



## Dear Praying Friends in Europe,

Whatever the times we live in, we can see the desire within the church for revival. The question is, what does it take to see true revival? In 2 Chronicles 7:14 we read "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Surely this must be the starting place for the church if we truly want to see not only nations healed, but revival breaking out. Let's read an account of one nation at the heart of Europe and the way in which His church is responding to Jesus' prompting.



Switzerland is known for its banks, chocolate, cheese and especially by the approximately 4000 heads of government and ministers who travel to Geneva each year. More than 175 UN member states are represented there with around 4000 employees. In addition, almost 400 NGOs have their headquarters in Geneva and more than 30 international sports federations are based in the canton of Vaud.

Switzerland, not a member of the EU, located in the heart of Europe, also has the function of a heart from which impulses go out to the whole world. Called the watershed of Europe, four rivers actually flow from here in all four directions, joining with other rivers to flow across Europe to the seas. Switzerland, like all nations, has been given certain 'talents, gifts' by God, to be a blessing to Israel and other nations, both in Europe and the world. Switzerland is a country that many consider a 'paradise' because of its beauty, wealth, security and political system of direct democracy.

Spiritually, however, the words of Jesus hit the nail on the head: "You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and I do not need a thing.' But you do not realise that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked." (Revelation 3,17 NIV) This was one of the sentences that Jesus gave us in 1994 as a prophetic word to the members of His Body in Switzerland. In this word, the Lord spoke of the day coming when He would gather some of His people and they would repent from their hearts. This in turn would result in revival awakenings. After 27 years, the Lord put this word before us again in January 2021 and

began a process which He drew us into as well. Among other things, He formed a 'trailblazer' group that set out under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Lord showed us step by step when He wanted to have this meeting, even at what hour (the Ninth). He showed us that it would not be a single, large meeting, but would be many, decentralised meetings. And that is exactly what happened.

And what a privilege and great joy that our brothers and sisters from Europeans United in Prayer were with us at that very moment. They gave themselves fully into the flow of the Holy Spirit and were thus a part of the whole. During the Ninth Hour (3 - 4 p.m.) on the official



National Day of Thanksgiving, Repentance and Prayer, thousands of Christians in Switzerland and other countries were connected via livestream. We were silent together before the Lord, worshipping Him, asking for forgiveness and sharing the Lord's Supper with each other (see [www.dankbussetttag2022.ch](http://www.dankbussetttag2022.ch)). We don't know all that happened and broke open as a result, but what we do believe is that the Lord stands by His word: "I will do it!" And whatever He does is good, right and necessary for us personally, as His church and nation.

### Let us pray:

- That the name of God be made holy. How will this happen through you?
- That His Kingdom comes and spreads. What will you do for this?
- That His will be done. It is no longer I who live, but Christ in me! Is it like that with you?

### Update box

We cannot fail to have noticed the targeting of infrastructure by Russia's drones in Ukraine recently. Or even the rhetoric of Vladimir Putin's stage-managed presentations that seek to lay the blame for the conflict at the door of Ukraine and the West.

Let us not forget that the ones suffering the most in this war are the innocent civilians of both countries, who, on the one side are facing the prospect of a winter, not just with higher energy costs, but no energy at all or clean running water. And on the other side, losing sons, fathers and loved ones through conscription to a war that they neither started nor wanted. May the Christian communities of both countries be able to be both a voice and a comfort in these terrible times for their nations.

### Additional Prayer Points:-

1. Pray for Northern Ireland after politicians failed in last-ditch efforts to restore a devolved government and now face new elections. Pray too for the negotiations between the UK and EU over the Northern Ireland protocol, which lies at the heart of the issue.
2. Let us pray for our leaders and Heads of state at this time, many of whom are new to their positions. 'This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth'.

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