

*National Upperroom:*

# 10 Days of Intense Prayer

**May 25 to June 3, 2017**



Dear brothers and sisters, friends, co-intercessors,

We live in crucial and exciting times: surely it isn't easy, because the Church is constantly under pressure and facing attacks. Yet in times of pressure and persecution, God is very close and His power manifests.

It is His opportunity to show His Kingdom. *'We are born for such a time as this!'*

2017 is a very important year, given the celebrations of 500 years Reformation. And doesn't Europe need a Reformation now more than ever than in Luther's time? An awakening does not come from below, not of human efforts, planning or ideas. Each Awakening is different, it isn't a copy of the previous one. Now more than ever does our country, our continent need God's touch: not because this world deserves it or looks for it, but because God is gracious and He wants to. *For God so loved the world.* John 3:16a

Therefore, as Pray4Belgium, we are making this call, **10 days of intense prayer between Ascension and Pentecost (May 25 - June 3)**: just like the apostles and the 120 pupils.

## **Why and how do we do that?**

We all need to seek God's face, and prayer is too often "priority number 17" in this busy society. God is the Source of all life, of every refreshment and renewal. Let us seek Him with all our strength, His will and revelation, His power and life. We can do this for ourselves, personally, for our country, our city, our communes.

The main purpose of these ten days is NOT about organizing many prayer activities, but: so each of us personally makes prayer as a top priority and intensify it for ten days. It is a declaration of war to all lack of prayer in our own souls and in our communities.

## How? Eight suggestions:

- In the next ten days, put aside other activities or commitments: how important some engagements can be, it can not be compared with an appointment with the King of the universe, can it?
- Always take the best time of your day: the time you are most refreshed. God deserves the best, right?
- Choose the best place where you find peace. Go inside your 'inner room', where you will not be disturbed, otherwise go to a place where you can easily seek Him.
- Take enough time to spend with Him: we only get into deeper layers of our soul and mind when we take time! If necessary, withdraw for an entire day.
- Change your prayer times, prayer places, prayer routines: Break out of solid patterns, get out of your comfort zone, do prayer walks, try new and fresh ways.
- seek prayer partners during those periods, make appointments to do this together and to encourage one another.
- If there is a prayer house in your area, go there alone or with others, to spend hours with God.
- Fasting could certainly help to pray more intensively, to free yourself from the suction of this world, and to deepen your contact with God.

In any case, go for personal breakthrough in all situations of your life, there where darkness has fade in. Break all lack of prayer, scorn, fatigue, discouragement and disbelief. Come in Gods Presence and find rest in full awareness, put off your busy work, expect something new of Him.

The answer of this prayer is guaranteed: to be in God's Presence, is already its own reward.

Let the following two texts, of David and Paul, be our guide:

- **Psalm 27: 4, 8, 14**

'One *thing* I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.'

*'When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek."*

'Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!'

- **Philippians 3: 8, 10, 11**

'Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ. That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death. ... if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.'

## 10 Days Upperroom - Recap.

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- 10 days of intense prayer: personal, your commune, city & nation of Belgium.
- All over Belgium.
- From May 25 to June 3, 2017.

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