

# GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER/ 23 MAY 2010/

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# GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER

On Ascension Day, millions of Christians will find ways to pray night and day throughout the ten days leading to Pentecost, following the pattern of Christ's followers before the first Pentecost.

[Where can you join in with others during the 10 Days of Prayer?](#)

## Thursday 13 May

[Armagh/](#)  
Workshop 1  
Market Place Theatre,  
Market Street 8pm–10pm  
028 37525937

## Friday 14 May

[Bangor/](#)  
West Church Presbyterian,  
91 Crawfordsburn Road  
8.00pm  
028 91467144

## 14–15 May

[Newtownards/](#)  
Movilla C.O.I &  
Methodist Church  
8.00am–8.00am  
028 91873212

## Saturday 15 May

[Carrickfergus/](#)  
Gateway Church,  
8a Grovenor Place  
9.00am–10.00am  
07759166421

## Sunday 16 May

[Newry/](#)  
Christian Renewal Centre,  
Shore Road, Rostrevor  
3.00pm–5.00pm  
028 30268440

## Sunday 16 May

[Lisburn/](#)  
Railway St Presbyterian  
Prayer & Prayer Walk  
6.30pm  
028 92670100

## Monday 17 May

[Larne/](#)  
Salvation Army,  
Point Street  
8.00pm  
07883008390

## Tuesday 18 May

[Limavady/](#)  
The Prayer House,  
Main Street  
8.00pm  
028 7772212

## Wednesday 19 May

[Coleraine/](#)  
Hazelbank Church,  
Hazelbank Road  
7.30pm–9.00pm  
07884237127

## Thursday 20 May

[Enniskillen/](#)  
The Stables,  
Derrygore  
8.00pm  
028 686 31957

## Thursday 20 May

[Portadown/](#)  
Prayer Room &  
Quaker Meeting House  
028 38333599  
& 07818095124

## Friday 21 May

[Belfast/](#)  
Christian Fellowship Church,  
Belmont Road  
12.00 noon–2.00pm  
028 90671838

## Saturday 22 May

[Dungannon/](#)  
MORPH Drop-In Centre,  
Thomas Street  
10.00pm to 3.00pm  
worship at 10.00pm–11.00pm  
028 87724074



## A GUIDE FOR 10 DAYS OF PRAYER/ 13–22 MAY 2010/

CALLING OUR WORLD, OUR NATIONS  
& OUR COMMUNITIES TO PRAYER/



## Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Global Day of Prayer has seen millions of Christians unite in a day of repentance and united prayer. Believers gathered in every country of the world on 31 May 2009. The echoes of desperate prayers for transformation sounded from stadiums, open fields, community centers and private homes. These prayers have the power to transform our world and to fill the nations with the glory of God.

On 23 May 2010, God is again calling the nations from the North, South, East and West 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 as we come before God for this day of repentance and prayer.

May we see His glory.

Graham Power,  
Chairman, Global Day of Prayer

***“And I...am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see My glory.” Isaiah 66:18***

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## A Global Day of Prayer

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

### **A Call for Repentance and Prayer.**

At the turn of the millennium, believers in South Africa sensed God calling them to seek Him in repentance and prayer and to call people across their country to assemble in united prayer for their cities and nations. Soon gatherings like it—all meeting on the same day of the year—multiplied across Africa, and in the years that followed, all over the world. The result was the first Global Day of Prayer on Pentecost Sunday in 2005.

### **Across the face of the earth.**

Many millions from almost every stream of Christian faith have gathered to answer the same call for repentance and prayer in the years that followed. The movement continues to spread and to deepen, packing large stadiums, filling homes with small groups, spilling out to the open squares of small villages, surging around the clock and uniting many churches in prayer for Christ's greater glory and the blessing of all nations.

### **Strengthening ongoing movements of prayer.**

On 23 May 2010, Christians will again gather to pray and to repent with sincere hearts and united hopes.



## TEN leading up to ONE followed by NINETY

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. For these reasons, the Global Day of Prayer has three parts:

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**Ten days of constant prayer:** 13-22 May 2010. Beginning on Ascension Day, 13 May, millions of Christians will find ways to pray night and day throughout the ten days leading to Pentecost.

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**The Global Day of Prayer:** 23 May 2010. On Pentecost Sunday, Christians in almost every country will assemble to pray. Many will gather in small groups in homes. Many will assemble in large stadiums and other public venues.

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**Ninety days of blessing:** 24 May - 21 August 2010. As in the first Pentecost, transformed Christians transform their communities as they offer themselves to God as instruments through which their prayers can be answered. The Global Day of Prayer anticipates the forming or furthering of local alliances among pastors, churches, missions and business leaders to bring practical, transformational blessing to their communities.



*If My people, who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land.*

**2 Chronicles 7:14**



*The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.* **Habakkuk 2:14**

## Praying Great Things For the Glory of Christ and the Blessing of the Nations

GDOP 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 so many families, lands and peoples 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 gathering 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 families, cities and nations.

## Turning to God Together

### A Moment of Hope: Repentance as a Gift from God

Answer God's call. At certain moments in history, God summons His people to turn to Him in order to be forgiven, renewed and used by Him for His purposes. In recent years the Global Day of Prayer has sounded a call for a day of repentance and prayer. Leaders in different parts of the world have found that the book of Joel has helped many to respond to God's call to heartfelt repentance.

Returning to God because He desires to dwell with us; the repentance Joel describes is not a superficial turning from any particular sinful behaviors. In fact, the gift of repentance is not merely turning from sin; the heart of repentance is turning to God. What matters most in the book of Joel is that God's people are dangerously and shamefully distant from Him, whether by their apathy or because of their sin. God opens His heart and calls the people to return to Him. His appeal is focused on the hope of repentance and all the goodness that God desires to bring forth.



## 13–22 May Ten Days of Constant Prayer Pray Globally. Gather Locally

### Gather in creative ways.

Many are forming prayer chains to build bonfires of 24-hours-a-day prayer. Others will meet for an hour or two of focused prayer. Some will be fasting. Look for how the Holy Spirit may give you fresh ways to pray with family and friends.

### Children are praying!

Let's involve children as equal partners in our praying. A special version of this prayer guide has been prepared for children. It will help many families pray together and find creative ways to help children lift their voices along with others. Find it at [www.globaldayofprayer.com/children](http://www.globaldayofprayer.com/children).

### Young adults will be praying around the clock.

In many countries young people will be praying non-stop throughout the ten days. A special rendition of this prayer guide has been designed to catalyze and concentrate the prayers of young people of any age. Find this at [www.globaldayofprayer.com/youth](http://www.globaldayofprayer.com/youth).

### Pray with different languages.

This guide is being translated into about 50 languages, making it possible for many millions of Christians all over the world to be praying these same prayers. See [www.globaldayofprayer.com](http://www.globaldayofprayer.com) to find available translations.

### Following the hope in Joel;

Because of the limitations of space, all of the important verses couldn't be printed here. Please read each of the five different selections from the second chapter of Joel in your own Bible. There is one selection for every two days to encourage you to reflect on Joel repeatedly during the ten days of constant prayer.

### Repentance is a gift.

We shouldn't try to manufacture feelings of remorse. We should never fake or fabricate emotions. But we can sincerely open our lives to God. We can grow confident in His extravagant, constant love. Let's ask our Lord to grant us times of turning from darkness so that we can walk in His light as we never have before. Break out of your routines by fasting or connecting with others to pray. It's time. Let's get ready to meet God.



*"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

## A Call to Return

*"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "Return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting and weeping and mourning."*

**Joel 2:12** (NASB)

### Read Joel 2:12-14 aloud.

Consider how the present hour could be a critical moment as in Joel's day, a "yet even now" moment. For different reasons, many of God's people have drifted away from Him. But now He is calling us to return with all our hearts. Returning to God means more than going back to church and turning away from sin; It means turning our full attention to God, coming close to Him with confidence in His amazing love. As we turn to Him, He desires to turn toward us. His mighty love not only rescues us from our wrongs, but bestows blessing, empowering us to offer Him extravagant, grateful worship.

## Day One/Revive

### Our Father who is in Heaven...

#### Give thanks

For the leadership of the church and the churches in your community—ask God to bless them with humility and wisdom

#### Pray

For life, unity and healing across the Church in Ireland

For us all to have a renewed and deeper revelation of God as Father, especially for those who are struggling in their faith

For fresh movements of prayer so that the Church may be the "House of Prayer" God desires it to be

For the Holy Spirit to bring further renewal to your own life and your own church

## Day Two/Reveal

### Sanctify Your name...

#### Give Thanks

For the truth of who God is and ask that His character would be exalted and honoured in our lives

#### Pray

For the Holy Spirit to expose every area of idolatry in our lives and in our land and for the exposure of every false thing spoken about God

For the word of God to be proclaimed throughout Ireland and across the earth

For the gospel to be communicated in relevant and creative ways—pray for organisations that seek to reach out and communicate the gospel

For receptive hearts that are open to receiving the truth of the God's word

## Day Three/Rule

### May Your kingdom come...

#### A Call to Gather

*"Gather the people...and let them say, 'Spare Your people, O Lord...' Why should the peoples say, 'Where is their God?'"*

**Joel 2:16-17** (NASB)

#### Read Joel 2:15-17.

To repent as a people we must come before God together. He wants to encounter us as a people. That's why He's summoning us to break normal routines in order to assemble before Him in gatherings large and small. It's a time to interrupt daily habits of life, fasting from our normal diet, even moving from familiar rituals of worship to assemble in special ways. Why this urgency? Because something great is at stake for God's glory. Let's allow our hearts to be grieved by what we, as God's people, have done to bring shame upon His name. To the watching world, it can appear as if we have no God. Consider what brings sorrow to the heart of God, and pray that He will transform us to bring Him the glory He deserves.

#### Give Thanks

That God's Kingdom is unshakeable

#### Pray

For God's Kingdom to come and be made a reality in our own daily lives

For God's Kingdom to come and transform your family village, town, city and our society

For God's Kingdom to come and bring refreshment, strength and renewed vision to those working in areas of healing, counselling and reconciliation

For God's Kingdom to come to influence our justice system, prison service and police/garda service

## Day Four/Transform

### May Your will be done, in earth as it is in heaven...

#### Give thanks

For God's will for you and pray that it will continue to transform and impact your life and ask Him to speak to you in fresh ways

#### Pray

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

For God's wisdom to be upon our government leaders, bringing changes that increase righteousness and justice as they lead us in these difficult times

For your local politicians and councillors

A genuine change of hearts and mindsets to lead to a deeper level of trust in God and with one another

## Day Five/Provide

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

#### Give Thanks

For God's provision, care and protection for us

#### Pray

For the Church to break patterns of poverty in their communities, fulfilling God's promise of blessing amidst the peoples

For all carers 'young and old', for personal strength, encouragement and support for them as they serve with compassion and love

For our health service and all who work within it, for your local GP surgery and staff. Ask God to bless them as they work under pressure and serve the community

For the Church to engage with those who are unemployed, homeless or marginalised in society

## Day Six/Forgive

### Forgive us our sins...

#### Give Thanks

For the 'work' of the cross and for His forgiveness in our lives.

#### Pray

For recognition and repentance from sins that bring division, hatred, anger and violence within families and communities

For the Church to lead by example by being an accepting and forgiving people expressing God's heart of love

For prodigals to return to God and know His love and forgiveness

For God to reveal any area of unforgiveness in your life and then bring it to the cross

#### A Call to Hope

*"Then the LORD will be jealous... and take pity on His people... Be not afraid ...be glad and rejoice. Surely the LORD has done great things."*

**Joel 2:18, 21**

#### Read Joel 2:18-22.

We can be zealous to repent because God is so jealous for His name and for His people. Because of God's great love, our repenting should be bold and fearless. Our God will contend with the forces that devastate our communities. As great as the evil may be, God will do even greater things. Such hope brings joy as we sincerely turn to God, knowing that He desires to bring great goodness throughout the earth, transforming our cities, restoring our economies and healing our lands.

## Day Seven/Reconcile

As we forgive those who sin against us...

### A Call to Celebrate

*"You will have plenty to eat and...praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you."*

**Joel 2:26** (NASB)

### Read Joel 2:23-27.

When God's people return to Him with all their heart, there is promise of tangible changes and great joy in their communities. Where there has been the curse of oppressive poverty, God desires to bring forth an abundance so that many will gratefully praise His name. An even greater spectacle will be God making His home in the midst of His people. He will act wondrously in both goodness and power, surprising the world by revealing His presence among His people.

### Give Thanks

That relationship is important to Him and His desire is that we are reconciled to Him and have healthy relationships with those around us.

### Pray

For God to restore relationships between men and women, to bring reconciliation in marriages, to renew relationships between children and their parents and to deepen trust.

For God to break cycles of resentment, revenge and racism within your community so that relationships are restored.

For those working to bring peace and reconciliation in inter-face areas

For God to show you areas where you could be a 'peace-maker'

## Day Eight/Lead

Lead us not into temptation...

### Give Thanks

To God for His help and strength in times of temptation

### Pray

For God to forgive us our greed and materialism that has impacted our economy

For all those now struggling because of the economic pressures, for those who have lost their jobs, investments, homes....

For God to lead us in His ways of righteousness and justice and generosity within our own personal finances

For God's blessing for business' in your community

## Day Nine/Overcome

Deliver us from evil...

### Give Thanks

To God that we are overcomers because of the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

### Pray

For all those that you know who are struggling with depression or thoughts of suicide, that the Holy Spirit would fill them with hope and peace

For those trapped in patterns of addiction, for courage and strength to break free. Pray for those working within this challenging and difficult area

For healing and peace for those that have experienced any form of abuse and for wisdom and understanding for those who work to help

Remember those and the families of those who are suffering with terminal illness, or the loss of a loved one

## Day Ten/Glorify

For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Give Thanks

To God that it is an amazing privilege to worship Him freely and that His Kingdom continues to impact our lives daily.

### Pray

That as God's Kingdom and power come, the emerging generation will be impacted in such a way that they will fulfil His promises throughout the earth

For God's Kingdom's power and glory to be a reality in the education system giving wisdom and insight to all those who make important decisions

For all whom you know who work with children and young people, that they would know blessings, vision and strength

That Jesus would be honoured openly, worshipped extravagantly and glorified globally

### A Call to Reveal

*"I will pour out my Spirit on all people... And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."*

**Joel 2:28, 32**

### Read Joel 2:28-32

and consider how these promises could be fulfilled in greater ways than ever before. Turn to God with expectancy. He is about to advance His purpose to reveal His salvation globally. Even during days of dreadful shaking and difficulty, He will pour out His Spirit so that people all over the earth—elders and children, poor and rich, men and women—will resound with the call of God. From every race and in every place, people will hear and speak of God's call. Many will be saved to the glory of His name.



## Pentecost Sunday, 23 May The Global Day of Prayer

### Pray with your church on Pentecost:

Devote portions of your Pentecost Sunday morning service to united prayer. Help everyone realize that on this day we are all praying with the world as we pray for the world.

#### Among proven ideas:

Announce the fact that millions across the world are gathering to pray for the glory of Christ and the blessing of the nations.

Read the "Prayer for the World" aloud as a congregation.

Share reports of prayer during the ten days.

### Gather in homes or assemble in public places:

On the afternoon and evening of Pentecost, all over the world, Christians from many diverse streams will gather in their homes, or where appropriate, assemble in stadiums, public auditoriums and open squares. Some meetings will be small. Others will be large, but each one will be praying with the same vision of repentance and hope. As at the first Pentecost, we'll worship God openly in Christ's name and pray for the healing and blessing of the nations. As much as possible, we are seeking to gather in places beyond the walls of our church buildings.

Help organise a gathering in your city. Confer with your pastor and other trusted local leaders. Find practical ideas to organise gatherings at [www.globaldayofprayer.com](http://www.globaldayofprayer.com).

Not all gatherings will be large. Many are uniting in small groups in homes or public settings in their communities. If large gatherings aren't planned near you, why not host a prayer gathering in your home?

### Pray with One Voice: A Prayer for the World

On the following pages (pages 12-14), you will find "A Prayer for the World." This prayer will be read in unison at every Global Day of Prayer gathering on 23 May. It was prepared by members of the International Prayer Council. It has been translated into many languages, many of them available at [www.globaldayofprayer.com](http://www.globaldayofprayer.com).



## A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD...

## Almighty God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Together with believers all over the world, we gather today  
to glorify Your Name.

You are the Creator of heaven and earth.

There is no one like You, holy and righteous in all Your ways.

We submit to Your authority as the King of the universe.

We pray with one voice to enthrone You in our hearts  
and to honour You before the world.

**Lord God, You alone are worthy of our praise  
and adoration.**

## Our Father in heaven,

Thank You for loving the world so greatly.

You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for  
our sins so that we could be reconciled to You.

We are grateful to call You Father and to be called Your children.  
Nothing can separate us from Your love.

**Thank You Father, for adopting us into Your family  
because of Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

## Lord Jesus Christ,

You alone are worthy to open the scrolls of history,  
for You were slain and have redeemed us to the  
Father by Your blood.

We confess that You are Head of the Church and Lord  
of all heaven and earth.

May people from every tribe and language become  
Your followers so that Your blessing brings transformation  
among all peoples.

Let Your kingdom be established in every nation of the world  
so that governments will rule with righteousness and justice.  
And may Your Name be great, from the rising of the sun  
to its setting.

**Jesus Christ, You are the Saviour of the world  
and the Lord of all.**



## Father of mercy and grace,

We acknowledge that we have sinned  
and that our world is gripped by the power of sin.  
Our hearts are grieved by injustice, hatred and violence.  
We are shamed by oppression, racism and bloodshed  
in our land.

We mourn all loss of life in murder, war and terrorism.  
Our homes are broken and our churches are divided by  
rebellion and pride.

Our lives are polluted by selfishness, greed, idolatry  
and sexual sin.

We have grieved Your heart and brought shame to Your Name.  
Have mercy on us as we repent with all our hearts.

**God of mercy, forgive our sins.  
Pour out Your grace and heal our land.**



## Spirit of the living God,

Apart from You, we can do nothing.  
Transform Your Church into the image of Jesus Christ.  
Release Your power to bring healing to the sick,  
freedom to the oppressed and comfort to those who mourn.  
Pour Your love into our hearts and fill us with compassion  
to answer the call of the homeless and the hungry  
and to enfold orphans, widows and the elderly in Your care.  
Give us wisdom and insight for the complex problems  
we face today.  
Help us to use the resources of the earth for the  
well-being of all.



**Holy Spirit, we need Your comfort and guidance.  
Transform our hearts.**

## Lord Jesus Christ,

Because You were dead, but are now risen,  
and the Father has given You a Name above all names,  
You will defeat all powers of evil.  
Tear down strongholds and ideologies that resist the  
knowledge of God.  
Remove the veil of darkness that covers the peoples.  
Restrain the evil that promotes violence and death.  
Bring deliverance from demonic oppression.  
Break the hold of slavery, tyranny and disease.



Fill us with courage to preach Your word fearlessly,  
and to intercede for the lost faithfully.

**Almighty God, deliver us from evil.**

## King of Glory,

Come and finish Your work in our cities, our peoples and  
our nations.

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

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

As Your deeds increase throughout the earth, and as Your  
blessings abound to all the nations,  
they will seek You, asking, "Who is this King of glory?"

Together we will answer:

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

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

**Amen! Come Lord Jesus!**

## 90 DAYS OF BLESSING...

### Becoming the blessing of Christ...

The Global Day of Prayer can  
become a catalytic moment. Those  
who pray together can become  
those who serve together, bringing  
practical, transformational blessing  
to their communities.

To help you dream and plan about  
how you might become part of the  
answer to your prayers, check out  
"90 Days of Blessing" at [www.  
globaldayofprayer.com](http://www.globaldayofprayer.com).

#### Keep on praying!

- Check out the 90-Day Prayer Guide. A daily guide to pray toward transformational blessing.
- Seek His Face. Learn to devote yourself to God daily with an hour of prayer.
- 24/7 Prayerwatch. Many are launching 24/7 prayer in many styles and ways.

### 90 Days of Blessing Ireland

Imagine what 90 days of  
prayer-fuelled blessing would  
look like across Ireland! Our  
challenge is to see the 90 days  
after GDOP filled with random  
acts of kindness in all parts of  
the nation. Get involved as a  
church or on an individual level,  
as we become the hands and  
feet of our prayers in the local  
community. Become a part of a  
revolution of kindness that will  
leave a trail of God's blessing  
across Ireland.