
Subject: Public debate between Islam and Christianity

Dear Saints

Below please find the latest Herald Ministry Prayer Letter from Head Office in Pretoria - by Gerda Leithgöb. We do not publish this on CTHeraldnet as a rule, but due to its urgency we make an exception this time.

In Christ

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Dear: Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you so much for the wonderful response concerning the prayer letters. Your encouragement and prayers really help us to go on with the service that God birthed so many years back in our hearts. May He bless every one of you with "enlightened" eyes to "see" and understand HIS purposes and direction in every prayer you pray. God is turning the tide over many nations and we are experiencing wonders and open doors as never before. Praise HIS holy name!

This letter is very URGENT. To make things easier I shall divide the letter into different subjects with the prayer requests following.

1. PUBLIC DEBATE BETWEEN ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY

1.1 INFORMATION

We have received information that **Michael Mahomed** of the **ELTabernacle Church** in Eldorado Park (Tel +27 82 929 7640) is going to have a public debate at 19h00 on the 11th April 2003, in the **Pretoria City Hall with Ayoob Karim**, a Muslim scholar of the Christian Bible and of the Islamic Comparative Religion Academy. The debate revolves around the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ - is fact or fiction?

It is interesting that at that same evening Christians are praying for the Transformation of the city of CITY of Tshwane (Pretoria) at the Dutch Reformed Church, Church Street, Arcadia. It would be great if many of you could be there. Is it not funny that the enemy will always try to disturb, steal, rob and confront! But praise God; the wiles of the devil have been exposed.

1.2 HEART'S ATTITUDE

- We know that **Jesus loves everybody** and that HE has died so that everyone who accepts Him as **REDEEMER and repent of his or her sins** will come into a loving relationship with the Father and will live forever. The Holy Spirit will teach them everything and will show them who Jesus is AND teach them HIS ways.
- Do not let your love for God, for the Body of Christ or for the lost (the sinners) grow cold. Ask the Lord to help you to pray with love in your heart, and not with judgment. Let the love of God for both these men guide your prayers.
- Before starting to even think about praying for the Muslims we have to **repent** because we have criticised, mistrusted and despised the Muslims, instead of loving them. Ask God to give you a supernatural love for the Muslims and pray for them! Bless them with the truth of the salvation knowledge of the cross.
- Do not pray with **fear in your heart**. God is in control. He will accomplish His purposes. The gospel of the Kingdom WILL be preached in all the world, even amongst the Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus and New Agers. **When these things happen those who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits (Dan 11:32).**

1.3 PRACTICAL PRAYER

1.3.1 The Debate

- Type/Write out the names of the two men and paste it on your fridge or a place where you often spend time. Pray the following for both of them
 - Ø **Ephesians 1:17,18** - that they will get a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus and God will open their eyes to "see" who HE is (**Rev. 3:18**). Open up their eyes, hearts, minds, and ears to experience HIM!
 - Ø Ask Jesus Christ to give them dreams and visions of HIM - Take away the veil, which the prince of this world has or tries to throw over them!
- Expose the wiles and plans of the enemy and proclaim that everything done in darkness will come to the light
- Pray for Ayob that the WORD he has studied so long will suddenly be revealed to him, that he can come into the redemptive and creative purpose, which the Lord Jesus Christ has for him. Call on God (**Jer. 33:3**) to show you great and mighty things, which the Lord Jesus Christ has planned for this precious man, and proclaim it! Let us surround him in the spiritual dimension with the love of the Father - bring him into the Kingdom of Light (**Acts 26:17,18**)
- Ask the Lord to touch the mouth of His son Michael to speak boldly in love and Holy Spirit led wisdom and revelation and to stretch out His hand "to heal and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your Holy Servant Jesus (**Acts 4:29,30**). Also pray **Is 54:17** into his situation.
- Ask the Father to release mighty angels to protect everyone present against a spirit of destruction and confrontation!
- Ask the Lord to send a spirit of confusion and disunity into the plans of the demonic hosts of wickedness, which would like to destroy the work of the Lord in Pretoria. Proclaim from your position in the heavenly realm in HIM (**Eph. 1:3**) the promise God gave to the city of Pretoria in 1985 namely Jer. 33:8,9 "this city will bring me renown throughout the nations of the world because of the good things I do for it and the peace and prosperity I provide for it"! (NIV)
- Declare **Philippians 2:9,10** OVER the situation: ⁹Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1.3.2 The Body of Christ

- Ask the Lord to bring us in a deeper understanding and experience of HIM
- Ask yourself do I really know God? Are you turning people to righteousness because of your relationship with God? The one thing that we are sure about is that we need to live such lives that people will be **rescued from the kingdom of darkness and brought into the kingdom of light**. Keep your **eyes fixed on Jesus** and no matter what will happen in the next few days or weeks, He will guide us through and may it be that many who are still trapped in darkness, will go with us and meet with the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Ask God to give a love and compassion for the Muslim people around us and ask HIM to thrust workers into this harvest field (**Matt. 9:38**)

1.4 PRAYER GROUPS

- Form a prayer group and pray every day till the 11th April for this situation
- Groups in Pretoria or those who would like to, can go to the city hall and pray beforehand and even during the whole debate. Let us cover the whole action in prayer, trusting God that Jesus will be glorified through all of this.
- Ask your **church leader** to take these prayer pointers and lead the congregation in prayer!

2. EVANGELICAL PASTOR'S CONFERENCE IN BERLIN GERMANY

2.1 REASONS FOR PRAYER COVERING

Some of you will ask me, why are we praying for a Pastor's Conference in Germany? There are many reasons, but some of the reasons are that God ordained that we have to pray for all leaders AND that we have to pray for one another.

As from Wednesday night 2.04.2003 over 300 pastors are gathering in Berlin for their yearly fellowship. Most of these pastors come from the so-called "free" churches and are led by a group of nine pastors. They want to see transformation coming to Germany and

are trusting God for a mighty move of the Holy Spirit in their land and continent. God is doing great things in Germany, but we need to see thousands coming to the Lord Jesus in that wonderful country.

2.2 PRACTICAL PRAYER

2.2.1 Pray Ephesians 4:11-16 for this important strategic time!

¹¹And He Himself gave some to be **apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers**, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the **unity of the faith** and of the **knowledge of the Son of God**, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴that we should **no longer be children**, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵but, speaking the **truth in love**, may **grow up in all things into Him** who is the head-Christ- ¹⁶from whom the whole body, **joined and knit** together by **what every joint supplies**, according to the effective working by **which every part does its share**, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

With these scripture verses as a background we are praying the following:

- That every pastor will come into his redemptive gift, apart from his gifting as a pastor (verse 16)
- A new anointing on equipping the saints
- Everything said will be bathed in truth and love!
- That **unity** in the Holy Spirit will be achieved, as you are all joined and knit together in the fullness of our Head, Jesus Christ.
- Protect them against the whole of verse 14.

2.2.2 Ask the **Holy Spirit to bring deep repentance** and brokenness of **hidden and character sins**. **Pray that such pastors will have the courage repent and thus be restored.**

2.2.3 The Word says in **Isaiah 40:30-31** "Even **young people grow tired and become weary, and young men will stumble and fall**. Yet, the strength of those who wait **with hope in the LORD will be renewed**. They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and won't become weary. They will walk and won't grow tired." This is a promise in the Word, but that the reality is that we do get tired. Please pray for **discouraged and hurting** pastors, to be refreshed and encouraged again after this conference. Ask the Lord to give the leaders the wisdom and understanding to give **advice in every situation**. **According to Ps. 66:12 in the Amplified Bible we are also praying that you will experience "the broad moist place - a place of refreshment, abundance and an open air."**

2.2.4 Ask God to help the leadership with strategic Holy Spirit led plans to be able to help pastors of smaller churches with solid advice.

3. DAY OF PRAYER FOR AFRICA (1 MAY -Stadium Prayer Event; TURN THE TIDE: 2-6 MAY)

On 1st May 2003 we shall be praying in SA in 73 stadiums and 63 stadiums in Africa. Please pray for us. The **tide will turn in Africa and millions will come to Jesus!**

From 2-6 May a seminar will be broadcasted via satellite with the specific focus to spiritually train and equip one million Christians.

- Please pray for this joint initiative by *Walk Thru the Bible, World Teach, World Vision, Global Vision Resources* and *International Christian Ministries (ICM)* to demonstrate UNITY in the Holy Spirit.
- Please lift up in prayer the following people that will be speakers at the *Turn the Tide* event from 2-6 May: Coenie Burger (Moderator of the Dutch Reformed Church), Rick Warren (Pastor of Saddleback Church, USA), Bruce Wilkinson (Global Vision

Resources), William Kumuyi (Deeper Life Bible Church, Nigeria) and David Molapo (management consultant). Ask that the Lord will prepare their hearts and anoint them to preach skillfully, driven by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Labouring together in the harvest field of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Your sister,

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