

Monday 10th December

“So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.” 2 Cor 4:12

Many Muslim countries are spiritually dead, but God is calling His body in these places to partner in the sufferings of Christ that, in these days, the life of Christ might be made known. In the book of Ezekiel there is a valley of dry bones, a valley of death. The Lord calls Ezekiel to prophesy over these bones that they might come to life. As he prophesies the bones come together and put on flesh right in front of his eyes! Then God tells Ezekiel to call forth breath that breathes into them and they become a vast army.



Our workers have also been positioned at this time to call forth life in the nations they serve. They are to be the mouthpiece of God – declaring that God takes what is dead and gives it life! They are to release the words of God – unleashing the power of His life-giving breath. God longs for an army to rise up, He longs for life to burst forth. The time of weeping is over; it’s time for Lazarus to come up out of the tomb!

Let’s speak these verses from Ezekiel over our workers and the regions they serve:

“Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.” Ezekiel 37:9-10

- Let’s ask that, like Ezekiel, workers would speak the word of God over the land they live in and call forth life!
- Pray that as they speak out the life of Christ it would bring breakthrough in the nation where they live.
- Pray for God to anoint our workers afresh with His resurrection power and to increase their courage and faith to heal the sick, raise the dead and release His Kingdom.

Tuesday 11th December

“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.” 2 Cor 4:4a

Every time workers tell someone about Jesus they are engaging in a spiritual battle with the powerful weapon of the gospel. This message is life changing, culture changing and world changing. It cuts through the veil to reveal the truth of who God really is; our loving heavenly Father.

This is a real spiritual battle raging for souls. There are no by-standers, no neutral parties. You are either entering into life through the gospel or perishing. But it is not so simple to say that those who are perishing have rejected the gospel.

Many Muslim nations are veiled and the millions living in them have never heard the gospel or are unable to recognize it as good news, for the veil has kept them from hearing the word of God at all.

It is not enough just to share the gospel; we must pray and ask the Lord to remove the veil that they may truly see the gospel. We know that culturally many women do veil their faces but may they be like Moses when it comes to the Lord, that they would enter his presence with the veil removed and be found radiant as a result.



When workers pray for the Muslim people they live amongst and serve, they stand in the breach on behalf of them. Prayer is a powerful weapon and it means standing in the heat of battle. It is a battle of ideas, philosophies and worldviews. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 that we use our weapons of warfare for *“tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God and for demolishing strongholds, arguments and every pretension that sets it itself up against the knowledge of God.”*

Paul’s power came from the gospel of Christ (2 Cor 10:14). His desire and that of our workers is to preach the gospel to people who have never heard it. (2 Cor 10:16).

Let’s sing this song of encouragement over our workers as they bring the gospel message to the Muslim world: The Battle Belongs to the Lord by the Maranatha Singers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMZ8D6nTKhg>

- Pray for our workers, those in their sphere of influence and the countries they work in, that the veil would be removed so that Muslims can experience the gospel.
- Pray for wisdom and insight for our workers so they know how to pray to see the veil removed.
- Knowing that the battle belongs to the Lord, let’s pray for workers to have confidence and boldness in sharing the gospel with the Muslim communities they serve.
- Let’s raise up a shield of faith for our workers, offering up a prayer of protection for them from the flaming arrows of the enemy. (Eph 6:16)

Wednesday 12th December

“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” 2 Cor 4:4b

The gospel is light. Yet for those who are spiritually blind, they cannot perceive it. The enemy blinds people to the truth so they simply cannot see it.

God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow and He is the God of miracles! He opens the eyes of the blind! He also transforms minds and takes hearts of stone and gives hearts of flesh! He takes what is dead and gives it life!

God's word says: *"She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me.""* Genesis 16:13

Sometimes the enemy can also try to blind workers so that they cannot see God at work or believe Him for great things. Satan also tries to make our workers 'blind' to the truth, that God does see them and cares deeply about every detail of their lives and the lives of those that they serve. This may mean that they stop asking and believing for miracles.

Yet every time the gospel is shared, the light of the gospel and the glory of Christ are displayed.

Let's sing over our workers and the Muslims they serve: Open the Eyes of My Heart by Michael W Smith: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idQ1n3cdgfo>

- Pray that workers and the nation they serve would experience the God that sees them and cares for every detail of their lives.
- Pray against blindness to who God is and that He would give workers eyes to see in greater measure what He is doing.
- Let's ask God to open the spiritual eyes of Muslims wherever they live, so that they can see Him for who He is and see His glory.

Thursday 13th December

"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ." 2 Cor 4:6

Light shines the brightest where it is dark. The places in which our workers live are spiritually dark. But God who spoke light into creation is still speaking light into the nations. He has called workers to be light in the countries where He has sent them. The light is brought through their testimony of what God has done in their lives. They have personal evidence that He can transform lives.



Jesus has told us in His word, that by his blood and our testimony, that we will overcome!

"They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." Rev 12:11

Our workers shine for Him as they share their story and walk in His victory in their lives. However, sometimes it can appear as though nothing is changing and as though the darkness is not lifting. It can be discouraging and disheartening.

Nonetheless, the very fact that God sent them is evidence of Him bringing His light through them to Muslim countries.

- Let's declare: "Let light shine out of darkness" and let's pray the light of Christ will shine in every Muslim nation where our workers serve.
- Let's declare over our workers and Muslim nations: "In Him was life and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4-5
- Pray for opportunities for workers to share their personal testimony and be a powerful witness to those around them. Let's pray they will not be discouraged, but walk in victory.

Friday 14th December

"The harvest is plentiful" Matt 9:37

God's heart is that none should perish but that all would hear and repent. He longs for a people from every tribe, tongue and nation! He has many that are His own and many that are His in the nations where our workers are.



Have you ever noticed that Jesus did not ask us to pray for the harvest? The harvest will definitely happen - the harvest is plentiful. He will have a bride representing every tribe, language and tongue. Jesus asked us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers. Many workers would value more help!

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are

few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:36-38

Workers also need the help of the Holy Spirit to find people of peace, those receptive to the gospel message and to find ways to sow good seed into fertile soil that will produce a multiplying harvest.

Now is the time for the regions where our workers are. There are more Muslims coming to know Jesus in the last 20 years than in all the previous centuries combined! He is reaching more and more people and there will be a harvest from every tribe, tongue and people.

- Pray for more labourers for the harvest.
- Pray that the Lord would bring forth a harvest through our workers for His glory.
- Pray more and more Muslims would be reached by His grace today.
- Pray for those who respond to be truly reproducing fruit that brings in a multiplying harvest among their people group and nation.

Saturday 15th December

“Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.” 3 John 1:2

The term ‘struck down’ is often used in the Word of God to express what God did to the Egyptians in order to set His people free. It was also used to describe what David did to Goliath.

Our God is a God who strikes down evil! But the enemy also attempts to ‘strike us down’ and one common focus of attack is workers’ health – physical, emotional and psychological. Physical ill-health weakens our workers, making it difficult for them to function well and fulfill the ministry God has called them to. Sickness and accidents may occur more often at spiritually significant times. Stress and challenging spiritual dynamics can affect mental health too. The enemy uses discouragement, loneliness, fear, doubt and lies to undermine them. The enemy wants them to believe that they are ineffective, as they face daily challenges of a different culture, language and surroundings. As workers will only have a few if any other believers near them, the enemy also uses the scarcity of community to make them feel lonely, isolated and misunderstood.

Added to this, the enemy seeks to strike down the country where our workers are. The physical and mental health of a people group can come under attack. Other strategies the enemy uses include domestic violence, poverty, pollution, corruption and persecution.

We know that what the enemy meant for evil, God uses for good. The cry of workers’ hearts is that what the enemy does to try and harm them, would be used to accomplish the saving of many lives. They long for those who are on the path of destruction to find the path of life.

Today, let’s speak a blessing of health and wholeness over our workers and the people they serve as we worship singing Wonderful Name by Christy Nockels:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJwsHI7g234>

- Pray that God would strike down the schemes of the enemy against our workers and the people they serve. Let’s ask they know God’s comfort and presence with them.
- Pray for workers not to be overwhelmed or discouraged by the task they face, but instead to be overwhelmed and encouraged by God’s love for them and by the power of Holy Spirit to speak in and through them.
- Let’s pray that many Muslims will leave the path of destruction and find the path that leads to eternal life.
- Pray that the life-giving aroma of Christ would spread throughout the countries where our workers serve.