

# PRAYER ALERT...

**'If my people....will humble themselves and pray'** 2 Chr 7:14

Informing and equipping Christians - Online and to Inbox

[www.prayer-alert.net](http://www.prayer-alert.net)

[editor@prayer-alert.net](mailto:editor@prayer-alert.net)

Issue 29-2016

Website

Contact Us

Donations

Friday 22 July 2016

## ■ Praise Reports

- [China: Next generation coming to Christ](#)
- [Plane crash survivor's miraculous tale of faith](#)

## ■ British Isles & Ireland

- [Changes in offices of state](#)
- [Archbishop welcomes refugee community sponsorship scheme](#)
- [Home for Good](#)
- [UK Disability Rights Are 'A Badge of Shame'](#)
- [Church is changing England with free education](#)
- [Northern Ireland: Less people claiming unemployment benefits](#)

## ■ Europe

- [Germany: Train stabbing - warning of lone attacks](#)
- [France warns against 'repression' in wake of Turkey coup](#)

## ■ Worldwide

- [Turkey: Global Wave of Prayer for Turkey](#)
- [Pray for UPRISING 2016 - Seoul, South Korea](#)
- [Turkey: Pray Today](#)
- [Israel: Hamas opens summer terror-training camps](#)
- [USA: Condoleezza Rice - Prayers for Peace & Unity](#)
- [South Sudan update: Violence and looting](#)
- [Nigeria: Ethnic cleansing in the south](#)

## PRAISE REPORTS

### ■ China: Next generation coming to Christ

China's next generation is turning to Christianity, looking to the Church for answers to life's big questions. Christian leaders are hopeful this generation will bring their nation closer to God. Twenty-four million people live in Shanghai and 3/4 of them are Millennials - between the ages of 20 and 33. Many are joining the Christian community. One study from the Chinese Education Department found that 62% of China's religious believers are aged between 19 and 39. To cope with societal pressure they are turning to spirituality. 'One day, my friend invited me to church after work. It was new to me. As I listened to the music, all of a sudden, I felt so peaceful. I felt something special,' Li Gang, a young believer said. Another youth said, 'Now, I am a Christian. I am not afraid of anything. Jesus is always with me. I am not alone when I face difficulties. I won't see church as a building, it means a family to me.'

**Praise:** God for the biblical truths that are helping Millennials cope with life. (Ps.23:1,2)

**More:** <http://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2016/july/are-millennials-a-key-to-chinas-salvation>

### ■ Plane crash survivor's miraculous tale of faith

'I have looked death in the eye and sat and glanced over the edge of eternity and I have to say, I believe that death is nothing to fear because I know that this life will just usher in the next life.' Helen Young Hayes boarded United Airlines Flight 232 in Denver, bound for Chicago. That flight never made it. It suffered catastrophic failure of its tail-mounted engine and crashed in Sioux City, Iowa. Miraculously, Hayes survived. Now she is publicly sharing her remarkable story of faith. 'I remember every minute of it as vividly as if it were last week!' Hayes told CBN News. The harrowing experience tested the faith of the successful money manager seated in row 9, seat B. Armed with faith, she prayed the impossible. To read her story of how God led her to pray exactly what was needed at the time, and how He answered her prayers, click the 'More' button.

**Praise:** God for Spirit-led prayers that God is delighted to answer. (Ps.3:4)

**More:** <http://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2016/july/plane-crash-survivors-miraculous-tale-of-faith-i-remember-every-minute-of-it-nbsp>

## BRITISH ISLES & IRELAND

### ■ Changes in offices of state

Prime Minister Theresa May made six senior appointments - Foreign Office, Chancellor, Defence, Home Office and two new post-Brexit positions - Secretary of State for Brexit and Secretary of State for International Trade. BORIS JOHNSON

heads the Foreign Office. He speaks five languages, including German and Russian. The latter will be helpful as he pursues positive engagement with Russia. Like Theresa May, he is pro-Israel. PHILIP HAMMOND is Chancellor of the Exchequer. Pray for him to have the great wisdom and vision that job needs at any time, but especially at this time. MICHAEL FALLON - Secretary of State for Defence. Pray for a Defence Secretary who is a man of peace and whose strength is in the Lord. He voted against 'gay marriage' and doctor-assisted dying. AMBER RUDD - Home Secretary voted against having a referendum at all. She voted for 'gay marriage' and military action in Syria. Pray for her wisdom and discernment as she holds this vital office of state. DAVID DAVIS, a veteran parliamentarian, is Secretary of State for Brexit. He is opposed to the EU and gay marriage. Pray for God to lead him as he negotiates our exit with the European Union. LIAM FOX, the new Secretary of State for International Trade, will be responding to nations across the world who want trade deals with the UK. Pray that we will do more for fair trade and that overseas aid is given wisely.

**Pray:** That the new government has great success in the coming months and years. (Pr.4: 23,24)

**More:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/full-list-of-new-ministerial-and-government-appointments>

#### ▣ Archbishop welcomes refugee community sponsorship scheme

Home Secretary Amber Rudd and Archbishop Justin Welby launched the Full Community Sponsorship scheme at Lambeth Palace on Wednesday morning. Justin Welby has welcomed this new scheme to allow community groups to sponsor a refugee family directly. Archbishop Justin Welby said the scheme would allow churches and other civil society groups 'to provide sanctuary to those fleeing war-torn places.' It will enable charities, faith groups, churches and businesses to take on the role of supporting resettled refugees in the UK.

Justin said, 'Refugees, like all people, are treasured human beings made in the image of God who deserve safety, freedom and the opportunity to flourish. It is an enormous privilege to welcome a family to live in a cottage in the grounds of Lambeth Palace.'

**Pray:** for all the Home Office and Lambeth Council as they work and support refugee families. (Ps.22:26)

**More:** <http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php/5750/archbishop-welcomes-refugee-community-sponsorship-scheme>

#### ▣ Home for Good

The last five years have seen a significant increase in the number of unaccompanied children leaving their homes and claiming asylum in the UK because of war, persecution or lack of safety in their country of birth. Because of the ongoing crisis in Syria and violence in the Middle East and North Africa, the UK Government has been working with a number of organisations and agencies to welcome refugee children. Home for Good is just one of them. These organisations are involved in meeting the need for foster carers who are ready to welcome an unaccompanied asylum seeking child into their home. But they need people to volunteer to become foster carers. Pray for more individuals to register their interest in fostering to local authorities and agencies across the country.

**Pray:** for God to bless and prompt more families to meet the needs of child refugees. (Ps.74:21)

**More:** <http://www.homeforgood.org.uk/get-involved/responding-refugee-crisis>

#### ▣ UK Disability Rights Are 'A Badge of Shame'

David Isaac, the new chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, described disability rights in the UK as 'a badge of shame', saying that disabled people are discriminated against in every area of life – from transport to housing and employment. He has called for a new national focus on disability rights so that disabled people are no longer treated as 'second class citizens'. He is calling on the government to show stronger leadership by implementing all remaining provisions in the Equality Act without delay to allow better access to transport, housing and representation in politics for disabled people. He has also called on restaurants, theatres, concert venues, sports stadia and all those providing services to raise their game so that the disabled are not disadvantaged. Denying access to a large customer base is not good business practice and large venues must make it easier for disabled customers to access and buy tickets.

**Pray:** for better bus, taxi and coach accessibility, reasonable adjustments, rented residential premises to support independent living and for businesses to remove access barriers to the disabled. (Ps.41a)

**More:** <http://www.wired-gov.net/wg/news.nsf/articles/Lack+of+progress+on+disability+rights+is+societys+badge+of+shame+20072016102800?open>

#### ▣ Church is changing England with free education

The Church of England is opening free Christian schools. They will be a way for the Church to have a voice in an increasingly secular government, a voice many secular leaders want diminished. England's new initiative to open 500 free schools for underprivileged children has been derided by many critics as a poor decision, but the Church sees it as an opportunity to teach children the Christian faith. The schools are funded by the government but can be set up and run by charities, parents, trusts, businesses, teachers, or religious groups. That is why the Church has set its sights on opening 125 faith schools across the country during the next four years. They currently run 10. 'This is a moment to be bold and ambitious and offer more than an apologetic for church schools but a vision for education,' said Bishop Stephen Conway, Chair of the Church's Board of Education.

**Pray:** for this programme to enhance the Church of England's contribution to education. (Ps.34:11)

**More:** [http://www.breakingchristiannews.com/articles/display\\_art.html?ID=18669](http://www.breakingchristiannews.com/articles/display_art.html?ID=18669)

#### ▣ Northern Ireland: Less people claiming unemployment benefits

The number of people claiming unemployment benefits in Northern Ireland has dropped, according to new figures. The unemployment rate was 5.9% between March and May this year, a decrease of 0.4% over the year.

The latest Labour Force Survey revealed in June that the number of unemployment claimants stood at 36,700, a decrease of 600 over the month. Economy Minister Simon Hamilton MLA welcomed the new figures, saying, 'Our recovery has been characterised by strong employment growth and I am encouraged that the latest figures indicate that this remains the case. Our unemployment rate continues on a downward trend along with a reduction in the number of people in Northern Ireland claiming unemployment related benefits, a reduction of over 7,000 people in the year to June 2016. In addition, the

Northern Ireland unemployment rate continues to compare favourably with the April 2016 rate for the European Union (8.7%) and Republic of Ireland (8.4%).'

**Pray:** for this trend to continue. (Ps.113:7)

**More:** <http://www.4ni.co.uk/northern-ireland-news/216678/drop-in-number-of-people-claiming-unemployment-benefits>

## EUROPE

### Germany: Train stabbing - warning of lone attacks

Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere warned Germans to be prepared for further attacks carried out by small groups and radicalised 'lone wolves'. Five people were wounded by a 17-year-old on a train in Bavaria on Monday. He arrived in Germany in 2015 as an unaccompanied migrant. Questions have now been raised about whether he was really from Afghanistan. A Pakistani document was found in his room. It is common for Afghan refugees to be given asylum in Germany rather than migrants from Pakistan so, many migrants pretend to come from Afghanistan. He was shot dead holding an axe and a knife. In a video he said he was a soldier of IS. It is believed he had been 'incited' by IS propaganda but there was no evidence that he was following the group's orders. The government was doing all it could to prevent such attacks, the minister said, but there could be no guarantee.

**Pray:** for Germany and its one million plus migrants. (Lk.6:28)

**More:** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-36844223>

### France warns against 'repression' in wake of Turkey coup

France's foreign minister, Jean-Marc Ayrault, warned Turkish President Erdogan against using the country's failed coup as 'carte blanche'. 'We want the rule of law to work properly in Turkey,' adding that Turkey's government should not use repressive measures. His remarks came as Turkish authorities continued a crackdown in the wake of the coup, arresting thousands of people accused of involvement in the putsch or of supporting the plotters. Ayrault's remarks echoed those made by President François Hollande, who said he expected a period of repression in Turkey after Friday's turmoil. 'Now we shall see what the situation is in Turkey, if its president has completely regained control, which I think is the case. France hopes that Turkish democracy will emerge reinforced by this test and that fundamental liberties will be fully respected,' said Hollande.

**Pray:** for French and other countries' leaders words of restraint to be heard by President Erdogan. (Ja.4:10)

**More:** <http://www.france24.com/en/20160716-hollande-fears-turkey-will-turn-repression-after-failed-coup-attempt>

## WORLDWIDE

### Turkey: Global Wave of Prayer for Turkey

Now that the immediate threat from the attempted coup has subsided things are moving very quickly. Actions and decisions made over the next few days have the potential to significantly impact the future pattern and fabric of Turkish society significantly. International Turkey Network is calling everyone to join in an intense period of global prayer for Turkey. The government is reasserting its control and the mood has moved from one of unity against the attempted coup to one where old factions are again looking to protect or entrench their positions. Many are still on the streets where passions and emotions are running high, not all actions are well judged or positive. Media reports crowds crying 'Allahu Akbar' with occasions of violence. Thousands of judges and prosecutors have been arrested and similar numbers the police and military in a 'purge'. Turkish people are cautious what they report. There have been isolated reports of some church properties being damaged by crowds.

**Pray:** for many churches, networks and prayer groups to join the Global Wave of Prayer for Turkey. (Ps.32:6)

**More:** <http://itnet.org/>

### Pray for UPRISING 2016 - Seoul, South Korea

Thousands of Christians from around the world will be gathering at United Prayer Rising in Seoul, South Korea this coming week - between 26th and 29th July. The UPRISING planning team believes that God is setting-up a globally-connected, digital, radical generation whose passion is to seek His face, for such a time as this. They only need to be gathered, challenged, and released to their destiny. UPRISING will not be just another event; it will be a historic, strategic convergence of youth and children from across the world that will be used of the Lord to catalyse an ever-building wave, releasing His glory in the nations. God has always called and used young people to do exploits for Him in both Scripture and history. The delegates, many of whom will be from the younger generations, and many in leadership already, will be meeting for three days of teaching, prayer and praise, with significant time for reflection and hearing from God. Friday 29th, there will be an estimated 12,000 people taking part in a day of worship, prayer and fasting, at the Nuri Peace Park, which is located close to the de-militarised zone.

**Pray:** for the delegates at this significant event, that they will be blessed and encouraged as they pray for Korea and seek and respond to God's calling and direction for their lives. (Mark 1:3)

**More:** <http://unitedprayerrising.com/>

### Turkey: Pray Today

Pray for Christian Believers worldwide to realise the awesome power we have in prayer. Pray that Turkey will not become an Islamic nation. Pray that the draft and final constitution will guarantee that Turkey will continue to be a secular government (2 Cor.10:3-6). Pray for fair-minded judges to be reinstated, for our God loves justice (Lev.19:15 & Amos 5:24). Pray for fair and just inquiries and trials for those arrested in the recent attempted coup (Deut.19:15). Pray for Christian Believers in Turkey to be bold in their witness to others as they explain the hope they have in Jesus Christ (1 Pt.3: 15-16);

and for Turkish Christians to follow the admonition in 2 Ch.7:14 and thus mobilise a massive amount of prayer. May they cry out day and night for God's intervention for their nation.

**Pray:** for Turkey to return to its Biblical roots - a driving force and sending base for evangelists (Acts 16:6a,10b)

#### ■ Israel: Hamas opens summer terror-training camps

While most children attending summer camps learn healthy extracurricular activities, last Saturday 30,000 youth in Gaza began attending terror-training camps organised by Hamas' military wing, (Ezzedeen Al Qassam Brigades). Hamas has been running these camps since 2007. The experience aims to promote Hamas' ideology and encourage them to participate in actual military operations. The Islamic Jihad offers a similar experience. This year's camps are called 'Talae Al Tahrir' (Vanguards of Liberation). Photos released from the first day of camp by Hamas showed youth undergoing military training. 'We prepare the Palestinian generations so that they will be fully prepared for defending Palestinian soil and the Palestinian people,' a Hamas' statement read. These annual summer events include weapons and explosives training, instruction in the techniques behind kidnappings and terror attacks and terror indoctrination. The ultimate objective of these camps is training, indoctrination and for the youth to act as an auxiliary force in any future confrontation with Israel.

**Pray:** against all activities that teach children about warfare and terror tactics, pray for children to learn right from wrong according to God's word (Job 34:32)

**More:** <https://worldisraelnews.com/hamas-opens-summer-terror-training-camps/>

#### ■ USA: Condoleezza Rice - Prayers for Peace & Unity

Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice issued a powerful prayer asking God to bring peace and healing to the USA amid nationwide pain, anger and uncertainty following the violence in Minnesota, Baton Rouge, Dallas and in cities and countries around the world. She asked for protection for law enforcers and branches of the military and asked God to forgive the US for its 'dark past' of slavery and prejudice. Rice, a member of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, led the congregation in prayer during a special service held to commemorate those recently slain. 'Oh, dear Father, we come to you with heavy hearts. We come to you with confused minds, we come to you with sinking spirits. But we come to you knowing that we can always count on you. We are so grateful to have a friend in you to whom we can bring all of our concerns, all of our trials and tribulations. And we do that now.' For the full prayer click the 'More' link.

**Pray:** for those Christians in prominent positions who prayerfully raise the banner of Jesus Christ over their nation. (Ps.60:4)

**More:** <http://www.gospelherald.com/articles/65294/20160713/condoleezza-rice-issues-powerful-prayer-for-peace-unity-during-special-service-at-menlo-park-presbyterian-church.htm>

#### ■ South Sudan update: Violence and looting

Clashes between government and opposition forces have killed hundreds, casting doubt over whether the transitional government can survive. Burned tanks line the side of the main road leading past the UN base in Juba. Homes and market stalls have been ransacked. Dark spots in the dirt suggested where bodies had lain, the smell of death lingers. Violence started on 8 July, killing hundreds and shattering hopes that the transitional government could bring peace after two years of conflict. Although fighting subsided after a one-sided ceasefire on 11 July, civilians fear for their lives as they navigate the many checkpoints along the road manned by unruly, trigger-happy soldiers. The hunt for food drives South Sudanese across border to Sudan. Many have sought shelter around St Theresa's cathedral, sleeping in schools at night and congregating at the church during the day to get aid.

**Pray:** for those fearful of being mugged, raped or killed; for the displaced people; for the aid workers, for the churches, for the wounded spirits of the people in need of mutual forgiveness. (Ps.5:2)

**More:** <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2016/jul/19/south-sudan-violence-fear-looting-juba>

#### ■ Nigeria: Ethnic cleansing in the south

200+ people have been killed in almost daily attacks in the northern and north-eastern regions since 30 June by Boko Haram. But lesser reported violence rages farther south, claiming thousands of Christian lives. Militants among the ethnic Fulani, a predominantly Muslim and nomadic population of cattle herders, are suspected of killing Christians in the states of Plateau and Taraba in recent months. The two states form the eastern end of Nigeria's 'Middle Belt' (states straddling the pre-colonial line dividing Nigeria's Muslim north from its Christian south) and the most recent violence resulted from 500 Fulani cattle disappearing with suspicion falling on the Berom, an indigenous Christian population. Fulani raiding parties killed 30+ people, including a pastor of the Church of Christ in Nigeria. Cattle rustling and land disputes provide a pretext for the violence across the Middle Belt. For a report on Non-Boko Haram violence against Christians in the Middle Belt region of Nigeria go to: <http://theanalytical.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Migration-and-Violent-Conflict-in-Divided-Societies-March-2015.pdf>

**Pray:** for an end to the Hausa-Fulani Muslim oligarchy that has used colonial legacies, political policies and religious sentiments in order to conquer and dominate the Middle Belt region. (Pr.21:15)

**More:** <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2015/07/3924562>

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE WORLD PRAYER CENTRE, BIRMINGHAM, UK

Prayer Alert is distributed free of charge – Donations towards running costs are gratefully received.

To donate, please visit [www.prayer-alert.net](http://www.prayer-alert.net)

Please feel free to distribute Prayer Alert to anyone you feel will benefit from its ministry. All we ask is that you do not edit or change it in any way or charge for its use without contacting us for written permission.

The views expressed in Prayer Alert and on our website are those of the authors, organisations and websites named, and are not necessarily those of the Prayer Alert Editorial Team, the Prayer Alert Steering Group or the World Prayer Centre or any of its employees or trustees. While we try to ensure that the information we provide is correct, mistakes do occur and we cannot guarantee the accuracy of our material. If you do notice any mistakes then please let us know.

Prayer Alert is produced in association with The World Prayer Centre: Cornerstone House, 5 Ethel Street, Birmingham, B2 4BG