warlords send out war parties against other lords. One day, her husband was standing in a food line. A machine gun mounted on the back of a truck turned the corner and fired on the crowd—he died on the street.

Her baby, now a year old, survives only on what Saphia receives from the food handouts from the refugee workers. She has no choice—she is dependent on the food coming in. She dreams of the days when caring for the camels and goats, and which water hole to go to was the greatest concern. Now her little girl may never see the greatness of Somalia. War seems to be endless. Even if life-giving rain sweeps the land, the bullets will keep life short.

"Two things are needed— peace and rain"

Prayer Points

1. Pray that the warlords would lose their power and that the government would be stabilized.
2. Pray that the poor would receive the food and care they need.
3. Pray that the streets would be peaceful and safe, not battle zones.
4. Pray that the Christian relief workers can effectively communicate the love of Christ as they distribute food and medicine.
5. Pray for the underground Somali church that is persecuted; many are unmarried men needing Christian wives.
6. Pray for those men to be discipled into faithful and wise leaders in the young church—that they would learn to be warriors for Christ, bringing his peace.



Istanbul

(*is-tan-bool*)
Day 11

Meaning: "in the city"
Country: Turkey
Population: 10,000,000
Poverty: High inflation and swelling population have stressed infrastructure
Religious Breakdown:
99.8% Muslim
0.20% Christian
0.01% Evangelical

Status of the church: 20 Turkish fellowships, patriarchate of Eastern Orthodox Church

Major Religious Sites:

Hagia Sophia,
Sultan Ahmed (Blue) Mosque,
Suleyman Mosque,
Eyup Mosque,
Topkapi Palace

City Significance/History

Istanbul's strategic location has been important since its beginning. Dorian Greeks led by Byzas started a fishing village here in 657 named Byzantium. The city was razed and rebuilt by the Romans in the 2nd century AD. Constantine captured the city in 324 and made Constantinople the "New Rome." The Byzantines ruled their empire from here for the next 1000 years until the Muslim Ottoman Turks captured the city in 1453.

Istanbul is the only city to span two continents—Europe and Asia with the Bosphorus Strait separating the two. The strait is the gateway between the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea.

In 537, Justinian completed the Hagia Sophia—the largest and most beautiful church ever built, standing as a testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ. Like most of the churches in Turkey it was converted into a mosque. To promote religious harmony in the city, it is now a museum.

Istanbul continues to be a strategic city. Industry, commerce, and a major port enhance its importance. Being the largest city in Turkey it sets the pace for Westernization. Its population—already the largest in Turkey—is exploding through rural migration.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that God would use the city's ancient roots as a religious and political capital to reach many throughout the Muslim world with the gospel.
2. Pray for unity and love among the local Turkish fellowships.
3. Pray that the economic crisis will cause Turks to think deeply about the emptiness of pursuing only material gain.
4. Pray that the rise of the fundamentalist Muslim political party will cause nominal, secular Muslims to reconsider what Islam is and who they are.
5. Pray for the development of Christian radio and TV programming, and for the distribution of Christian videos, especially the *Jesus* film. Pray for more people to use the Bible correspondence course to learn about Jesus.



Jaipur

(*ji-poor*)
Day 16

Meaning: "city of victory"
Country: India, Rajasthan Province*
Population: 1,969,000
Poverty: 108 slums
Religious Breakdown:
89% Hindu
7.5% Muslim
0.41% Christian
0.05% Evangelical

Status of the church: 26 churches, some 8000 Christians with half of south Indian origin.

Major Religious Sites:

Iswari Minar Swarga Sul,
Jantar Mantar Observatory

City Significance/History:

Three ancient forts rest on the hills overlooking most of present-day Jaipur. Well water allowed this desert oasis to grow on a dried lake bed. The Amber Fort was the capital of the Mina tribe, who were the original inhabitants. The Jaigarh Fort, containing India's largest cannon, was so impregnable that no enemy breached its walls.

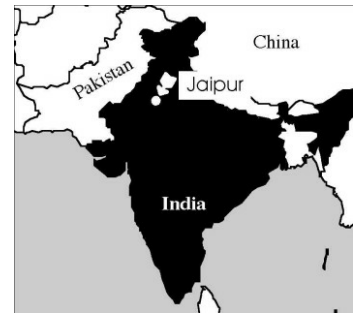
In 1727, Maharaja Jai Singh II planned the expansion of the forts to one large fortified city. The city expanded and a wall was built around it with seven gates. At night, the city gates were closed for protection. On the outside of the gates, long anti-elephant spikes were mounted to keep enemies from using their elephants to ram the gates.

The color pink was said to be the color of hospitality. When Britain's Prince Albert visited the city in 1883, all the main buildings were painted pink to welcome him. As the provincial capital, Jaipur has continued to keep its traditional pink color.

The wall has been torn down and used to build homes—the gates remain. The wall's foundation marks the old city, but Jaipur has expanded outside the old walls. Camels still pull carts down the street as Jaipur keeps its old and new moving together.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that the Muslim Meo people might become responsive to the gospel. Among the Muslim Meo people are no known Christians.
2. The higher caste Hindus—the Rajputs, Jats, and Marwari—have shown little interest in the gospel. Pray that the spiritual powers keeping them in darkness will be broken.
3. Pray for increased conversions through literature distribution, radio evangelism, and Bible correspondence courses, and that the number of churches would multiply.
4. Worship of rats produces conditions that foster pneumonic plague. Pray that the idolatry underlying this health hazard would be bound.
5. Most children in Rajasthan are married at age eight. Pray that laws abolishing child marriages would be obeyed.



Phnom Penh

(*nom pen*)
Day 27

Meaning: "the hill of a woman named Penh"
Country: Cambodia (Kampuchea)*
Population: 2,827,000
Poverty: War caused economic devastation
Religious Breakdown:
87.0% Buddhist
7.8% Nonreligious/Atheist
2.7% Animist
0.38% Christian (mainly Catholic)
0.08% Evangelical

Status of the church: 30 congregations

Major Religious Sites:

Wat Phnom,
Silver Pagoda,
Wat Qnalom Monastery,
Nur ul-Ihsan Mosque,
Independence Monument

City Significance/History:

In the mid-15th century, the Khmer people were fighting the Thai, a long-standing enemy like the Vietnamese. The Thai captured the city of Angkor, causing the Khmer to relocate to Phnom Penh. Over 100 years earlier, Penh had found a Buddha in one of the three rivers that run through the area. She placed the Buddha on the highest hill as a holy pagoda.

Battles with the Thai and Vietnamese continued, along with occupations by the Spanish and French. Catholic monks arrived with the Westerners.

Slowly the communist Khmer Rouge started to take over rural areas. By the 1960s they controlled provincial capitals, and in 1975 Phnom Penh fell into their hands. Being communist, they wanted to rid the country of all religion. Buddhist monks were killed, and of the estimated 10,000 Christians in Phnom Penh the vast majority were stabbed to death. The Khmer Rouge killed many people, including the educated, because they wanted to "purify" the Khmer people from outside influence.

The Vietnamese, because of border battles, sent troops into Phnom Penh. In 1979 the Khmer Rouge finally fell. The United Nations, in recent years, has tried to reestablish peace.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for unity among the local church leaders as well as the Christian leaders from other countries who work in Phnom Penh.
2. Pray for protection of the body of Christ from materialism, corruption, wrong doctrine, and competition.
3. Pray that God will raise up more Christian leaders to disciple the harvest that is pouring into the kingdom of God. Youth workers are needed particularly.
4. Pray that God will grant wisdom and finance to Christians who are willing to pioneer practical projects to rebuild the city and the lives of the people.
5. Many innocent people were tortured by the Khmer Rouge in prisons like Tuol Sleng. Pray for healing of the victims and forgiveness for former enemies.

