

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER/ 31 MAY 2009/

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7pm/
Ballynahinch Methodist/
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3pm-4.15pm/ Prayer Concert
Bangor Abbey Car Park/
4.15pm-5pm/
Procession to sea front/
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Belfast/
7pm/
Owen O'Cork Mill Unit 10c
Beersbridge Road/
Contact: 07841096571

Carrickfergus/
3pm/
Castle Green or Civic Centre/
Contact: 07759166421

Coleraine/
3pm/
Hazelbank Church Hall/
Contact: 07884237127

Enniskillen/
7am/
Lough Navar Viewpoint/
Contact: 07968458569

Holywood/
7pm/
St Philip's &
St James Parish Church/
Contact: 028 90423622

Larne/
3pm/
McNeill Theatre
Larne Leisure Centre/
Contact: 07883008390

Lisburn/
1pm/
Inter-church picnic
Castle Gardens/
2pm GDOP event/
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Newry/
7pm/
Venue TBC/
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Newtownabbey/
3pm/
St Bernard's Church
Antrim Road/
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Newtownards/
3pm/
Conway Square/
Contact: 028 9048 1015

Clonard Monastery Belfast/
9.00pm - 12.00am/
Prayer Vigil/
Saturday 30th May

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER/



**A GUIDE FOR TEN
DAYS OF PRAYER/
21-30 MAY 2009/**

**CALLING OUR WORLD
OUR NATIONS AND
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. On 11 May 2008, believers from 214 nations once again united all over the globe. The echoes of desperate prayers for transformation sounded from stadiums, open fields, community centers and private houses. These prayers have the power to transform our world and to fill the nations with the glory of God.

On 31 May 2009, 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 seek God's face, and trust that people from the 220 countries of the globe will see willing believers standing in the gap for the nations.

May we see His glory.

Graham Power,
Chairman, Global Day of Prayer



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 31 May 2009, Christians will again gather to pray and to repent with sincere hearts and united hopes. Yet another Global Day of Prayer is being planned for the 23 May 2010.

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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: 21–30 May 2009. Beginning on Ascension Day, 21 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: 31 May 2009. 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: 1 June–29 August 2009. 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

A Call to Pray Great Things For the Glory of Christ and the Blessing of the Nations

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

If you are reading this, you have probably heard God calling you, too. And He's put some 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 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 to pray with confident clarity for the urgent needs of our families, cities and nations.

Get ready to encounter God

Seeking God from 2 Chronicles 7:14-16. In each of the tendays you'll find a way to pray from this familiar passage. Pray it with all the sincerity that you have, as if you were answering a summons from God.

Repentance is a gift. Let's ask our Lord to grant us times of turning from darkness so that we can walk in light as we never have before. Break out of your routines by fasting or connecting with others to pray with you. It's time. Let's get ready to meet God.



21–30 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.

Young adults will be praying around the clock.

Young people have been seeking God with an intensity that has rarely been seen in history. In many countries they'll be rallying in non-stop prayer throughout the ten days. Young people have prepared a special rendition of this prayer guide designed to catalyze and concentrate the prayers of young people of any age. Find this companion version at www.globaldayofprayer.com/youth.

Pray with different languages.

This guide is being translated into about 50 languages so that many millions of Christians all over the world will be praying these prayers. See www.globaldayofprayer.com to find available translations.

Pray the Lord's Prayer

To focus our praying:

The prayer of our Lord. 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.

To unite our praying: A prayer for the world. Across the globe on 31 May we'll lift our voices as one with the Prayer for the World on pages 12-14. Why not pray through this daily during these special days?



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

Pray

For life and unity 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.

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.

Prepare to encounter God as

His people: Present yourself to God as His beloved servant, purchased by Christ's death. Answer His call to serve Him with others. Pray for many others to gather before Him as families, churches and as one people of all nations.

"If My people..."

2 Chronicles 7:14

Preparing to live for His glory:

Confess ways that we may have brought shame to our God. Renounce foolish jealousies and small ambitions. Yearn afresh for His glory to be great in our lands.

"...who are called by My name..."

2 Chronicles 7:14

Day Three/Rule

May Your kingdom come...

Preparing to meet God in

brokenness: Invite God to soften our hardened hearts. Admit your own brokenness. Adore the excellence of Jesus with fresh awe and wonder. Practice humility by seeking for others to be honoured.

"...will humble themselves..."
2 Chronicles 7:14

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 our 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 service.

Day Four/Transform

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

Preparing to pray beyond

ourselves: Pour out your heart before God. Thank Him for what He has already done. Lift the burdens of others, allowing your heart to be moved to cry out for the tremendous needs of your community and country.

"...and pray..."
2 Chronicles 7:14

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 MLA and councillors. For 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, 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 homeless and 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.

Preparing to seek God's face:

Set the desires of your heart beyond your own needs. Come near to God in order to know Him and to be known by Him. Be still before Him. Speak to Him confidently and listen carefully, as if face to face with Jesus.

"...and seek My face..."
2 Chronicles 7:14

Preparing to repent:

Seek more than mere wordy confessions. Instead, ask God to give you power to turn from any hint of evil and to abandon any hurtful way. Let God lift your heart with hope that He will bring lasting change throughout your community and relationships.

"...and turn from their wicked ways..."
2 Chronicles 7:14

Day Seven/Reconcile

As we forgive those who sin against us...

Preparing to confess:

Open your life to Christ. Admit your sin before an open heaven. Confess your wrongdoing to those you may have harmed. Ask God to free you and others from the burden of sin's guilt and the bondage of sin's power.

"...then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin..."

2 Chronicles 7:14

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 interface areas

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

Day Eight/Lead

Lead us not into temptation...

Preparing to be transformed:

Expect God to bring great changes throughout your community and country, some coming slowly and others suddenly. Renew your hope for the earth to be restored, sick societies lifted and relationships healed.

"...and will heal their land..."

2 Chronicles 7:14

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 crisis, 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...

Preparing to meet God's gaze:

Turn your heart toward God in expectancy. Allow your heart to be moved in awe that He will listen to your every word and gaze upon us all with life-giving love.

"...Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive..."

2 Chronicles 7:15

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, that the Holy Spirit would fill them with hope.

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 those that have experienced any form of abuse and 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.

Preparing to consecrate ourselves as His dwelling:

Welcome His Spirit to fill you and your family and friends. Invite Christ to make His dwelling among His people, so that His heart will overflow our hearts with His magnificent love, in order to bring His glory to all the earth.

"...I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that My Name may be there forever. My eyes and My heart will always be there."
2 Chronicles 7:16

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 Kingdoms 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.

Pentecost Sunday, 31 May The Global Day of Prayer

Pray with your church on Pentecost morning:

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.

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 you will find "A Prayer for the World." This prayer will be read in unison at every Global Day of Prayer gathering on 31 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

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

- 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.

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is planned for Pentecost
Sunday, 23 May 2010.
Keep on praying!**