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It is then natural and reasonable to suppose that the whole world should finally be given to Christ, as one whose right it is to reign, as the proper heir of him who is originally the King of all nations, and the possessor of heaven and earth. (Psalm 2:6-8; Hebrews 1:2, 2:8)

—Excerpted from A Call to United, Extraordinary Prayer, Christian Focus Publications, 2003.

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**THE KINGDOM
OF CHRIST**

BY JONATHAN EDWARDS*

It is evident from the Scripture, that there is yet remaining a great advancement of the interest of religion and the Kingdom of Christ in this world, by an abundant outpouring of the Spirit of God, far greater and more extensive than ever yet has been. It is certain that many things which are spoken concerning a glorious time of the church's enlargement and prosperity in the latter days, have never yet been fulfilled. There has never yet been any propagation and prevalence of religion, in any wise, of that extent and universality which the prophecies represent. It is often foretold and signified, in a great variety of strong expressions, that there should a time come, when all nations, throughout the whole habitable world, should embrace the true religion and be brought into the Church of God.

It was often promised to the patriarchs, that "in their seed all the nations, or (as it is sometimes expressed) all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (Genesis 12:3) Agreeably to this, it is said of the Messiah, Psalm 72:11, "That all nations shall serve Him." "All flesh shall come and worship before the Lord" (Isaiah 66:23). "All flesh should see the glory of God together." (Isaiah 60:5) "All flesh should come to Him that hears prayer." (Psalm 65:2)

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*"I will pour
out of My Spirit
on all flesh..."*

—Acts 2:17

**AUGUST 2011
PRAYER FOCUS**

Sunday, August 7, 2001

MIDDLE EAST / FOREIGN POLICY – Pray for all involved in policy toward Israel, Jerusalem, other Middle East nations, China, Russia, European Union nations, and for the troubled war-torn countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan, and persecuted peoples.

Sunday, August 14, 2001

LOCAL SCHOOLS – Pray for God's wisdom to guide your local public and private schools, boards, principals, teachers, aides, administrators, staff and home-schooling parents in their final preparations for the new school year. Pray for any final staffing and curriculum decisions or facility repairs that still need to be completed.

Sunday, August 21, 2001

NEIGHBORING – "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mk 12:31) Pray that the Lord fill your heart with His love for your neighbors—to show you times to visit, acts of kindness and creative ways of sharing Christ's love. Pray they come to know Christ or be deepened and guided in their faith.

Sunday, August 28, 2001

AIDS ORPHANS – Studies say that there are now over 13 million African children orphaned by AIDS. Pray for the salvation of these orphans, and for the pastors, leaders, local churches and ministries who are working to reach them and serve them in Christ's name.