



IMPACT PRAYER – FEBRUARY 2016

Strategic Positioning, Strategic Gateways and Open Doors

“.....¹⁴ Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks; ¹⁵ **Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest**”.

Isaiah 32:14-15

“.....⁸But I will stay **on at Ephesus until Pentecost,** ⁹ **because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me**”.

1 Corinthians 16: 8-9

From this month, I believe the Lord wants us to pray prophetically to see God lead our fellowship and the body of Christ in the UK and Europe to **strategic locations**, which will act as **gateways** into various mission fields within our nation and the subcontinent. God spoke definitively to this effect at the recent Ascension Ministries Council and it is essential to be in the flow and at least pray into these possibilities. Some of these locations may have known growth and vitality in the past but now feel like wilderness and dead places in our eyes. However, Christ is the Resurrection and the Life and we can believe Him for new life and open doors. Therefore in the words of Hosea 14: 2a, let us **take ‘words’ with us and turn unto the Lord in prayer and petition**. Let us take His words and promises from scripture and prophecy and come boldly to obtain grace to be an effective witness for Him. As we renew our commitment to belt, the globe, it is vitally important not to forget the fact that the UK and Europe are part of God’s globe and that He is not finished with us yet. If He has, then we’ve got to ask the question, why did He call all of us to be in the UK, at this point in time? However, I firmly believe He has not, so from the two scriptures above, let us please endeavour to pray through the following 8 points.

PRAYER POINTERS

1. “Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high” – Please pray for an open heaven experience and spiritual awakening in our nation and refreshing from above upon our fellowship and the church of God in this nation.
2. “Wilderness be a fruitful field” – Please pray that seemingly dead places will come to life again.
3. “Fruitful field be counted for a forest” – Please pray that we all overcome the tendency to be complacent and settling for only part of what God desires to do but rather grow continuously and get better.
4. Please pray that God will help us discern strategic moments and seasons as Paul desired to do until Pentecost (time related).
5. Please pray that we will be alert to ministry doors and opportunities for effective work. We need such strategic insight which keeps in step with God, so we experience high efficiency where little efforts of obedience and faith produce abundant fruit and results (Ephesians 3:20).
6. Pray that like Paul, we will not be intimidated by opposition but break through obstacles to see the gospel planted and God’s work prosper in our hands. When Paul said there were many who opposed him, he was not intending to back down, but rather to strategically overcome them by waiting till Pentecost.
7. In all this, please pray for our apostles, prophets, pastors, evangelists and teachers, particularly the National Leadership Team. Pray that God will guide them with discernment to be like the sons of Issachar, to understand the times and seasons and the strategic decisions that need to be made regarding strategic locations that bring about fruitful ministry opportunities.
8. Finally, please pray for these broad geographical areas that God will shine His light into these regions.
 - a. The Welsh valleys where it all begun a 100 years ago
 - b. The West Country and West of England
 - c. Fife and Perthshire Counties
 - d. Western Highlands
 - e. Tyrone, South Londonderry and Fermanagh regions
 - f. Cardigan, Powys and Gwynfe
 - g. Cambridge and East Anglia
 - h. France as a gateway to Europe

God richly bless you

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