circumstance or situation. Some of these are:

- a). Prophetic utterance **Jeremiah 1:10; Ephesians 3:7-12; 1 Kings 17:1.** In all earth's affairs the last word is with God. At times however, God causes this word to be spoken through the lips of a believer.
- b). Such a word may also be spoken in authoritative ministry of the word. 2 Kings 2:22 (19-22); Matthew 8:5-13; Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians1:18; Isaiah 44:24-26, Romans 10:8-10, 1 Thessalonians 1:5.
- c). Also in a prayer closet of petition or in intercession Number 16:28-33; Joshua 10:12-14; 1Timothy 2:1. This is a type of prayer of command or authoritative praying Matthew 11:22-23. As God's word given in an instance by the Holy Spirit, they would just be as effective in the believer's mouth as they would have been in the mouth of God Himself Isaiah 44:24-26, Jeremiah 15:19.

## C. GUIDELINES TO PRAYING EFFECTIVELY FOR OUR NATION AND THE WORLD.

- a). Know your exalted position and delegated authority in Christ. Ephesians 2:6. For they that do know their God shall be strong and do exploit (but they that do not know their God shall be weak and they shall be exploited). Daniel 11:32b (Emphasis mine)
- **b).** Know why God requires us to pray for all men and for those in authority **1Timothy 2:1-4.**
- c). Have a good understanding of your governmental set-up and its rulers; be fully up to date with the nation's problems and sudden developments. An ignorant and unlearned believer cannot pray effectively. Isaiah 5:13, Hosea 4:6.

- d). Prayer for the nations is a prayer of identification. Not exoneration Daniel 9:1-19, Ezekiel 9:1-11, 10:1; 2Chronicle 7:14.
- e). Make it a habit to both pray with the knowledge and in the Spirit for your nation and other nations 1 Corinthians 14:15; Daniel 9:1-2; Ephesians 6:18.
- **f).** Guide and guard your speech and confessions as regards your prayers for the nations and the happening. Romans 10:8-10, Hebrews 3:14, 10:23, 1 John 5:14-15.
- **g).** Refuse to be discouraged if you do not see immediate results of your prayers or even if the contrary happens. God will ultimately answer prayers of faith and importunity. Luke 11:8, James 5:16, Mark 11:22-23, Philippians 4:6-7.
- **h).** Take note of revelations, and visions and burdens of nation and international concern that God may give you. Note them, analyse or interpret them and pray about them, then wait and watch for results. Habakkuk 2:1-4. Nehemiah 1:1-3, 4-11.
- i). Take out time to wait upon the Lord in fastings and prayers on issues that are very critical and do demands a wrestle with the Lord until answer comes from Him. Daniel 9:3, Nehemiah 1:3-4.
- **j).** You can also pray more definitely with the use of good and update map of those nations and of the world with card keys to itemize the nations and indicate their problems. Similarly, be current through the news media (Satellite transmissions, Radio, Television, Internet, Newspapers, Magazines, etc.) to obtain specific information to give a prayer awareness of an area.

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# INTERCESSORY PRAYER GUIDE FOR THE NATIONS

1Timothy 2:1-4; Psalm 8:1-2, 110:1-6, Ieremiah 51:20-23.

"Let's Pray so that the Enemy will not Prey on us"



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#### INTERCEEDING FOR THE NATION:

"Prayer for the Nation's is an inescapable duty and obligation of every Believer in order to thwart and avert the works of the enemy, to advance the Gospel and to ensure the prosperity and well-being of Nation's"

**INTRODUCTION:** The Lord Jesus Christ is the king of kings and the Lord of lords. He is the ruler of the earth's rulers and the Governor over the earth's governments as stated in the following Scriptures:

"... He is the head of all principalities and powers" - Colossians 2:10:

"For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, dominions, or principalities, or powers all things were created by him and for Him" - Colossians 1:16;

".....The Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomsoever He will" - Daniel 4:25b.

"27All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. 28For the kingdom is the LORD's: and he is the governor among the nations." Psalms 22:27-28

Christ's authority over all earthly governments is made available in His name to the Church. As Moses stretched forth his rod on God's behalf over Egypt, so the Church by her prayers stretches forth Christ's authority over the nations and their rulers. By this authority we may then determine the destinies of nations and governments. As the people in charge, the Lord expects us to constantly make use of our authority "to root out, to pull down, to destroy, to throw down, to build and to plant" - Jeremiah 51:20-23. Hallelujah, we are the prophets unto the Nations and Kingdoms. Amen.

# A. BASIS FOR PRAYERS OVER THE NATIONS:

- a). We are kingdom of priests Daniel 7:14, 18, 22, 27; Revelation 1:5-6; 5:9-10.
- b). We are joint-heirs with Christ. Every Christian has a dual citizenship. By natural birth he is subject to the laws of his earthly government, and by spiritual birth, through faith in Christ he's also a citizen of God's heavenly kingdom Philippians 3:3, 14. As a citizen of the heavenly kingdom, the Christian is subject to its law, just as he is entitled to share in it's authority. Ephesians 2:4-6, 1:20-21, Galatians 4:6-7.
- c). God has set us over the nations as their spiritual rulers Jeremiah 1:5, 10; 51:20-23; Romans 5:17
- d). Believers are God's spiritual law enforcement agents Psalm 149:5-9, 11:16; Matthew 16:19, 18:18. We are concerned with the word 'BIND' in these passages. One translation of the passages Matthew18:18 (Amp) states: "Whatsoever ye shall prohibit or allow, declare illegal and unlawful on earth, shall be prohibited, disallowed, and declared illegal and unlawful in heaven". So we are responsible for all that take place on earth. Unlike Natural law enforcement agents who are limited in their operations by geographical demarcation of nations, the Spiritual law enforcement agents is unlimited in his operations of binding and loosing, since there is no geographical demarcation in the spirit realm.

- e). We are the Temple of the living God. "a house of prayer for the nations" Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Isaiah 56:7; Luke 19:45-46; 1 Timothy 2:1-4.
- f). The Church is the "salt of the earth" Matthew 5:6.
- i. Firstly, salt gives flavour. Food which in itself is unappetizing becomes tasty and acceptable when seasoned with salt. As Christians, our ambition (in living and prayers) is to give flavour to the earth. Our presence makes the earth acceptable to God. Our presence commends the earth to God's mercy and grace.
- ii. Secondly, salt preserves or restrains corruption. Our presence on the earth as Christ's disciples operates like salt in a spoiling meat. The process of sin's corruption is already at work in all spheres of man's endeavours social, moral, religion and political etc. We cannot abolish the corruption that is already there, but we can hold it in check (through our lives, and prayers and intercession) long enough for God's purpose, grace and mercy to be fully worked out.
- g). We are the light of the world Matthew 5:14-16; 1 Corinthians 4:6; John 1:4-6, Ephesians 5:8-13. Prayer makes the light of our lives shine brighter and shinning light drives out darkness. Light is a symbol of development and exaltation and right-eousness to a nation Proverbs 14:34. This can bring in the hands of God's grace and mercies.

#### B. RELEASING THE POWER OF GOD

The scripture teaches and shows certain means by which God's power is released into a person, thing,