

21 DAYS OF PRAYER

2016



PRAY
FOR FRANCE

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 19



WEEK 1

A SPRINGTIME FOR FRANCE

INTRO //

- With an exclamation mark, this title could affirm the certainty of a coming renewal, notably by young people
- With a question mark, it would emphasize the very real difficulty of bouncing back from the great present-day difficulties, from a human point of view.
- But if Spring evokes the idea of new birth, it also alludes to the "Arab spring", which remains a clear failure, unless it evokes the idea of an Islamic spring in France – may the Lord preserve us from that!

Even if our hearts lean more towards the exclamation mark, we'll leave the punctuation up in the air, so our hearts will be free for all kinds of prayer: intercession, proclamation, requests and actions of grace...

...All so that Christ will reign in France.

As always, at the beginning of a year, we send and receive glad tidings and hopes that this year will be better than the last. Of course, we know there's nothing magical about crossing over a date on the calendar: but it can be an encouragement to decide to live this year differently and enter more into what the Lord has prepared for His church and for each one of us.

Of course we know that "God is Love", based on our strong faith reaffirmed in 1 JOHN 4. But do we realize to what extent the arms of God are wrapped around the lives of the French and France itself?

It is because of this knowledge that we know the attacks of last November 13th could have been much more deadly – even if it's still quite easy for other potential terrorists to commit more of them, in millions of places (particularly in provinces). Yet, there aren't any, not only because of the police doing their job but especially because God is watching and answers the prayers of intercessors.

INTRO (cont.) //

Let's be extremely grateful for this Love, and encouraged in our prayers.

Let's bless God for His immense love. Remind ourselves of it, and proclaim it with His Word!

- The Eternal, Everlasting God merciful, and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in goodness and in faithfulness... (Exodus 34:6, see also Numbers 14:18, Nehemiah 9:17, Psalms 86:15, 103:8, 145:8, Joel 2:13, Jonah 4:2...)
- God is love: who abides in love abides in God, and God abides (lives) in Him. (1 John 4:16)
- The proof that God loves us, is Christ, though we were yet sinners, He died for us (Romans 5:8)
- He pulled us out of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. (Colossians 1:13)
- The Everlasting God is good to all and His mercies are over all His works. (Psalm 145:9)
- The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Oh! How great is Your faithfulness! (Lamentations 3:22-23)

FEBRUARY 28 SUNDAY

Terrorism and Islam in France

France suffered a number of deadly attacks in 2015 :

- January 7, 2015: attacks on Charlie Hebdo and a kosher mini-market: 17 dead
- June 26, 2015: Company director decapitated by an Islamist
- November 13, 2015: multiple attacks in Paris resulting in 130 deaths and hundreds of wounded

Now is the time to proclaim the Gospel to Muslims!

During an interview on famillechretienne.fr, Saïd and Fatima Oujibou reminded us that "God wants us to truly love France. The solution lies in building bridges between our communities. Christians are in a position of advantage to initiate encounters with Muslims, but they are direly lacking in action. The Gospel is shared through friendship. Doing something is the first stage of evangelism. Hospitality is part and parcel of Islamic culture, but it is also biblical Christianity!"

Let's call on our leaders to act courageously and make wise decisions in the face of terrorist threats.

Pray for religious Muslim leaders to accept a much greater responsibility in uniting with each other to unequivocally denounce the Koran-based laws that call for hating "infidels."

Let's pray that French churches and Christians will seek out Muslims in order to share the love of the Father with them.

Let's intercede, with the love of Jesus, so that many Muslims may meet the living Christ, who longs to set them free! And may we prepare our hearts to fully welcome them into the Body of believers.

Links:

Comment aimer les musulmans: un guide pour les responsables d'Église (How to love Muslims: A Guide for Church Leaders). Helping the local church to face the facts without stirring up fear: published by Mahabba France.

Conversions en France: Al Massira (Conversions in France: Al Massira). Wisdom and discretion are a must when utilizing this web site; request information at francophone@almassira.org. See also www.agape-mosaique.us

FEBRUARY

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MONDAY

Youth and Education

Two examples of the shocking educational reforms in France today:

- **Integrating Islam.** Teaching Christian history and Enlightenment philosophies is becoming optional, but instruction in the history of Islam is now required in all public schools.
- **A new concept of freedom:** Humans are not really responsible for their behavior; rather, their behavior can be attributed to their sociocultural environment.

France is seeking to change its sociocultural environment through national education, at the risk of manipulating ideas and beliefs. For example, gender is now considered to be a relative concept. The instructional material entitled "Female jobs, male jobs?" targets discussion of gender-based stereotypes in different occupations. It includes the profile of Julien (male), a "midwife," and Maud (female), a crane operator.

Let's pray for France's national education and its Education Minister, so that Christian parents and children can lead "a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." (II Tim. 2:2)

Let's intercede in prayer for children, who are so malleable and easily influenced in the first years of their lives. Many are tempted to try to "format" them as a societal experiment, outside of God's standards.

Pray for Christian schools. Let's bless them in the development and increase of resources.

Let's pray for the Protestant Teacher Training Institute Mathurin Cordier, located in Guebwiller, now in its third year. www.isp-mathurincordier.fr

May its students and teachers be mightily encouraged by God Himself.

MARCH

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TUESDAY

Secularism and Freedom of Speech

Freedom of speech and of conscience. The secular state is full of contradictions!

Freedom of speech and Islam – some examples: A journalist is fired from a public television station for his shocking points of view on Islam; a writer is summoned to the “media court” in order to explain himself for his islamophobia; we saw a philosopher making the rounds on television defending the French identity. Many have even accused individuals like these (who dared to speak their mind) as being responsible for the attacks!

Praying for Paris, is it an insult to secularism?

In the newspaper, La Libération, a journalist complained about hashtag “#prayforparis” where he accused others of “playing the game of religions and wars.”

Religion is a part of the identity of the believer and of the culture of peoples. We need to rediscover French history and remind ourselves of all that it contains to contradict Islam: some treasures of our culture are so much stronger than what’s currently being used to defend the egotistical libertarian! Chivalry, cathedrals, the Renaissance are from the pages of history. Admittedly less media-friendly than the Revolution or the Resistance, they also bear in them a fragment of what the French are: protectors, and not brutes, pilgrims and not conquerors, ardent seekers of truth. This is the unknown beauty of the French - a beauty sung and declared by history in the face of current-day pettiness (Source: La Causeur).

Let us call for a deep national reflection upon what we understand to be “freedom of speech.”

Let us bless God for all that is in French culture which has manifested the beauty and hope, all that has been translated from our Judeo-Christian roots and from the momentum towards the Eternal God and Creator. Everything which has been brought by the search of truth, sometimes in losing oneself as in the very human proclamation of freedom, equality, and brotherhood...in waiting for a new revelation of the values through the Gospel? We want it, we believe it, we pray for it!

MARCH 2 WEDNESDAY

Politics and Upcoming Elections

While the English Prime Minister saw fit to remind the people that England is "still a Christian land," "Christian faith plays a role in this country," and that "this country is built on Christian values"...the current French leaders, who like to think of themselves as heirs of the age of the "Enlightenment," really struggle to call Christians targeted victims because of their faith, in Syria or elsewhere.

The presidential elections are coming up in one year. With such a pace of upheaval in the world, the future is less and less predictable. As a new major economic crash is announced, there is a great risk to still wish for a political "savior" with promises on unemployment and economic prosperity. We will always have politicians who do so.

Yet, France needs enlightened, wise and responsible leaders.

Call France back to its heritage and the promises made to it: may our political leaders – from the left and the right – no longer follow and support the anti-Christian policies of today's Europe.

Pray that the time would come when France's authorities, paralyzed in the face of growing hardship and evil, would turn to the Church of Jesus Christ to accept prayer and counsel inspired by God.

May men and women arise who reject the hollow and meaningless political discourse and positioning that leads us to accept the unacceptable only to preserve "social peace" by refusing to call things as they are.

Praise God for the National Council of French Evangelicals' chaplaincy service within the French government! For the first time in recent French history, an evangelical pastor has established relations with French politicians. Having already met with dozens of representatives, M. Thierry Le Gall has already been able to pray for many and change stereotypes and negative attitudes toward Evangelicals.

MARCH 3 THURSDAY

Immigrants

Christians are mobilizing in favor of immigrants

The media and politicians prefer the less-worrisome term "migrant" because it is reminiscent of animal migrations that are only for a short time, where they always return home. Yet, the French (and European) population has been disrupted by sudden, significant waves of other populations, coming from very different cultures that are mostly Muslim. The French intelligence reports that the immigrants consist of Islamists, on mission for the Islamic State, mixed with peaceful families.

While Christians are not necessarily sure what to do, they are hesitantly seeking the heart of God. The Bible encourages us to welcome all.

Pray that the Church (therefore, every Christian) would take up this difficult challenge:

- Remember that we are "strangers and aliens on the earth" (1 Peter 2:11) seeking a better, heavenly country (Hebrews 11:14-16).
- Pray that the Church would be wise and vigilant despite all the pressures against it (a pastor has told us of requisition of his property...!)
- Pray that the Church would display the richness of God's love through the variety of different ecclesiastical leanings.
- Pray that, having discernment, the Church would be open to the genuine suffering of all who, persecuted in their country, are strangers, destitute in an unknown place, immigrants whom God has commanded us to take care of.

MARCH 4 FRIDAY

The Family

Abortion: Less and less constraint. After removing the notion of distress, the abortion procedure was once again made easier by the removal of the 7-day reflection period. New: midwives are now authorized to practice medical abortion.

The promotion of homosexuality... The government, businesses and the media are happy to promote this new belief of humanity: there is no definite gender! Any new step in this sense is highlighted as a victory over conservatism, the guilty party.

...by the Church also! Between Ascension and Pentecost 2015, during the "International Day against Homophobia", the Unified Protestant Church of France (EPUdF) recognized the right of its pastors to marry same-sex couples.

Reaction: a movement was immediately born in the EPUdF against this decision: The Attestants. They equipped themselves with official status in January 2016 with the goal to: "return Scripture to the sovereign position for faith and life."

Praise God for the mobilization of many French people who are working to keep us awake to the ethical drifts of society.

Continue to pray for the President and for the government, which is divided on this topic that has become very difficult to resolve in the European framework.

Ask for blessing for the mothers, while frequently encouraging those whom we know, especially the younger ones who endure all the pressures and challenges in this world of upheaval.

Pray, with faith and perseverance, that Christians and the Church would bring counsel and help to mothers and future moms: more than just an immediate need, this is an urgent mission that God is emphasizing today. Pray that these actions would be done in love with a sharing of the Gospel.

Encourage the brave steps of these "attestants" of the EPUdF.

Celebrate this resistance and these reactions: when the Church resists for the Word, that's a sign of hope for our country.

Pray for their revival projects within their movement that are threatened by the liberal current.

MARCH 5 SATURDAY

The Media

The power the media wields is real. It serves not only the truth, but multiple interests, including financial and ideological concerns. A German television station owner recently admitted to a little-known fact: "We receive instructions from higher-ups; journalists have to write to please their superiors." That power is wielded by influential groups of diverse interests and a pop-culture ideology beyond any one authority or jurisdiction.

Is the Church itself being influenced? Here's a startling example of what happened in France during the recent International Climate Conference (COP21) held in Paris: The major nations accepted, without scrutiny, the propaganda regarding global warming caused by carbon dioxide. This happened in spite of its denouncement by highly respected scientists working independently of the UN. **A day of fasting was even decreed. However, a proclamation of a day of fasting to protest abortion, gay marriage, euthanasia, terrorism, etc., would be considered unthinkable.**

The media serve as an important evangelical tool. Local Christian radio stations have been around for a long time. More recently, major gateways have opened for Christianity; these touch millions of lives throughout the world. In the French-speaking world, three such examples are Toutchrétien.com, Topchrétien.com, and Connaitredieu.com.

May the wisdom the Church has received from God be known and properly spread by the media.

Let's pray for positive news reports on Christians and the Church.

Let's also pray for journalists, who are confronted by many editorial pressures. May they once again esteem integrity above all other values in their profession.

Let's pray that Christians separate themselves from this scourge that can impede having authentic relationships and intimacy with God.

Let's pray for God to raise up a new generation of journalists that fear His name, as it is written: "Diverse weights and diverse measures, they are both alike, an abomination to the Lord." (Prov. 20:10)

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MARCH 5 SATURDAY (CONT.)

Through prayer, let's call upon numerous young Christians to get involved in quality journalism so that freedom of speech is preserved, especially in France, based on truth and respect.

Let's pray for the different local Christian radio stations in France. They often work within very limited means. May God renew their strength, and send them qualified, committed coworkers. Check out the site for the French Federation of Christian Radio: click and pray! www.ffrc.fr/index.php

Let's pray for French-speaking Christian web sites. May they be inspired and kept from the evil one!

Let's pray that the heavenly sowing accomplished through the media falls on good ground and bears fruit.

WEEK 2

REGIONS OF FRANCE

INTRO

The regional councils are elected for a term of six years. Therefore, the next elections will not occur until 2021. The average age of the council presidents is 55 with a range between 40-68.

Let us be a blessing to these elected officials and their teams: may our prayers and attitude toward them move them toward God who can bless them according to His loving heart and bring them into His kingdom.

Let us pray that they will show great righteousness, fairness and justice in their work and do so with spirit of service suitable to their duty.

Let us pray also that we accept their human limitations and that we do not put all of our hopes and expectations upon them.

Let us call numerous Christians, grounded in the ways of God, to come to their side and maintain prayers for them so that values of God's kingdom can be made manifest.

Let us also pray that a healthy "God's economy" can be evident in our work and distinctly Christian enterprises: that they be inspiring models for those who do not know the Lord and that this would lead them toward Him who inspires and provides.

MARCH 6 SUNDAY

ÎLE-DE-FRANCE

Population: 12 million/7 departments surrounding Paris

Valérie Pécresse (age 48). 1988 graduate of National School of Administration (ENA), former minister of Education and Research (2007-2011), then Minister of Budget, Public Accounts, and State Reform (2011-2015). She authored and led passage of the 2007 law regarding University responsibilities and freedoms, today known as the "Pecresse Law" or the LRU law. As Regional President, she seeks to double support for apprentices and to develop apprenticeships at all levels of study, including the universities. She believes that "apprenticeships must be integrated into the logical orientation of students at the beginning of college". Ms Pécresse has written frequently on family issues. She is the author of "Being a Woman in Politics is Not Easy" (2007).

Prayer in Paris

Prayers for France have been continuous at the Sacre Coeur Basilica since 1885. A unique catholic space consecrated to Jesus, "The Basilica is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Christ as a sign of confidence and faith in God's love for all mankind." Throughout the year, there are nights of adoration and regular intercession.

An evangelical meeting place is born: La Maison des Parfums.

www.maisonsdepriere-paris.fr

Let us proclaim, "Lift up your heads, oh gates, that the King of Glory may come into Paris"

Let us intercede for our authorities serving in the capital.

Let us call for a rejuvenated culture, full of life and the values of the Gospel

Let us pray for a unity among Christians and leaders led by God to develop a true spiritual impact

MARCH 7 MONDAY

AUVERGNE-RHÔNE-ALPES

7.7 million habitants/12 departments surrounding Lyon

Laurent Wauquiez (40 ans). Graduate of Ecole Normale Supérieure (History) and Science Politique in Paris (DEA Public Law), and National School of Administration (ENA)(valedictorian). Youngest elected French deputy (2004), he wrote a report ordered by the Prime Minister, "Helping Students---The conditions of student life: how to reactivate the social ladder."(2006)

After serving as Minister for European Affaires, he became Minister of Education and Research (2011-2012) succeeding Valerie Pécresse.

The President-elect of the region wants to "create the leading European university for digital professions on the old site of the regional council, Charbonnières-les-Bains, with the opening of three schools (internet, web-based enterprises, and open source web) and the development of an incubator for digital start-ups."

A Reformer (and against gay marriage), Wauquiez is the author of "A Huron in the National Assembly: a small manual for those who wish to succeed in politics" (2006). He also created in 2010, a think tank called Social Law which aims to make heard social sensibilities into the heart of the law and to return the middle classes into the center of politics and public policy.

MARCH 8 TUESDAY

AQUITAINE-LIMOUSIN-POITOU-CHARENTES

Population: 6 million/Department 12 (Bordeaux)

Alain Rousset (64 ans). President of the Association of the Regions of France since 2004. He is known for his involvement and support in favor of decentralization and technology research. He has lived in the Aquitaine region since 1998, the 2nd region that has invested the most towards research, superior level education and innovation, after the L'Île-de-France (10% of his annual budget).

He supports "the instruction/faculties of the CAP at the University". He requests for 50% more apprentices/apprenticeships and would make "stalling / delaying the undergraduate university studies the great cause of the next five years in the region."

He has on his team, Gerard Blanchard, President of the University of La Rochelle, ready to take up the challenge of the new region: "It [the new region] offers a definite figure for the universities: it re-unites two communities of universities and establishments – Aquitaine and Centre-Limousin-Poitou-Charentes. A complex situation, but interesting. We are going to be the largest region in France. We are uniting 6 universities, 4 public high schools, 180,000 students. It's an immense effort to structure. The challenge is worth the effort."

MARCH**9****WEDNESDAY**

4- LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON MIDI-PYRÉNÉES

Population: 5.6 million/ Department 13 (encompassing Metropolitan Toulouse area, and the Montpellier-Méditerranée Metropolitan area)

Carole Delga (44 ans), the ex-Secretary of State of Commerce, defines herself as "a girl from the republican school/upbringing." Since 2012, she has been Vice-President of the Midi-Pyrénées charged with the appointments of the territory and Deputy of Haute-Garonne. She wants to establish a "guaranteed education" for receiving a qualifying/designated, diploma-giving, and individualized education and to be accompanied throughout one's lifetime. She can count on 2 specialists :

- **Marie-France Barthet**, President of the Federal University of Toulouse, who advances the strengthening of the superior / higher competency instruction and research of the regions: "The region should also invest in the metropolitan area university sites that have been a little isolated and on their own until the present..."
- **Bertrand Monthubert**, mathematician, President of the University of Toulouse 111, who wants to "give to higher education and research a very important place" by making a larger scale than what it has been known to do: "to directly connect researchers with innovative projects."

MARCH 10 THURSDAY

NORD-PAS-DE-CALAIS-PICARDIE

6 million inhabitants/5 departments (main city, Lille)

Xavier Bertrand, (50 years old). The former minister of employment (2010-2012) and of health (2005-2007), would like to guarantee a place on an apprenticeship scheme to every young person who applies. An apprentice's wage is 1000 euros in Picardie which will rise to 3000 euros per year across the region. Those graduating with honors and coming from low income families, who are among the best students in the region, will be able to receive a merit-based grant.

Xavier Bertrand would like to create an "agricultural university," thanks to a strong partnership with the department of agriculture.

ALSACE-CHAMPAGNE-ARDENNE-LORRAINE

5.5 million inhabitants/10 departments (Strasbourg euro area)

Philippe Richert (62 years old), former local communities minister. It was he who proposed joining the two departments of Alsace and the regional council of Alsace into one single department. He is the current president of the Alsace regional council with responsibility to create opportunities for 10,000 extra apprentices, by the end of his term. At the same time he advocates apprenticeships across countries.

PROVENCE-ALPES-CÔTE D'AZUR

4.9 million inhabitants/6 departments (main city, Marseille)

Christian Estrosi (60 years old). He comes from a modest family, is a former motorcycle champion, and has been named a minister three times: responsible for Development (2005), Foreign Secretary (2007), then Industry minister (2009). He has set the goal of creating 50,000 apprenticeships and of setting student loans at a zero tax rate so that students can finance their studies, as well as boosting foreign language apprenticeships and creating 30 international courses of study.

MARCH 11 FRIDAY

PAYS-DE-LA-LOIRE

3.6 million inhabitants/5 departments (main city, Nantes)

Bruno Retailleau (55 years old). Former aide to Philippe de Villiers, Bruno Retailleau still lives on his estate in the Vendee where he raises horses and cows. He wants to create regional course grants and an "Erasmus" exchange program for high schools.

BRETAGNE (BRITTANY)

3.3 million inhabitants/4 departments

Jean-Yves le Drian (68 years old). He has been re-elected president of Brittany, an office he previously held between 2004 and 2011. Also the current Minister of Defense, he would put an emphasis on the place and role of higher education and research in Brittany and in improving the conditions of student life.

6- NORMANDIE (NORMANDY)

3.3 million inhabitants/5 departments

Hervé Morin (54 years old). The former Minister of Defense is proposing the idea of a university of trades and a technical college for high street and couture fashion. Like many others, he hopes "to double the number of students benefitting from alternative training."

MARCH 12 SATURDAY

BOURGOGNE FRANCHE-COMTÉ

2,8 million inhabitants / 8 departments

Marie-Guite Dufay (66 years old). In 2008, she took the helm of the Franche-Comté region. Since 2014, she has been the only woman to lead the region. Her main proposal has been to train and equip "100,000 job seekers in the industries that are now recruiting."

CENTRE VAL-DE-LOIRE

2.5 million inhabitants / 6 departments

François Bonneau (62 years old) desires to bring in "researchers from the entire world to [the region's] dynamic system of university/business/laboratories in order to develop innovative processes for the economy of tomorrow and increase the attractiveness of this region." **His goal is to see 70,000 additional students enrolled during his term.** As the current president of this region (since 2007), he has already begun to "increase the number of trained physicians and subsidize a part of their studies if they agree to stay and practice in the region for at least 5 years."

CORSICA

320.000 inhabitants / 2 departments.

Gilles Simeoni (48 years old), is the current mayor of Bastia and is the leader of the autonomist coalition "Fermu a Corsica" (Let's build Corsica). He is opposed to clandestine violence and was the sole candidate in the 2nd round of elections. He desires to dedicate "L'Università as a central player in social innovation."

WEEK 3

MARCH 13 SUNDAY

The world loves France and so does God

Let's realize that France has a specific calling to reveal that Christ is Light (and not the philosophers) and that the Father's love is both the source and the endpoint of our lives (and not sensuality).

John Mulinde explains: "God has strategic nations to whom He has given special gifts and He uses them to fulfill His purposes. These nations have influence in the world. If these nations turn to God, they will be blessed, and a large part of the world will be blessed through them. If these nations turn away from God, they will fall under a curse, and take numerous countries along with them to share the same fate. France is one of these strategic nations."

To the French people: You are responsible for the future of France and of many nations. The destiny of millions of people in Africa, Asia and America is linked to France!"

Let's pray that the Church in France wakes up to these spiritual realities and pays attention to what God has already said to the nation so that we may fulfill our destiny.

Let's proclaim all over France that the fear of men will not have the last word. Let us call for the fear of God over France.

Let's bless God for all the expressions of empathy (suffering alongside) towards France and the French people and for all the spontaneous prayer movements.

Let's rejoice and praise God for His love and for not forsaking us. Let us cast off the cloak of sadness, which too often is wrapped around us, the self-loathing, and the complicity with all types of "French-bashing."

MARCH 14 MONDAY

Revival and Signs of Hope

2016 - The Year for France?

The tragic events of 2015 have proved that the world has its eyes fixed on France.

Some notable events:

- The tour of Nicky Cruz in France brought about thousands of conversions through the declaration of the Gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Joyce Meyer brought together 14,000 people in Villepoint for an evening of praise and worship and an appeal for unity among Christians, a consecrated and consistent lifestyle among believers and salvation for unbelievers.
- The fourth "National Youth Dynamic" brought together 3,500 evangelical young people at Orleans, on the themes "It's up to You to Live It" and "It Continues with You."
- The seventh national meeting of France on Fire, "The Glory of Intimacy," re-emphasized that the foundation for an awakening in the land is a living and passionate connection to Jesus. This will make the difference in a world that rejects God.

Let's rejoice for all these lights, which are shining in the darkness.

Let's ask God to give us His divine strategies for reaching those who are close to us and let's be ready to hear. Let's encourage one another. Let us go forth!

MARCH 15 TUESDAY

The Huguenot spirit - Youth Revival

The youth revival... Over the years, many have spoken of revival in France and the return of the Huguenot spirit. The Spirit of God will finish what He started in France and this time, it will not be in the context of a religious war.

Over France and Francophonie:

From France will arise a countermovement to the spirit of the age of Enlightenment. I will use French speakers - even those from Canada and Africa. A union is about to be formed among French-speaking nations. The Lord says "You said, 'Lord, when will you answer the prayers of the Huguenots?' God says, 'I am getting ready to raise up a special generation of Huguenots. They will achieve what did not occur in the past. I will really do it and it will be very sudden! Everyone will suddenly say, 'What happened to France?' And I will lead everyone to say 'God came to France!' This will make the headlines of the top Parisian newspapers: 'God came to France,' says the Lord."

Over France:

This will lead to a deep dialogue regarding the type of nation that France should be. It will lead to the spread of the Gospel. Speakers will arise who will tell us what it means to be a country of sheep (followers) who have a shepherd to keep us safe, so that God will be glorified and the persecution in France may end."

Let's bless God for His excellent plans and His salvation. Let's praise and glorify His name!
Praise God for His "thoughts of peace and not evil, to give [us] a future and a hope."(Jeremiah 29:11)

Let's call forth many Joshuas, Calebs and Josephs in these difficult and strategic times.

Let's encourage the young people we know to live out their calling and to take up the challenge of faith in the One who can do all things - even lift us up from failure!

Let's help them to avoid falling into the traps of the world!

Let's help them to see failure as a blessing instead of the end of everything.

Let's pray for France who no longer knows who she is. Let's pray that her identity and the identity of her youth would be restored and that she would be at peace and rooted in the Living God.

MARCH 16 WEDNESDAY

March for Jesus

March for Jesus: Saturday 30th May throughout France

On May 30, thousands of Christians will march in the streets to show their faith in Jesus-Christ. They will march in various locations such as Bordeaux, Lille, Nantes, Strasbourg, Montpellier, Metz, Paris and Marseille.

The March for Jesus is an annual non-denominational Christian event - the biggest in terms of impact on the general public at a national level. It is a joyful and peaceful witness of a living faith. It is also an exceptional opportunity for Christians from different denominations to meet their fellow countrymen and to publicly demonstrate their unity based on faith in Jesus Christ.

Let's believe that God wants to do something exceptional in 2016 through these marches.

Thank You, Lord, for the towns that have already agreed to participate. Because of Your grace, we will be able to demonstrate our faith in Jesus Christ publicly once again.

Let's pray that all Christians will rally around to pray and prepare for this national event even if a march will not take place in their region.

Let's intercede for all the event planners and all the participants so that nothing hinders this effort and that all permits are granted without question.

Let's pray for the participants that they may be filled with God's grace and faith, according to God's Word that affirms, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon I have given you!" (Joshua 1:3)

May this Word be sealed in the hearts of everyone right now.

Let's call forth a great harvest in Jesus' name. May many be touched by God in Bordeaux, Nantes, Lille, Strasbourg, Montpellier, Metz, Marseille and Paris, for the glory of His name!

Let's pray that this witnessing will not be perceived as a knee-jerk reaction but as a witness of love and peace towards our countrymen.

May it have a strong spiritual impact on our country in Jesus' name.

MARCH 17 THURSDAY

Christians in the workplace

Most Christians work in secular professions. Scattered throughout many segments of society, they are called to be the 'Church.' As such, they are called to be 'salt' and 'light' (Matthew 5: 13-16). This highly strategic position brings serious challenges.

At the same time, new ideas and initiatives are being brought to the table and tried by various churches, most notably in the 'third sector', which is neither private nor public. France is a pioneer in this social, collaborative economy model whose founder was Charles Gide, a Christian, whose framework was made into law in 2014. Unique in the world, the ESS or 'social economy' model is inspired by values that go back to the Old Testament laws governing the Year of Jubilee. It is also a means to project a voice of hope in a society seeking moral guidelines.

This is one way that the Church is able to contribute to the renewing of all things while awaiting the full coming of the Kingdom of God when Jesus Christ returns.

Let us pray for God's help in these challenges facing the Church in France:

- How to be a Christian in a secular, pluralistic society
- How to "swim against the current" of values that are contrary to the Gospel
- How to live out one's professional life as a form of ministry to God and to our neighbors

And so, let us bless, encourage and join in those initiatives, anchored by our hope and faith in Jesus Christ. Reflecting God's character, may we engage and be guided by the Word and promises of future blessings.

MARCH 18 FRIDAY

Franco-American Relations

**France-Etats-Unis = FEU (FIRE – in French!)
A significant history binds these two nations.**

During the war of Independence, the battle of Yorktown was won by the American insurgents and their French allies who were led by Count Rochambeau and sent by France's king – the latter of which was happy to give France's resources.

John Jay and Henry Laurens, descendants of Huguenot refugees (French Protestants), were among the first representatives of the American Parliament and played a role in the signing of the Declaration of Independence (1776) and the Peace Treaty with England (1783).

During World War II, the Americans landed in Normandy to help liberate France and Europe. However, this effort was victorious, in part, because of the preparation on land to combat the opposing troops. Indeed, when the French and Americans work together, they are always victorious.

The American people need the French people, even if they are not aware of it now. There will be a moment in time when Christians in America will say to their French brothers and sisters, "Please, we need you." At that precise moment something will tear in heaven, and a once closed door, will open for the glory of God.

The Statue of Liberty is another source of proof of the relationship between these two nations.

The Lord blesses the nations when these kinds of actions occur between them as it is mentioned in Proverbs 21:1, "The King's heart is like a stream of water directed by the Lord; He guides it wherever he pleases."

Let us thank our Lord for the Franco-American friendship that was forged in pure water with the Word and in the blood of the many men that gave their lives for each other.

Let's pray to our Lord to help us focus on our common heritage: Christ! He allows us to recover the zeal and bravery of our fathers by the power of the Holy Spirit for the service of the Kingdom of God. May our Lord Jesus Christ revive these spiritual bonds and transform us so that we may rediscover them.

MARCH 19 SATURDAY

Houses of prayer

Houses of prayer are the fruit of a movement which is from the Holy Spirit and not from human organization.

This vision seems to be one of the most successful aspects of the priestly dimension of the Kingdom of God because it restores the service of God's presence to the center of our culture without separating it from its other dimensions. In France, these houses of prayer are primarily supported by the network, France on Fire (France en Feu), which is responsible for 26 of them. The oldest house of prayer is La Maison des Parfums in Toulouse, which was established 10 years ago.

Pray for the existing houses of prayer in Paris, Nantes, Rennes, Angers, La Rochelle, Royan, Bordeaux, Auch, Toulouse, Perpignan, Marseille, Lyon, Saint-Étienne, Grenoble, Chambéry, Guebwiller, Ariège (Villeneuve de Latou), Aveyron (Saint-Affrique), Gard (Congénie), Oise (Cauffry), and Drôme (Grâne).

Take the map of France, name some towns and call for the birth of houses of prayer, not "because it works" but because God is WORTHY! If His kingdom comes into our hearts, it will come to France!

May the altars of praise and worship multiply and spread the fire of Heaven. May the prisoners be released from the dungeon (Isaiah 42:7 and 22).

Pray to God and call out to a new generation of unyielding people that they may pick themselves up again. May the men and women - warrior-worshippers of France - all unite again to rebuild the ruins of the country (Ezra 9:9, Isaiah 61:4, Nehemiah 4) until it is completely restored.

MARCH 20 SUNDAY CONCLUSION

A word from Impact France president, David Broussard:

Thank you so much for interceding for France during these last three weeks! This past year has seen violence and confusion in France. Authored by Satan, I believe these efforts are designed to distract us from the real progress that the Gospel is making in France. Here are just a few examples:

- In the past 10 years, France's Evangelical population has grown from 0.6% to 1%.
- 10 years ago, there was one house of prayer – today there are 26.
- France has gone from 1,600 churches (1970) to 2,440 churches in 2015. This means that 87% of France's geographic surface is now within a 30-minute drive of an Evangelical Church!

For more information, (in French):

www.lecnef.org/images/LIVRET.Statistiques.Daniel.Liechti.CNEF.2015.def.pdf

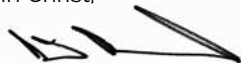
In short, God is moving in France and your prayers and support have made this happen. I know from personal experience and the testimonies I have heard on a national level in France that without your prayers much of this would never have happened. The French government can do what it wants. The French "thought leaders" and talking heads can say what they want. But the Kingdom of God will prevail with the prayers of the saints.

So, where do we go from here?

First, stay connected to Impact France (the leader of Pray for France in the United States). We will be sharing regular updates with you throughout the year that will allow you to continue to pray and support those movements that are making a difference in France! Secondly, if you participated in a prayer group this year, don't stop meeting just because the campaign is over! Stay connected and support each other as you participate in the Kingdom in France!

Finally, pray for Impact France and its team. We have facilitated over \$4.5 million in giving to native French ministries in the last 9 years and, through those gifts, have seen close to 100,000 people come to Christ and millions exposed to the Gospel. We are always looking for volunteers (we have no full-time staff) and those who have special skills to put to use for the Kingdom in France! Write to us at volunteers@impactfrance.org if you want to get more involved! Thank you again for your prayers during this time – they are going to bear amazing fruit!

In Christ,



Dave Broussard