

FaithPrayers Ministries

It is our privilege to pray for you

THE LATEST FROM FAITHPRAYERS

The United States is in a state of change. Some think things will get better as we go along; some think things will get worse as we continue. But whichever way things go in the near future, the people of this country deeply need prayer. And they need access to believing people who will pray for them in their life circumstances. We at FaithPrayers want to be those people.

Not everyone is connected to a church group, and many are not even sure that they still believe in God – if they ever did. Those individuals need to be able to quickly find their way to someone who can pray with them and for them. They need an avenue that works in our current culture.



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At FaithPrayers, our goal is not to debate the merits or disadvantages

of the present culture– our goal is to engage it, and those in it, to get out there and meet people where they are.

The world, too, is in a state of flux. And people around the globe need prayer. We at FaithPrayers believe that engaging and utilizing the technology at hand is a worthy goal if it means providing instant access to a hurting person anywhere so that we can pray with them.

A number of people have called our prayer line who have never set foot in a church building. Others once did and it's only the sight of our card with the toll-free number, found in a gas station or truck stop, that has caused them to "give God a try again".

Give God a try. While the mechanical nature of that statement may hurt our sensibilities, as though God is something to "try," I have learned that our Father in Heaven is kind, generous, and easily tolerating of those who are trying to find their way back to Him. And for that I am



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glad, each time I hear the tenuous voice of someone on the prayer line who is "giving God a try again".

Great revivals have begun by prayer. And we know for a fact that thousands of Christians in a number of countries have been praying for an outpouring of faith and hope, and for a world-wide revival, in these recent years.

The goal of FaithPrayers is to be an outreach avenue that pierces the cultures around us with an outstretched hand for people to grab hold of and have their concerns and their very lives lifted up to God in prayer.

Please help us. Pray for us and with us. Support us financially. We need you. We believe that FaithPrayers is a ministry whose time has come.

- Mary Ann Offenstein, Founder

INTERNATIONAL REACH: An Update for 2010

We're halfway through 2010, and we'd like to give you an update for our reach thus far. This year, our newly redesigned website has received visits from not only 47 of the 50 states in the U.S, but from many other countries as well. We've seen visitors from India, Australia, the United Kingdom, Israel, Brazil, Kenya, Spain, Canada, Nigeria, the Philippines, and Malaysia - just to name a few! Every prayer request we've received is prayed over diligently and faithfully - and we're looking forward to receiving many more in the next half of 2010!

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH



“...Let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him...”

- Hebrews 10:22, NLT

MEET OUR SUPPORTED MINISTRIES: *International Justice Mission*

With our partner organization, LiveFaith, FaithPrayers is committed to the Lord’s command to tithe. Ten percent of all funds we receive goes toward aiding the work of Christian organizations both in the United States and abroad. We support children’s homes, community aid programs, and missions. In this edition, we’d like to introduce you to one of our supported organizations: the International Justice Mission.

In 1997, a group of lawyers, human rights professionals and public officials gathered together to discuss the monumental injustices witnessed by missionaries and aid workers around the globe. Human trafficking, slavery, forced prostitution and abuses of power occurred with alarming frequency, and without the training, resources and support to confront these evils, many were left powerless against their oppressors.

International Justice Mission (IJM) was formed, and in the years since, they have worked tirelessly to secure the arrests of perpetrators, to free and defend the oppressed and abused, and to provide safety and security for those they have freed. Through individual casework, the IJM lawyers and investigators work one-on-one with victims to help them every step of the way, whether through undercover investigations, securing arrest warrants, representing victims in court trials, or arranging and funding aftercare for the victims. The reach of IJM is broad, with work in multiple countries around the globe, but their focus is on each individual person and family who would otherwise be left voiceless in the face of gross injustice.

The enemy of violence and oppression is strong, and the numbers are staggering. IJM states that more people are forced into slavery and bondage today than throughout the entire era of the trans-Atlantic slave trade. Trafficking nets perpetrators over 12 billion dollars a year, and more than 2 million innocent children are exploited by the commercial sex trade. Throughout the world, widows have their homes and land stripped from them by greedy officials and even family members, and are forced with their children out onto the streets - where they are left vulnerable to further abuse and depredation.

Every day around the world, IJM fights for these victims, and secures justice where otherwise there would be none. In Guatemala, IJM workers have succeeded in executing 90% of the arrest warrants in their care - compared to a rate of only 20% of arrest warrants usually executed successfully in the country. In Cambodia, the year 2009 saw over 100 women and girls rescued from sexual trafficking. Perpetrators in numerous countries are being arrested and sentenced to prison - a landmark event in many nations where oppressors have operated with impunity until now.

LiveFaith and FaithPrayers are proud to support International Justice Mission, and pray for their success in defending the voiceless and bringing hope to the oppressed.

■ *Have a prayer request? Want more information? We can always be contacted on our 24 hour a day, 7 day a week toll-free prayer line.*

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