

Canopy of Prayer

Dear Prayer Partners in Europe

Soon after the Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost, the apostles Peter and John were arrested and questioned by the Jewish leaders. But they were only threatened and then released. Straightaway they went back to the church and prayed together: **“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:29-31 NIV**

So they did not pray for protection or for safety, but for boldness to continue speaking about Jesus despite the threat of punishment. And they asked God to confirm the message with healings and miracles. This must be our attitude also. We must not be afraid of discomfort or opposition, instead we must ask God for boldness and for miracles.



Changing to another subject, have you experienced the gift of faith? I received this gift when I was ill with chronic fatigue. I was not able to work and could only rest at home. I prayed a lot and many prayed for me to be healed. Then my company gave me an ultimatum that I must return to full-time work within 8 weeks. I sat down and prayed about this and received the faith from God to do it in 4 weeks. And four weeks later I was back at full-time work! Before this faith came, I couldn't do it on my own by mental effort or by struggling to believe. After it came, I could hold on to it, be sure of it and act on it. So I call it the gift of faith, and I have received it several times for different situations.

For Europe to be saved and for 100 million Europeans to come to faith in Jesus, a big increase in healings and miracles is needed, like the apostles prayed for in Acts 4. Other factors are needed as well, but here I want to think about miracles. Miracles and healings are needed to make Europeans turn aside from secular thinking and to reconsider Christianity, which they think they know and have rejected. God will send the Holy Spirit to give us the gift of faith to pray for healings and other miracles. I expect Him to do it. One minute, we will not have this faith. The next minute, it will rise in us and we will be able to act on it and obey. We will see miracles and healings and God will be glorified. Let us expect Him to do it.

We are celebrating Pentecost this weekend. Lord, touch us with your Spirit more than ever before! And touch people who have never received the Spirit before. Enable us to speak your word with great boldness, whatever opposition comes against us. Give us the precious gift of faith to be certain that you will heal or perform a miracle when we pray in the name of your holy servant Jesus. And then Lord, answer our prayers and show that you are still God in Europe!

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For All Generations!

With the Canopy, the leader Ian Jeal has a vision for a “Canopy of Prayer for all the generations”. At Pentecost the apostles spoke in the native languages of all the people listening. Similarly, in Canopy we need to adapt to the language of the younger generations – we need the anointing to speak in the languages of Instagram and Twitter! We also want to be more spontaneous in communicating our call to pray for Europe. Please pray for us in this - and let us know if you can help

European Union of Prayer

Seven years for Europe!

There are 14 European countries where the EU of Prayer has not yet met to pray. So if we continue to meet and pray twice a year, as we have done up to now, that will take seven years. “Seven years for Europe!” – a challenge for the future. Corrie Oosterhuis, the new leader, has challenged us to commit to these seven years and to attend as many of these prayer gatherings as we are able. Which ones will you go to?

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The vision of Hebron Europe, which is on the heart of the leader Nick Pease, is for the

different European nationalities to proclaim Jesus as Lord and King of Europe. We did this with an online gathering in March and it was very powerful, so now we are praying about how we should follow this up. Please pray for wisdom!

Additional Prayer points:-

1. Pray for the churches in Europe to preach a clear message about the character, meaning and necessity of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday.
2. Pray that European leaders will continue to stand by Israel's right to defend itself in the current conflict and be helpful in finding the right means to bring it to an end and so limit the loss of life.
3. Pray for the young people in Europe preparing for exams and assessments during the pandemic, that they would not lose hope for their future.

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