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LONDON

Precipitating revival

by **Jonathan Oloyede**

The 7 Nights of Prayer were simply a catalyst for something that the Lord has begun to do in London and the nation. From this point on, we believe that God is going to spread out the spirit of prayer all over the capital. Things might get worse before they get better but we need to keep on praying fervently.

Great Britain, a nation that was once a power house for global mission, is like a ship adrift from her mooring which has lost her bearings. God is therefore bringing people from all over the world to join forces with the British to reclaim lost ground and declare this nation's rich heritage and destiny in Christ. The United Kingdom belongs to the King of kings and therefore the devil is not going to have it!

Sometimes the church needs to stand up and be bold. Despite the enemy's threats and boasts we should now step up against the darkness and say 'away with you Satan!' Jesus taught us to pray down God's Kingdom and modelled for us how to resist the enemy. During His temptation He not only resisted the devil but rebuked him with the words "Get behind me Satan!"



► *Pastor Jonathan Oloyede, Convener of the Global Day of Prayer London*

No nursing mother looks on while a stranger attempts to steal her baby. You only have to try touching a mother hen's chicks to see her fierce and violent reaction. So why would we look on while evil forces attempt to steal our children and young people right under our noses? Why is the church majorly silent as the nation slowly but surely drifts towards the precipice? As a nation we need to

declare that this nation does not belong to secularism, humanism, pluralism and any other negativism. It belongs to Jesus and His Kingdom! Our young people, our families, our communities, our finances don't belong to Satan, they all belong to Jesus.

I urge the church to arise and begin to literally prayer walk our neighbourhoods and streets placing a stake in the ground. I pray that more Christians will get involved in prisons, the judiciary, our schools, nightclubs, sports, local governments, and the media ... as missionaries! It is great to provide social amenities and live out our faith with acts of compassion and kindness. In addition, though, we need not only to be salt but also light, proclaiming the Gospel boldly with signs and wonders following.

It is not by power or by might but God is going to use our prayers. Scripture states how good and pleasant it is when sisters and brothers dwell together in unity. All the walls of division, denomination, of church, of culture, creed, colour and class, need to come down. I strongly believe that the Lord is saying it is time for us to come together. *If my people that are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear, I will forgive their sins, and I will heal their land.*

Some of our wicked ways include immoral lifestyles, prejudice, segregation, racism, sexism, class systems, pride, jealousies and lust for money and power. The Lord is calling us all to repentance so that His church can become the true light that shines in this present dark age.

Revival cannot be manufactured but it can be precipitated. If the Earth meets the conditions Heaven demands then God simply shows up! So if *we* humble ourselves, if *we* repent and turn from our wicked ways, if *we* hunger after holiness, if *we* seek unity, then *God* will hear, God will forgive and God will heal London and the Nation. I believe we all, collectively need to say, **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!** Together we can push back the forces of darkness, the forces of domination, of jealousy, of segregation, of discrimination, the forces that come to divide the body of Christ. Let us lift up holy hands and pray; God's will be done, may His Kingdom come.

For these reasons we invite every church to join us in praying for the capital and for the nation. The Global Day of Prayer is more than a one-off event. It is a movement with a lifestyle of prayer. Since December 31st 2006 we have been praying 24 hours every single day. We are inviting some churches to get involved in the 24-hour prayer chain. We are inviting other churches that may not yet be up for 24 hour prayers to

consider holding one service of prayer for the capital and the nation in the year. We are gently challenging every Christian to set their mobile phones/ alarms for 12 noon every day until Pentecost Sunday May 31st 2009. When the clock strikes 12 noon, take one minute out to pray the Lord's Prayer over London and the nation. As we all do this together, we raise our prayers to Heaven as one body ... God must answer!!

Visit the website as an individual, workplace fellowship, network, organisation or church. Register to pray for one day, one hour or even one minute! The Lord is coming soon and we should have a mindset of His impending return. Therefore join in with what is happening in the global prayer movement. Get your prayer group involved, tell your church about holding a service, plug in your youth group and simply pray where you are.

Keep visiting the website to pick up news about exciting developments around Wembley 2010 and the possibility of GDOP 2009 happening at the O2 Arena on May 31st 2009! We would like to also keep you updated about mission initiatives like Pentecost Festival, Love London, Logos Hope and many more.

No matter what happens or does not happen to you, stay in touch with joyful prayerful Christians and keep on praising the Lord!!

It's not about asking God to give us strength in general, but in particular as members of His church in the world, in this city, in our communities, where we are, so that more and more people by the power of His Holy Spirit can do His will.

Simon Hughes MP

We have young men and boys who have guns in their pockets and are coming to church. That's a reality. Outside the context of the church, they're in a gang, they have a street name and they are doing damage to other young children. That's the challenge we face and we need to pray into that.

Les Isaac - Street Pastors founder

The atmosphere was good, the quality of the worship was good, and the service and the prayer were both great. There was also a good cross-section of the church present which gave a sense of the church coming together, working together and praying together. We felt God was really emphasising the need for corporate prayer and to stir up God's people into action. I think the prayer helped people see the urgency. But the key thing was the involvement of the ...

Pictures from the launch nights



PRAYER GUIDE OF THIS MONTH

- ▶ The vision of GDOP and that the city of London may be engulfed in a spirit of prayer
- ▶ GDOP London convener Jonathan Oloyede and his team as they drive the vision forward
- ▶ The trustees and leadership of GDOP London, that they may have wisdom and understanding
- ▶ Regional coordinators as they mobilise prayer in the boroughs of London
- ▶ The GDOP Youth team and coordinators as they mobilise young people into prayer
- ▶ God to provide resources, support, partners and sponsors for GDOP in 2009 and 2010

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Prayer nights stoke passion for revival

Between 28th January and 13th February, more than 2,000 Christians from different denominations and traditions joined as one heart to pray for God's Kingdom to come and for His will to be done in London and across the UK.

Heartfelt worship; hands lifted high in exaltation; impassioned prayers for revival to stir in the church and for salvation to come to this nation. These were the hallmarks of seven nights of prayer held across the capital to launch this year's Global Day of Prayer London.

Pastor Jonathan Oloyede, convener of Global Day of Prayer London, told believers not to settle at being nominal Christians.

Pastor Oloyede called on the body of Christ to rise up as one in prayer for London, the nation and the world.

Seven nights of prayer stoke passion for revival

The prayer nights were held in seven different regions and culminated in an evening of prayer and worship at Westminster Chapel.

"Are we just going to play church and fight amongst ourselves or are we going to fight for the Kingdom of God?" he said. "Sometimes the church doesn't realise we are in a battle. If we don't get on our knees and pray as we never prayed before, this nation and the church will be overwhelmed. We need a call to arms and we need everyone to become a catalyst for heartfelt prayer. It is time for this nation to be shaken to its foundation by those who really believe Jesus Christ is Lord."

"We need to circumcise our hearts again and ask Jesus for the love to come to our hearts that we felt the first time we met Him. Because God is waiting for his Davids to stand up and for those who will pray that God's glory comes again to this country," he said.

A major one-day event is being planned for Pentecost Sunday that will unite Christians of all traditions and generations in praying for God's Kingdom to come to the UK. The event is being held in collaboration with Share Jesus International's Pentecost Festival,

a citywide festival to show the capital the very best of the church.

At another prayer night in New Wine Church in Woolwich, Simon Hughes MP told Christians to pray that God would strengthen them "where we are so that more and more people by the power of the Holy Spirit can do His will".

Greg Haslam, vicar at Westminster Chapel, echoed his sentiments. He called on Christians to pray for a reversal of what he called the paganisation of Britain.

He said: "There is lots of work to do because there is still lots of evil in this city. We're here to pray that with every day, good overcomes evil and people will turn their lives around."

He said the Global Day of Prayer was one of the ways in which God was uniting Christians from different traditions and denominations.

Les Isaac, founder of the Street Pastors initiative, challenged Christians to act as well as pray.

Martin Ossei, GDOP coordinator for the North-East region, helped organise the prayer night at Jesus House, one of

London's largest Pentecostal churches. The evening was joined by the Anglican Bishop of Willesden, who led part of the time of prayer.

Part of the evenings were spent praying into the social challenges facing London, such as gun and knife crime, drug abuse, and widespread hopelessness and isolation.

The 2009 Global Day of Prayer London is part of a worldwide movement to mobilise Christians of all denominations in praying for revival. In London, GDOP is being held in conjunction with A Year for London, which has united churches in the capital in a round-the-clock prayer chain for revival every day for the last two years.

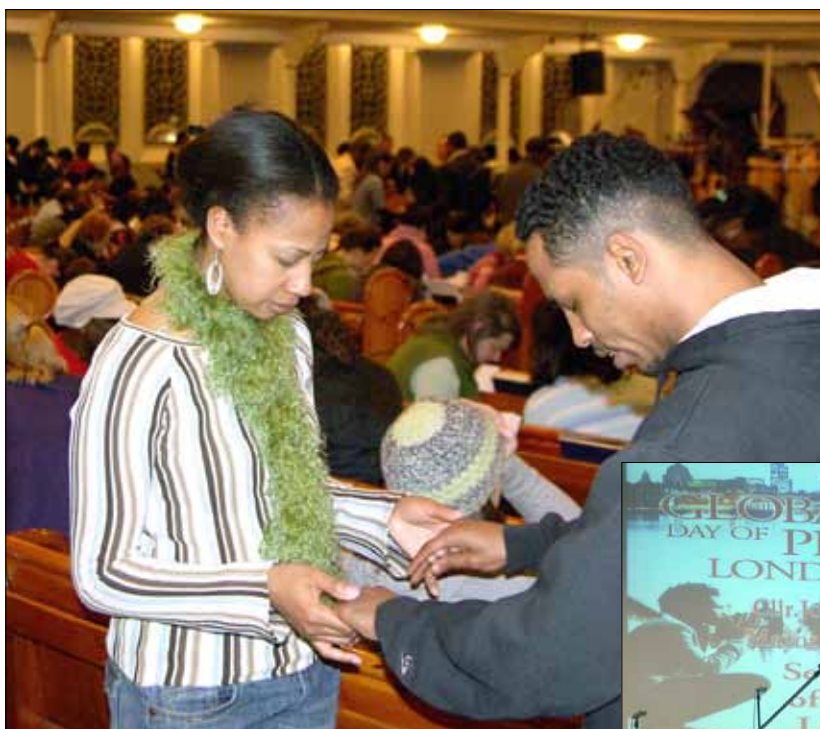
"It was a very encouraging night," said Mr Ossei. We came away from it believing that God is doing a new thing and bringing people together. The momentum is really building for united prayer in this area and God is definitely releasing his apostles as the church prays."

"The church is more united now than it has ever been because it is

born out of respect. It is a unity born out of the ashes of complete disunity because there have been so many fights in the past. But respect among the denominations is rising up and we should hold onto it and continue to pray more into this."

"We have to re-lay the foundations. We want to pray for the foundations to be recovered and for what needs to be done to save our nation. The nation is vulnerable to the Gospel right now. Let's advance the Gospel into our country at this time and see a great turning back to the Gospel," he said.

"Where are the good people who will be there after the church service has finished, when the late night movie is over, or standing outside the nightclub bringing hope and peace? The world is looking for us. But prayer and faith without works is dead. We need to be the salt and light. Stand up for the Lord and be part of the peacemakers in this time of hopelessness," he said.



... young. That really gave them a sense of ownership and the assurance that they are a part of GDOP and not just on the edges. We want to build on that now so we are planning to do more prayer events up to 31st May for young people in the North East region.

Alex Gyasi, GDOP Coordinator for the North-East region

I think there is more of a motivation to pray together now. We're falling into a momentum. We are trying to encourage the building of a movement of prayer so we're very keen to do 10 days of prayer up to Pentecost and mobilise as many as possible to come to the GDOP on 31 May. We want to see more people praying together more regularly.

Gary Seithel, GDOP Coordinator for Havering and Essex

It was a brilliant time of worship and prayer – despite the blizzards! This was our first outing towards regional boroughs and what we need to see is more of those. When we focus locally there is a degree of ownership that helps us engage in prayer with energy and passion.

Phil Stokes – GDOP Coordinator for the South-East

The mood was great and everything just flowed really well. We're really coming together and we're breaking through. And what we are seeing is that the Global Day of Prayer isn't just one prayer event but it is about covering the city in prayer over the days, weeks and months. And the churches are doing it together. We're not just doing our own projects. Unity is such an important thing

Mark Van Gundy – GDOP Coordinator for the North-East

What's coming up?

One million hours of prayer for Manchester 1st May - August 2009

The Message Trust is asking Christians across the UK to sacrifice their time and help raise one million hours of prayer to totally transform Manchester and its 2.5 million inhabitants.

The initiative is being run in collaboration with Audacious, Maranatha, Redeeming our Communities, the World Prayer Centre and The Prayer Forum of the British Isles and Ireland.

They are inviting people from all over the UK and beyond to join in prayer for 20 minutes a day for 100 days and be part of a movement to see Greater Manchester radically changed through one million hours of prayer, starting on 1 May.

The campaign will end with large scale outreach events and the Audacious conference 2009 on 9 August

Sign up now, www.1millionhours.com

Prayer walk – GDOP North-West region

Saturday 28th March 2009, 10am

Horsenden Hill

Coordinators for the North-West are hoping to capitalise on the momentum from their successful GDOP launch night by holding prayer walks on March 28th. Different groups will set off at 10am from Brent, Ealing and Harrow and converge on the highest point, Horsenden Hill, to pray together and make declarations over the surrounding boroughs.

Marcus Liberman, Tel: 07710 172972

Rise Up – Global Prayer for a Better World

28th March - 3th April 2009

“The systems and structures of our world either glorify God or they diminish His glory. And who will raise a voice and reach out a hand to conform these things to God’s model, if not us his people? Rise up with us in global prayer for a better world.”

That’s the message from the Micah Challenge coalition of Christian organisations calling on Christians to pray for a new global economy founded on God’s values to emerge out of the rubble of the global economic crisis. The prayer effort is being organised to coincide with the G20 Summit in London on April 2.

www.micahchallenge.org.uk/g20/

Praying for the nation at 12 Noon

Take a few minutes out of each day to cry out to God for the nation at 12 noon. Global Day of Prayer London is appealing to all Christians to set their alarms and unite at 12 noon in saying the Lord’s Prayer every day from now until Pentecost.

*Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come. Your will be done. On earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen*

Praying for the situation in Northern Ireland

Prayer contacts have been in touch with the World Prayer Centre in Birmingham asking Christians to pray for their brothers and sisters praying, working and speaking out for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland; for the rising generation not to be drawn back into division; and for the spirit of forgiveness and love to permeate every area of society.

To TEXT To donate approximately £5* per month towards Global Day of Prayer London you just need to text **PRAY** to **82540**.

By way of thanks we will send you an inspirational prayer or news message every month

so you’ll be kept in touch with Global Day of Prayer London.

Terms and Conditions

Text PRAY to 82540 and your mobile phone account/credit will be charged £5. Each month a further £5 will be charged. Global Day of Prayer London will receive approximately £1 for every £1.50 donated (varies slightly by mobile network). Future donations can be cancelled at any time by texting “STOP” to 82540. Donations will be charged on the 12th of each month.



How you can get involved?

The 2009 Global Day of Prayer London got off to a great start with seven nights of prayer for London. Now let’s keep the momentum going!

Please consider:

- Registering as a church to pray 24/7 at www.gdoplondon.com
- Holding at least one service of prayer for London and the nation
- Praying the Lord’s Prayer over the nation at 12pm every day