# Intercessory Prayer Call

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# Praying Against Demonic Opposition to the Church

With sling in hand, David announced to the giant, Goliath, "The battle is the Lord's!" (1 Sam. 17:47). Paul reminded the Ephesian Christians, "Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Eph. 6:12). In another place he wrote, "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds" (1 Cor. 10:4).

As the church advances in Africa, it is being opposed on every hand by demonic forces. This opposition is especially evident in unreached areas and among resistant people groups.

This month we will engage in spiritual warfare. We will stand against the powers of darkness that are resisting the advance of the church in Africa. In doing this we will call on the Spirit of God to intervene and demolish these demonic strongholds.

—Dr Denny Miller, Director, Acts in Africa Initiative



Cameroonian pastors doing spiritual warfare and interceding for the lost at the Cameroon Acts 1:8 Conference in Douala.

## Challenging the Kingdom of Darkness

#### In preparation for spiritual warfare do the following:

- Ask God to fill you with His Spirit and empower you to challenge and defeat demonic strongholds (Matt. 12:28).
- As you intercede, remember to pray both "in the Spirit and with understanding" as the Spirit guides you (1Cor. 14:15; Rom. 8:26-27).

#### Now, intercede for the following:

- Pray that God's kingdom will come to Africa in power (Matt. 6:10; Mark 9:1). As you pray, intercede for specific peoples and places as the Spirit lays them on your heart.
- Pray against demonic powers. Pray that the Spirit will bind and disable those evil powers working in your targeted localities (Matt. 12:28-29: Luke 11:21-22).
- Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in gospel resistant countries and areas. Remember, there are no "closed doors" to the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for open doors to proclaim of the gospel (1 Cor. 16:9; 2 Cor. 2:12; Col. 4:3; Rev. 3:8).
- Pray specifically against demonic strongholds in Mauritania, Nigeria, Chad, Sudan, and Somalia.
- Pray against unclean spirits that have secretly infiltrated some churches creating confusion, destroying unity, and hindering the progress of the gospel.

#### Country Prayer Focus November 2015

Please pray that God will pour out His Spirit on each of the following countries, and that He will guide leaders as they mobilize their churches to reach the lost in the power of the Holy Spirit. (Note: By following this country prayer focus you will pray for every country in Africa in one year.)

- Republic of the Mali
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Republic of the Somalia
- Republic of Zimbabwe
- Republic of Tunisia

### Africa's Unreached Ethne: The Moors of West Africa



Pray for the 6 million Moors living in northwest Africa.

Six million Moors live in the northwest African countries of Mauritania and Morocco. Other significant populations live in Senegal and Western Sahara.

Most Moors are semi-nomadic cattle or camel herders. Others are subsistence farmers and fishermen. An increasing number of young Moors are migrating to the cities to find work there.

Almost all Moors are Sunni Muslim. However, they often mix their Islamic practices with magic and sorcery. They sometimes by charms and amulets from "holy men" to protect themselves evil spirits. Historically the Moors have been very resistant to the gospel.

Pray for these very lost, yet very precious, people. Pray that the Spirit of God will move among them. Take authority over the spiritual powers that hold them in collective captivity. Pray to the Lord of the harvest that He will send laborers to work among the Moors of West Africa.

#### Upcoming Decade of Pentecost Events

Please join us in committed prayer that God will pour out His Spirit on these upcoming Decade of Pentecost events:

- Ethiopia Acts 1:8 Conference. Jan.26-31, Hawassa, Ethiopia
- AAGA Executive Meeting. Feb. 23-24, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- Kisangani Acts 1:8 Conference. March 1-6, Kisangani, DRC
- CAR Acts 1:8 Conference. March 9-13, Bangui, Central African Republic

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