



## GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER UK UPDATE 5 MAY 2009

Dear friends

With less than a month to go, we are hearing amazing stories from around the world of how God is on the move! As a brother from Macedonia so rightly said: *“There is today, coming from our Father God, a river of renewed call to prayer and intimacy with the Father. We see that there are many streams that God has released on the earth which are coming together into this one river. One of these streams is the Global Day of Prayer. This is a GLOBAL call to the church – to heed the Word of the Lord in II Chronicles 7:14, for the sake of the glory of His name in and among the nations. God is using this stream to bring healing in the body, to restore unity of believers, and to impassion his people with a heart of prayer. As the Lord says in Isaiah 56:7, “my house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations!”*

### News from South Africa

The latest news from South Africa is that there are **213 nations** participating to date. Please pray for the 7 outstanding nations of the world to register – Andorra, San Marino, St. Pierre & Miquelon, Bahamas, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, and Virgin Islands of the USA. The main GDOP website [www.globaldayofprayer.com](http://www.globaldayofprayer.com) now has available to download a [GDOP advert](#) (30secs & 45secs) and there are also many translations of the [Prayer for the World](#) and [10 Day Prayer Guides](#). Please continue to pray for the team in South Africa!

### 10 Days of Prayer

More than half of the events that have registered here in the UK have indicated that they are participating in the 10 days of prayer this year!

**World Prayer Centre** is hosting [2 days of prayer](#) on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May in the prayer at our offices in Cornerstone House, 5 Ethel St, Birmingham from 9am – 4pm. All are welcome to come and join us as we seek God’s face linking around the world.

**M25 Nutcracker** - [Beacons of prayer around London](#) The aim is to have prayer rooms situated in towns around the M25 motorway operating simultaneously from Thursday 21st to Saturday 30th May in an attempt to concentrate prayer on London, the UK and local issues, for 240 continuous hours - one united massive "24-10" linking with the 10 days of prayer. So far, Nutcracker prayer rooms will be established in Sidcup, Chislehurst, Orpington, West Horsley, Englefield Green (near Staines), Harrow, Watford, Romford and Thurrock, with others considering joining in. For more information, or to get involved, contact Tim Harrold on [tim@transformationthurrock.com](mailto:tim@transformationthurrock.com)

**Northern Ireland** is producing a new version of the 10 day prayer guide. More information will be available from the [Transformations Ireland website](#).

### Global Day of Prayer 2009

To date, there are 36 events registered in the UK which is already up on this time last year! Event hosts have been very creative this year and we have had many new location registering! There will be outdoor events in parks, streets and town centres in **Northampton, Nuneaton, Ipswich, Stroud and Bangor, Carrickfergus, Lisburn and Newtownards** in Northern Ireland. People will be praying on city walls in **Chester and York**, from Blackford Hill in **Edinburgh**, from the viewpoint overlooking **Loah Navar** in N. Ireland and in **Sheffield** there will be five prayer stations across the city for people to join and pray. **Redditch** is hosting an event again this year in a football stadium and **Sunderland** is in the university! There are cathedral events in **Norwich, York and Beverley Minster** and a prayer concert in **Derby**. There will be many joint church events

in **Aylesbury, Bristol, Canterbury, Doncaster, Driffield, Eastbourne, Leeds, Luton, Southampton, Weston-Super-Mare** and many more in Northern Ireland. For more event info, check out

[www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk](http://www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk). Some examples of what's going on:

**Bangor:** *"There will be a "Procession of Witness" from the historic prayer site of Bangor Abbey through the town to the sea front for a time of prayer. It was from here that many monks left to bring the gospel to Europe".*

**Gillingham:** *"There will be two days of community outreach to young people with afternoon workshops in singing, modern street dance, DJ, and mixing. Evening events. Sunday Joint Churches Morning Worship Service, followed by main GDoP event. All held in large marquee on highest public place overlooking the Medway Towns".*

**Leeds:** *"GDOP will take place in the largest black majority church in Leeds. Forty different nationalities are expected to be participating, including Iranians, Chinese, Koreans, Africans, Pakistani, and Polish. This year we will be including the children and young people more in leading the prayers. A 60 foot banner consisting of the flags of 126 nations resident in Leeds will be unfurled over the gathering and there will be prayer in unison for as many different nations as possible".*

**York:** *"Thousands to gather on York City Walls! Trumpets to herald each section of prayer! Pray your way, we'll provide the theme - pray blessing over the city, turn outwards to release blessing over our communities, nation, world, then turn our hearts upwards to give glory to our sovereign Lord. Bring the children, bring your friends, bring flags and banners; leaders, bring your people, stand shoulder to shoulder as in Nehemiah's day, together let's be a witness that our Lord is very much alive and that His church is united and has a voice in this nation as we seek His face together".*

**Wales** – we have yet to receive any registrations from Wales! If you are hosting an event or thinking of hosting an event, please [register](#) on the website.

**London** will be linking with the GDOP on 31<sup>st</sup> May by inviting all churches to pray the Prayer for the World in their morning services and by inviting all 33 boroughs to host afternoon and evening celebrations. More info:

[www.gdoplondon.com](http://www.gdoplondon.com).

**Linking with GDOP Bulgaria** – We have received an invitation from GDOP Bulgaria who are holding an event in Sofia and would like to link with an event in England, saying *"...we would like to show this year that we are part of something far more bigger than just one nation. We literally want to show to the people from Sofia and the nation of Bulgaria that we are not alone by showing them in real time what is happening around the world via AUDIO and VIDEO connection. As we often have England as an example for our nation I would like if it is possible for you to do that cooperation by helping us see you on line on 31 of May. I believe that would serve as a great encouragement for both of our countries."* If you would like to link with them, contact Philip Rashev on [philip.rashev@gmail.com](mailto:philip.rashev@gmail.com).

## Resources

You can download the whole or sections of the **10 day prayer guide**, the **Prayer for the World 2009** and **guidelines** on events, logistics and recording your event from the [UK website](#). [GDOP 2009 CD](#) If you would like to order one, download the order form from the [website](#), or call Natasha at the office.

With thanks for partnership in the gospel!

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