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accept the call to action by praying for the 2004 national election. Every method of prayer—fasting, prayer chains, prayer walks, all-night prayer rallies, etc.—could be seen in homes and around local offices, party headquarters and polling centers, all with the purpose of removing anti-Christian leaders from power.

God heard the persistent outcry and responded in unimaginable ways. A minority party not affiliated with fundamentalist Hinduism won India's 2004 election, paving the way for further testimonies of answered prayer. In a prominent city of southern India with over one million people and 3,000 Hindu shrines, Christians were so encouraged by God's hand at work that they initiated 365 days of prayer in February 2005 and declared August 2006 to be a "Month of Prayer." Groups of believers took turns sponsoring a day of prayer and divided the city into 35 strategic prayer sections, interceding for transformation. By God's grace, the government destroyed 1,600 Hindu shrines over the next few months—all because a simple traffic study found that roadside shrines were illogically placed and disrupted the flow of travel.



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The Lord is calling America to awaken from slumber and pray that the course of our nation would change. At this urgent hour the future of America is in the posture of the American church: clothed in sackcloth, hands lifted in worship, knees bent in surrender, and crying with one united voice in a language God understand, tears. Will you join this remnant to pray? There is Hope for our future. God is looking for one man. Let us respond like the Church of India saying "Here I am, Lord, send me to my knees. Be it unto me according to Your Word."

—John Peters is a member of the National Prayer Network of India.



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MOBILIZED PRAYER TRANSFORMS

BY JOHN PETERS

History tells us that God always causes an individual or remnant to seek Him to transform His people. Prayer movements have preceded every awakening in Church history, and I believe we are at the dawn of another awakening. It could be the last awakening to sweep the nations of the earth. I hear the Lord asking us the question he asked Prophet Ezekiel in the valley of dry bones: "Son of man, can these bones live?"

We all know it's time for America to get back to her foundation built upon the Lord and His Word. God is moving all across the globe in Africa, China and Asia, and His desire is to visit us here once again—provided that God's people mobilize a praying remnant.

Let me encourage you with a story of unified prayer in India.

Anti-secular political party was in power during the beginning of this millennium. These political leaders were notorious for their anti-Christian sentiments and turned a blind eye to many atrocities against Christians. An anti-conversion law prohibited evangelism and baptisms, and Hindu fundamentalists persecuted Christians in every state.

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Filled with desperation, Indian Christians began to unite in prayer and look to Jesus for deliverance. Like wildfire, a corporate lifestyle of disciplined prayer emerged, coupled with a deep desire to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ spread throughout the country. The National Prayer Network of India (NPN) became a catalyst for mobilization, encouraging four million Christians to

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*"For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given; And
the government will be upon
His shoulder."*

—Isaiah 9:6

**DECEMBER 2010
PRAYER FOCUS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010
CORRUPTION** - Prayerfully affirm that Jesus Christ is "ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead," (Is 9:6-7; Acts 10:42; 1 Tim 6:15) and that He is the source and consummation of all government, truth, justice, mercy, atonement, forgiveness, reconciliation, cleansing from defilement, and hope.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010
THE LONELY AND NEEDY** -The Christmas holiday often brings loneliness, depression and increased suicides among the poor, elderly, homeless, prisoners and their families, single parents and those separated from or suffering the loss of loved ones. Pray that the Lord reveal Himself to these, that He lead them to Christmas services, and that believers in your area reach out to befriend lonely and needy individuals.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2010
REVELATION OF CHRIST** - Pray that the Lord draw individuals to Christmas and gospel presentations, and that He grant revelation of Himself as Savior and Lord to the unsaved in your neighborhoods, towns and cities. Pray that the love of Jesus be shown to the poor, handicapped, addicted, homeless, prisoners, elderly, shut-in and lonely.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2010
JERUSALEM / MIDDLE EAST** - Pray as current events would indicate, for "the Peace of Jerusalem," and that the Lord would grant "wisdom from above" to Israeli, Palestinian, Arab, U.S. and European officials working to resolve the political conflicts and suffering. (Psalm 122; James 3:13-18)