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Preface

ost nations possess an innate sense of being birthed by a determined spirit that is bigger than a purely human agency. It is a divine consciousness of destiny often enshrined in anthems, national pledges, and constitutions. Whether it is acknowledged as divine or not, history eventually vindicates the sovereign hand of God in the affairs of men...If God's covenant is reflected in your nation through its name, its motto, its constitution, its national pledge, its prayers or some other national symbol—you must take it seriously." (Peter Morgan, *The Nations*, pp. 28,116).

And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us.

Acts 17:26,27

God has a purpose for different nations. He desires for the nations to be an appropriate place for men to be able to seek after Him. He has determined the boundaries of nations for this purpose. The nations are created by God to provide a context in

which men can find Him. Nations are responsible to provide law and order for the effective proclamation of the Gospel.

Peter Morgan, in his book, *The Nations*, states, "When a nation reaches a point where the community no longer serves as a context within which its citizens can hear and respond to the gospel, that nation has violated its purpose for existence. God does a nation and its people a favor by quick destruction rather than leaving it to gradually and painfully destroy itself" (p. 80).

This is why we are admonished to pray for all men, for kings, and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty (1 Timothy 2:1,2). God would have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

In order to be saved, men must have an opportunity to hear the Gospel and respond to it. Peace provides a context in which the Gospel can effectively be preached. Satan attempts to pervert God's purpose for nations by causing confusion and anarchy through wars and political instability. He also attempts to persuade governments to pass laws that hinder evangelism and prevent the preaching of the Gospel.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

Psalm 46:9,10

Our prayers are necessary to see God's will done in the nations, neutralize the plans of darkness, and release the will of God. We must pray for the nations. We are commissioned to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19). God has chosen us to be a part of His plan for the nations. This revelation and insight will help you fulfill your part in God's great, universal plan for the nations.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11

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Chapter 1

A House of Prayer for All Nations: The Scriptural Basis

Raising Up Apostolic Houses of Prayer to Impact the Nations

First, we need to give the saints a scriptural basis for praying for the nations. Everything we do must be based on the Word of God.

Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Isaiah 56:7

This verse is the scriptural basis for God's house being a house of prayer for all people. Jesus quoted this verse when he entered the temple and drove out the moneychangers. It is obvious that Satan has always desired to turn the house of God into anything but a "house of prayer."

The Church today is the house of David, and God is rebuilding the tabernacle of David. God has promised to pour upon the house of David, the spirit of grace and supplication.

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications....

Zechariah 12:10

This is a spirit of prayer and a spirit of favor. In other words, God will favor our petitions. David is a type of the apostolic and prophetic churches God is raising up around the world. The tabernacle of David is being rebuilt to cause the nations to seek after God.

After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

Acts 15:16,17

Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank the LORD into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation.

Declare his glory among the heathen: his marvelous works among all nations.

Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The LORD reigneth.

1 Chronicles 16:7,23,24,28,31

This is the psalm that David delivered to the hand

of Asaph after he brought the ark into Jerusalem from the house of Obed-Edom. Notice the many references to the nations. King David had a prophetic revelation concerning God's plan for the nations, and David was known as a man after God's own heart. The heart of God is in the nations.

Authors, Bill and Amy Stearns have stated, "Perhaps David's constant reference in his Psalms to the 'peoples' and 'the ends of the earth' suggest why he became a 'man after God's own heart'—the heart that yearns after the world's lost" (p. 72).

The tabernacle of David must have the spirit of David who concluded his prayers with a prayer for the nations.

And blessed be his glorious name for ever and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.

The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended. Psalm 72:19,20

David subdued his enemies, and God has promised to subdue the nations under our feet (Psalm 47:3).

The prayers of an apostolic church will affect the nations. Our prayers will cause the residue of men to seek after God.

The second thing the saints need to know is that the nations are a part of our inheritance. We are joint heirs with Christ. The nations and all the people therein belong to the Lord.

The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Psalm 24:1

Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD'S thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.

Deuteronomy 10:14

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.

Colossians 1:16

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and jointheirs with Christ....

Romans 8:16,17

The apostolic ministry is designed to bring us into a place of maturity in order to receive our full inheritance. This is the principle of Sonship. God sends forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts whereby we cry, "Abba Father" (Galatians 4:6).

The Holy Spirit is an apostolic spirit because he is a sent Spirit, and He releases us into Sonship which qualifies us to be heirs of God. The Holy Spirit is also the spirit of adoption, and we can adopt unreached people groups and commit to pray for them. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Psalm 2:7,8

Here, again, we see that inheritance is tied to Sonship. Since we are sons of God and joint heirs with Christ, we can ask for the nations and the uttermost parts of the earth as our rightful inheritance. The key is to "ask."

Third, we need to know God's purpose for the nations of the earth. We need to have a revelation of the purposes of God and pray according to His will.

The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? And his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

Isaiah 14:24-27

The Assyrian is a type of Satan. The Assyrians were harsh and cruel conquerors of nations. Satan is a

harsh and cruel tyrant over multitudes of people, but God hath purposed to take the Assyrian yoke off and lift his burden from the nations. This is God's purpose for the whole earth, and no one, including the devil, can disannul it. It will come to pass. We are to pray that the yoke of bondage be taken off the nations.

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Matthew 24:14

The word "nations" is the Greek word ethnos, which refers to an ethnic group. Based on this definition, a geographical nation can therefore have many nations within itself. In other words, nations are groups of people with a distinct language or culture, and there are thousands of nations that have yet to receive the witness of which our Lord spoke.

There are many people groups who have never heard the Gospel once. Many do not as yet have a church planted which can witness to them. We need to be educated concerning these people groups so that we can effectively pray for them. We are now living in the time where information concerning these people groups is readily available. God is calling churches to become Houses of prayer for these nations.

God has stationed us as watchmen to pray until His purposes are established upon the earth.

I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence,

And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Isaiah 62:6,7

Watchmen are intercessors who understand the prophetic purposes of God for the earth. They watch to see that God's purposes come to pass. They are sober and alert concerning the work of the LORD, as well as the opposition of Satan to the plans and purposes of God. They cry day and night and will give the Lord no rest until His plan is completed.

There are hundreds of Scriptures upon which we can base our prayers, and we do need a scriptural basis to be effective in intercession.

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations.

Psalm 22:27,28

God's salvation will reach to the ends of the earth. No matter how far away people are physically or spiritually, they will turn unto the Lord. Because God has promised to work an unbelievable work in our day, we can stand on these prophetic words and believe for them to be fulfilled.

BEHOLD ye among the heathen, and regard, and

wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you. Habakkuk 1:5

Another translation tells us to look out among the nations. This is where our focus should be. A house of prayer must have an outward focus on the nations in order to effectively pray for them. We must believe God is working in the nations; the reports we are seeing and hearing bear witness to this fact. We are living in apostolic times in which God is doing His work among the nations.

Chapter 2 The Apostolic Mandate

The mandate given to the Church is an apostolic mandate meaning it was given to sent ones. The apostles were sent to go to the uttermost parts of the earth (Acts 1:8). There are several prophetic words concerning the ends of the earth.

According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Psalm 48:10

...and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.

Psalm 59:13

By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea.

Psalm 65:5

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm 67:7

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

Isaiah 45:22

The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the

eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 52:10

Many nations have inherited false religion from their ancestors. This is especially true in the cases of Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. Many have followed these false teachings for hundreds of years. There are generational strongholds that must fall before they will see the truth. There is a tremendous prophetic word spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

Jeremiah 16:19

We are encouraged by this word to pray for the eyes of the Gentiles to be opened to the fact that they have inherited lies. We are living in a day in which the eyes of the nations are being opened to the truth. Many will come forth and renounce the false teachings of their ancestors and embrace the truth of Jesus Christ. The LORD is in the process of destroying the veil that has been over the nations.

And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all the people, and the vail that is spread over all nations.

Isaiah 25:7

A veil is a covering. Lucifer was a covering cherub

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(Isaiah 28:16). He has been successful in covering the nations with a veil of darkness, preventing them from seeing the truth (2 Corinthians 4:4). We can pray in accordance with the Word of God that this blindness be rebuked.

And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

Isaiah 29:18

Those who could not previously hear the Word of the Lord will hear, and those who could not see the truth will see.

The apostolic ministry has the mandate to turn people from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God (Acts 26:18). This is the calling of apostles, apostolic people, and apostolic churches.

I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

Isaiah 42:6,7

This is a reference to apostolic ministry. It was quoted by the Apostle Paul to describe his ministry.

For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

Acts 13:47

We are to bring salvation to the ends of the earth. We are to pray for salvation to go to the ends of the earth. We are to pray for the blind eyes of the nations to be opened, and the LORD has promised to hear our prayers.

Thus saith the LORD, in an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves....

Isaiah 49:8,9

This is now an acceptable time! This is the day of salvation! We can say to the prisoners, "Go forth!", and to those in darkness, "Show yourselves!"

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Isaiah 9:2

Even nations that are not seeking the Lord will find Him. God has promised to reveal Himself to them.

I AM sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name.

Isaiah 65:1

The Apostle Paul quotes from the prophet Hosea:

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As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.

Romans 9:25,26

We are praying that God will be merciful unto us and bless us in order to affect the nations.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Psalm 67:1,2

God's blessings upon His people are intended to affect the nations. God wants to bless us in order to make us a blessing.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm 67:7

God's plan has always been to bless the families of the earth through Abraham and his seed. We are Abraham's seed.

...and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 28:14

And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 3:29

The Church is a channel through which God releases His blessings upon all the families of the earth. One of the ways we can be a blessing to the nations is through prayer, and one of the strongholds that need to be broken over multitudes of people is witchcraft. A strong spirit of witchcraft operates in *all* false religions. Witchcraft prevents people from obeying the truth.

O FOOLISH Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

Galatians 3:1

And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds:

And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers.

Micah 5:11,12

Our prayers are instrumental in pulling down the strongholds of inherited witchcraft that controls the minds of the multitudes. We are God's battle axes and weapons of war (Jeremiah 51:20). There are also ancient pacts and blood covenants with demons that need to be broken.

But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God....

1 Corinthians 10:20

AND your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not

stand....

Isaiah 28:18

We can pray that these ancient covenants be disannulled, and the spirits of death and hell be rebuked. We can pray that they enter into a new covenant through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my laws in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and will remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:33,34

The 10/40 Window

Ted Haggard said, "The majority of the people of the world who have not had the chance to hear the gospel even once, live in a belt that stretches across North Africa, the Middle East, India, and Asia. Missions researchers call this area the 10/40 Window" (Johnstone, Hanna, and Smith, eds., p. 12).

Luis Bush said, "The core of the unreached people of our world resides in a rectangular shaped window! It is a belt that extends from West Africa across Asia, between 10 degrees north to 40 degrees north of the equator" (Wagner, Peters, and Wilson, eds., p. 11).

The 10/40 Window contains the majority of people who follow the three main religious blocs of Islam, Hinduism (both over 700 million), and Buddhism (over 150 million). This Window consists of 62 nations which represent the least evangelized nations of the world.

Within these nations are 100 gateway cities where millions of people reside. Also within this Window are over 1700 unreached people groups with distinct language and cultural characteristics. We need to be strategic in our praying and target these nations, cities, and unreached people groups.

"Why have we focused our attention on the 10/40 Window? Because from the days of the earliest migrations out of Babel, no other geographic corridor has contained such a profound concentration of spiritual darkness. The ancient roots of Babylon, Egypt, and Ephesus have never fully been plucked up, and their legacy continues to do violence to the original design and purposes of God. With its teeming population centers daily attracting the attention of demonic powers, the 10/40 window represents a crucial focal point for missions minded intercessors" (George Otis, Jr., p. 10).

Nations of the 10/40 Window (including the gateway cities)

Afghanistan (Kabul)

Albania (Tirane)

Algeria (Algiers)

Azerbaijan (Baku)

Bahrain (Al Manama)

Bangladesh (Dhaka)

Benin (Cotonou)

Bhutan (Thimphu)

Brunei (Bandar Seri Begawan)

Burkina Faso (Ouagadougou)

Cambodia (Phnom Penh)

Chad (N'Djamena)

China (Shenyang, Changhun, Urumqi, Lhasa, Ianzhou, Beijing, Hohhot, Tianjin, Taiyuan, Jinan,

Nanjing, Xian, Chengdu, Chongquig, Shanghai,

Wuhan, Guangzhou)

Djibouti (Djibouti)

Egypt (Cairo)

Eritrea (Asmara)

Ethiopia (Addis Ababa)

Gambia (Banjul)

Guinea (Conakry)

Guinea-Bissau (Bissau)

India (Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Amritsar, Delhi, Pune,

Hyberabad, Calcutta, Kanpur, Varanasi, Lucknow,

Patna)

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Indonesia (Jakarta)

Iran (Tehran, Mashhad)

Iraq (Baghdad)

Israel—Gaza Strip (Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Gaza)

Japan (Sapporo, Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka, Kobe,

Kyoto, Fukuoko, Kita, Kyushu)

Jordan (Amman)

Kazakhstan (Almaty)

Kuwait (Kuwait City)

Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek)

Laos (Vientiane)

Lebanon (Beirut)

Libya (Tripoli)

Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)

Maldives (Male)

Mali (Bamako)

Mauritania (Nouakchott)

Mongolia (Ulan Bator)

Morocco (Casablanca)

Myanmar (Yangon)

Nepal (Kathmandu)

Niger (Niamey)

Nigeria (Kano)

North Korea (Pyongyang)

Oman (Muscat)

Pakistan (Karachi, Lahore)

Qatar (Doha)

Saudi Arabia (Mecca, Riyadah)

Senegal (Dakar)

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Somalia (Mogadishu)

Sri Lanka (Columbo)

Sudan (Khartoum)

Syria (Damascus)

Taiwan (Taipei)

Tajikistan (Dushanbe)

Thailand (Bangkok)

Tibet (Lhasa)

Tunisia (Tunis)

Turkey (Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir)

Turkmenistan (Ashkhabad)

United Arab Emirates (Abu Dahbi)

Uzbekistan (Tashkent)

Vietnam (Hanoi)

Western Sahara (El Aaium)

Yemen (Sana'a)

(George Otis, Jr.)

Gateway People Groups of the 10/40 Window

(Names of people groups, nations, and religions)

- Malay (Malaysia, Indonesia, South Thailand -Islam, Animism)
- Acehnese (Indonesia—Islam)
- Minangkabau (Indonesia, Malaysia—Islam)
- Komering (Indonesia—Islam, Animism)
- Rejang (Indonesia—Islam)
- Sundanese (Indonesia—Islam)
- Madurese (Indonesia—Islam)
- Balinese (Indonesia—Hinduism)
- Sasak (Indonesia—Islam, Animism)
- Buginese (Indonesia—Islam)
- Banjar (Indonesia—Islam, Animism)
- Gorontolo (Indonesia—Islam)
- Makassarese (Indonesia—Islam)

(Note: Indonesia has the largest Muslim population of any nation in the world.)

- Khmer (Cambodia—Buddhism, Athiesm)
- Bouyei (China, Burma—Animism)
- Lao (Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam—Buddhism, Animism)

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- Li (China—Animism)
- Thai (Thailand—Buddhism)
- Shan (Myanmar, China, Thailand—Buddhism)
- Zhuang (Southwestern China—Buddhism, Animism)
- Black Tai (Vietnam, China, Laos—Animism)
- Hui (China—Islam)
- Japanese (Japan—Shintoism, Buddhism)
- Tujia (China—Taoism, Animism, Atheism)
- Yao (Vietnam, China—Animism, Atheism)
- Tibetans (China, Tibet, Nepal—Tibetan Buddhism)
- Bhutanese (Bhutan, Nepal, India—Buddhism)
- Burmese (Myanmar—Buddhism)
- Arakanese (Myanmar, Bangladesh—Buddhism, Islam)
- Manipuri (India—Hinduism, Islam)
- Bengali (Bangladesh, India—Islam, Hinduism)
- Assamese (India—Hinduism, Islam)
- Bihari (Nepal, India—Hinduism, Animism)
- Oriya (India—Hinduism)
- Gujarati (India, Pakistan—Hinduism)
- Marathi (India—Hinduism)
- Gujjar (India, Pakistan, Afghanistan-Islam,

Animism, Hinduism)

- Bhil (India—Animism, Hinduism)
- Gond (India—Animism)
- Lambadi (India—Animists)
- Munda-Santal (India—Hinduism, Animism)
- Sindhi (Pakistan, India—Hinduism, Islam)
- Punjabi (India, Pakistan—Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam)
- Nepali (India, Nepal, Bhutan—Hinduism)
- Newari (Nepal—Hinduism, Buddhism, traditional religions)
- Hindko (Pakistan, India—Islam)
- Jats (India, Pakistan—Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism)
- Maithil (India, Nepal—Hinduism, Islam)
- Tharu (Nepal, India—Hinduism, Animism)
- Urdu (India, Pakistan—Islam)
- Kashmiri (India, Pakistan—Islam, Hinduism)
- Maldivian (Maldive Islands—Islam)
- Chamar (India—Hinduism)
- Balmiki (India—Hinduism)
- Brahmin (India—Hinduism)
- Pashtun (Afghanistan, Pakistan—Islam)
- Baluch (Pakistan—Islam)

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- Aimaq (Afghanistan, Iran—Islam)
- Brahui (Pakistan, Afghanistan—Islam)
- Persian (Iran—Islam)
- Tajik (Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Iran -Islam, Animism)
- Mazanderani (Iran—Islam)
- Hazara (Afghanistan, Iran—Islam)
- Kurds (Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Syria—Muslim)
- Luri (Iran—Islam)
- Gilaki (Iran—Islam)
- Uygur (China, Kazakstan—Islam, Animism)
- Kazak (Kazakstan, China—Islam, Animism)
- Kyrgyz (Kyrgyzstan—Islam, Animism)
- Mongolian (Mongolia, China—Buddhism)
- Uzbek (Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Tajikstan— Islam, Animism)
- Tatar (Russia, Uzbekistan, Kazakstan, Ukraine -Islam)
- Turks (Turkey—Islam)
- Quashqai (Iran—Islam)
- Turkmen (Iran, Afghanistan—Islam, Animism, Atheism)
- Azerbaijani (Azerbaijan, Iran—Islam, Animism, Athiesm)

- Yemeni Arabs (Yemen—Islam)
- Bedouin (Saudi Arabia, North Africa—Islam)
- Levant Arabs (Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon— Islam)
- Egyptian Arabs (Egypt—Islam)
- Maghreb Arabs (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, France -Islam)
- Libyan Arabs (Libya—Islam)
- Hassaniya Arabs (Mauritania, Morocco—Islam)
- Sudan Arabs (Sudan—Islam)
- Riff Berber (Morocco—Islam, Animism, Sufism)
- Tamazight Berber (Morocco, Algeria—Islam, Animism)
- Shawiya Berber (Algeria—Islam, Animism)
- Kabyle Berber (Algeria—Islam, Animism)
- Tuareg (Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso—Islam, Animism)
- Saharan Berber (Algeria—Islam, Animism)
- Southern Shilha Berber (Morocco, Algeria— Islam, Animism)
- Shuwa Arabs (Chad, Sudan, Nigeria, Niger— Islam, Animism)
- Somali (Somalia, Ethiopia—Islam)
- Afar (Somalia, Ethiopia—Islam, Animist)

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- Beja (Sudan, Egypt, Eritrea—Islam, Animist)
- Nubian (Egypt, Sudan—Animist)
- Fur (Sudan—Animism, Islam)
- Chadic (Nigeria, Chad, Sudan—Animism, Islam)
- Masalit (Sudan, Chad—Islam, Animism)
- Fulani (Nigeria, Senegal, Guinea, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad Cameroon—Islam)
- Wolof (Senegal, Gambia—Islam, Animism)
- Fon (Benin—Animism)
- Gur (Mali, Togo, Burkina Faso, Ghana— Animism)
- Malinke (West Africa—Islam, Animism)
- Soninke (Mali, Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire—Islam, Animism)
- Susu (Guinea, Sierra Leone—Islam, Animism)
- Dioula (Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso—Islam, Animism)
- Hausa (Nigeria, Niger—Islam, Animism)
- Swahili (Tanzania, Kenya, East Africa—Islam)
- Songhai (Mali, Niger—Islam, Animism)
- Kanuri (Nigeria, Niger—Islam)
- Jews (Israel—Judaism)
- Albanians (Albania, Yugoslavia—Islam,

Atheism)

- Bosnian (Bosnia-Hercegovina, Croatia, Montenegro—Islam)
- Caucasians (Russia, Eastern Europe, Central Asia—Islam)
- Siberians (Russia—Shamanism) (Johnstone, Hanna, and Smith, eds.)

Praying for Cities

Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

Psalm 108:10

Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.

Isaiah 25:3

The World's 30 Largest Urban Areas Ranked by 2000 Population (millions)

1.	Tokyo, Japan	25.0
2.	Bombay, India	18.1
3.	Sao Paulo, Brazil	17.8
4.	Shanghai, China	17.2
5.	New York, U.S.	16.6
6.	Mexico City, Mexico	16.4
7.	Beijing, China	14.2
8.	Jakarta, Indonesia	14.1
9.	Lagos, Nigeria	13.5

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10.	Los Angeles, U.S.	13.1
11.	Calcutta, India	12.7
12.	Tianjin, China	12.4
13.	Seoul, South Korea	12.3
14.	Karachi, Pakistan	12.1
15.	Delhi, India	11.7
16.	Buenos Aires, Argentina	11.4
17.	Manila, Philippines	10.8
18.	Cairo, Egypt	10.7
19.	Osaka, Japan	10.6
20.	Rio de Janeiro	10.2
21.	Dhaka, Bangladesh	10.2
22.	Paris, France	9.6
23.	Istanbul, Turkey	9.3
24.	Moscow, Russia	9.3
25.	Lima, Peru	8.4
26.	Teheran, Iran	7.3
27.	London, U.K.	7.3
28.	Bangkok, Thailand	7.3
29.	Chicago, U.S.	7.0
30.	Hyberabad, India	6.7
(1999 New York Times Almanac p. 475.)		

Praying for the Multitudes

Three fifths of the world's population live within the 10/40 window. Satan has concentrated some of his greatest strongholds in this area because of the multitudes of people who live there. The Church

must concentrate more prayer into this area because it is so strategic.

BUT when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Matthew 9:36-38

World's Largest Countries (by population)

- China (1,255,100,000)
- India (975,800,000)
- United States (273,800,000)
- Indonesia (206,500,000)
- Brazil (165,200,000)
- Russia (147,200,000)
- Pakistan (147,800,000)
- Japan (125,900,000)
- Bangladesh (124,000,000)
- Nigeria (121,800,000)

(1999 New York Times Almanac p. 471)

Chapter 3 Prayers for Unreached People

Father, I come boldly to the throne of grace that I may obtain mercy and find grace to help on behalf of the (name) people (Hebrews 4:16). Lord God, You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy (Psalm 103:8). I pray that You will have mercy upon the (name) people.

I pray that You would reveal Yourself unto the (name) people. You will be found by the (name) people, even though they did not seek after You (Isaiah 65:1).

I pray that the (name) people would come unto You saying that they have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit (Jeremiah 16:19). The (name) people will come out of darkness into the light. I speak to the (name) people who have been in prison to "go forth," and to those that have been in darkness, "shew yourselves" (Isaiah 49:9). The (name) people shall come to the light, and their leaders to the brightness of the rising Church (Isaiah 60:3). Amen.

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The (name) people who walked in darkness, will see a great light, and those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them will the light shine (Isaiah 9:2) LORD; through Your tender mercy You will visit the (name) people, to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death and to guide their feet into the way of peace (Luke 1:78,79). I pray that You will bring the (name) people as sheep into Your fold. Let them be joined to Your Church and be a Shepherd over them (John 10:16).

Lord you have given the (name) people as my inheritance and the uttermost parts of earth as my possession (Psalm 2:8). They shall remember and turn unto You; they shall come and worship before You (Psalm 22:27). Amen.

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I pray that the veil that has covered the (name) people would be destroyed (Isaiah 25:7) and that they would turn from darkness to light and from Satan to You, the Living God (Acts 26:18). I pray that the Assyrian's yoke would be taken from off of the (name) people and that the burden would be lifted from off of their shoulders, for this is Your purpose for the (name) people and for all of the earth (Isaiah 14:24-17:14).

I pray that You would send forth labourers into the harvest of the (name) people (Matthew 9:38). Raise up apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers for the (name) people. Open up a door of utterance to the (name) people that they may hear the Gospel (Colossians 4:3,4). LORD, we believe You open doors that no man can shut (Revelation 3:8). Amen.

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Lord, You have set me as a watchman on the wall for the (name) people. I will give You no rest until You establish the (name) people a praise in the earth (Isaiah 62:6,7). You will watch over Your Word to perform it concerning the (name) people (Jeremiah 1:12). Your Word will not return void, but will accomplish that to which it was sent (Isaiah 55:11).

I am Your battle axe, and weapon of war. Through my prayers, You are breaking in pieces the nations, and destroying kingdoms. You are breaking in pieces the horse and his rider, the captains and rulers (Jeremiah 51:20-23). The demonic kingdoms, captains, and rulers over the (name) people are being broken in pieces like a potter's vessel (Psalm 2:9). Amen.

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I pray that the (name) people would look unto You and be saved, for You alone are God and beside You there is none else (Isaiah 45:22). Make bare Your holy arm in the eyes of the (name) people, that they may see Your salvation (Isaiah 52:10). Do a new thing

among the (name) people; make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, and give drink to the (name) people (Isaiah 43:18-20).

I pray that You would pour out Your Spirit upon the (name) people. Let their sons and daughters prophesy. Let their young men see visions and their old men dream dreams. Show the (name) people signs and wonders, and let them call upon the Name of Jesus (Acts 2:17-21).

I pray that all the families of the (name) people would be blessed in Christ. Let them receive the blessing of Abraham and the promise of the Spirit through faith (Galatians 3:14). Work a work among the (name) people, that men would not believe although it be declared unto them (Habakkuk 1:5). Bring to pass Your strange work and Your strange act among the (name) people (Isaiah 28:11). Amen.

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You, O Lord, have formed the (name) people for Yourself. They shall show forth Your praise (Isaiah 43:21).

I bind the ruling spirits of darkness, that have ruled over the (name) people, with chains and fetters of iron (Psalm 149:8). I bind all spirits of witchcraft, false religion, pride, blindness, deception, death, hell, and destruction. I execute upon them the judgments

written in the Word of God (Psalm 149:7). I ask You, Father, to send legions of warring angels to fight and minister on behalf of the (name) people who are the heirs of salvation (Hebrews 1:14).

I will confess You, Lord, among the (name) people and sing unto Thy name. Let the (name) people glorify You for Your mercy. Let them rejoice, praise, and laud You. You will reign over the (name) people, and in You shall they trust (Romans 15:9-12). Amen.

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Let Your kingdom come and Your will be done on behalf of the (name) people (Matthew 6:10). Deliver them and purge away their sins for Your Name's sake (Psalm 79:9). Let the sighing of the prisoner come before Thee; according to the greatness of Thy power, preserve those that are appointed to die (Psalm 79:11).

Build your Church among the (name) people, and the gates of hell will not be able to prevail (Matthew 16:18). Go before Your anointed and make the crooked places straight. Break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut asunder the bars of iron (Isaiah 45:2). Open a door of utterance among the (name) people (Colossians 4:3). Let the Gospel be fully preached among them with signs following (Romans 15:18,19).

Let Your glory be declared among the (name) people, and Your wonders among all the (name)

people (Psalm 96:2). All the gods of the (name) people are idols, but You, Lord, made the heavens (Psalm 96:5). For You, LORD, are high above all the earth: Thou art exalted above all gods (Psalm 97:9). Amen.

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I pray that every covenant with hell and every agreement with death that the (name) people have made would be disannulled. They will no longer be able to make lies their refuge or hide under falsehood (Isaiah 28:15-18). Let all ancient pacts and covenants with demons be renounced and broken.

Let the children of the (name) people be taught of the Lord (Isaiah 54:13). Raise up a generation that would fear Your name and seek Your face (Psalm 24:6). Lord, let the earth be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea (Isaiah 11:9). Amen.

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Hid in Christ, we stand clothed in the full armor and righteousness of God to pray, travail, and war against the thrones, dominions, principalities, rulers of darkness over (name) people. We submit to the authority, righteousness, and government of God, and decree this same humility, redemption, deliverance, and salvation for our brothers and sisters among the (name) people.

Led by the Man of War, we outrank, outflank, and ambush Satan and his cohorts, nobles, princes and strongmen. We walk this region, discerning, interceding, reclaiming, and possessing that land for the Kingdom of God. We raise the people of the Horn of Africa and the Nation of Islam onto the altar of God.

We rip this land from the deceiver, sorcerer, and seducer, and restore it to the Kingdom of God. We raise the bloodstained banner of Christ against the destroyer; let the blood of righteous martyrs be avenged. Hell will not gorge itself at the expense of this people, but you are overruled, unseated, and must let the people go in the name of Jesus. You will not perpetuate wickedness anymore or defy the armies of the living God. The firepower of God forces you out of your habitations. You are rooted out of foxholes, dens, and other dry, wicked hiding places where you were entrenched.

We break the brass gates and iron bars and bind these powers and dominions with chains of darkness. We take authority over your territory; you are defeated by the blood of Jesus. We run you down in the streets in the battle, and trample you underfoot; one by one you are driven off the land of the (name) people. We crush you under our feet.

We tear down, uproot, throw down, annihilate,

and obliterate your desolations, abominations, high places, foul altars, fortresses, strongholds, and works; and we loose the fire, wrath, and indignation of God upon you. You are cut down by the sword of the Lord Jesus Christ. Your communications, activities, and traffic patterns are interrupted and cease. Every path, signal, and network is shut down.

Hysterical confusion is loosed upon your camp. Your reign and unholy regime over the (name) people is over. The burning judgments of God and great dread are loosed upon you, and the hand and face of God is against you. You melt like wax, are driven away like smoke, and you fall by the very snares you have laid through the centuries. God has sent us to preach the Kingdom of God in this region, and we preach it to drive demonic thrones and legions off this land, off this people, and into the sea. The Kingdom of God will be established in this region.

We blanket the innocent, fatherless, and widows in the blood of Jesus—protect and defend them as entrance to the Kingdom is ministered to them. We prophesy to the four winds concerning the (name) people. Let there be a flood of the blood of Jesus that washes over the land—covering every high place and filling every crevice.

We raise up the roar of the Lion of the tribe of Judah on behalf of these people. Let this roar bring a mighty rushing wind of change to purge, blow, sweep, and cleanse the minds of the (name) people. We intercede for these nations with the war dance of David, and we loose the spirit of David in this land. Let the initiating, pioneering, apostolic anointing, trigger mass, momentous, and sustained revival that reaches and rests upon these people like cloven tongues of fire, and then spread like an unstoppable, uncontainable fire throughout the land. Send the Holy Spirit to this people and this region.

Let entire clans, tribes, and nations repent and be saved and delivered from every destruction. We command shackles and chains to fall off and broken minds and spirits to be healed. Let earthquake experiences shake the prison doors open and all the people go free. Let dreams and visions and the holy power of God brood, overshadow, and overwhelm them. We appoint the beauty of salvation and righteous robes and garments of praise to these people. Let men turn from their pride and every false way. Let them hunger and thirst for righteousness mighty deliverances, filled. Let transformations, healings, miracles, signs, exploits, and great wonders in the heavens and the earth change the lives of the (name) people. Let these people be revived, animated, and quickened through the knowledge of God; let them become sons of God and speedily brought to glory.

We will see the desert land drenched, and thirsty,

parched souls quenched with the Living, Healing Water of Life. Let there be Rivers of Life flowing in the desert. Let there be trees of righteousness raised up and planted by the waters. Let utterances of mysteries of God be spoken and prophesied into this region, and that the great light of God would shine and illuminate the minds of every soul in this area. Let the kings of nations come to the brightness of its rising. Let the (name) people be exalted in the earth. Amen.

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"And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:"

Acts 17:26,27

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