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Dear praying friends in Europe!

Nehemiah was a butler who thought and acted strategically under God. On hearing of the disgrace of Jerusalem, his first response was repentant prayer & fasting and asking for favour with King Artaxerxes. So successful was he that the King not only approved his request, but funded it as well. Nehemiah assessed the damage for himself, developed a strategy, appointed groups to work together to complete the whole task. In face of extreme provocation and opposition, he did not waver, but kept building with every man and his helper serving "as guards by night and as workers by day" (Neh 4:22). Please God, give us that focus and strength as we fight for the establishment of your kingdom, during the day and at night, in our work and our rest.



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The new American Administration

Following the last canopy we want to express the other side of the change in the administration in USA this time.

There is much to be thankful for in the election of President Trump. With the backing of a great many American Christians he gained a mandate to fulfill his election promises - and he has started with a bang.

- 3. He is a **man of action** - taking many decisions on international trade, security and migration. Some have questioned the sudden implementation of the review of visas from certain countries, and the difficulties it created. So we must pray that kingdom values - especially wisdom and justice - would rule. For some, the bold personable businessman is a refreshing change from political protocol and scripted international relations. For others it's a rollercoaster ride.

For Europe, the new mood in America could bear good fruit - Vice President Pence will come to Brussels to visit Belgian and EU leaders on 19-20th February. I think it is too early to celebrate (or mourn) the election of President Trump, but there are definite signs of hope.

Prayer

- Let us pray for President Trump with the words of Daniel (2:20-23) for wisdom in the jungle of all the complex questions.
- Let us understand through Daniel 2:21 that God put President Trump into office and that we will understand later, why. Isaiah 55:8-9
- Pray for the team of advisors and for Mr. Trump to listen to them.

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- 1. **Defunding the abortion work overseas** of International Planned Parenthood and other commercial abortion providers. Following in the footsteps of President Reagan and both Bushes, he has reinstated the Mexico City Policy (Global Gag Rule). We pray that he will follow through by cutting funding domestically to these deadly corporations, and instead support those unexpectedly pregnant to bring their babies to term. Vice President Pence spoke at the March for Life in Washington - a man of conviction and courage at the centre of the White House.
- 2. Jesus is honoured publicly by many in **President Trump's team**. Where political correctness had silenced much of the freedom to express our faith, there is a new mood of openness. Whilst his many character flaws have been published and scrutinized, the new president has been mocked, misquoted and rejected by media, governments, and citizens at home and abroad. It was appropriate that the beatitudes were read at his inauguration (Matthew 5:11-12).

Please also pray

- For the new President of the European Parliament Antonio Tajani who has acknowledged his faith publicly.
- Against social unrest and a breakdown of political order across Europe.