

Canopy of Prayer

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Dear Prayer Partners in Europe

Dear Angela Merkel, Dear Chancellor!

I know that you are a believing Christian and you have talked about your faith again and again. Now you have become EU Council President again after 2007. What an honour! But also what a burden are the high expectations of the Europeans, and even of the whole world! How are you doing? May I give you two words of encouragement into this situation: (a) "Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labour in vain." Ps 127.1.2. May I encourage you to make a conscious decision to place the House of Europe with all its complex questions and their unpredictable outcome under the Lordship of "the Lord" as the master builder of Europe. (b) Hundreds, yes thousands, in Germany and Europe are standing with you and pray for you and the work that God wants to do through you. Be blessed mightily, dear Mrs. Merkel!

Germany - the light side

"I love Germany!" It gives me great pleasure that after decades of shame I can utter this sentence freely and openly, thanks to the honest encouragement from many nations. Today my country has become a reliable partner of the peoples of the world and a pillar of European unity.

I love this country because of its scenic beauty and I am grateful for its history, for its sons and daughters, who have sent ideas of all kinds all over the world: Martin Luther, Johannes Gutenberg, Graf Zinzendorf, Immanuel Kant, Goethe and Schiller, Bismarck, Bach and Beethoven and all the brave women at the side of these men. I feel the characteristics of this nation in me: the joy of doing things well; I tend to save rather than waste money; and to trust rather than distrust the government. This is related to the quality of our politicians for decades. I see that with 82 million we are the most populous nation in Europe and, through our hard work and good education, we produce goods that are in demand all over the world ("export world champions"). I feel the responsibility that follows from these superlatives - responsibility for Europe and the so called "3rd World". Therefore I expect the German Presidency to provide sustainable development and aid for the post-Corona period.

As to the spiritual realm in Germany, there is clearly visible a movement of the members of the body of Christ to come closer together, at the base as with the bishops. In addition, new "prayer houses" are emerging everywhere, and spirit-filled worship meetings with many genuinely German songs can be heard in many places.



I complain of Germany

We are still a divided country between east and west. Foreign workers are exploited e.g. in agriculture or the meat industry. Even worse are the traffickers who hold women prisoner as sex slaves. Because of its lax legislation, Germany has become a brothel for Europe. Our good reputation: "Made in Germany" has almost broken apart, due to the diesel scandal in the automotive industry, the crisis at Deutsche Bank and the collapse of Wirecard. But what concerns us really deeply is the increasing influence of the right-wing radical scene and the return of general anti-Semitism in our population.

What do we need your prayer for?

As well as thanksgiving for the light side of Germany we need to pray for:

- For change of the sinful areas of Germany.
- Politically, an era comes to an end with the departure of Angela Merkel. Pray for a good successor government which will be of importance also for Europe.
- Pray that a new fire of the Spirit will fall on the body of Christ.

United in
Prayer for
Europe

Let us give thanks

On 26th June, European Members of National Parliaments joined together in prayer for Europe and invited many to join with them in asking God for our continent.

This initiative was organised in connection with Members of the European Parliament Prayer Breakfast. Using the Lord's Prayer, MPs from the north, south, east, west and centre of Europe prayed for our continent.

We were also blessed by "The Blessing" song in French.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1eCnolXi8s>

Additional Prayer Points:-

1. The expectations of the German Presidency are huge: Corona crisis, Brexit, climate ("green deal"), EU budget for 7 years, cohesion of the EU countries.
2. Protect Europe from a second pandemic wave in autumn. Intelligence for holidaymakers in the summer.

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