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PRAYING *for* PENTECOST

WEEK OF MAY 6, 2018

Prayer Focus: *Direction*

Prayer: *“Lord, on issues facing the Church of God, our fellowship of congregations, as the General Council and the General Assembly meet in a few weeks, give direction. We ask for wisdom. We ask for guidance. We pray, in the decision process, not for a spirit of division, but of unity and conciliation. May we hear from heaven – from You. Speak to us and show us the way. May new direction unwrap vision with unity and fresh resolve.”*

Daily Prayer Points:

- MONDAY - Pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to the Church (Acts 13:2).
- TUESDAY - Pray for divine surprises (Acts 2:1-4; Ez. 37:7).
- WEDNESDAY - Ask God to give his pastors and leaders wisdom, to guide and direct them (Prov. 3:4-5).
- THURSDAY - Pray for unity – God blesses unity (Psa. 133).
- FRIDAY - Demonstrate unity. Connect with 2-3 others sometime today, and pray – together – for God’s direction. For God’s blessing and favor.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

If the whole world were a village of 100, there would be 42 radios, 24 televisions, 14 telephones, and 7 computers, but they would not be equally distributed. Only 7 people in the village would own an automobile. Five souls alone would possess 32% of the entire village’s wealth, all from North America. You would be one of them. The poorest one-third, most in the 10/40 window, would receive only 3% of the total village income.

HARVEST NOTES

World population is growing at the rate of 1.6% annually, Islam at 2.7% annually, Hinduism at 2.3% and Buddhism at 1.7%. Christianity is growing at the rate of 2.6% annually. Evangelicals at 5.7% and Pentecostals and Charismatics at 10%.

PRAYER PRINCIPLE

The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men...men of prayer!

E. M. Bounds

ACTION IDEA

Block out an hour or so for prayer – and get a Bible and notepad. Drive to a crossroads, an intersection, a fork in some road. Park. Meditate. Think about the choices you have made in your life. The roads you have chosen. Look for the hand of God. Consider any rebellious choices. Then, ask God to direct your steps, to order your path. Give him the reins of your life. Make a decision, to never change directions without seeking his guidance. And remember, He even redeems bad choices. On his map, all roads lead back to joy in Jesus.

Bible Insights:

Direct my steps by Your word, And let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Psa. 119:133

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

James 4:6

“As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said ...” Acts 13:2.

Consider This:

24% of the formerly churchd say they are “spiritual, not religious.” 42% say they are “Christian, but not particularly devout.” Less than 1 in 5 identify as “a devout Christian with a strong belief in God.” 10% are on the edge of rejecting Christianity. 6% are considering abandoning belief in God at all.



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- *Connect on the **Church of God Facebook** page (COGHQ) Monday through Friday for a five-minute prayer time 12:00 noon EST.*
- *Participants can **inform of their participation and offer prayer requests** by calling 1-888-992-6447, or by going online to www.churchofgod.org/prayingforpentecost.*
- *Connect weekly with the **Saturday Night Fire Prayer Call**, 9PM EST, Call-in number: 641-715-3580; Access Code: 466086#.*
- *Pray for the **77th International General Assembly**, July 30-August 3 in Orlando, FL.*