

World Wide Prayer Meeting – February 23, 2017

Jesus was a man of Prayer

Jesus stayed connected with God the Father by taking time to pray. He prayed when he was alone, **“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”** (Mark 1:35) Jesus drew strength from his relationship with the Father. He prayed with and for His disciples. (John 17) He prayed during deep personal moments, **“Jesus was baptized and as he was praying, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove.”** (Luke 3:21) He prayed when he was engaged with day to day ministry, **“At that time, Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said ‘I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.’”** (Luke 10:21) He prayed when he was dying, **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”** (Luke 23:34) Prayer was natural for Jesus.

SASB # 784 (Tune 70) Prayer is the Christian’s Vital Breath

Prayer gives us opportunity to tell God what is on our heart; thanks, sorrow, petition, praise.

Bring your silent prayer to God.

Jesus was asked for guidance in prayer and He gave an example to follow.

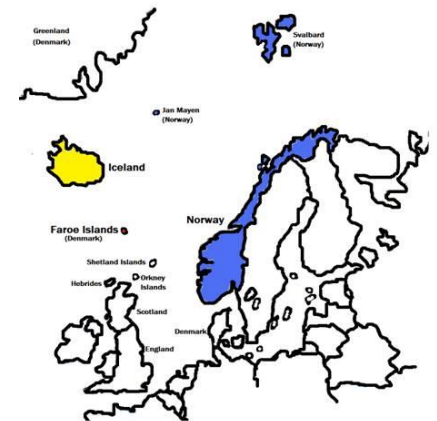
Let us join in saying the Lord’s Prayer.

Jesus still prays. He is our Intercessor, **“Christ Jesus is at the Father’s right hand interceding for us,”** (Romans 8:34) He sympathizes with us and gives us to receive mercy and help as we need. **“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”**

(Hebrews 4:15-16)

Jesus calls to the ministry of intercession.

“Pray for each other so that you may be healed.” (James 5:16)



Prayer Focus - Norway, Iceland and the Faeroes Territory

Territorial Commander Commissioner William Cochrane

Chief Secretary Colonel Ja Peder Fosen

Officers 381 (active 163 retired 218) **Cadets** 13 **Employees** 1,002 **Corps** 104 **Outposts** 293

Institutions 86 **Schools** 4 **Senior Soldiers** 4,424 **Adherents** 1,646 **Junior Soldiers** 40

- In prayer for more soldiers and officers
- In prayer for Homeless World Cup in Oslo, the first week in September
- In prayer for City Ministry – To be able to express the Army message to the whole person
- In prayer for young people to be real disciples
- In prayer for adults (parents/grandparents) that they take responsibility for communicating the Gospel of Jesus to children and young people

The Salvation Army 2017 Year Book Reports on Norway, Iceland and the Faeroes Territory;

- The Social Services and many corps in the territory are celebrating their 125th year of service
- Housing and program support for refugees – 400 beds
- Street soccer ministry
- Twenty years of Baby Song has brought many families into contact with TSA

Canada and Bermuda Prayer Concerns

February 23 – 26 Commissioner Susan McMillan, Colonel Debbie Graves, Lt. Col. Fred Waters, Lt. Col. Jim Champ and Major Shari Russel will be participating in Hobiye, an Indigenous Celebration.

Major Brenda Murray and World Mission team currently traveling in Kenya

Cycle of Prayer

Majors Robert and Agnes MacDonald (Rtd), Captains Ronnie & Joyce MacDonald (Rtd), Lieut. Ryan MacDonald and Mrs. Theiah Felix

Officer Personnel Communiqué

Moore, Colonel Mary (Rtd) – Hamilton, ON – Husband

Roed, Lt. Colonel Peter (Esther) (Rtd) – Abbotsford, BC – Brother

SASB # 792 Thank you for these quiet minutes