
52 Ways to Pray for North Africa.

Greetings from us in North Africa!

We would like to encourage you to use this booklet to help you focus on this area and her lovely people: most of whom are lost and need Jesus.

We have tried to make the prayer items as varied and interesting as possible, to encourage you to keep on praying.

We have 5 different kinds of prayer:

- * **THEME:** we have suggested a biblical theme, with a short explanation. Feel free to research more into the theme, teach on it, share about it, let it sink into your hearts: and use it to pray
- * **SCRIPTURE:** we have selected and written out some scripture verses we have found to be relevant and stirring: use these to ignite your prayers
- * **PICTURE:** for those who enjoy visuals, we have described pictures/dreams that people have had to color your prayers.
- * **SET PRAYER:** and for those who like to read prayers written by others, we have a selection for you.
- * **REFLECTION SONG:** we have chosen songs that have led us in to prayer, helped us focus, and have used some of the lyrics as prayers: we hope that some of you will find these helpful.

We have written up 52 specific things to pray for:

Originally one for every week of the year. But don't let this confine you: you can use them as often as you like, skip the things you don't like, repeat ones you do.... and tell your home groups as well!

Our hope is that through this booklet, God would open your hearts to the people of this area, sear them on your minds, and fire your spirits with a burden to pray for them... and us.

May our Lord bless and encourage you as you pray

With thanks and appreciation

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for

North Africa.

- 1. THEME: Light and darkness
- 2. SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:2
- 3. PICTURE: Fling open the shutters Lord!
- 4. SET PRAYER: From the Book of Common prayer: praying for those who are still lost
- * REFLECTION SONG: Build your Kingdom here! (Rend Collective)

- 5. THEME: Rescue
- 6. SCRIPTURE: Psalm 40:2
- 7. PICTURE: The lost are stuck in a muddy, dark pit
- 8. SET PRAYER: From the Book of Common prayer: for those who do not know Jesus
- * REFLECTION SONG: Holy God (Brian Doerksen)

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- 21. THEME: The wealthy and the Kingdom of God
- 22. SCRIPTURE: Psalm 49:6
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- 26. SCRIPTURE: Psalm 18:28 and Isaiah 28:15b
- 27. PICTURE: Dirty windows

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28. SET PRAYER: From Becca

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29. THEME: Spiritual deafness and blindness

30. SCRIPTURE: Psalm 66:5,16

31. PICTURE: Blind and deaf on the edge of a cliff

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* REFLECTION SONG: Great I am (New Life Worship)

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34. SCRIPTURE: Colossians 1:19,20,22

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37. THEME: Peace

38. SCRIPTURE: Psalm 85:10,11

39. PICTURE: Look to the Prince of peace, not a human leader

40. SET PRAYER: From Gabe

* REFLECTION SONG: He reigns (Newsboys)

41. THEME: Hard hearts

42. SCRIPTURE: Psalm 50:15

43. PICTURE: A change of Key

44. SET PRAYER: Based on Ephesians 1:18

* REFLECTION SONG: Everything (hold nothing back) Tim Hughes

45. THEME: The voice of the Lord

46. SCRIPTURE: Psalm 29: 3 ff

47. PICTURE: Holy spirit whispering into ears

48. SET PRAYER: From Tim

* REFLECTION SONG: Today (as for me and my house) Brian Doerksen

49. THEME: veiled minds

50. SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 3:14, 16-18a

51. PICTURE: Trash in the streets and rivers

52. SET PRAYER: Jesus's prayer in John 18

* REFLECTION SONG: Praise to the Lord (Christy Nockels)

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DOXOLOGY

Closing song: Breathe (Brilliance)

1. THEME: Light and darkness

One of the great themes of the bible: darkness representing life without Jesus, being unable to see, lack of knowledge, chaos, fear, uncertainty. Light being life with Jesus, truth, love, forgiveness, healing, reconciliation

Pray that:

- * the glorious light of the good news would break into the darkness
- * pray that they may turn from the darkness towards the light
- * pray that their hearts would be flooded with light, which will bring forth understanding

2. SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:2

The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine...

3. PICTURE:

Most homes here have wooden shutters on all the windows, and most times all are closed tight: mostly to keep prying eyes at bay. There was a picture that this was a spiritual way to pray for the homes and families:

a shuttered home is like a shuttered spiritual life: closed, dark... there may be little bits of light (and truth) filtering through into the home, but not all of it.

Pray for:

- * shutters to be flung open
- * the Light of Jesus to suffuse into people's lives
- * warmth, truth, forgiveness and healing to flood into their hearts air, breeze and the touch of the Holy Spirit bringing freedom and li

4. SET PRAYER:

From the Common Book of Prayer:

"Let us pray for all those who have not received the Gospel of Christ:

- for those who have never heard the word of salvation
- for those who have lost their faith
- for those hardened by sin or indifference
- for the contemptuous and scornful
- for those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples
- for this who in the name of Christ have persecuted others...

That God would open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.....

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REFLECTION SONG:

Song title: "Build your Kingdom here"

Group: Rend Collective

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbdJXKqVgtg>

This song urges us as the church to pray and to:

- * allow the Holy Spirit to invade our lives
- * set the rule and reign of God in our hearts
- * set our hearts ablaze with hope

This song helps us to pray for the lost:

- * win this nation back
- * unleash the Kingdom's power
- * heal the streets and land
- * see the captive hearts released

5. THEME: Rescue

Those who are lost need to be rescued: they need someone to save them. They are unable to save themselves: they will die without a Saviour!

Pray that:

- * they will call out to God
- * they will reach out to Jesus
- * God will hear their cries and draw them out of the dark deep waters

6. SCRIPTURE: Psalm 40:2

... that he would lift them out of the slimy pit of despair, out of the mud and mire, and set their feet on solid ground and steady them as they walk along.....

7. PICTURE:

The lost are stuck in a pit of mud, wet, dark, helpless and alone: no-one to hear them cry: except God, who is waiting for them to call. They groan, lose heart, despair, are sick and weak... they perish because they do not know the Lord Jesus and his salvation.

Pray that:

- * they will look up
- * they will cry out to God
- * they will take His hand and allow Him to lift them out and wash, heal and restore them

8. SET PRAYER:

From the Book of Common Prayer:

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“Merciful God, Creator of all the people of the earth and lover of souls:
Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed
in your Son Jesus Christ;
let your Gospel be preached with grace and power
to those who have not heard it;
turn the hearts of those who resist it;
bring home to your fold those who have gone astray;
that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

*** REFLECTION SONG:**

Song title: Holy God

Composer: Brian Doerksen

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQjjX7Lgwy0>

This song highlights how God is holy, and has a lot of “re” words that we can use to pray for the people of this region: it is how our Holy God will pursue and transform their lives:

- * redeem them Lord
- * romance them Lord
- * reclaim them Lord
- * restore them
- * and release their hearts Lord

9. THEME: Being set free

Those who do not know the full truth of who Jesus is are chained in slavery: arrogance, pride, self-reliance, hypocrisy, manipulation, fear and many more. These chains need to be broken and shattered so that freedom through Christ can flood in.

10. SCRIPTURE:

John 8:32

... then they will know the truth and the truth will set them free....

11. PICTURE: Old wooden door, with 3 massive, rusted locks

A young boy sat drawing a picture for me while his mother and I were sharing lives over a cup of coffee. He gave me the picture which I felt was a good guide for prayer:
It was an old wooden door with 3 very large, rusted locks on it. These locks need to be broken so that the door can be opened:

Pray against:

- * rebellion
- * lies
- * legalism

Pray for:

- * submitting to Jesus

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- * acceptance of the whole and complete truth
- * freedom

12. SET PRAYER:

Samantha's version of the Lord's prayer:

" Dear God,
I call out to you:
May your plans be made known to me and to those who need to hear it.
Provide us with what we need to get through the day, and not what will make us greedy.
Help us to forgive those who have hurt us, in the way that only you can forgive.
Keep us away from the traps that will make us fall away from you,
but keep us on the path you have intended for us.
You have the love that I desire to have for others...
Through your power may this be done...
and through it may we glorify you in every way.
Amen."

*** REFLECTION SONG**

Song title: Mighty is the power of the cross

Singer: Chris Tomlin

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jesMvq6TPbg>

This is a song that asks the question:
what can heal, fill, raise up, mend, restore, reveal, lead, melt..
and what can free the guilty one?
and save him and overcome?

There is only one answer:

- * The mighty, awesome, wonderful Holy Cross,
- * where the Lamb laid down his life,
- * to lift us from the fall.

Pray that all the people of this region would come to know salvation through Jesus's work on the cross.

13. THEME: Forgiveness

Nothing fully prepares us for all God has for us. When we turn to God, away from our sin, he forgives us. He cleans us. To be forgiven is the most powerful healing one can experience and it is not just for ourselves; we are to forgive others as we have been forgiven.

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Pray that our friends here would come to bathe in the forgiveness that comes when we open our hearts to his sacrifice, love and forgiveness.

14. SCRIPTURE:

Hebrews 9:28

...Christ has died once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.

15. PICTURE:

A yoke of works: points required for salvation.

As we travel around, we often see cattle, donkeys, horses harnessed with heavy loads and burdens. The people here are heavily weighed down by the need to be scoring points to earn their entrance into paradise. The truth is that there is only forgiveness through accepting the gift of Jesus, and this is the only doorway into heaven.

Pray that:

- * God would show our friends the truth of this gift
- * may they be released from this burden of working for their own salvation
- * may they embrace the forgiveness of sins that comes through the One Sacrifice

16.SET PRAYER:

FROM: Katrina (Ohio, USA)

O God, let us love you Lord with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds and thus love our neighbors as ourselves.

May we not act in our own ways, but humbly seek to act in ways pleasing to you.

O God... would you forgive us.

O God, open hearts to turn and submit to you,
and to be alive with love and healing.

May they follow Jesus the way, the truth and the life.

May they come for reconciliation to Jesus.

O God may you heal divisions:

- * between upper and lower
- * between north and south
- * between houses and families.

Help us to serve others with love.

Peace be unto them.

Prayers rising up, submitted unto you, O God, You are holy.

May your spirit draw near and open hearts.

May your light shine forth in dreams showing the complete Jesus.

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May we seek the stories of Jesus, both read and seen.

I ask this in your name Jesus, amen.

"Lord I believe, help thou mine unbelief."

*** REFLECTION SONG:**

Song title: Beautiful things

Artist: Gungor

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ls6weMrenls>

This is a gentle yet profound song about how God transforms and changes things:

- * could all that is lost ever be found?
- * could a garden come up from this ground at all?
- * God makes beautiful things... out of dust.
- * God makes beautiful things... out of us.
- * Out of chaos life is being found in Jesus.

17. THEME: Holy Spirit

Jesus said he would never leave us. He has given us his Spirit, the Holy Spirit of God, which is being poured out on all humans. You say you are thirsty: drink of God's Spirit. You say you are weak: draw power from God's Spirit.

Pray that the people in this nation would come and drink of the Holy Spirit.

18. SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 43:19, 44:3-5

For I am about to do something new: see, I have begun it already! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland. I will pour out water to quench your thirst and to irrigate your parched fields. And I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants and my blessing on your children.

19. PICTURE:

A bedouin man drinking from a water pump.

While we were in the desert, we came across a thirsty man. There was a pipe pumping out water in abundance. The man threw back his scarf, lent forward and starting drinking deeply and thirstily. When he had finished, he stood up with a big smile on his face and made a "thumbs up" sign of happiness.

Pray that:

- * people here would see the Water flowing freely
- * they would bend and drink deeply of the Holy Spirit
- * that the Spirit would quench their thirst and give them Life
- * that they would be made whole and dependent on the Spirit

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* unleash your Holy Spirit on this nation Lord!

20. SET PRAYER:

This is a paraphrase of Hosea's prayer (Hosea 14:2-7)

Forgive their sins Lord, and graciously receive them.
Heal them of their faithlessness.
Be like refreshing dew for them.
Help them blossom and send deep roots into your soil.
Help their branches to spread out
and may they be a pleasing fragrance to you.
Let them flourish as they live under your shade.

*** REFLECTION SONG:**

Song title: The River

Artist: Brian Doerksen

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gM10vj3jg7k>

This is a song that is often used during baptism, and has wonderful images of water, cleansing, healing and forgiving:

- * bring their sins that they cannot bear alone
- * Come Lord, and meet these people there
- * Bring your healing mercy and give them freedom from despair
- * Lord help them to surrender everything
- * Take their hands and lead them....

21. THEME: The wealthy (and the Kingdom of God)

Oh how hard it is to see the Kingdom when you have all you want. But, nothing is impossible for God. Jesus walked amongst the poor and the wealthy. Let us show off all the Kingdom is, and God will draw all people to himself.

Pray that God, in his mercy and compassion, would draw the proud and arrogant wealthy to their knees at his feet: in humble submission.

22. SCRIPTURE:

Psalms 49:6

.. they trust in their wealth and boast of their great riches...

23. PICTURE:

The teaching on a camel and the eye of a needle (Luke 18:2-7)

Living in this place it is not uncommon to see camels. They are traditionally known as smelly, spitting, ugly creatures with bizarre sounds emitting from them!! Once you ride

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on them, you realize how big they actually are: when they are folded up on the ground, they do not look that big!

Jesus is saying that it is very hard for the wealthy to get into the Kingdom of heaven: as hard as it is for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle: very hard, but not impossible!

Why is this? because they trust in their wealth; they depend on what they can earn; they feel secure in their financial situation... there is very little place for God as they think they are able.

Please pray:

- _ that the rich would see that their wealth is empty, meaningless and temporary
- _ that they would turn to reliance and dependence on Jesus alone

24. SET PRAYER:

From: Amy (Arizona, USA)

Lord God, I pray for the hearts of the people of Egypt.

* I pray that their hearts hunger more for your truth in such a way that they search for you in every way.

* Lord, please not only place the desire for you on their hearts but in the hearts of others to be a light in their path. Would you lead those you are calling to light a path where there is only darkness, that through your love they are drawn to your truth.

* Lord will you fill the hearts of those in Egypt with such an overwhelming awareness of the love you have for them, that they find the only way to be filled up is through your truth and light.

* Lord would you not only give this unfailing desire in their hearts, but the courage and strength to go down the path to discover you... even when everything else in their world says not to.

* Lord, would your spirit is so fill them with your strength and courage that no matter what their world may throw at them, that the sense of not having you is more undesirable than anything worldly that could be taken away....

.... and that the only true way to live is to live for you.

*** REFLECTION SONG:**

Song title: All who are thirsty

Artist: Brenton Brown

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRLKT_w4_RQ

As you reflect on this song, pray for the wealthy in this land:

- * may they realize they are thirsty and weak
- * may they come to the fountain and be washed
- * may they ask the Lord Jesus to come into their lives

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COME LORD JESUS COME.....

25. THEME: Truth

We all long for freedom; and in God's goodness truth sets us free. But let us all speak the truth, in love. Then the freedom will last and we will be walking in the truth.

Pray that the complete truth about Jesus: his birth, life, death, resurrection and his standing at the right hand of the Father would flood this place, chasing away all the darkness, the lies, the half-truths.

26. SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 18:28

"You light a lamp for me. The Lord, my God, lights up my darkness."

Isaiah 28:15b

"You boast: the coming destruction can never touch us, for we have built a strong refuge made of lies and deception."

27. PICTURE:

When we were first moving into cross cultural work, a friend drew a picture that God had given her for me:

It was of a woman in cleaning clothes, with a bucket and a sponge and in front of her was a very large and filthy window. Where she had started working, and the grime had been scrubbed away, light was filtering in, but there was a lot more area to clean. The room behind her was in a dark, hazy light, in much need of brightness.

In this area, where there is a lot of pollution, dust, dirt and cement in the air, windows of cars, trains, houses, shops, apartments and schools are always filthy. It is a picture of many people spiritually: Jesus's light and truth is not piercing into their lives and hearts yet: they see through a glass darkly! So please pray that:

- * the holy spirit would wash away the dirt and the grime
- * and that the love, peace, joy and salvation would enter the hearts of the people here
- * pray that those of us here would be a witness to those around us as well, so that the truth may be shed abroad, and people would see and step out of the darkness into the light.

28. SET PRAYER:

FROM: Becca (Brighton, UK)

Dear God...

- * would you help me remember those people in Egypt who are hungry to learn about you and to know your presence in their life.
- * Would you open doors for them to find your peace, love and forgiveness.
- * Show them the right way to you and may they find the fullness that have been searching for in you alone.

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I also want to pray that living waters would flow through the whole of Egypt, bringing life and freedom to many. Would you nourish that country and bring change to whole communities.

We especially want to pray for the ever changing political situation in Egypt and we ask that your hand would be upon that and the right decision will be made by the people.

And finally, we ask that your mercy would be upon those who suffer. May your goodness draw them close to you and may they find the answers to their questions in you.

Amen

*** REFLECTION SONG:**

Song: Above all else

Artist: Wendy O'Connell

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TxzRrEqh04>

This song is all about putting Jesus above all other goals in our (and their) lives. Please pray that the people of North Africa would:

- * have a passion to know Jesus
- * to push on in their journey of knowing him more
- * and that above all else, they would want to receive Jesus himself into their lives

29. THEME: Deafness and Blindness

Only God can help the deaf to hear.

Only God can help the blind to see.

Let us not be so deaf or so blind as not to hear and see that the Lord is good.

Speak to us Lord.

Reveal yourself to us.

30. SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 66:5 and 16

"Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs for his people."

"Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he did for me."

Pray that our friends would come, would allow God to help them see and hear the truth.

31. PICTURE:

In the last year I have heard of 2 people who have had the same vision / dream:

In this picture, there are hundreds of people walking towards the edge of a very steep and deathly cliff, with rocks and rapids far far below. All the people walking towards the

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cliff and blind and deaf: they have no idea what is in front of them, but they walk resolutely on.

Nearby are some people who know about the danger ahead of these people, but they are saying nothing. There are a few people who are shouting and pointing to these people that they need to stop and turn around or they will fall to their deaths: but they cannot hear nor see, so just keep on plodding to the edge of the cliff, and then they fall...

This picture highlights how most of the people in this nation live: they do not know the truth about Jesus, have not heard and do not see. They perish without the freedom that Jesus brings. It also talks about the apathy of those who do know but do nothing about it...

We need to pray that:

- * the holy spirit would open their eyes
- * unblock their ears
- * shine light into their eyes and minds
- * speak to their ears so that they may hear

32. SET PRAYER:

From: Gabe

Whoever:

- * knocks
- * hungers
- * looks
- * searches
- * waits....
- * for you, O Lord...

will discover that you are not distant and un-knowable.

Would you open your floodgates and pour out your understanding, knowledge and wisdom on the people of this nation.

Would you drive them to you Lord, and awaken a discontent in their lives.

Would your mercies be greater than your judgement on these people, Lord.

Would your loving kindness exceed your anger and wrath on this nation.

Would you be compassionate, as is your nature Lord, and rescue them

Tear down the ancient walls of deception and lies,
and open the doors so Jesus can come and dine with them.

Would you be a fortress in the centre of the chaos and turmoil around them.

Lead these people to you, O Lord, we pray.

*** REFLECTION SONG:**

Title: Great I Am

Artist: New Life Worship

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGv5d8EE34k>

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The first half of this song is a gentle worship song:

- * asking to be close to God's side and heart
- * for he is the Great I Am:
- * holy, almighty: hallelujah

and then it builds in intensity proclaiming:

- * mountains shake and demons flee at His name
- * no power of darkness or hell can stand before His presence
- * he is the Great I am!

33. THEME: Love and reconciliation

To love is to act. To love is to bravely go towards the one who has hurt and offer a way forward. Jesus did it, many have done it in his strength. The response brings reconciliation. A new beginning.

34. SCRIPTURE:

Colossians 1:19,20,22

"For God in all his fulness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth, by means of Christ's blood on the cross. And now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault."

35. PICTURE: God as Father: the prodigal Son

Many of us are very familiar with the parable of the Forgiving father, and the errant son who returns home eventually. The people who live in this part of the world have no concept of God as a loving father, who is waiting for them, longing for them, looking regularly out the window to see if their son is returning. They do not know that his arms are waiting to embrace them, to forgive them and to celebrate their return.

Pray that:

- * they will know the love of God
- * they will understand the need for his forgiveness
- * they will turn and come home and be embraced
- * they will enjoy the celebration!

36. SET PRAYER:

FROM: Amy (Arizona, USA)

Lord, I know you love these Muslim people and want them in your kingdom.

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I pray that as your child, I may bear your likeness; that my face would reflect your love and

grace; that as I live day to day with these people who don't know you, Your light would cover my face just like Moses' face glowed after spending time with You.

Let Your light shine through me.

Make my life welcome these not-yet-believers with a warm winsomeness where my joy and peace are like magnets, drawing people to You.

May I introduce You to them?

Father, keep me close to You, reveal Yourself to me, and let me pass your likeness on to them even through my countenance, as I move around daily..

I know this means I need to walk close to you in obedience.

Help me, Holy Spirit.

*** REFLECTION SONG:**

Title: Revelation Song

Artist: Kari Jobe

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dZMBrGGmeE>

This is a song based on Revelation 4, and helps us to focus on:

- * the Lamb who was slain
- * He is worthy
- * Praise be to him
- * we choose to worship and adore him

37. THEME: Peace

Someone once said that all wars are fought for the sake of peace. There is only 1 battle worth fighting and that is with our true enemy, the devil. The end has begun, victory is certain. Follow Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and you will know peace, even in the battle.

38. SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 85:10-11

“Unfailing love and truth have met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed! Truth springs up from the earth, and righteousness smiles down from heaven.”

39. PICTURE: Look not for a human leader, but to the Prince of Peace.

At this time there is ongoing political upheaval and tension in the country and the region. People are desperately looking for a new political leader who will bring about the stability and peace they are so desiring. The danger is that they want to lift up a mere human to a place of salvation of the nation: but there is only one Saviour, and that is Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Please pray for:

- * a godly leader for this country
- * that people would not look for a human leader as saviour, but to Jesus

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* for peace in this land

40. SET PRAYER:

From: Gabe

Lord we ask to see the work of Jesus in this place: that you would remove the heavy yoke and burden that these people have across their shoulders:
the yoke of:

- * earning salvation
- * rules
- * routines
- * memorization
- * rituals
- * points to be tallied up daily

Lord would you take this weight off them, and replace it with your yoke, which is easy to bear. Would you strengthen their feeble knees and bring life.

Lord, in your power and mercy, would you break the yoke of oppression and the chains of death. Let their hearts be set free, and may they rise, set forth and follow thee!
The people here are in dungeons and in the darkness: Jesus bring your light and release them.

Lord, we ask that your kingdom would explode in this city, with country, this nation, this region.

*** REFLECTION SONG:**

Title: He reigns

Artist: Newsboys

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8R9ZPT2T-I>

This song expands our thinking globally:

- * from the African plain
- * to the Amazon rain
- * to Asian believers
- * every tribe, every tongues, every nation:
- * A love song from all God's children

41. THEME: Hard hearts

This is a condition and state. A hard heart causes much pain. It has to be replaced. God promises us he will give us new hearts, not hard and dead, but alive.

Pray that our friends here would allow God to circumcise their hearts: turn their hearts of stone to hearts of flesh, and allow him to transform them and mould them into his likeness.

42. SCRIPTURE:

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Psalm 50:15

"Then call on me when you are in trouble,
and I will rescue you,
and you will give me glory!"

43. PICTURE:

A change in key....

Recently I had a sense that God was wanting a "key change" in the symphony that he is composing with this nation! There is already a hint of a melody, a strain of a harmony, with promise of a huge and grande finale... but not yet!

But for now, there is an increase in pace, tone, volume... building on what the Holy Spirit has already laid down, there is much much more to come, but it is building...

44. SET PRAYER:

Paul's prayer from Ephesians 1 (Paraphrased)

"Ever since I first heard of you.... I pray for you constantly:
asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
to give you spiritual wisdom and insight
so that you may grow in your knowledge of God.

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light
so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he has called:
his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance."

*** REFLECTION SONG:**

Title: Everything (holding nothing back)

Artist: Tim Hughes

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wg_OK1V8mGs

Join us in praying this song for all our friends here in North Africa: that Jesus would become their everything:

- * Christ in them: the Hope of Glory
- * That He would be everything to them

45. THEME: The voice of the Lord

Sheep are not known for their intelligence but they are known for their ability to hear and respond to their shepherd voice. Also, the voice of Wisdom is calling in every street.

Listen for His voice, He is speaking.

46. SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 29:3-9

"The voice of the Lord:

- * echoes above the seas

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- * is powerful
- * is majestic
- * splits the mighty cedars
- * strikes with bolts of lightning
- * makes the barren wilderness quake
- * twists the mighty oaks
- * and strips the forests bare.

In his temple, everyone shouts, "GLORY!"

47. PICTURE:

The Holy Spirit whispering into people's ears: dreams, visions and warnings

We have mentioned praying for ears to be opened, so they may hear: but it is the Voice of the Lord we want them to hear. It is mighty, awesome, powerful, staggering.... but the Holy Spirit also speaks gently, in whispers, dreams and visions. The voice of God thunders and warns, the Holy Spirit persuades, illuminates, guides....

Pray that God's voice may be heard while our friends are walking, waiting, eating... and that the Holy Spirit would whisper to them with dreams and visions...

48. SET PRAYER:

From: Tim

Lord, we pray for you church in this nation:

Would you speak to the shepherds of the churches here:

- * the catholics
- * the coptics
- * the protestants

Would you give them wisdom, understanding, boldness and obedience to your call, even if it is not popular. Would you give them hearts that obey only you as they lead your people. Would they put their trust in you and would you deliver them from all fear.

Lord it is YOU :

who holds the nations in the your hand

It is YOU

who are the future and destiny of a nation

We stand in awe of you.

Would you have mercy on your church in this place Lord. We pray for the teachers in your churches here:

Hep them Lord to carry your word, to help people understand and to reach out the the lost. Week by week, Lord would you fire up the

- * priests
- * bishops
- * pastors and teachers

Lord enthuse them for new and fresh learnings from the whole of scripture. Lead and guide them in all truth, so that they can help people be set free.

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Lord would you help the leaders to share your truth faithfully.
Lord in your mercy, Help Them.

*** REFLECTION SONG:**

Title: Today (as for me and my house)

Artist: Brian Doerksen

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEBEKVEv4Hs>

Let us pray that those we know here would choose, today, to say YES to Jesus:

- * to hear His voice and live
- * to choose to follow him
- * them and their households!

49. THEME: Veiled minds

Many brides choose to veil. You can see their face, but not that clearly. Only the groom is given the pleasure of lifting the face and seeing her face. We all need to turn to God, our groom, and let him lift our veil.

Pray that God would lift the veil of the minds of the people here.

50. SCRIPTURE:

2 Corinthians 3:14,16-18a

“But the people’s minds were hardened, at to this day whenever the old covenant is being read, the same veil covers their minds so that they cannot understand the truth. And this veil can be removed only by believing in Christ.

But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord.”

51. PICTURE:

Trash (in the streets, rivers...)

In this country, trash is a problem: it is everywhere: in great piles on street corners, on tram lines, behind walls, in rivers, along canals, in the sea, on the beaches....

everywhere. It rots, ferments, smells, attracts dogs, cats, and other small furry creatures! But it is like a spiritual picture for this nation: there needs to be a spiritual cleaning of their lives, thoughts, understanding, hearts...

Please pray that God would:

- * clean
- * purge
- * remove
- * dredge
- * filter

LET THE RIVERS AND STREAMS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FLOW>>>>> FREELY

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52. SET PRAYER:

Jesus's prayer in John 18:20-21

"I am praying not only for these disciples, but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one - as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me."

*** REFLECTION SONG:**

Title: Praise to the Lord

Artist: Christy Nockels

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHvIXI_cv7k

This final song is a modern rendition of a resounding hymn of praise:

- * The lord is the almighty, creator, hope, salvation, he reigns
- * Draw near those who hear
- * let all that has life and breath come and praise him
- * Hallelujah
- * let the AMEN sound from his people

DOXOLOGY: Jude vs 24-25

And now...

To Him who is able to keep you from stumbling
and to present you before his glorious presence,
without fault
and with great joy:

To the only God, our Saviour:
be glory,
majesty,
power
and authority,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
before all ages,
now and forever more.
AMEN.

CLOSING SONG: Breathe: By Brilliance

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvRVFd2NmMY>