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PRAYING *for* PENTECOST

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Prayer Focus: *Protection*

Prayer: *“As people travel to the Assembly, keep them safe! Put your protective hand on us while in Orlando. Protect us from disunity. Protect us from the weariness of serial meetings. Protect our lips to offer pure and edifying speech. Protect our motives. Protect the integrity of our witness before the city. Protect our hearts from wandering in a place full of such enchanting distractions. May we realize that we are on Kingdom business. Protect us as we return, keeping fresh things you put in our hearts to share with those back home.”*

Daily Prayer Points:

- MONDAY - Lord, we often pray for “traveling mercies” – for the watchful care of your eye as we journey to attend to your business. So, this week, as men and women of God prepare and begin their journey to Orlando from all over the world, protect them (Num. 6:23-25).
- TUESDAY - Protect us from insensitivity to waiters and waitresses. Keep our witness crisp and sweet (Dt. 32:1-3).
- WEDNESDAY - May we all be gracious in moments when consciences clash, when decisions leave us at different places (Matt. 18:19).
- THURSDAY - Give us a moment in your presence – one that catalyzes our mission (Acts 2).
- FRIDAY - Lord, sometimes the main thing is not the main thing. You have a way of working your agenda into our lives unexpectedly. Guide every encounter in our lives today. Make us sensitive to divine interruptions (Matt. 9:18-22).

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

If the whole world were a village of 100 people, 22 would be Muslims, 15 Hindus, 14 would be non-religious, Agnostics, or Atheists, 6 Buddhists, and 10 from all the other religions. How many would be Christians? One of every three – 33%! Isn't it simple? If each of us were to win two others – the world would be reached. Why haven't we done it? What prevents us from starting today? Who or what are we waiting on?

HARVEST NOTES

After 70 years of oppression in the Soviet Union, Christians now number 100 million, 36% of the population - five times the size of the Communist Party when it was most popular. Fiteenthousand school teachers now teach Bible and the life of Christ in their classes.

PRAYER PRINCIPLE

Prayer wonderfully
clears the vision;
steadies the nerves;
defines duty; stiffens
the purpose; sweetens
and strengthens the
spirit.

S. D. Gordon

ACTION IDEA

As your pastor or
other delegates leave
for the General As-
sembly, pray for God's
protection. Pray that
in their going and
coming, they will be
safe, blessed and have
moments for ministry.
Pray for more than
their physical safety.
Pray for sweetness in
their souls, for a new
fire in their spirit. Lay
hands on them, which
is symbolic of bring
them under the provi-
dential hand of God.

Bible Insights:

Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. Job 1:10

Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips. Psalm 141:3

I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected. Habakkuk 2:1

Consider This:

In A.D. 100, there were 360 non-believers for every believer. In less than a century, the church had become a formidable presence. A few centuries later, it dominated the Roman Empire. Today, there are only nine non-believers for every believer. Incredible. Four of those nine non-believers are from unreached people groups. We are not losing ground, we are gaining. Every day, 340,000 babies are born and 144,000 humans die. The net gain is 196,000. And every day, an estimated 150,000 plus people come to Christ. The growth of the church is now racing with population growth.



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- *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.*