



Welcoming in 2009!

In 2007, God gave Beth the vision and burden to have a coordinated effort to pray for the world. What an honor and privilege to be a part of His work around the world. We know God must be pleased, as you have shared in carrying His heart for the world this past year. We are so humbled and grateful for how you have prayed for one another, the various retreats and conferences across the country, and the ministry of Titus Women. Thank you! We believe eternity is different.

We believe God wants us to continue uniting our hearts in the Word and in praying for the world in 2009. Each week we will focus on a Scripture verse and devotional thought. Feel free to write the scripture down, post it on your bathroom mirror, meditate on it throughout the week and be encouraged knowing that hundreds throughout the world are thinking on the same scriptures and praying for the same needs around the world.

Each month we will have a different prayer focus for a particular part of the world. We will give you specific ways to pray for that area and for the missionaries associated with Titus Women that are serving there. We are a part of an amazing body of Christ!

In 2009 we also want to invite you to ask the Lord about fasting. Fasting is a means of grace and a spiritual discipline which enables us to seek the Lord through some form of self-denial. If fasting is led of the Lord, He can use it to draw us closer to Himself. Fasting is also a way for us to be serious and united in our earnest prayer for the world. Many Lydia Prayer Groups across the country have designated Tuesdays as a day of fasting (a meal, coffee, sweets, a TV show), but if another day works better for you please do not be limited to a certain day of the week. If the Holy Spirit is leading you to fast, He will guide you as to what type of fasting He would have you do and when to do it.

It is amazing to think of how God wants to work around the world through our prayers in 2009. Together let us wait with great anticipation to see and to participate in what only God can do!

Praying Scripture

Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.

Joshua 1:3

Devotional Meditation – The New Year

The new year brings hope. As we look into the year that opens before us, we would like to think that it could be better than the one behind us. That yearning for something better is a gift from God and a promise that the hope can be realized. God wants the year before you to be the best

that you have ever had. They key lies in where you look for fulfillment. It must not be within yourself, for your resources have not suddenly increased. You need resources that are fresh and new and can enable you to claim a measure of effectiveness and fulfillment that you have not yet know.

God is the God who wants to make all things new, and His presence can be recognized by the element of radical promise that confronts us when we come to know Him. With God comes the word that the future can be better than the present. When Abraham met God, the experience contained a promise staggeringly large. It was that the barrenness of an old woman and the emptiness of a home would change. When God met Moses, in the meeting was the assurance that Moses was made for more than defeat and shepherding. The promise was give to him that God would use him to set his people free. In fact, Moses was to be God's man to build a nation. In Joshua's relationship to God was the promise that God had a land for His wandering people. In David's communion with God, he learned that God intended to give His people a capital city, a temple, and a throne that would last forever. The Hebrew prophets told of the King who would sit on that throne, one greater than Moses or David, and of a kingdom of people with new hearts where the will of God was not an external command but an inward delight. John the Baptist announced his own role as the messenger who had come to tell the people that the kingdom of heaven was at hand.

The very mark of the people of God in the Old Testament was that their faces were turned down toward the future and were marked by confidence and expectation. Can we who live on this side of Bethlehem, Calvary, Easter, and Pentecost do otherwise?

Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, January 1, *This Day with the Master*

Prayer for Europe

From Bill and Betsy Tarr, missionaries to Ukraine with World Gospel Mission

The end of February 2009 Bill & Betsy Tarr will be moving to Berdyansk in southern Ukraine where the rest of World Gospel Mission (WGM) has its work. Please pray for them as they pack and prepare to move 800 miles. Bill will be setting up WGM's Leadership Training Institute (LTI). LTI will serve as continuing education pastors and Bible College graduates, and biblical and theological training for laypeople in the area. Pray for wisdom from the Lord in setting this up, and starting classes before this summer. Betsy will continue in her responsibility as Field Treasurer, but will also coordinate orphanage and children's ministries and work teams.

Please pray for Wesley Bible College as the board makes vital decisions regarding it's future. (Bill used to teach there and Betsy was active in women's discipleship.)

Thank you for your prayers for us, the college, and the faculty, staff and students of the college. God bless.

Prayer for Come to the Fire

From Aletha Hinthorn, Director of Come to the Fire

January 8-10 the Come to the Fire council will meet to pray and begin planning the 2009 conference in Nashville.

Will you join with me in praying these special requests? Pray
--that each member of the council, despite busy days, will have special times alone with God.
--that all the members who should be here will be able to attend.
--that we will have a spirit of unity in our meetings.

--that our times of devotion will be times of special Holy Spirit visitations.
--that His creative ideas will come to our minds and together we will have the mind of Christ.

Today I have had great joy thinking on these words: "*You are in Christ Jesus who has become for us wisdom from God*" (1 Corinthians 1:30). Our role is to simply live "in Christ" and receive the wisdom that God gives.

I am encouraged to know that you will be praying for the council meeting.

He is Emmanuel, God with us, revealed in us!

Council Members

Aletha Hinthorn
Linda Boyette
Beth Coppedge
Pam Enderby
Linda Hardin
Nancy Jesudass
Carolyn Johnson
Carol Ketchum
Patsy Lewis
Kim McLean
Arla Mitchell
Devon O'Day
Melinda Priest
Cheryl Roland
Rondy Smith

Prayer for One Another

For Pam Harriman from husband, Jim, on their blog

I won't go into all the details, but it has been a tough day. Being in a hospital setting and living in a bed and being totally dependent can be rough at times, not only for the one who is ill but for all of us who love the one hurting. If all this illness were only physical, it would be much easier. Unfortunately, a long-term illness wears a person down and makes one just plumb tired of it all. Thank you for your prayers. We continue to need them.
Blessings to all.
Jim

For Jeff and Sue Wynn, Pastors in Maine with the Free Methodist Church

Please pray for Jeff and Sue as in this new year they...

- **start a house church.** Please pray for people to be drawn to their home and to Christ within.
- continue in their current **Wednesday outreach at the University of Maine in Augusta.** Sue is teaching "Theology According to the Apostle John" starting in February 2009. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will teach through Sue.
- **write a book.** Sue is at Asbury Seminary this week for a writing workshop. She is working on a manuscript for a book. Sue says, "*Writing the book was a stretch of my faith, and so is this trip. The Enemy has been telling me I'm inadequate for this entire task, but the Lord says He filled me with His Spirit to enable me to do all that He calls me to do. I will be obedient, regardless of what the Enemy throws at me. God's shield of faith is up and fully covers me!*" Also, please pray for Jeff as he continues to care for their church in her absence.

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