

LOOKING BACK LOOKING FORWARD....

The Christmas lights are out, the tree put away, and from Birmingham, the German market with its beer, chocolates, frankfurters and mulled wine, has gone, hopefully to return in November 2010. The retailers are trying to persuade us to buy things we wouldn't buy last year; our world leaders are still trying to sort out climate change, Iran, Iraq, Israel and Palestine, Pakistan, Darfur, North Korea, Africa, nuclear threats, pandemics, famines, wars and rumours of wars.



In the UK it is election year so politicians are bombarding us with information telling us how they are going to deal with all the problems we face, most of which are due to the decisions they made in London or Brussels in the past. Recovery is the "in word" for 2010. The nation is trying to recover its huge debts, banks are trying to recover their standing and our money, politicians are trying to recover their status and our confidence, businesses are trying to recover lost business, charities are trying to recover lost income and many are trying to recover lost hope.



HOPE IN 2010

However, recovery is not a great word if something is fundamentally wrong. Recover means to regain control, regain possession, put something new over something old. The good news of the Christian Gospel is that God, through the power of the Holy Spirit makes us totally new creations in Christ Jesus. Through His death on the cross He demolishes the old and through His resurrection He creates new.

The Christian message to our nations for 2010 is not patching up something old with something new, it is the availability of new life in Jesus to everyone. Our prayer and action at WPC as we go into the New Year is not that something will be patched up to win elections, regain lost status or prestige, but that we will see an increasing breakout of new creation, bringing the Kingdom of God to individuals, families, business, politics and national life.

PRAYING THROUGH 2010

THE GENERAL ELECTION: We shall be majoring on this until the election takes place. That does not mean we shall not be praying for other nations and issues, but every Christian in the UK should take up the responsibility to pray for their MPs, candidates and political leaders and the political process.

We will be issuing guidelines for prayer during our Days of Prayer and through the website.

WPC DAYS OF PRAYER 2010.

*Since the start of WPC we have prioritized our Saturday Days of Prayer. We are holding 8 during the year, the dates for January to July are below. You are **VERY** welcome to come and join us as we uplift the name of Jesus in praise and worship and to pray for God's will to be done in this election year. We all know that it is the prayer manifesto that will bring real change, which is our joint responsibility.*

Saturday 16 January 2010

Saturday 27 February 2010

Saturday 17 April 2010

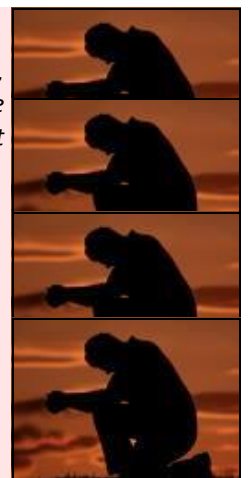
Saturday 5 June 2010

Saturday 17 July 2010

at

Birmingham Christian Centre, The Parade, Birmingham, B1 3QQ

from 10.30am - 3.00pm



GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 23 on PENTECOST SUNDAY. Since the start of GDOP we at WPC have always been involved in promoting this vision and releasing Jane Holloway to be the UK GDOP Co-ordinator. This year we want to specifically invite all of you to consider how you could link in this year. It could be taking time to pray in your home group, in your church services; it could be that you could join with other Christians in your community, workplace to stand shoulder to shoulder with Christians across the world! All the information you need is on www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk. Do register to receive special GDOP news updates February-May. If you don't have email ask someone who has to brief you! If you have any questions you know where to come.



OUR GOD IS A FAITHFUL GOD

We look back over another year of God's faithfulness: remembering the year in which more places in British Isles took part in the Global Day of Prayer; the re-launch of the Prayer Forum website to promote networking and prayer; our Prayer Team ministering in different nations including a team of 30 who came to Birmingham in October; our involvement in a number of prayer initiatives here in the UK as well as at the G8, United Nations and with the European Prayer Forum; our monthly Days of Prayer; The Presence Day at the NEC and seeing a lot of developments in relation to the World Prayer Centre itself.

PLANNING....

We continue to prepare for a planning application with much design and survey work having been completed. We now await the financial breakthrough to see a full planning application submitted and granted to enable us to move forward with the building. We value your prayers for faith, wisdom, clarity and courage to believe and move forward under the leading of the Holy Spirit.



As we mentioned in our last letter, we have much to give thanks for and much to go on believing for. Thank you to all who stand with us on the WPC journey in prayer and in financial giving. Thank you also to those who responded to The Presence event shortfall. We have not cleared it yet but thank God, it is going down. **This is the special account we have set up** and so if you would like to donate, the account details are as follows:

Account Name: World Prayer Centre HSBC: Account No: 31758179 Sort Code: 40-43-28

SOCIAL NETWORKING

We have been working using better social networking connections over the last few months. Many of you have become friends on World Prayer Centre's FaceBook page, and you may have started to use Twitter. We are now very proud and excited to be amongst the first to launch WhisperRoar. Many more will join us later in January and during the next few months.

Purpose-built for the global movement for prayer you can join with your existing friends and make new ones, like you would with Facebook, but with privacy and trust and no advertising! More than this, you can tag what you write to form new groups that gather around topics such as human trafficking or poverty or evangelism. WhisperRoar supports groups that pray in a regular time slot, or around the clock in 24-7 prayer. And as the number of users grows around the world geographic mapping will help the Body of Christ to connect globally and become one.

Download WhisperRoar from the www.worldprayer.org.uk/download Become friends with others from World Prayer Centre and invite your friends to join you. There are some demo movies at www.YouTube.com/WhisperRoar to help you get going.



We pray that we shall all be alert to enemy strategy in 2010, but more importantly, see, understand and follow all that God is doing in our nation and the nations.

On behalf of WPC Trustees and team we pray for and speak God's favour on and over you today and through this year. We look forward to seeing you at [The Presence Conference](#) at Swanwick in March 2010 (booking form in the enclosed leaflet).

The World Prayer Centre Team

www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk

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