

Canopy of Prayer over Europe

Welcome to a prayer journey, the prayer journey with the “Canopy of Prayer over Europe”. You are not alone on this journey, even if you are praying alone.

Please keep in mind that hundreds of companions throughout Europe are also travelling with you.

And more will be joining you.

So let us begin with this demanding journey knowing that Jesus Himself is walking in our midst, because he promises to. He will show us how to pray and how to understand the times and seasons.

This is the first issue of the Bulletin you are getting from us because you gave us your address. But as a matter of fact it is not No 1 but No 0 (zero), because we wanted to give you an introduction first, both historically and spiritually.

“Historically” means to say that this prayer initiative developed out of two European prayer groups, the “European Union of Prayer” (EUoP) and the “European Prayer Network” (EPN). EPN consists of leaders of Europe wide Prayer Networks.

The other group, the “European Union of Prayer” consists of individuals not of networks. This brings together leaders of national prayer works as well as individual intercessors who are willing to pray for Europe.

The spiritual VISION of both groups is to build up a canopy of continuous prayer coverage, day and night, week by week by people who believe that there is a calling of the Living God over Europe and who believe that God wants to bring back Europe into its original purpose. We thank God for the gifting He has given so far.

We are willing to invest our lives and our time to these purposes of our continent: with love, in patience and in great expectation of our ever faithful God.

“Canopy” is a very good picture to symbolise this prayer initiative:

- There is something like heaven over Europe,
- something that protects from evil, and
- something which is woven out of thousands of threads, of individuals praying in the countries of Europe.

God gave us this vision; he provided all necessary means astonishingly, so we understood: There is a momentary Kairos Time and heaven is open to bless. All those praying for Europe wherever they are will experience it: We will take hope for our continent. God is at work through His friends, His believers.

God is using us and all those whom we will invite to join us in the near future. Just communicate that little commitment of 15 minutes per week: into your church, into your prayer group, into your ministry etc. We will see astonishing results.

You will receive this “Bulletin” every two weeks from now on. It does not cost you anything but time. It is in English, but there are already plans to translate it into some other languages. Soon a website for the “Canopy” will be online: You will be informed when it goes live. (www.canopyofprayer.eu).

Prayer issues: Let your hearts be lifted up through God’s spirit

- that you may pray “from above” over Europe,
- for openness for prayer and for a further quick development of the initiative “Canopy” throughout all existing structures,
- that many nations will join the canopy.

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