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Dear Praying Friends in Europe,

Let's get behind the Evangelism Initiatives in Europe this Summer!!

The prophet Hosea gave the Israelites this promise:

"But then I will win her back once again. I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her there. I will return her vineyards to her and transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope. She will give herself to me there, as she did long ago when she was young, when I freed her from her captivity in Egypt. "When that day comes," says the Lord, "you will call me 'my husband' instead of 'my master.' Hosea 2:14-16 NLT

As punishment for their idolatry and for their cruelty to the poor and disadvantaged, God brought the Israelites low and humbled them. But after that, He wanted to win them back to Himself; He wanted to be a husband to them again. I believe this applies to Europe as well. We have been in the desert spiritually and now He is speaking tenderly to us, now He will transform the valley of troubles into a gateway of hope.

Europe has sinned by following many other 'gods' such as humanism and secularism and now we are suffering from the increasing chaos in the world. Our comfort and safety are being challenged and we hear God's voice speaking to us tenderly.

I would like to share another verse with you, that I think we can apply to the European church: At least there is hope for a tree: If it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. Its roots may grow old in the ground and its stump die in the soil, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth shoots like a plant. Job 14:7-9 NIV

Does the church in Europe seem in some places like a dead tree, just an old stump that is now dead? Let us pray that it will scent the living water, the Holy Spirit will start to work in its roots, and it will show exciting new growths of spiritual life!

Or here is another picture from Genesis 7:11: The springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of heaven were opened. (NIV)

We often think of the Holy Spirit being poured out on us from above, like heavy rain. But in this verse, there were also sources of water deep underground, that released a lot of water to flood the earth in Noah's time. In recent years people have talked a lot about spiritual wells being reopened. Some examples are places of former revival, prayer ministries, or centres of mission and evangelism. Because revival has happened there once before, we believe it can break out again more easily. A well has water underground, so a spiritual well has spiritual water underground that can flow again. In 2019 we led the "Europe's wells" prayer initiative (europeswells.org), where over 100 groups gathered to pray at many spiritual wells of former revival or spiritual growth.

→ So let us pray that these sources of living water flow again, that the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the Holy Spirit flows powerfully again all over Europe.

Pray for evangelism in Europe this summer

There are many evangelism initiatives, large and small, but I'd like to focus on one bold initiative from Awakening Europe – the Million Month. This is how they describe it:

Sharing the Gospel through one-to-one evangelism on the streets of more than 25 different cities across Europe simultaneously, and reach 1 million unbelievers in 2 weeks, 21 June to 6 July 2025.

This will be the largest evangelism mobilisation in Europe to date. Can you picture it? Literally 1 million people who might think of Jesus as just part of a dead religion are going to have a face-to-face encounter across major cities of Europe.

For more information, see: https://themillionmonth.com/

Manchester, Kyiv, Vienna, Thessaloniki, Amsterdam, Paris, Bern, Marseille, Prague, Reykjavik, Valletta, Porto, Nuremberg, Munich, Rome, Brussels, Bucharest, Budapest, Dublin, Warsaw, Hamburg, Mannheim, Lisbon, Madrid, Tallinn, Zagreb, Stockholm, Dresden – which city will you pray for?

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Wow, that is a bold vision! And we as praying people and intercessors should support all these enthusiastic evangelists, and take part if we can.

Let us believe it is a new era in Europe, that people are open and searching for spiritual truth, particularly young people. Let us believe that they will be glad when someone approaches them to talk about Jesus, that they will listen and respond and be saved!

To encourage us in this belief, a new survey in Britain has reported a "Quiet Revival" there. A recent survey by the UK Bible Society has found that church attendance has risen by 50% over the last six years. The most dramatic church growth is among young adults, particularly young men, with the largest growth in the Roman Catholic and Pentecostal churches.

Source: https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/research/quiet-revival

This breaks the myth of endless church decline and should make us hungry to pray for more. So let's get behind the Million Month and any evangelism taking place in your area and pray for real harvest:



- Pray for many to join the evangelism teams and for all the practical preparations
- Pray for many great conversations on the streets, for inspired words and testimonies, and for real 'Godencounters'
- Lord, use this initiative to reach out to those who are searching for truth, bring them into a conversation and to be saved!

May tens of thousands be saved and written in the Book of Life. And all of them to be integrated into a local church and discipled to follow Jesus the rest of their lives!

Catholic Conclave

It has been said that 'It will take the whole church with the whole gospel to win the whole world'.

With the death of pope Francis, the Catholic Church is in mourning but also in a time of transition. On 7th May, 133 Cardinals will enter the conclave and have the responsibility to seek God's guidance for the man who will next take on the role of Pope, leading the Roman Catholic Church.

Whether you are a Catholic or not, or even a believer in Christ or not, this event will attract the eyes of the whole world. Many will be watching their televisions to see the moment that white smoke will rise from the simple chimney of the Sistine chapel which will mark the election of the next pope.

As those who count ourselves part of the body of Christ, it is our duty to hold up our brothers and sisters within the Catholic Church in prayer, especially during this time of transition.

And, as we have read in our article this month, God is moving in churches from Roman Catholic to Pentecostal.

Paul teaches in Romans 13:1 "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."

Further Prayer:-

- 1. Let us pray about the growing concerns for energy security across our continent. Whether it be an outage, as suffered by Spain and Portugal this week, or the realities of war, like that being faced by Ukraine, many are feeling vulnerable.
- 2. Let's pray for two forthcoming presidential elections; a re-run in Romania on 4th May, and the other in Poland on 18th May. Pray that they will be fair and free from foreign manipulation.



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