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Dear praying friends in Europe!

“Share each other’s burdens”, says the apostle Paul (Gal 6,2), “and in this way you obey the law of Christ.” In most cases these burdens are not physical, but of emotional or spiritual nature. Are you ready to help carry them?

And what is the “law of Christ”? Look at John 15,12. There Jesus explains: “My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you”. Very clear, isn’t it?

So we will start with this issue of the Canopy to ask every now and then two countries to share their burdens trusting that there are brothers and sisters in God’s Canopy-family in the nations who are ready to pray in love for them and to carry them before God.

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Poland

Since the fall of communism in 1989, Poland who led other former eastern bloc countries in their march towards the freedom has been experiencing unprecedented growth and prosperity. The evidence for this was very much seen during the economic crisis in 2008-2014 where the recession hit Europe in a most unexpected way. During this time of turbulence for the world economy, in spite of what was happening elsewhere, Poland experienced cumulative growth of GNP (Gross National Product) by some 25%, whereas the next country was Slovakia with only 8%. The Prime Minister during that period was Mr. Donald Tusk, present President of the European Council.

After the change of power, the current situation in the country needs much prayer. People who run the country now have already destroyed: the Constitutional Court, public media, integral part of our educational system, just to mention very few. We are heading towards a very serious crisis both economically as well as politically with some serious possible social unrest.

Please pray for:

- Exposure of any evil that is behind the religious and political scene at the moment in our country (Ps. 64).
- The rise of people with authority and wisdom in order to be able to handle the coming chaos and crisis.
- Donald Tusk, whose role in Europe and in Poland is still very important.

Please also pray for

- E. Macron, for much wisdom, as he is elected now, in forming his cabinet, standing between the traditional parties.
- The Brexit negotiations between EU and Great Britain beginning soon.

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Spain

The way that people can pray and support us in Spain is by expressing interest, asking us about it, and praying for our 365 Prayer Initiative. This is the 9th year of the churches in Spain praying day and night in a coordinated way.

We are still working to strengthen the stakes of our tent. And in this process, we appreciate every prayer and word of encouragement that we can get.

We feel that if the Church is praying, the political and social issues will all fall into place. So,

Please pray for:

- This army of prayer warriors in Spain, and for us as we lead it.
- The rate of unemployment is 22%, among the young people under 25 years the rate is more than 45%.
- Gross National Product 3,2% (higher than EU average)
National debt: 99% of the Gross National Product
Balance (2015): -5,1% from Gross National Product.
Nevertheless, the economy of Spain is in a gradual growth.