



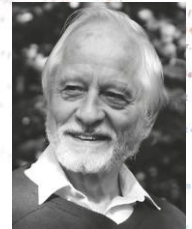
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Dear praying friends for Europe,

One thing has weighed me down spiritually for more than 10 years: It was in 2004 the refusal of the reference to God in the Preamble of the "European Constitution". And the crises since then were God's answers: "No, you can't ridicule Me!" So Brexit is His decisive hit: "Your efforts for a Union without Me have come to an end." Yes, God punishes. But He doesn't destroy His gifts and callings. Why...? Because of His character! "He will not keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins. For the Lord is merciful and gracious."

As I was mourning again and again and pleading for forgiveness for more than 10 years – on the day of Brexit the Lord relieved me in one moment from all of that and I knew in my Spirit: "Now *the Lord* has arisen and He has taken all in His Hands." We are forgiven. I believe we have entered a new period of Grace. I am confident for Europe and for Britain in the Lord because of Psalm 103,8-13.

He is the Father of Europe!



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Europe's collapse and new start

Three months have passed since the British voted, by a majority, on a withdrawal from the EU. This is the deepest crisis the Union has known since it came into existence. Where does Great Britain go from here? Where do the remaining 27 go from here?

God is revealed in such events. He acts purposefully and fairly in his judgment. But he judges with grace. Our God has taken Europe in his hands anew.

After He broke us because of our rejection of the reference to Him in the Preamble of the Constitution 2004, He wants Europe/the EU to take a new direction. Politics desperately needs the prayer of the "body" now so that God's good intentions can come through.

Thus, the heads of state met on September 16 for a special summit in Bratislava/Slovakia. Because of so much controversy, particularly on the refugee issue, President Juncker wrote in the invitation that each head of state should name 3 reasons why he/she needs the EU, and how he/she wants to support it.

And it turned out that the 27 actually still want the EU. Without the EU there is no possibility to overcome the challenges in the following 3 areas which they agreed upon:

Please also pray for

- Supernatural protection by God's angels against terrorist attacks.
- God's mercy upon the US and the whole world concerning the Presidential elections in November.

More national safety (terrorism) and externally (protection of the EU's external borders); impetus for more growth of the economy (unemployment especially among the youth); concerning the refugee question the 4 Eastern states, who did not want to take in refugees, offered a "flexible solidarity" i.e. instead of immigration, they will pay more for safety. The heads of state want to come to cooperate again with each other. A start has been made. Cautious optimism germinated. Progress on the 3 areas will be checked by the end of the year. Further decisions on the "Bratislava process" will be made in spring 2017.

Prayer

- Thanks for the sovereignty of our God and His mercy upon us (Ps 96,7-10)
- Thanks that a conscious new start towards unity has been made (answer to prayer!)
- Pray for a spirit of gratitude among the European Community especially among the people. (Ps 92,1-7)

An answer to prayer:

Last week we prayed together for the "summit" in Bratislava. While the alternatives, which were presented in the call to prayer were not voted upon directly, there was yet a spirit of cooperation evident in three key areas. There was a tangible spirit of hope. Mutual solutions are expected by the end of the year.