

Canopy of Prayer

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Dear praying friends in Europe

"Europe shall be saved!" When I first heard of this sentence I thought in my heart: "One of these typical charismatic exaggerations". But then I started to pray. And God shifted my standpoint, my perspective. And suddenly I looked away from Europe into the potentials of heaven – unlimited, into the potentials of the Holy Spirit – boundless. And immediately my mind was changed and the questioning turned into confident faith and I asked myself: "Why not?! If the Spirit begins to move, everything changes." So I will pray and look for what HE, God Almighty, will do because He promised: "And it shall come to pass, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh" (Joel 2:28 in English, originally 3,1). "All flesh" – o Lord, this includes Europe, too!!

Ortwin Schweitzer

God is doing something new!

In an amazing number of places in Europe, three trends can be identified: (1) hunger for people being led to Jesus, (2) the belief that this is possible only through the work of the Holy Spirit and prayer, and (3) the conviction of the need for cooperation among Christian Churches. In 2016, leaders from big international ministries gathered in Chexbres on the Lake of Geneva. They began to dream what would be possible if all Christians in Europe had the common goal of leading people to Jesus. The result was the movement "Europe Shall Be Saved!", behind which a large number of central leaders of quite different Christian movements and churches have already come together (see www.esbs.org). ESBS is not a new organisation, but a movement of the people of God. It's all about winning Christians for the following 4 core beliefs:

1. **Hope.** God wants to and can save Europe. The time of Christianity is not over, because God still has great plans for Europe.
2. **Gospel.** This is the time for a courageous proclamation of the Good News.
3. **Unity.** We can still work together even if we are not in tune with everything. We can only do it together!
4. **The power of the Holy Spirit.** Revival is not the fruit of human power, but of the presence of the Holy Spirit.



Just because of the latter conviction, ESBS is also a prayer movement. We need a wave of prayer across the continent that precedes a new activity of heaven. That's why ESBS calls every year for 40 days of fasting and praying for Europe. Last year around 10,000 pray-ers took part in it. In addition, we invite everyone to proclaim daily at 5:00 pm: "Europe Shall Be Saved!", and to pray for our continent. Since then a lot has happened. More and more Christians are joining this common goal, more and more pray for it and pick up the new joy for evangelisation. Actually the strongest and most important testimony is how much cooperation happens there already. In many cities, crusades or major events take place with the participation of all or almost all Christian denominations. This trend will continue. Very important: this is not about a mishmash or a mingling of theological differences. But it is about cooperation for the sake of the kingdom of God even where different views exist. We just feel that only by focusing on the 4 points mentioned above it gives some more clarity and that the proclamation "Europe Shall Be Saved!" actually releases hope and strength. It is not a magical formula, but a confession of faith. Today, I invite you to join this confession and to pray with many thousands of others and along with other great prayer movements for a breakthrough in Europe!

Prayer

- *Pray for thousands joining us for a spiritual outbreak in Europe and for millions coming to know our Lord.*
- *Pray for more continuous prayer initiatives for Europe such as prayer at 17:00 daily. Canopy prayer 15 minutes per week, prayer houses etc.*

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Dr. Felix Boellmann says:-

We currently have bookings from 190 Christian lawyers (of various denominations and professions) from 26 European and 7 non-European countries. Booking is still open. We are thankful and pray that God will bless this gathering and its attendees.

Please also pray for:-

1. *Brexit: with divided political parties, a divided government, a divided nation and the possibility of a divided Europe, pray for God's way forward to a solution that brings unity.*
2. *Balance in the question of migrants between solidarity and refusal, and between European Christian values and the defence of European borders.*

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