

Canopy of Prayer **Special**

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Dear Prayer Partners in Europe

Of course - in these times everyone has already thought about this corona pandemic. I have read many contributions from Christian leaders and was always spiritually stimulated. Finally I ended up with Isaiah 55:8f: "My thoughts are not your thoughts ..., but as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are ... my thoughts higher than your thoughts." All our thoughts - including mine - trying to understand what is happening i.e. we interpret what is happening and so we try to gain access to a meaning. We put our interpretations like mosaic stones together. Only the Lord already knows the whole picture now; we will only know with historical distance.

There are three pieces of the mosaic that were shown to me:-

1st Mosaic stone

Increasingly, country by country, our governments are putting a stop to opportunities to meet. That changes our whole life - isolation from the circle of our colleagues to the service that has to be cancelled. And we fit in with it. That's good! - But be careful that by obeying the external orders you will not imperceptibly (!) put yourself under the blanket of general fear. Because fear has a spiritual impact! (2. Tim 1:7)

The Word clearly says: on the one hand, we are citizens of our state, to whom we are loyal and whose laws we keep (Rom 13). On the other hand, we are also citizens of the kingdom of Jesus. And there is freedom "in the spirit" (2 Cor 3:17). On the outside we keep the rules of our state, but inwardly we are free from fear like royalty - through the spirit who dwells in us. Not Corona reigns over Europe. The crown and the authority has only the one: Jesus, ruler over all crowns.

2nd mosaic stone

Was it the same for you? If you have once again acted clearly against the will of God, but you are sorry and you come back to Him - and He receives you - then your relationship with Him is closer than before. It is the same here! The Lord calls us back to Him as individuals and as nations from all our flagrant sins to revive our love for Him through His forgiveness and to cleanse and heal our countries (2 Chr. 7:13f and Lam 5:21) . God's judgments are always "heart searches", attempts to bring us home to him. Let us return to our God and Father!

3rd mosaic stone

"Europe shall be saved!" The banner of a great and godly promise flies like a canopy/baldachin over Europe, combined with a promise of a millionfold harvest of souls... O Lord, I believe but help my unbelief. It was clear to me from the start of this prophecy in 2017 that such a hunger for God can only be created by God himself Europe wide. When did this happen for the last time? After the Second World War, when the hearts were hungry and looking for something lasting, because everything else had collapsed. So nowadays people are starting to ask for and seek unshakable security. I see that Corona could be an unexpected form of answer to our prayers on behalf of this secularised Europe, and compared with war, a gracious form too. Divine plough, do dig deeply into the field of Europe that it might be saved. Let's pray!

Prayer in the Corona Crisis (by Johannes Hartl, Leader of the Prayer House in Augsburg, Germany)

Lord, we bring to you all those who have fallen sick and ask for comfort and healing for them.

Be near to the suffering ones, especially to the dying ones.

Please comfort those who are grieving now.

Give wisdom and energy to doctors and researchers.

Power to all nurses and carers in this extreme strain.

A calm and careful manner to all the politicians and health officials.

We pray for all those who are panicked, and all who are overwhelmed with fear.

We pray for peace in the centre of the storm, for a clear view.

We pray for all who have, or expect, great material damage.

Good God, we bring to you all who have to be in quarantine, who feel lonely, and can't hug anyone. Touch their heart with your gentleness.

And yes, we pray that this epidemic will wane, that the numbers will decrease, that normality can return.

Make us thankful for every day in good health.

Never let us forget that life is a gift.

That we will die one day and that we cannot control everything.

That you alone are everlasting.

That so much is unimportant in life that often comes along so loudly.

Make us thankful for so much that we often overlook so quickly without times of crisis.

We trust you.

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