

## February 2009 Prayer

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Dear Praying Women:

It is hard to believe that January is nearly gone...do your days seem to move along as quickly as mine? All of a sudden it is the middle of the month and hardly do we realize this and then the end of the month comes...it means that one/twelfth of this new year is behind us already.

I hope that by this time you have been able to establish a prayer group, meeting monthly, for the sole purpose of prayers for our world. Sometimes a group is not possible so if you are praying alone, in your own "closet" for our world needs...certainly that is alright too. But sometimes in establishing prayer groups we are helping others realize the value of prayer, as our Father wants us to see it and meet with Him. After all, it is HIS WORLD...He wants us to unite with Him in His loving care for it's peoples. Here in NYC, I have a prayer gathering the second Sunday afternoon of the month and we pray between two and four...for NYC and for the World at large. I come prepared with prayer material, certain world reports...even newspaper headlines...we run out of time before we run out of prayer request material.

You may already know that May 7, 2009, has been designated as a National Day of Prayer. Many churches and prayer groups are also meeting May 21, 2009 and ten days following to pray for cities, countries, continents and the world at large. You might be thinking ahead about doing this in your church or prayer group, etc....sometime in March or April, I will be sending you prayer material about this for your use. God needs to see and hear that our hope and trust and confidence is in Him...not in any earthly person or organization or group of people.

The month of February evokes in us the thought of love...because of Valentine's Day...when we think of love, our minds and hearts think of mercies and compassions, etc. For our special prayer times in February, let us bring the following to our Father:

Organizations working with children: World Vision, Child Evangelism, children whose parents have been killed as part of the persecuted church, Christian adoptive agencies, children in refugee camps....children's organizations around the world that you are aware of.

Marriage and family ministries: You may have some in your own city, out of your church or the churches of your communities, Family Christian counseling centers in this country and around the world, Laws or the lack of laws around the world that protects marriage and families, for women in Muslim countries, especially wives, for the families of missionaries around the world who are separated for many reasons, for the families of government leaders throughout the world...that they may be approached with the Gospel of Christ by someone and affect the entire

family including the government leader. This happens on college and university campuses, and sometimes in career situations.

That God's love will be seen, felt, known and understood around the world because of Christians...that in the hearts of God's children everywhere, God's love will be pre-eminent where we live, since God seems to be moving people and people groups around the world right into our neighborhoods. Pray that instead of despising the alien or foreigner Christians will love and reach out in ways that will ultimately give opportunity to share Christ and make Him known. Help us to see that God is bringing internationals into our lives for His purposes.

Pray for the new President of the USA...that even though inexperienced in many areas, He will listen to the voice of God and make wise decisions because decisions made in the USA affect the entire world. Pray that God will bring the American people back to Himself so our influence in the world once again will be for the sake of the Gospel and the good of people everywhere.

And finally, pray for the Christian world organizations set up to meet human need...it has often been said that when we meet someone's felt need, then we have opportunity to meet their real need...that of a loving relationship with our Father through Jesus Christ.

with a wonderful lift in my spirit, knowing we are praying together.....Lois