

PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS

THINGS WILL BEGIN TO HAPPEN WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE BEGIN TO PRAY

Psalm 2:8

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, and the ends of the earth your possession.

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked way, then I will hear them from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

When God's people apply these promises to their own nation, cities and towns, God will work. Our land is needy. Satan is on the attack. The facts speak for themselves. We can respond by moaning, panicking, burying our heads in the sand, or praying for things to change.

OUR NATION

Injustice – violence – immorality – spiritual apathy – divorce – unemployment – greed – lawlessness – heresy – idolatry – addiction – exploitation – abortion – dishonesty – pride – promiscuity – materialism – child abuse – selfishness – pornography – sex trafficking

- Pray for your town/city in the light of the above description
- Claim your area for Jesus – that Satan will be bound
- Pray for Christians locally and nationally who seek to present the challenge of the Gospel by various means – naming any particular local activity that you are involved in
- Pray for organisations seeking to deal with problems such as drug and alcohol addiction, broken homes and families, sex trafficking, etc
- Name any individuals you know who are suffering as a result of any of the above

THE NATIONS

There are 20 teams in the RWC, from Europe, Asia, Australasia/South Pacific, Africa and N & S America – i.e. from the ends of the earth.

- Choose a squad to focus prayer on; possibly one country represented from within your own church; or one that is scheduled to play in your area
- Research that country, its capital city, its population and ethnic make-up, main religion(s), strengths and weaknesses i.e. poverty level, industry, subsistence farming, etc. Provide a map of that country and a list of prayer topics
- Are any players Christian believers, if so support them in prayer
- Supporters will come into your area; how can you link up with them
- Visa applications can be a problem, pray for this
- Can hospitality be provided for supporters, i.e. meals, church events
- Start praying now for those who will be in your area during the RWC

DO NOT LOSE SIGHT OF ALL THAT HAPPENS WHEN CHRISTIANS BEGIN TO PRAY TOGETHER

- God hears and 'coincidences' begin to happen
- Strong relationships get established
- Satan's grip on people and situations is released
- A canopy of prayer is created over areas being regularly prayed for
- A highway through the heavenlies is established as more people pray in the Spirit
- We will see growing evidence of God's working – with situations and people changing
- We shall rejoice

Remember: *'The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.'* Samuel Chadwick