

# Ten-Day Prayer Guide

## June 2-11, 2011

Brothers and Sisters in Christ around the world!

In recent years the Global Day of Prayer has seen millions of Christians unite in a day of repentance and united prayer. Believers in every country of the world have lifted expectant praise and desperate prayer with one voice in stadiums, open fields, community centers and private homes. God's answers to our prayers have the power to transform our world and to fill the nations with the glory of God.

From June 2-12, 2011, God is again calling the nations to embark on this prayer journey with Him. God is moving in His awesome power, and He is challenging us to be part of this journey. It is a journey that is not about us, but about a world in desperate need for His glory and compassionate love. It is a call to respond to His invitation in 2 Chronicles 7:14 to humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and turn from our wicked ways. May He hear our prayers, forgive our sin and heal our land.

I humbly invite you to join hundreds of millions of Christians, and many Hillcrest mission partners worldwide, as we come before God for this season of repentance and intercession.

May we see His glory.

Graham Power, Chairman, Global Day of Prayer

*(Adapted by David Chan, Global Missions Pastor, for Hillcrest Covenant Church)*

*"And I...am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see My glory."*

*- Isaiah 66:18*

### TEN leading up to ONE

The Global Day of Prayer follows the three parts of the beginning of the Church: ten days of constant prayer leading to Pentecost, one day of prayer witnessed by the whole city and days of blessing that followed.

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**Ten days of constant prayer: 2-11 June 2011.** Beginning on Ascension Day, 2 June, believers worldwide will pray night and day throughout the ten days leading to Pentecost. We will pray over global concerns as well as those specific to our mission partners who submitted requests.

#### **1**

**The Global Day of Prayer: 12 June 2011.** On Pentecost Sunday, Christians in many countries will assemble to pray and worship. Hillcrest Covenant Church will gather with the greater Church in Kansas City at LiveStrong Park in Kansas City, Ks.

As you pray for various countries, we recommend using [www.operationworld.org](http://www.operationworld.org) to gain more insights for specific intercession!

# Praying Great Things

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

**The Global Day of Prayer is a call to encounter God with many others so that He can change us and bring forth all that He desires among the nations.**

If you are reading this, you have probably heard God calling you, too. And He's put hope in your heart, a kind of yearning that He's not going to leave things as they are. Instead, He's going to make us like Jesus. Despite the gloom of mounting evil, He's going to heal families, lands and peoples so that the earth will be covered with the sparkle and laughter of glory, right in the face of darkness.

### **Praying the Lord's Prayer.**

To help us pray with united hearts and minds during the ten days before Pentecost, we'll follow the prayer that our Lord taught us to pray.

### **Praying great things.**

We're aiming to pray for God to fulfill the great things that He has promised: His transforming blessing in every people, and the life-giving glory of Christ's Lordship in every community.

### **Concerning deepest needs.**

As we stretch our hearts in hope for what God has purposed, He will help us pray with confident clarity for the urgent needs of our cities and nations.

# Ten Days of Constant Prayer

**Ascension Day, 2 June - Saturday, 11 June**

*Pray globally. Gather locally.*

*"Return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping...Gather the people...bring together the elders, gather the children." — Joel 2:12, 16*

This time gives us the opportunity to be reminded that as we pray ours is not only an individual but part of a much larger voice lifted up to God. As we pray we come with confidence and humility as a part of the Body of Christ. We have the opportunity to have this focused time to be aware of enormity of the command of God for all the world to come before the Lord as well as the intimate necessity for each person to come in repentance doing our own personal work with God seeking the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our individual lives.

During these ten days Hillcrest will join with our mission partners lifting up the needs of those they are seeking to reach for Christ and we will, as a Body, ask God to bring Hillcrest into an ever deepening faithfulness to walk in the way the Lord guides.

DAY1

Thursday 2 June

## REVIVE

Our Father who is in heaven...

- ...please revive and unite Your people as one family before You!
  - **Intercede using John 13:31-35**, for increasing unity in the Body of Christ at Hillcrest Covenant Church; in greater Kansas City; and among Christians from nations worldwide.
  - **Intercede for China (Kim)**: Pray with our friends requesting that the flames of revival would *continue*, especially among Chinese intellectuals and professionals
  - **Pray for Malaga, Spain (Restrepo)**: That revival would come to the Church in Parque Victoria even in the absence of some key church leadership.
- ...please draw wayward Christians to repent and return to you as Father, learning to obey and trust you.
  - **Pray for the Church in Rajpur, Northern India (D.M.M.)**: Only 1% of the population claim to be Christian and even among them there seems to be a deadness of spirit!
- ...we ask for fresh movements of prayer, seeking your throne of grace with persistence.
  - **Pray for Hillcrest** – that this church, that is the people of Hillcrest, would become “house(s) of prayer for all nations”!

DAY2

Friday 3 June

## REVEAL

...sanctify Your name...

- ...that the truth of God’s character would be exalted and honored.
  - **Pray for Mission Adelante staff in Kansas City, KS (Shoff/Stetler)**, who seek to reveal God’s truth to Bhutanese refugees and Hispanic immigrants through English classes and exposure to the Scriptures.
- ...that God would distinguish Himself from every false god and expose every false thing spoken about Him.
  - **Pray for Tibetans in Rajpur, Northern India (D.M.M.)**: Christian workers have started businesses and live among them in order to

reveal God's truth through the Holy Spirit. Most Tibetans are held in bondage by Bon, an ancient and demonic false religion.

- **Pray for the Tajik people in Central Asia (J.A.G.):** That God would reveal Himself powerfully and many would come to faith. They are generally gravitating toward Islam now that they are no longer under Soviet rule.
- ...that the word of God would be proclaimed in every people and place across the earth.
  - **Pray for Shonan Community Church, Japan (Carlson):** Last Fall the church moved away from an area with several other churches to a neighborhood with no church presence – a residential community with young families. Pray the Church will reveal the presence of Christ and build strong relationships in this community!
- ...that the Scriptures be translated and made available in every language.
  - **Pray for the Rendille, North Kenya (Propst/Swanepoel):** This tribal group has 88% of the New Testament in their language. Pray for the completion of the N.T. within a couple of years, and for the literacy programs to continue to effectively prepare the Rendille to read and know the Word of God! Pray that they will also become a “bridge” people to share the Gospel with their Somali neighbors.

DAY3

Saturday 4 June

## RULE

...May Your kingdom come...

- ...for many to be drawn by the power of the gospel to submit their lives to Jesus Christ, in order to love and follow Him as King.
  - **Pray for the cities of Colombia (Posladek):** That God would be known to many as more than just a part of their culture or tradition and be drawn into a personal relationship with Him. The youth in Colombia particularly need to personally experience the presence of God.
- ...for Christ's followers to walk in the fullness of God's Spirit so that they can live in the likeness of Christ.
  - **Pray for Christian leaders in China (Kim):** Pray they would serve out of the overflow of their walk with Christ. Pray for church leaders to have wisdom, strength, and love to lead well and humbly under the mighty hand of God.
- ...for the Lordship of Christ to influence every part of our cities and societies.

- **Pray for children in a slum of Lusaka, Zambia (Conover):** Many orphaned and vulnerable children exist in this area filled with drunkenness, prostitution, immorality, burglars, and fathers who are prone to abandon their families. Pray for the glory of Christ to be revealed and His reign to be established in that place.
- **Pray for Kansas City's urban core:** Many ministries serve the homeless, people in deep poverty, addicts, and the racially marginalized. Pray for the Lordship of Christ to prevail and for strategic efforts by these ministries to bring healing, hope, and restoration.

DAY4

Sunday 5 June

## TRANSFORM

...and may Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...

- ...for God's people to bring the influence and blessing of Christ into every aspect of commerce, arts, education and governance in ways that bring lasting transformation.
  - **Pray for the transformation of Vecses, Hungary (Rowlands):** Pray for wisdom and unity among the church planting team comprised of Jani, Luto, and Attila. Pray that the entire community of Vecses would be transformed by the truths of the Gospel of the Kingdom!
- ...for God's wisdom to be upon our government leaders, bringing changes that increase righteousness and justice.
  - **Pray for "Frank", from Kurdish Iraq:** As a new follower of Jesus, he is actively pursuing to re-establish his role as father to his three children. Pray for his continued transformation, and for the legal system to work righteousness in his case.
- ...for the righteousness, peace and joy of Christ's kingdom to be a reality by the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - **Pray for the outcast in Rajpur, Northern India (D.M.M.):** Pray for drug addicts, lepers, and orphans in this village to be made whole and restored by the Spirit's power.

## PROVIDE

...Give us this day our daily bread...

- ...for the basic needs of food, water and health care for the poor, for the sick, for refugees and for children.
  - **Pray for relief in Colombia (Posladek):** The nation is experiencing devastating floods and mudslides. Pray for timely relief that will be accompanied by the Truth in the person of Jesus.
  
- ...that God's people would become, by His Spirit's help, agents of healing and change, bringing forth the abundance, justice and peace that God desires.
  - **Pray for the Church in China (Kim):** Agree with them that the Lord would open the doors for them to obtain building permits or leases so they can have adequate space to meet and worship.
  - **Pray for nationwide efforts to assist Joplin:** Ask that God be glorified as people mobilize in His name, that it would be a powerful witness to those alienated from him and even to the nations who are watching.
  
- ...for God's people to break patterns of poverty in their communities, fulfilling God's promise of blessing amidst all peoples.
  - **Pray for new commercial opportunities in Colombia (Posladek):** Pray for new investments in the nation's economy and for the advancement of trade partnerships that will provide new sources of income for families and cities.
  - **Pray for the summer English camp in Hungary (Rowlands):** Pray that God would supply the resources for the workers needed for this evangelistic outreach in July.
  
- ...for Christians to act with compassion and persistence to eradicate diseases and to serve well in the aftermath of epidemics such as HIV/AIDS.
  - **Pray for medical ministries and missions** that serve the sick and injured. *Project Restoration* works with Belarusian children physically affected by Chernobyl; the *Covenant Church of Japan* is ministering to those impacted by the tsunami; and *African mission partners* work on the front lines of battling AIDS and caring for those it affects.

DAY6

Monday 6 June

## FORGIVE

...Forgive us our sins...

- ...for the Spirit of God to move on the hearts of men and women so that they will be able to see how God is grieved and how their lives are being destroyed by sin.
  - **Pray for families in Colombia (Posladek):** While typically a family-oriented country, there are often instances of abuse that go unrecognized. Pray for people in the Church to speak out on this topic and be equipped to counsel families through forgiveness.
- ...for the Spirit of God to empower people to abandon patterns of sin and find grace to renounce allegiance to powers of darkness.
  - **In Hungary (J.R.):** Pray for God to continue to draw the people of Petőfibánya to Himself. This small former mining community was built during the Soviet era with no Church of any kind. The darkness of occult practices was very active. A small Christian community is slowly growing and the bright light of God's truth is increasing.
- ...for recognition of and repentance from sins that bring about war, poverty and injustice.
  - **In Afghanistan (J.A.G.):** Pray for the Dari speakers of Northern Afghanistan that the God of peace would reveal Himself. May their eyes be opened to see they need a savior, and may they find Jesus as a few have already found Him.
  - **Praise God for the changes in Colombia (Posladek):** The country has changed vastly since 20 years ago. Rebel groups have mostly disbanded and the drug trade has mostly moved north. However the history of drugs and violence still lingers, and certain rural areas still need to be released from this.

DAY7

Wednesday 8 June

## RECONCILE

...as we forgive those who sin against us...

- ...to break the cycles of resentment, revenge and racism so that relationships are restored.
  - **Today we pray for us in Kansas City (Healy):** Ask the Father to reconcile the city by removing the "Troost Avenue barriers" dividing

the city racially, economically and socially. May Christians here realize racial reconciliation in our city will be a powerful symbol of the reconciliation God offers everyone in Christ. *Not* learning to love our neighbor is just as strong a message, in the wrong direction.

- ...for signs of Christ's reconciling power in the midst of militarized conflict, revealing God's desire to end all wars.
  - **Pray for "Harry" returning to Iraq:** He is going back into the face of danger to share the Gospel with his family and acquaintances. It is a very dangerous mission, but he carries a message of Peace so desperately needed in war-torn Iraq.
- ...to restore relationships between women and men, to bring reconciliation in marriages and to renew relationships of children with their parents.
  - **Pray for families that are struggling with the wounds of broken relationships:** Ask God to give each person the courage to look with honesty and humility at their individual roles in their relationships which need healing. Pray for each person to do their personal work of repentance with God and to come to the ones they need to be reconciled to with humility and grace that they might be willing to give and receive true forgiveness.
- ...for those who suffer for the name of Christ to endure persecution in the Spirit and grace of Christ.
  - **Pray for Christian groups in China (Kim):** Ask God for reconciliation between the Three-Self (registered) churches and the house churches (unregistered). Pray for genuine trust, fellowship, and the ability to work together across China.

DAY8

Thursday 9 June

## LEAD

...And lead us not into temptation...

- ...for Christians to be filled with such love and zeal to please God that they are unmoved by enticements of materialism and sensual perversions.
  - **Pray for new Believers in Spain (Restrepo):** There are 10 people the church is praying for to be baptized this summer. Pray they would fully embrace the Lordship of Christ in their lives.
  - **Pray for immigrant families in Kansas City, KS (Schoff):** May Latino families be transformed by the power of the Gospel and strive to stay together and to live under Christ's power.



- ...for God's people to continue walking in the light of His ways and wisdom in order to fulfill His purposes throughout the earth.
  - **Pray for First Love Church in Petofibanya, Hungary (Rowlands):** This is the first church of its kind in this community. Pray the leadership would be led by the light as they reach this and other nearby towns.
  - **Pray for the region of Northern India (D.M.M.):** The dark powers entrenched in Hinduism and Buddhism oppress people's lives. Pray that the deception would be broken by the light of Christ!
- ...that Christ would guide leaders of business, education and government so that the curse of corruption would be overcome throughout cities and entire economies.
  - **Pray for the leaders of Colombia (Posladek):** Pray that corruption would be replaced by justice. Laws are too often worded in favor of a few and prone to favoritism.

DAY9

Friday 10 June

## OVERCOME

...but deliver us from evil...

- ...that God would restrain Satanic powers, revealing the truth of the Gospel, liberating many people to follow Christ.
  - **Praise God for liberating "Terry", an Iraqi believer:** This man powerfully experienced the work of Christ as he was freed from demonic control. He now trusts in Jesus, his "Doctor King". Pray for many more Arabs to be delivered from the spirits of darkness.
  - **Pray for believers in China (Kim):** Pray they will not be lured by assertive cults such as Mormonism, Ba'hai, and Eastern Lightning. Pray they will discern the truth and stand firm.
- ...that people would be delivered from idolatry, witchcraft, demonic oppression and depression.
  - **Pray for new Bhutanese believers (Stetler):** Ask God that new believing disciples would be transformed from their old ways of thinking into the mind of Christ.
- ...for Christ to break powers of darkness which corrupt and dominate businesses, governments and cities.

- **Pray for Iranian believers (J.A.G.):** God is revealing Himself mightily among Iranians and it is believed more have come to Christ in the past 30 years than in all of history combined! However the Church is young, and most Iranians are not well-disciplined, unable or afraid to find fellowship. Pray for a move towards radical discipleship; for freedom from fear of government oppression; and for genuine fellowships to embrace the growing numbers of Iranian believers.

DAY10

Saturday 11 June

## GLORIFY

...for Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

- ...that signs of Christ's kingdom will so fill the earth that many will be moved to celebrate the hope of His coming.
  - **Through the ministry in Spain (Restrepo):** Their creative outreach has permeated the community for the glory of Christ. Pray it continues even as the Restrepo's come to Chicago for their one-year home assignment.
- ...that Christ's power will be seen in the humility and compassionate service of His people.
  - **Through the English summer camp in Hungary (Rowlands):** May the camp glorify God, build up the young churches, and produce much fruit for the Kingdom.
- ...that Jesus would be honored openly, worshiped extravagantly and glorified globally.
  - **Through Latino believers (Schoff):** Pray they would step out in faith by the multitudes and glorify God by becoming a missional force in our world.