

## January 2009 Prayer

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To: Participants in the worldwide women's prayer web

How grateful we can be that our dear Lord Jesus established His Word, and that we have personal access to it. As we walk with Him, the comfort, instruction, and delight of His Word is our constant experience...this is His plan. During this time of the year, even though commercialized and borrowed by the world for its fun and entertainment, we who know the Lord Jesus, celebrate Christmas and His coming into a fallen human race, to be the way out of its bondages and sorrows...and into His open arms and fullness of life. He came to save us from our sins. And as part of this, in His Word, Jesus also gave us an outline of the happenings of our world while we await His second coming to establish His earthly reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

So as we observe the problems and issues of this world, we stand with Him, and our prayers move from His prayer and work in the complications of a world that makes no sense, because the Creator has been set aside. Mankind operates as if He does not exist or have anything to say.

As we have prayed for world issues, for world leaders, for people of different countries and the complications of our world, God listens to our hearts because they beat with His. He is "unwilling that any should perish, but desires all to come to repentance"...and is a giving God, "for He so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" ...here it is 2000 years after His coming, He waits for man to acknowledge who He is and come to Him...and will that happen? The day will come "when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord"...

So, this is why we pray...He says to pray..."everywhere, without ceasing"... "that Thy Kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." As January, 2009 begins, let us use His Word to us...search in the Psalms and elsewhere for His statements concerning nations and governments...and pray these Scriptures for various countries of our world...asking God of the whole earth, to do something new in 2009, to bring all those in authority over us and governments and people everywhere into a knowledge of Himself. And pray especially in January, for the government of the United States, in a perilous condition, as a new President takes office and brings with him many new leaders and decision makers for this country, affecting many countries of the present world. Some of you have begun meeting with others in your homes...ask God to enable you to help others see the valuable necessity of praying beyond ourselves, for our fallen, needy world.

And, in January, pray for God's children throughout our world...missionaries and nationals...in prisons and throes of persecution, in refugee camps and lonely places. Pray for God's people, for the infilling of the Holy Spirit, that we might glorify Him in 2009.

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