



Dear Praying Friends in Europe,

24-7 Prayer

In September 1999, a remarkable movement of continuous prayer emerged from an industrial warehouse in Chichester, UK. Challenged by their need of God and the Moravian Revival's 100-year prayer meeting, a group of young people began to pray night and day. Since then, 24-7 Prayer rooms have spread virally across the globe – throughout multiple nations and denominations.

As the 24-7 Prayer movement prepares to celebrate its 25th birthday at a conference in Rotterdam (31st October – 2nd November), one of the founder leaders reflects on the journey and current trends across Europe:

'When 24-7 Prayer began, no one in their wildest imagination could have predicted where it would lead. Who could have imagined tens of thousands of prayer rooms in multiple denominations and expressions of the church? Christians brought up on stories of prayer mountains and explosive church growth in Asia and Africa were suddenly part of a radical movement of prayer in secular Europe, the Prodigal Continent. Prayer rooms were springing up in cafés, parliament buildings, palaces, universities, churches, slums and ghettos; even in some of the 'high places' of youth culture, such as rock festivals and the party island of Ibiza.'



Over the years, 24-7 Prayer has deepened and broadened. Many cities, nations, denominations and mission organisations have organised their own years of non-stop prayer; and Catholic movements are increasingly connecting with prayer rooms as a catalyst for renewal. The early communities that gathered around 24-7 Prayer (dubbed 'Boiler Rooms') have now coalesced into the 24-7 Communities Network connected by shared values and relationships. Many communities have adopted a more monastic rule of life with a rhythm of prayer; others are pioneer mission communities or, in some cases, larger resource churches.

The 24-7 Prayer journey has been full of surprises – one of the most startling being the global spread of prayer rooms in schools. In nations such as Germany, Austria, the UK and Malta, schools have set up interactive prayer spaces where young people engage with God's presence as part of their spiritual and educational development (see <https://prayerspacesinschools.com/>). 24-7 Prayer's simple model of Jesus-centred prayer has also been an accessible model for those working for partnership within the Body of Christ – churches uniting in night and day prayer for renewal and revival within their community.

At the time of writing, the global spread of prayer rooms is growing. For further help on how to start one in your locality, visit <https://www.24-7prayer.com/how-to-pray/help-us/>

Our prayer is for a fresh visitation for the young across Europe as they embrace lives of prayer, mission and radical discipleship. Excitingly, we have witnessed signs in recent weeks that God is imparting a spirit of prayer among a new generation of European young people and students – in the UK, Netherlands, Ukraine, Norway, Denmark, Spain, as well as other nations. God is on the move!

Background reading: Red Moon Rising by Pete Greig

Prayer Points

- The 25th anniversary gathering of 24-7 is already sold out. As 1000 gather from many nations in Rotterdam, please pray for an impartation of life and visions. These times have often been prophetic and catalytic
- We are praying for the nations across Europe to be flooded with praying communities and night-and-day prayer rooms to seek God to 'move His hand that moves the world'. Please pray for open doors and connections into new nations
- Please pray for a move of God across Europe among student movements and young people – for fresh waves of dynamic disciples

Flooding in Europe

Since our last issue, much of Central Europe has been affected by severe flooding and much of the news reporting was about how these events may be the result of Climate change. This obviously is very important to address, but we also need to have our attention drawn to the ongoing human tragedy of lost lives, disrupted and destroyed livelihoods as well as the continuing clean-up going on across our continent. Let's remember Romania, Czech Republic, Poland, Germany and Austria especially, and continue to pray as they set about rebuilding their lives and communities.

Further Prayer:-

1. Let's pray for the crucial parliamentary elections which are due to take place in Austria this Sunday, 29th September.
2. In the conflict in the Middle East, let us pray that God would guide those who have the power to make decisions to bring the hostilities to an end.

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