

The Transforming Power of Prayer



Transformation in South Africa

Bishop Peter Sekhonyane

- 9 years ago, tents into most crime-ridden, violent townships. No police protection, gathered people to pray. Now 9434 prayer watches, most day and night.
- Unemployment was 43%- over 38,300 gotten jobs after prayer; over 11,200 small businesses established

(Dec 2012 figures)

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- over 83,600 healings
- 3490 healed marriages, many that divorced, restored
- 4060 cases of corruption exposed
- 749 Satanists who came to disrupt, converted to Christ by the power of God

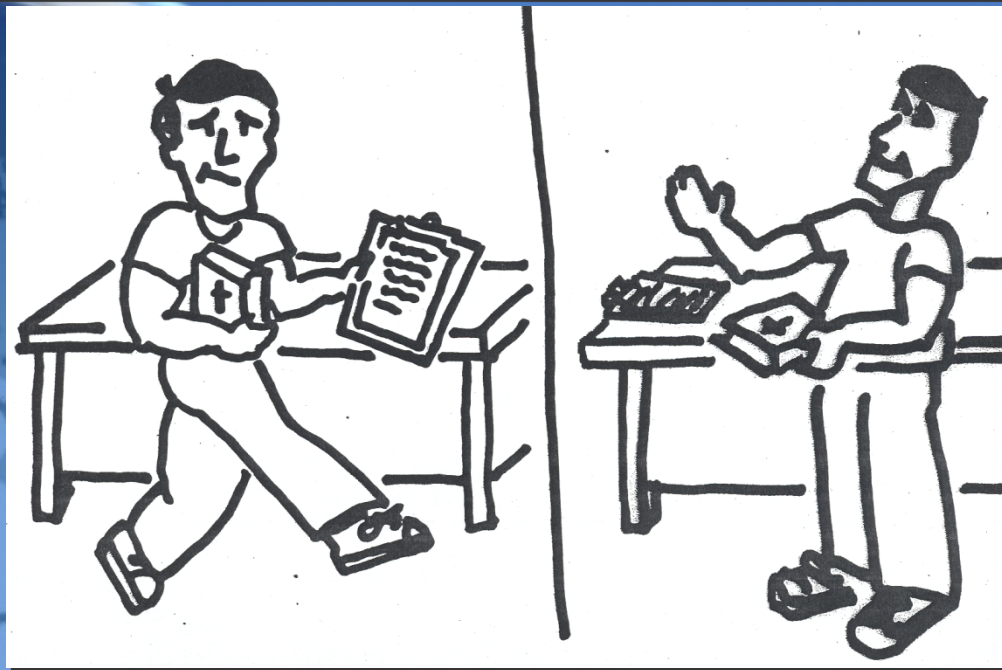
Transformation in South Africa

- More than 40 taverns closed and in a number of cases converted into houses of prayer
- 1.3 million have come to Christ through the prayer efforts since 2004

“The glory of God is the manifestation of His power at the point of need.”

“When you pray, you discover who you really are and the worth that you have to God and to yourself.”

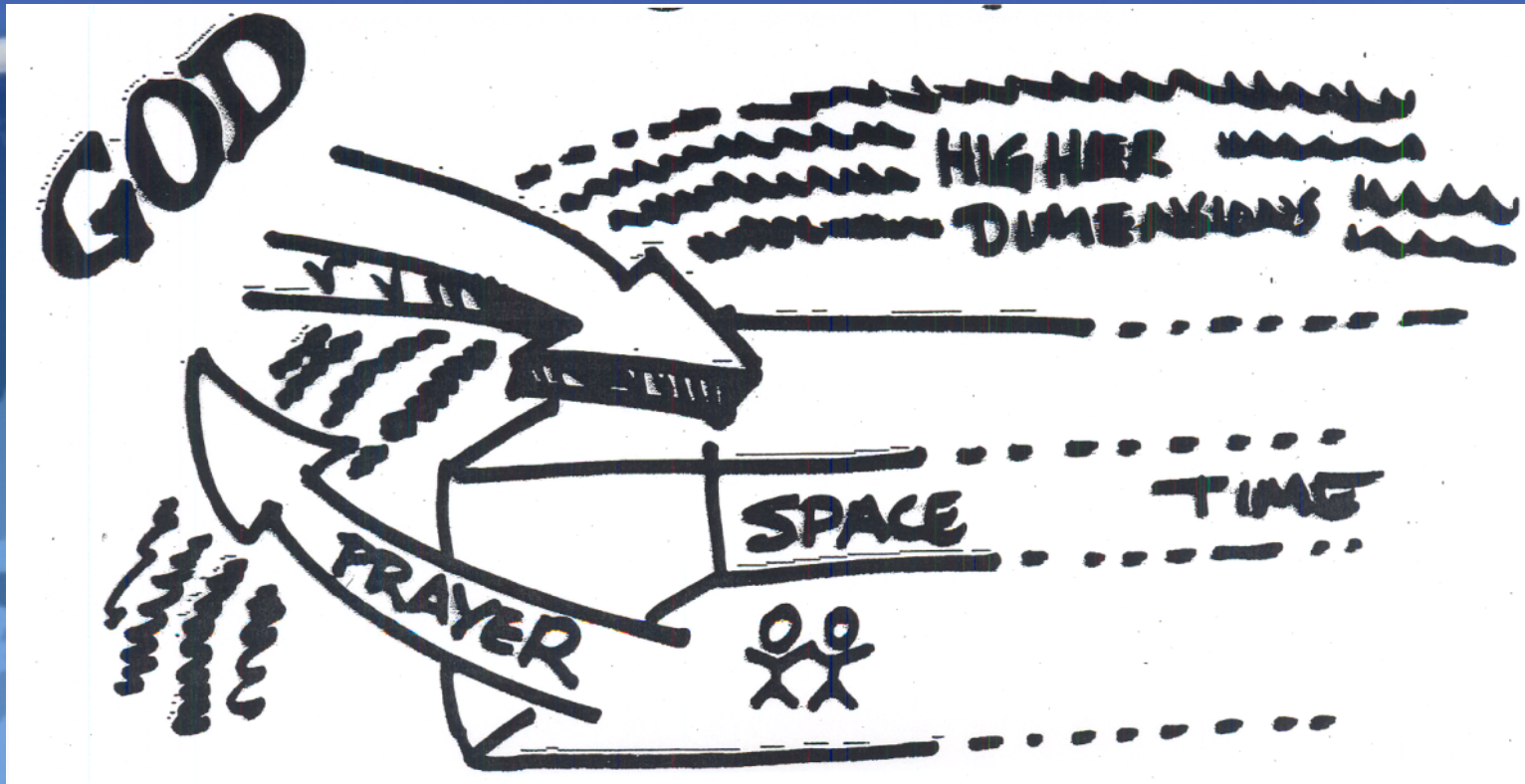
Are We Doing a Program for the Lord or Welcoming the Presence of the Lord?



赛 31:1 祸哉、那些下埃及求帮助的、是因仗赖马匹、倚靠甚多的车辆、并倚靠强壮的马兵、却不仰望以色列的圣者、也不求问耶和华。
耶 17:5 耶和华如此说、倚靠人血肉的膀臂、心中离弃耶和华的、那人有祸了。

Isaiah 31:1, Jeremiah 17:5

Change History through Prayer!



“Because prayer is extra-dimensional in its reach, it must be considered the most powerful capacity God has made available to us.”

- Hugh Rofss, astrophysicist

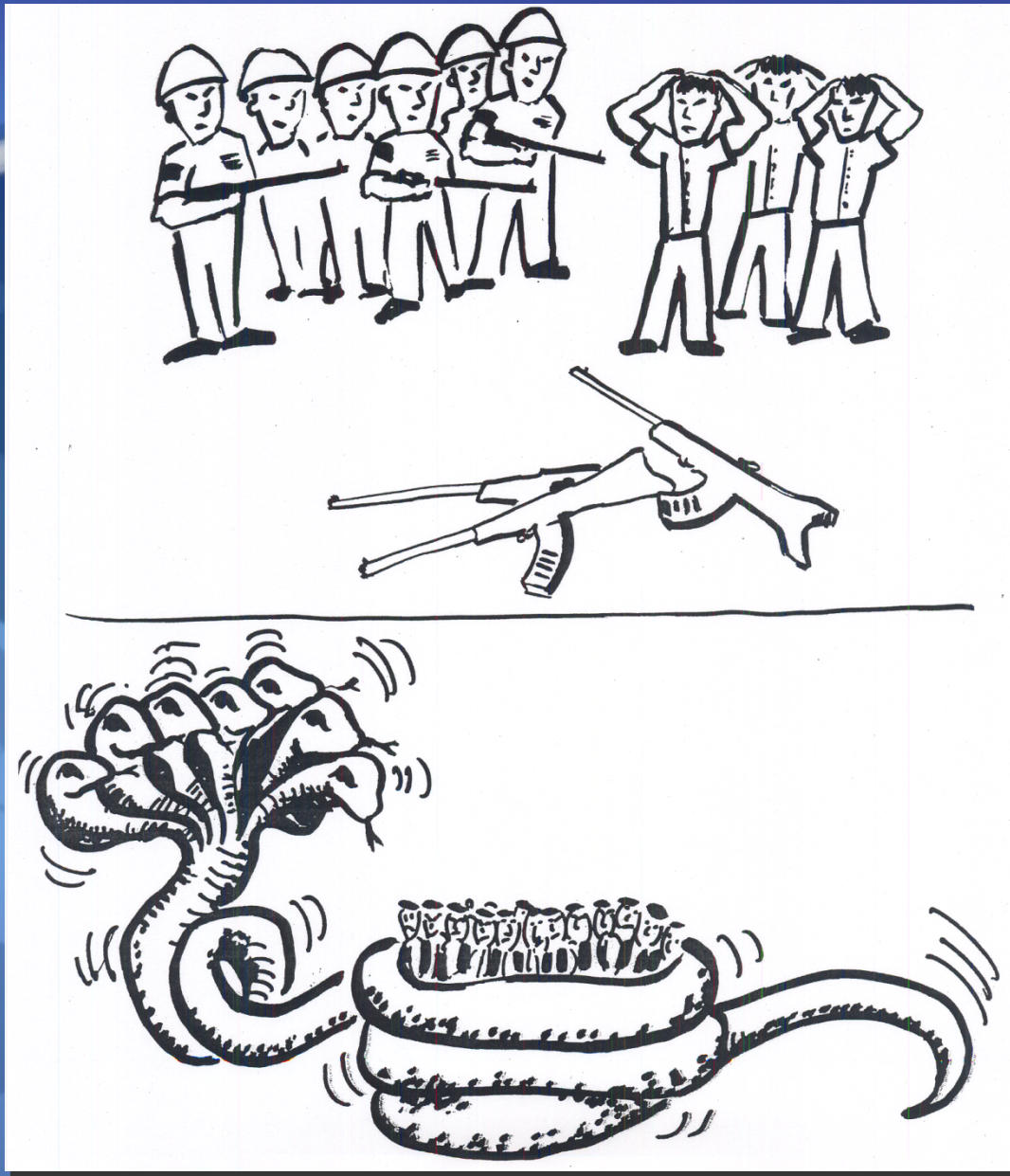
“Prayer can do anything that God can do.” - E.M. Bounds

**“Solitude is the
furnace of
transformation.”**

**Henri Nouwen,
Catholic theologian**



United Prayer in Cambodia



Cambodia 1994 - 1995

- **Asked international prayer networks to pray the Khmer Rouge would “dissolve” (November, 1994)**
- **"The Khmer Rouge are dissolving!" (*New York Times*, Feb. 7, 1995)**
- **National Christian Fellowship formed and other united efforts**
- **Church growth from 10,000 to possibly 400,000**

Bosnia, August 1995

- Over a quarter million killed, hundreds of thousands of refugees
- Peace proposal by Milosevic within 4 days of prayer initiative (August 30, 1995)
- Dayton Peace Accords ended war (November 1995)

Promise of God for the Healing of the Nations

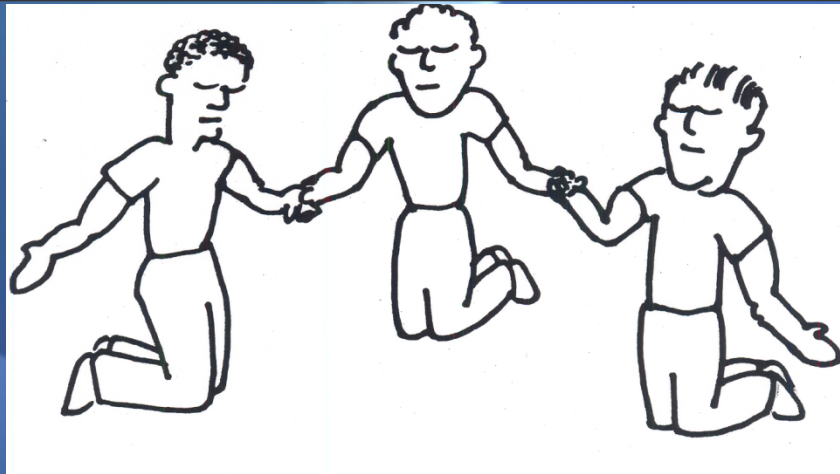
代下 7:14 这称为我名下的子民、若是自卑、祷告、寻求我的面、转离他们的恶行。我必从天上垂听、赦免他们的罪医治他们的地。

Our Part

1. Humble ourselves
2. Pray
3. Seek God's face
4. Turn from sin

God's Part

1. Hear from heaven
2. Forgive sin
3. Heal the land



2 Chronicles 7:14

Afghanistan, October 1999

- **Prayer initiative with Christian humanitarian organizations**
- **Executions and amputations immediately stopped after prayer in stadium with confession of blood guilt**
- **Everything prayed during prayer initiative was granted! Taliban overthrown, women's rights being restored, children back to school, freedom and development since October 2001**

Sierra Leone, May 2000

- Foday Sankoh, leader of RUF, arrested same day as 1200 Christian leaders begin to pray.
- Peace process over next year and a half with 50,000 rebels handing weapons in (2001) and asking forgiveness.
- Weapons are broken up and made into farm implements.
- Peace, security and development have returned to nation (2002).

**“King of Heroin”, Jose Medina,
arrested March 24, 2010 after prayer
initiative in Mexico City, March 22-23**



21 of the 37 “most wanted” drug lords arrested or killed so far. Please keep praying for His deliverance of Mexico.

Mexico's United Prayer Network and Marcha de Gloria



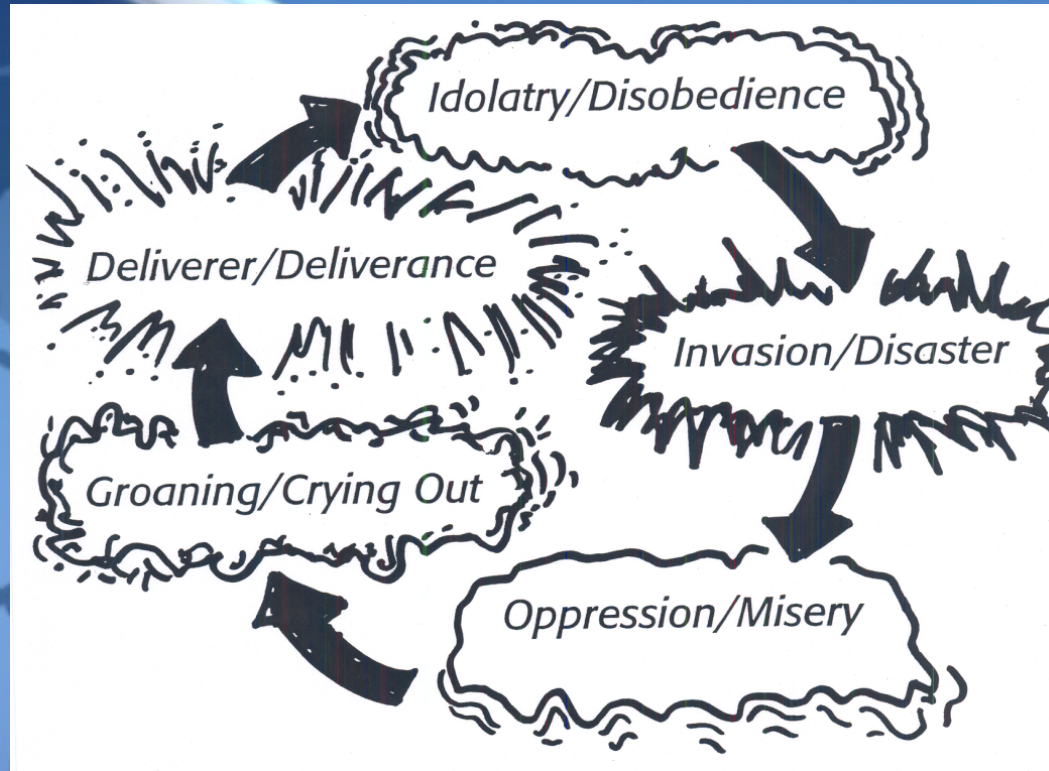
Pray with and for President Felipe Calderon



“Only through prayer will we be able to win this war!”
Stop the flow of American weapons to the drug cartels.

Groan and Cry for Deliverance

Cycle of Bondage and Deliverance



Judges 2:10-19, 3:9,15, 4:3, 6:6-7, 10:15-16

Exodus 2:23-25

God Requires Prayer for Accomplishment of His Purpose for the Peoples of the Earth



太6:9 ... 我们在天
上的父、愿人都尊
你的名为圣。6:10
愿你的国降临。愿
你的旨意行在地上、
如同行在天上。

Through Prayer We Reassert Our God-given Dominion

弗1:21 远超过一切执政的、掌权的、有能的、主治的、和一切有名的。不但是今世的、连来世的也都超过了。

Ephesians
1:21, 2:6

Matthew
18:19



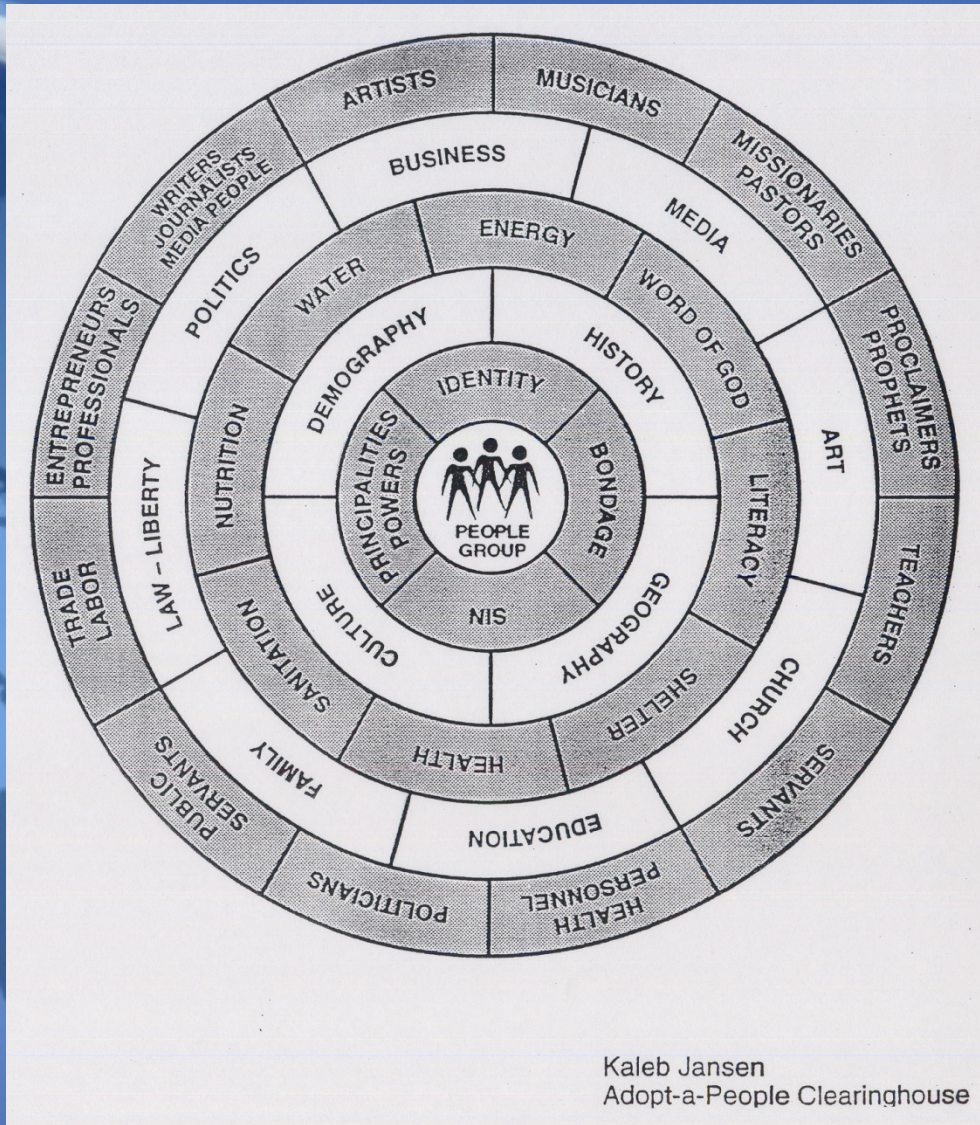
羅8:26 况且我们的软弱有圣灵帮助、我们本不晓得当怎样祷告、只是圣灵亲自用说不出的叹息、替我们祷告。

8:27 鉴察人心的、晓得圣灵的意思、因为圣灵照着神的旨意替圣徒祈求。

Romans
8:26-27

John
14:13-14

Holistic Mission Model





United Prayer in Calcutta, India

Intercession: the Most Influential Calling

彼前2:4 主乃活石. 固然是被人所弃的、却是被 神所拣选所宝贵的. 2:9惟有你们是被拣选的族类、是有君尊的祭司、是圣洁的国度、是属 神的子民、要叫你们宣扬那召你们出黑暗入奇妙光明者的美德。

赛62:6耶路撒冷阿、我在你城上设立守望的. 他们昼夜必不静默呼吁耶和华的、你们不要歇息、62:7也不要使他歇息、直等他建立耶路撒冷、使耶路撒冷在地上成为可赞美的。

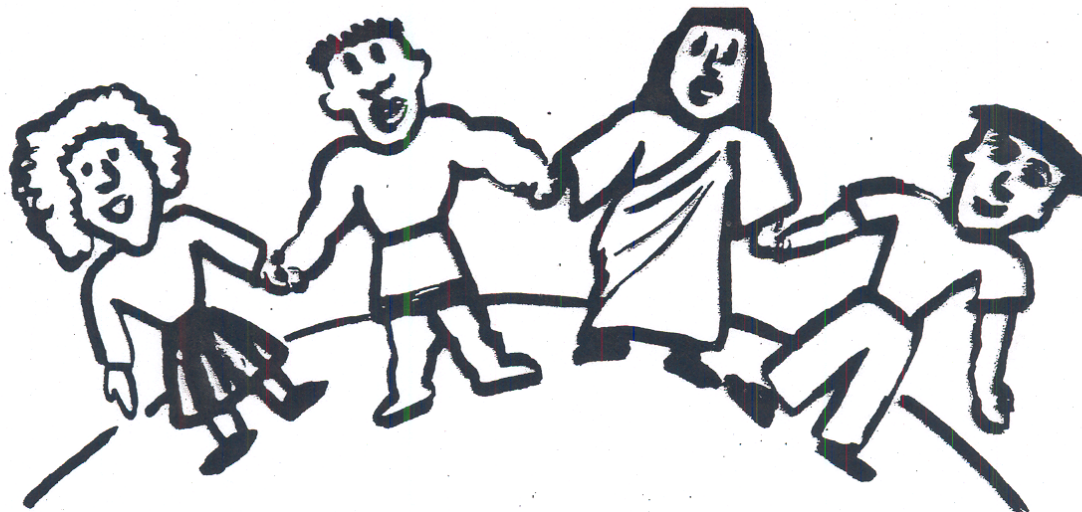
1 Peter 2:4,9
Isaiah 62:6-7



“History belongs to the intercessors, who believe the future into being.” - W.Wink

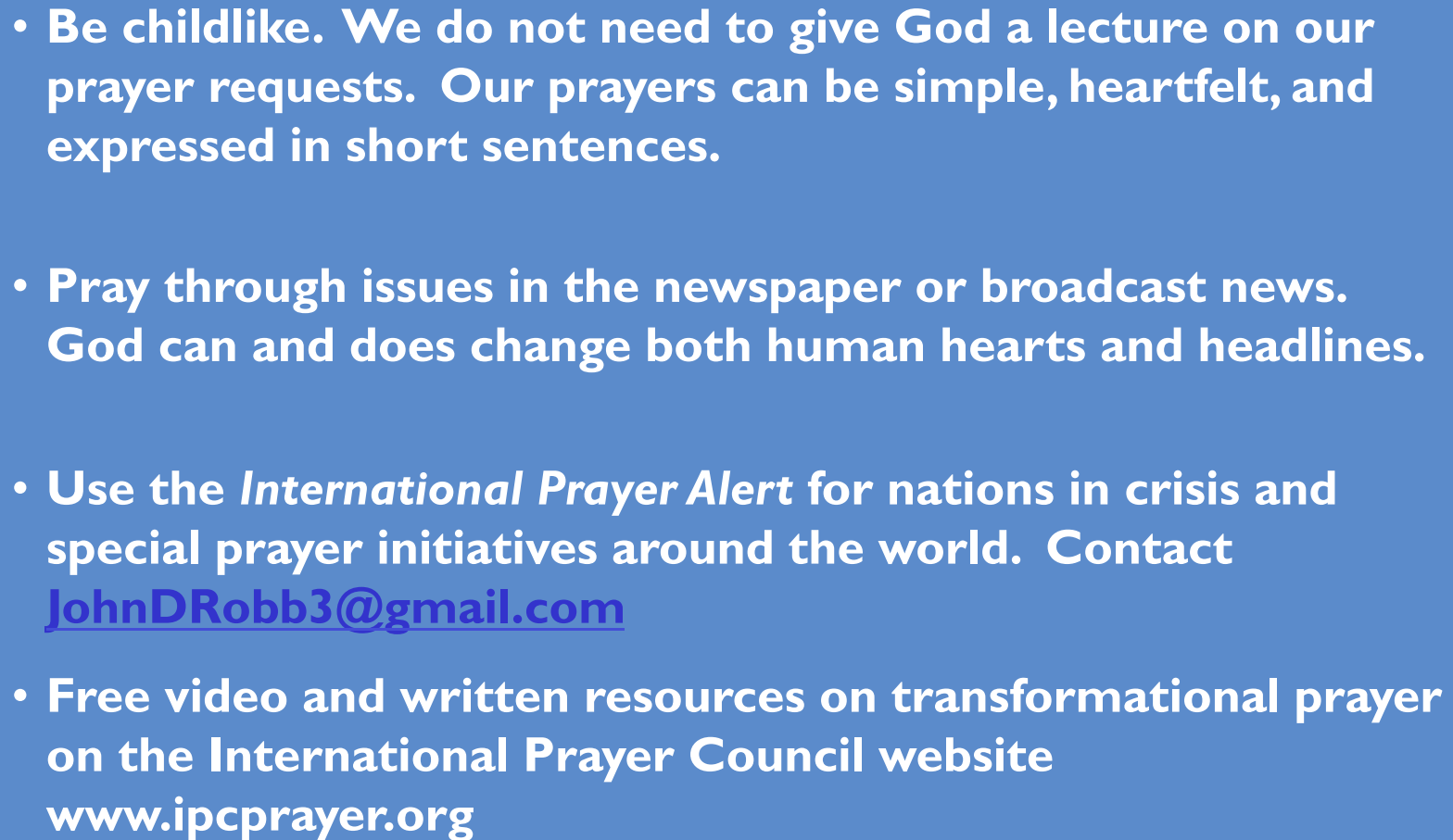
“All over the world the Church is called to cast out demons, not only out of individuals but also nations. God wants the Church to rule, to bind principalities and powers with authority, and to determine the politics of nations.”

- I. Schmidt



Ways to Improve Your Prayer for the World

- **Find a prayer partner.** Even two or three believers uniting in prayer can change history.
- **Pray as a lifestyle.** Praying should be as natural as breathing, an essential part of our day-to-day existence. Use the small, quiet moments throughout your day to focus on the Lord and His concerns for the world.
- **Listen.** Praying is meant to be a relationship with God, requiring two-way communication. Let the Holy Spirit pray through you (Romans 8:26).

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- **Be childlike. We do not need to give God a lecture on our prayer requests. Our prayers can be simple, heartfelt, and expressed in short sentences.**
 - **Pray through issues in the newspaper or broadcast news. God can and does change both human hearts and headlines.**
 - **Use the *International Prayer Alert* for nations in crisis and special prayer initiatives around the world. Contact JohnDRobb3@gmail.com**
 - **Free video and written resources on transformational prayer on the International Prayer Council website www.ipcprayer.org**



**Don't EVER
give up!**

Discussion and Prayer

Discussion:

1. Identify the three most important issues from your city or nation for which you need to intercede.
2. What would you like to see God do to change things?



太17:20 耶稣说、是因你们的信心小。我实在告诉你们、你们若有信心像一粒芥菜种、就是对这座山说、你从这边挪到那边、他也必挪去。并且你们没有一件不能作的事了。

18:18我实在告诉你们、凡你们在地上所捆绑的、在天上也要捆绑。凡你们在地上所释放的、在天上也要释放。18:19我又告诉你们、若是你们中间有两个人在地上、同心合意的求甚么事、我在天上的父、必为他们成全。

Pray in twos and threes according to
Mt 17:20, 18:18-19

Pray Conversationally

1. Let God the Holy Spirit pray through you.
2. Pray briefly, using a sentence or two or quietly pray if you prefer.
3. Agree with others in faith, trusting that God will answer.
4. Listen to what He may be saying to you.