

Global Call to Prayer

A Day & Night Cry for Justice

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**And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?
Luke 18:7**

As ever, our world is being shaken by revolutions. People rise up to claim respect for their rights by their government. Thousands of men and women and children raise their voices against unjust governments. This month we focus on corruption, with good governance being the response.

The cries for justice are repressed in violence and silence when corruption rules.

The “Global call to Prayer” is a revolution which speaks out on behalf of those who are victims of evil. Christians who stand up for the revolution through prayer show they are willing to pay a personal cost, as some are willing to pay with their very lives in order to achieve justice in their nation.

When we think of kings and presidents and all those who govern the world, let us remember the words of Scripture:

He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne. Psalm 47: 7,8

... the World is mine and everything in it. Psalm 50 :12

Our God is the King of kings and the Lord of lords; to him belong the Glory, Power and Honour!

Our second article of faith says that God is Creator, Preserver, and Governor of all things. It is to this God we pray!

Let's pray

- For the authorities of our city, our region and our country—that they might govern with wisdom, integrity and justice.

- For the authorities in countries undergoing a revolution—that repression by violence ceases; that new governments that are honest and fair are established; that Christians will be free to meet in worship and live out their faith in public.
- For international decision makers—that they receive the wisdom and understanding needed to bring help and peace.
- For Christians—that more will stand up and be able to occupy positions of responsibility and be leaders after God's own heart.
- For leaders in the church—that they will be led by the Holy Spirit to influence governments.

Let us ponder these questions :

- Is God asking me to commit myself to influence local government policy?
- How can I encourage the politicians in my town or my country? Can I let them know that I pray for them? Can my congregation offer listening support to politicians' goals?
- How do I view authority? Do I live the principles which I ask others to exemplify?

In faith and expectation of the coming Kingdom, let us join hands to pray fervently without ceasing:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6: 9-10

“Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have insight, I have power. By me kings reign and rulers issue decrees that are just; by me princes govern, and nobles—all who rule on earth. I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.”

Prov. 8: 14-17

Further resources:

I sit on the board of Micah Challenge International – a global coalition of Christians holding governments accountable. Check out Micah Challenges website (www.micahchallenge.org) and look out for our good governance campaign. Watch for the ‘Good Governance’ Campaign coming soon.

Blessings,

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