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Dear praying friends in Europe!

We are presenting to you another couple of countries for prayer: Greece and Russia – both countries standing in the spotlight and both often looked down upon and even assaulted by depreciative words.

But what is the mandate of the European body of Christ? First: to see the good: so we received the Gospel through Greece and the New Testament is written in Greek. Also Greece has a mention of God in the preamble to their constitution. Russia like no other country preserved the Christian faith in the depth of her soul through 70 years of atheism. Secondly: In spite of problems we keep in mind that we are one Body in Jesus with those who love him there. Thirdly: That we protect them with our prayers, becoming one with their needs and shower on them the blessings of our God.

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Russia

Russia is the largest country in the world (17 Million km²) but has only 8 inhabitants per km². Russia is the only country having its territory on two continents, Europe and Asia. It is necessary to keep this in mind to understand Russia. They speak of “we” and “they in Europe”. Yet – west of the Ural Mountains – they feel they are “Europeans” which is true because Russian history was closely connected through the centuries before the revolution with Western Europe. Also we have in common our Christian faith (70% Orthodox). This is necessary to say, because of the “us-and-them” mentality on our side as well.

There was a huge revival after Glasnost in the 90s with thousands coming to Christ and hundreds of new churches beginning (1,4%, 2 Million Protestants). Though much has become formalised, there is still spiritual life and church growth. However last year a new “Religious Law” was passed: (a) forbidding street evangelism; (b) requiring churches to register; (c) forbidding foreigners to preach if they don’t have a “religious visa”.

Prayer

- For a growing mutual understanding and trust between “West” and “East” in Europe;
- For spiritual growth in spite of the new law, for a new revival;
- Against alcohol and drugs, corruption and violence and crime;
- For the government, especially President Putin.

Please also pray for

- a breakthrough of the Holy Spirit in all spheres of life in Europe.
- the german-french tandem “Mer-con” that they would lead Europe with godgiven wisdom.

Greece

Greece, still in an economic crisis faces at present a new avalanche birthing urgent prayer.

The government has launched a carefully planned scheme to erode whatever remains standing of Gods order, ushering a conservative Greek society into a permissive era.

A paper has reached our schools since January, followed by seminars, advocating that; “there is a social gender besides the biological and a child should determine for himself the gender he wishes to be”, “demolishing the social stereotypes.”

In primary school religious instruction will include the three monotheistic religions, Budism and Asian religions. In secondary, works of A. Tarkofski, songs of “The Dead can Dance”, the Sahanta (declaration of faith to Alah, “the almighty lord of this world”), songs of reincarnation and the notion that “yoga is not gymnastics but religious practice.”

A spiritual battle, not just a political act assassinating any remaining awareness of our God.

Prayer

- That Gods people will rise and stand against this avalanche.
- That archbishop Ieronymos, (regretfully the only public opposition to the scheme) will be anointed to become a key man for the Lord.
- That educators who fear God will nurse our youth with boldness.
- That Greece will know this is a moment of destiny.

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