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Why I love to live in the EU and Europe

Love for Europe

I love my continent, this old continent, which was of such great importance in the past.

Europe can be admired for its music, poetry, architecture etc. and the ongoing discovery of the world; its inventions - printing machines, electricity etc.

I feel very privileged to live in Europe because we received the gospel first and we were able to give it to the world.

Europe received the Gospel and “exported” it along with our culture based on Christianity: the 7 day week, the Christian feasts, women’s rights, schooling and science, democracy, administration etc.

It is just a beautiful continent with such different regions, climate, mountains, rivers, lakes and sea.

We like the freedom to travel, to connect with different nations, to study their culture. And we appreciate the freedom to speak what we think without fear of persecution, as in other parts of the world. (statement from South-East Europe)

I feel deeply rooted in European culture, so much of which I love. But I am also deeply grieved that as a continent, we have turned our backs on the Lord and on our spiritual heritage.

I feel European. We are a family of nations belonging together.

I love Europe as a continent but also all the 50 nations, the people.

Stronger together

God has given a mandate to each nation – when all the nations are together we are richer and stronger.

We need to think more globally. We as Europeans have a common history as a continent. Together we are stronger. We deal with the same issues. I feel European. We are like a family of nations.

We have so many things in common: the Christian background with celebrations of the birth, the passion and the resurrection of Christ.

Throughout Europe we find a church or a chapel in every community. Everywhere the Bible is *available*.

Being a part of this prayer movement of EUoP opens my eyes towards the feeling that we in Europe are together. Even though we are different countries, we are part of one another.

I like to have my prejudices about the other nations corrected (e.g. former communist nations). I can see the nation of Russia represented here and so reducing fear of that nation.

I love to see how God is building his network in Europe. I believe He has a specific purpose for Europe in the end times and I want to be part of it. (Building up a wall together – Neh. 4:19b-20)

I like the diversities coming together for the sake of the Kingdom. I like to be connected and visit each other in different parts of Europe, as the EUoP does twice a year. Then I can learn from others where to be aware and where we have to break through in prayer.



Praying for Europe

What helps me to pray for Europe is to see Europe as a person.

Europe is not just one massive map but also people living there.

I like to discover the body of Christ in Europe, I like to get to know my brothers and sisters in all the different countries. I really like to bless them and intercede for them.

I am learning with the EUoP to discover the European nations, to love them with God's heart and His truth.

God called me back to Europe to pray for it because it was/is the only continent where the church is not growing.

God called me to Europe and I have met wonderful people whom God loves. The more countries I see and the more people I meet, the more I feel God's love on this continent.

Since I was born in Europe, I believe that I have a responsibility from God to form and shape the future history of Europe and to invest my life so that Europe would fulfil God's destiny. For many Europeans it is hard to identify with Europe. It is easier to identify with our own country and culture than with Europe. But I believe that in order to have positive influence and to be able to pray and intercede we will have to identify ourselves more with Europe. If we have benefits from Europe, we have also responsibilities to it.

Coming to the different European nations gives me God's perspective and opens my heart to the people and nationalities with their history.

Being a part of this prayer movement of the EUoP, God has given me another love for the different countries and a new perspective on how great God is and that we all worship the same God. And that brings a feeling of unity.

In His mercy God has not turned His back on us – I believe He has promised that Europe shall be saved. I want to be part of praying that into being. I long for His light to shine in our darkness.

I love to open and reopen wells of life in Europe.

The EU

I feel the EU is a picture of a united body, not perfect, but it is giving a huge field of cooperation.

EU leadership that is supported in prayer has more chance of positive input into laws in the EU.

We like it that Europe is a key leader in the world. And we can influence that key leader through our prayers and mobilisation of prayer in our nation.

The European influence upon former communist countries is much better than Russian or Asian. (Bulgarian)

Europe is the most blessed and the most apostate continent at the same time. I believe in a revival of our Christian inheritance all over Europe and that the EU can fight that but not prevent it.

The founders of the EU were convinced that Christianity is a core root of the union. My strong impression is that the EU will only survive if we can revive this view of the fathers of Europe.

The future of the EU lies in the degree of trust both between citizens and politicians and between the members states and "the EU". I will pray for this foundation.

God alone can give it to us.