



WHAT ON EARTH IS HAPPENING?



STATUS OF THE GLOBAL PRAYER MOVEMENT

2023 – A year of Breakdowns and Breakthroughs

GLOBAL TRENDS

- **Rise in religious conflict**

The war in the Middle East has triggered renewed religious polarisation in the world. We must pray for an end to these human disasters, while not losing our focus on revival in the Church, salvation of all nations, and social justice.

- **Increase of proxy wars**

There is an increase in 'proxy wars', where powerful nations use terror organisations or direct military influence to fight one another inside the borders of a smaller/weaker nation. This leads to the devastation of countries like the Ukraine, Syria, Sudan, Yemen and others.

- **Shift in economic and political alliances**

This arena is ever changing shape around the world as the developing world is rising. There is an increasing movement towards levelling the 'playing field', globally. Prayer for innovative job creation is important in our world of continuous technological advances.

- **Natural disasters**

The world has witnessed a significant increase in the number of natural disasters since the 1960s, according to the 2020 Ecological Threat Register (ETR). While the number of earthquakes has not increased, the number of disasters caused by earthquakes and the numbers of people affected by earthquakes have been steadily increasing. The unpredictability of many of these disasters can bring the fear of God upon a nation. The intensity of floods and droughts also seems to increase.

- **Growth in the Church**

In 2023, it was reported*: "There will be over 2.6 billion Christians worldwide by the middle of 2023 and around 3.3 billion by 2025." Although we are witnessing new lows due to the moral decay of the Western Church', the Church in countries with a minority Christian population is growing at a steady pace in China, Indonesia and Iran, among others.

- **Rise in Persecution**

Reports** show that the number of persecuted Christians has risen to more than 360 million, which is roughly one in seven Christians globally.

Sources: * Wikipedia - <http://tinyurl.com/38az23de> **Air1 - <http://tinyurl.com/yc8mwpdz>

STATUS OF THE PRAYER MOVEMENT

Thousands praying for World Evangelisation

There is a growing movement of collaboration among Christian ministries and networks. One example is the International Prayer Connect, a network of prayer networks across the globe. Under this banner, four 'Global Days of Prayer' were initiated during 2023, with thousands of believers praying for salvation of peoples in the Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish and Hindu faiths. Read more about this initiative: <https://www.110cities.com/>

24-7 Prayer for Revival

The '7 Days on the Wall' Prayer Initiative was birthed at the World Prayer Assembly, Indonesia, in 2012, calling local congregations to take one week per year to pray day and night for revival among the nations of the world. Since January 2013, this move of prayer has spread from South Africa into 35 nations across Africa, Europe and Asia.

7 Special Weeks - 2023

This year we saw more than 120 '24-7 Prayer Watches' in 35 nations participating in 7 special prayer weeks throughout the year. These groups are either local churches, groups of believers from different churches, or even groups of towns forming a Local Prayer Network. Thirty-three percent of these groups pray 24-7-365.

Theme: Remember the Promise (Week 3)

18 – 28 May 2023

More than 120 Prayer Watches (100 in 2022) from 30 nations (18 in 2022) across Africa and South Asia prayed night and day for Revival and Spiritual Awakening in the Church and the Middle East for the 10 Days before Pentecost Sunday.

We also partnered with the global '10 Days' prayer movement, with 400 other locations across 60 nations participating.

These '10 Days' culminated in the Global Day of Prayer for the Jewish world on Pentecost Sunday with thousands of believers across the world praying for Israel, facilitated by the International Prayer Connect (IPC).

Theme: Shooting Arrows (Week 4)

3 – 9 July 2023

More than 100 groups from 20 nations prayed for the Younger Generation. One such group is a Prayer Network in Stellenbosch having more than 30 schools with regular onsite prayer weeks at each school.

Theme: Dying Daily (Week 7)

13 – 19 November 2023

Partnering with Open Doors Southern Africa, more than 90 groups from 17 nations across Africa, Europe and South Asia prayed for the 'Suffering Church' world-wide. This initiative also coincided with the Global Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on the first Sunday in November. We prayed for the protection of God's people and the advancement of His kingdom in these nations.

New Global Connections

We thank the Lord for His favour in establishing new relationships with prayer networks/movements globally. Some of these include the International Prayer Connect, 10 Days Movement, various regional networks, Campus Crusade for Christ, various Bible Translation Ministries, Open Doors and Unlimited Prayer Frontiers.

22nd Watchman's School of Prayer 2023

The purpose of this 5-day annual 24-7 prayer conference is to equip, encourage and empower leaders involved in 24-7 prayer ministry among the nations. This year 125 delegates from 20 nations (7 in 2022) joined us at the Rocklands Conference Centre in Simon's Town, Cape Town.

Many delegates were healed, restored and encouraged to continue the work of 24-7 prayer in their nations, cities and towns. More than 40 delegates indicated that they would start a 24-7 Prayer Watch in their towns and cities. The Ugandan delegation saw sudden growth in prayer with more than 5 new 24-7 Prayer Watches established since the conference. We thank the Lord for this amazing response to the call of 24-7 prayer for revival.

Unlocking Prayer Series

The 'Unlocking Prayer Series' of short videos that address different aspects of prayer started on 2 February 2022 and a new video teaching is published on our YouTube channel every week. The videos focus on addressing the many questions about prayer we received from the different prayer watches across South Africa and globally. It has sparked a very positive reaction across the board. One lady in Zambia reported how she is transcribing the videos to make the content available to their church members who are unable to access the content via Wi-Fi!

40-Day Bible Reading Challenge

For the first time this year we invited Christians from all walks of life across the globe to join us in reading the Bible from 1 December 2023 to 9 January 2024. Surprisingly over 600 people from more than 20 nations had joined this initiative by December 1st, pledging to follow one of three possible Bible Reading Plans for the duration of the 40 days. This group continues to grow and currently over 800 people have already signed up. On the last day of the initiative, members of the group will have an opportunity to post testimonies of what the Lord has done in their lives over these 40 days.

Pray and Go Initiative

'Preaching the Gospel' remains a daunting task for most Christians. In the past year a short course was launched to help anyone share their testimony with others. The course touched on how to reach out with Christian literature, how to witness to Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Refugees and Atheists. It sparked the interest of many Christians who desired to speak more boldly about Christ and over 500 people signed up. Later this year the video material, as well as free resources to print and use in outreach, was added to the Jericho Walls website. We believe this is a first of its kind. Over 10,000 newly created modern-day tracts have since been distributed in schools, and many more shipped across the country and into African nations, and as far as the Middle East and Sri Lanka.

Looking at 2024 with expectation

The task of mobilising the Church to 24-7 prayer, is much bigger than the work of one ministry. Collaboration with other prayer movements, networks, ministries and churches of some kind will be essential in the achievement of the goals of the global prayer movement. As Jericho Walls, we will continue to focus on networking and partnering with other local and international organisations in mobilising 24-7 prayer for the salvation of all nations.

Following are some upcoming dates and themes agreed upon for ongoing 24-7 prayer for revival among the nations in 2024. (#7 Days on the Wall).

- Week 1: 5 – 11 February – Transform my Community (*Praying for communities*)
- Week 2: 25 – 31 March – Beholding the Cross (*Personal consecration*)
- Week 3: 9 – 19 May – Remember the Promise (*10 Days for Revival in the Church*)
- Week 4: 10 – 16 June – Shooting Arrows (*Youth & children*)
- Week 5: 5 – 11 August – Reaching cities/ Reaching nations (*Salvation of Unreached Cities*)
- Week 6: 23 – 29 September – Our Daily Bread (*Bible in Every Language*)
- Week 7: 4 – 10 November – Dying Daily (*Persecuted Church*)

To register your group for these 7 weeks of prayer, send a WhatsApp message with your name and your group or network's name to Daniël on +27 83 321 6909.

Partner with us

As a non-profit organisation, our work is entirely dependent on partners who pray for the ministry and who regularly provide financial support for the work to continue. Please lift up in prayer the work and ministry of Jericho Walls International Prayer Network. Give thanks to the Lord for His favour on this work and for every new door that opens. Ask for sustained financial support to cover our ministry initiatives that are on the Father's heart.

Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work.

– Oswald Chambers

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