



Join
the Revival
in France.

21 DAYS OF PRAYER 2017

MARCH 26 - APRIL 16.



DEAR FRIEND,

Welcome to the 2017 Pray for France campaign!

This year's theme is "Join the Revival" because we have seen God already at work in recent years and want to join Him in what He is doing in France.

For this year's Prayer Guide, we contacted dozens of French ministry leaders to ask them to share what they see God doing and where we can PRAY for them and their work. Their perspectives on society and ministry are the crux of this year's campaign! We are excited that so many French leaders responded and are overjoyed at the depth and pertinence of the information we are able to bring to you.

- The guide is organized into three themes – one per week.
- The first week is a personal, individual focus on God – prayer, worship, arts, expression.
- The second week moves from the individual to families, the youth, and education.
- Finally, the third week is an outward focus – church planting, politics, society.

A few final notes:

1. The first round of the French presidential elections will be held one week after the campaign ends. Please remember France's next leader in prayer every day. Pray specifically against the spirit of the world during this time.
2. Four other significant prayer campaigns are taking place before, during, and after Pray for France:
 - France Prière, an initiative of several French prayer groups (Evangelical) - <https://www.facebook.com/francepriere>
 - Prions pour la France (Catholic) <http://hozana.org/communaute/6423-prier-pour-la-france---avant-les-elections>
 - Un Jour Une Prière (Evangelical) <http://www.unjourunepriere.com/prionspourlafrance/>
 - Europe Shall Be Saved (Evangelical) <http://www.esbs.org>
3. Finally, every Thursday, France Prière is calling for a FAST. If you feel led to fast during the campaign, we encourage you to join the French believers on Thursdays!

Thank you for joining us! As you move through each day, seek God for your own life and what He may be calling you to do to move the Kingdom forward in France.

In Christ,



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WEEK 1

MARCH 26 SUNDAY

PRAYER FOR FRANCE
PART 1*Content by Réseau Maison de Prière (www.franceenfeu.org)***Background for Today**

We feel that France is being called to draw nearer to God's presence with a strong sovereign call over the country. For some time now, God has been speaking to us about the restoration of David's tabernacle, with unceasing praise and adoration. For about ten years, we have been noticing an emergence of Houses of Prayer in response to this call for the country. In the last five years we have gone from three Houses of Prayer to fifty.

Challenges

1. That the vision of the Houses of Prayer be more and more understood by those in leadership.
2. The call and training of prayer partners.
3. The finances to support those who want to stand up and become missionaries in this area.

Pray for

1. A generation of young people to stand up with a new consecration and radicalism.
2. A time of awakening which has been prophesied many times over at the national and international level.
3. A breakthrough in evangelism.

Scriptures to Guide us in Prayer

Isaiah 56:7**Additional Information**

1. Ecole Melkisedek : <http://melkisedek.fr>
2. France en feu : <http://franceenfeu.com>; www.anouveaupetpetuelle.org
3. Maison de prière de Nantes : **MDP Nantes**
4. Maison de prière de Genève : www.maisondepriere-geneve.com
5. Maison des parfums de Paris : <http://www.maisonsdepriere-paris.fr>
6. Maison des parfums Toulouse : <http://maisondesparfums.fr>

MARCH 27 MONDAY

PRAYER FOR FRANCE

PART 2 (CONT.)

Content by Watchman Ministry (<http://www.sentinelles.info/>)

Pray for

1. France to once again experience a powerful visitation of the Holy Spirit. A spiritual awakening in all spheres of our society; (political, economic, social, financial, educational, etc.).
2. A return to "living" and not only to "doing." Rediscovering right priorities in our personal lives, our marriages, our families, the church, our friendships, work.

Scriptures to Guide us in Prayer

2 Chronicles 7:13-16

Ezekiel 22:30

Additional Information

<https://vision-m2.fr/demarche-spirituelle/>



MARCH 28 TUESDAY

WORSHIP PART 1

Content by David Leigh

Background for Today

One of the most catalytic events in the history of worship in France was when YWAM began to compile and publish French-language worship songs, both indigenous and translated, into the "J'aime l'Éternel" series of songbooks. More recently, catalytic events in French worship music include the arrival of the group Flamme, led by Fabienne Pons. Though not the only artists on the scene, they were influential in liberating "Spirit-led" worship in France and seeing the rise of French "worship bands." Some other early bands with significant impact include EXO and 777. 777 was born out of the "New Wine" outpouring that happened in the early 90's (pre-dating Toronto) and centered in Macon, France. Sylvain Freymond and Rolf Schneider have also been pioneers in the French-language worship movement.

Today, a new generation of worship leaders and composers has arrived in France and the Francophone world. A couple of years ago, Leonard Jones, pioneering worship leader from MorningStar, was ministering in a French worship conference alongside some of the rising French worship leaders. He remarked that in his extensive world travels, he had seen most cultures simply copying English-speaking (US, UK, Australia) music and styles in their worship music. What he saw in France struck him as different and genuinely indigenous to France. The linguistic isolationist tendencies of the French had actually allowed an incubation of indigenous French styles in composition.

Challenges

Worship leading and composing is largely an activity of a younger generation. This generation is where the enemy is focusing a significant attack in France. The "Davids" of France are in public school and public university environments that insidiously eat away at their faith. It requires a strong effort to stay faithful but then to stay HOPEFUL and write about this Hope to help shape the French Church of tomorrow is another thing entirely. There is a small monthly worship gathering that has just started in Strasbourg among young worshippers to stay connected to God and to each other.

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MARCH 28 TUESDAY

WORSHIP PART 1 (CONT.)

Content by David Leigh

Pray for

1. The protection of new generation from the deceptions that the enemy would like to sow into their lives via the culture and especially the school and university systems.
2. Pastors and worship leaders to have a deep desire for the Presence of God and for grace to be the spiritual fathers and mothers that the generation of worship leaders needs and which they probably didn't benefit from themselves.

Additional Information

<http://david.leighweb.com/french-worship-music/>

Linda Panci-McGowan's book "Love Notes to God" <http://amzn.to/2kJCul>



MARCH 29 WEDNESDAY

WORSHIP PART 2

Content by David Leigh

Background for Today

While the indigenous sound is growing in France, high-level connections are happening with other worship movements around the world. Close personal relationships have developed between seasoned worship leaders in France and well known worship leaders and worship streams around the world. This has led to collaborative efforts and people such as Paul Baloche touring in France and releasing a French worship album, or UK-based worship organizations having seminars in France.

Efforts to build worship leading capabilities are also going well. The relational network France en Feu, started by Fabienne Pons after the group Flamme disbanded, promotes the raising up of altars of worship throughout France so that there would be worship continually happening somewhere in France. "Worship tabernacles" - extended times of corporate worship celebrations have been springing up with regularity all over France - complementing and fueling the Houses of Prayer. Another initiative, Louange Collective is made up of experienced worship leaders and exists to share best practices in worship ministry.

Challenges

Being equipped musically can be more challenging and more expensive in France than, for example, in America. Access to good equipment, whether instruments or technology is difficult and acquiring know-how, both musical and technical, means you need to be able to speak/read English well or sign-up for expensive training. Louange Collective is trying to bridge this gap, but there is still a huge need. France also needs to support this new generation of worship leaders. It's a smaller group than the English-speaking population, so the most well-known worship artists in France are usually holding down a full-time job somewhere as well.

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MARCH 29 WEDNESDAY

WORSHIP PART 2 (CONT.)

Content by David Leigh

Pray for

1. Those with a call and gift to organize and bring together worshippers, worship leaders and composers. Many of these leaders of leaders are relatively young. They have much to learn and need encouragement for what God is asking them to do.
2. New ways that creative people in the worship arts can earn a living need to be found.

Additional Information

- France en Feu <http://franceenfeu.com/>
- "Louange-Traduction-Composition" or "LTC" <http://www.ltc-asaph.com/> LTC is to French Worship Music what CCLI is to English-language worship music, with the added aspect of providing "official translations" of non-French-language worship songs. This organization helps with the coordination how non-French songs will be sung in a French context and also the proactive translation of new non-French worship music in the Francophone world.



MARCH 30 THURSDAY

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Fast Day
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THE ARTS PART 1

Content provided by Bruno Rioualec at DM2A

Background for Today

Yesterday, we prayed for God to unleash the creative spirit in worship leaders and support them. Yet, all art has long been considered a way of teaching the principal messages of the Gospel. Since the 19th century, paintings, stained glass, sculpture, and certainly the music in the liturgy have been used to do this. We have observed, since the time of the Reformation, and very clearly since the start of the 20th century, a purification of the art for use in churches and at the same time an introduction of musical instruments.

In the last few years, we have seen the important development of artistic training for believers as well as an increase in interest by the Christian public for such events. We have also seen a very positive impact on evangelization by the all of the different art forms. There has been a return of concerts and public invitations to Christ by artists during the Christmas and Easter season and the debut of recognized parachurch artistic ministries.

Challenges

What we are really missing today is an ability to embrace, supervise, manage and develop creative and artistic talents. Consequently, there is a tangible obstacle to divinely inspired artistic creativity in the heart of the church and daily life because of certain excesses in the past wherein such expression has been poorly viewed and thus rejected. Unfortunately, there are numerous examples of this. We have a real challenge in finding the proper balance in exercising our artistic gifts as described in the Bible.

Scriptures to Guide us in Prayer

The entire book of Nehemiah:

This story shows us how united action accomplishes a mission.

Pray for

1. God to inspire true artistic talent specific to France's needs.
2. God to provide finances and raise up people who could put in place a spiritual support network adapted to artists and an administrative support network, so that artists can concentrate on what they have been called to do.
3. Long-lasting, concrete, and effective prayer support!

Additional Information

1. www.Dm2a.fr
2. www.Christianartists.org

MARCH 31 FRIDAY

THE ARTS PART 2

Content provided by Bruno Rioualec at DM2A

Background for Today

Since the end of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st, music has gained a strong place in church services to the point that they are the predominant artistic expression. This has resulted in a severe loss of appreciation in many churches for the beauty of silence as a source of creative inspiration and divine connection.

The discovery that the same desire for God to freely act through the arts to advance the Gospel burns in the hearts of many. It has also been stunning to see how God is establishing connections between people and, thus, enabling these different projects to come about. Certain people are realizing the responsibility as well as the extent of the challenge and opportunity to communicate a vision in order to address it.

Challenges

There is a challenge to establish a pastoral body that fosters natural abilities with discernment and integrates this potential into communities without suffocating it or, conversely, exaggerating its capabilities. We also need to communicate the vision to professional artists and to partners, supporters, and all Christians in general. The Church needs to help artists understand the need to aspire to the next level in their artistry both technically and emotionally, to better target the objective communicated by the vision: attain and integrate the highest artistic and technical achievements so that the Spirit of God can reassume His rightful place, and prevent Satan from reigning uncontested in the national and international art worlds (live or on the air), as is the case today.

Pray for

1. God to touch and speak to pastors so that they would officially recognize the role of artists in the body of Christ.
2. Artistically gifted ministers and other ministers to work together to spread the Gospel in France and people who are truly invested and actively and voluntarily involved to initiate, choose, and lead many projects.
3. Bridges between existing organizations, expanding the horizons of each in its expertise - bringing them out of their isolation or their self-promotion or both.
4. Organization to combine their efforts and allow those who have no resources to flourish, to give without expecting anything in return, to support one another, and to unite.

APRIL 1 SATURDAY

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION (CONT.)

Source: 2017 Prions Pour la France

Three prayer points regarding the freedom to speak and live the Gospel:

- 1. Pray** for a just interpretation of freedoms and of secularism in France, to maintain a high level of freedom for all.
- 2. Pray** that Christians would continue to speak and live the Gospel peacefully and with wisdom, without being intimidated: to share the Gospel is a right, as long as one does it with respect for the freedom of others.
- 3. Pray** for the protection of the Church, of Christian groups, and of Christians from the people who seek to [contentiously] redefine the freedom to speak or live the Gospel, and intercede and plead for persecuted Christians in the world. Their liberty concerns us.

Scripture to go reflect on the freedom to speak and live the Gospel;

Reread the **Book of Acts** and you will see how the freedom to speak and live the Gospel was a central problem there and how the Christians organized [mobilized] themselves to protect and defend it. Freedom in Christ deserves to be shared in complete freedom.

WEEK 2

APRIL 2 SUNDAY

FAMILIES OF FRANCE
PART 1*Content by the Associations Familiales Protestantes and Famille Je T'aime***Background for Today**

Prayer and worship are key ingredients in our personal relationship with God. But as we move beyond ourselves, the first connections we have are with our family. In France, as elsewhere, the family is the basis of the structure of society. Yet, today there are many types of families, that need a listening ear in the face of a disturbing breakdown of Christian values and negative influences on the youth and children of France.

We praise God that there has been an ever-increasing mobilization of families in churches to come together and provide clear teaching to their children and provide young people with the necessary foundation to be able to resist the pressures of the world. There is also a new awareness of the spiritual stakes for couples and families.

One ministry that is working in France to share Christ's love and blueprint for the family is the Protestant Family Associations (Associations Familiales Protestantes- AFP). The AFP supports social and family welfare with activities that reinforce Biblical values. While the AFP works closely with the government, it believes that the monogamous family, founded on the marriage of one man and one woman, is the best model for children's well-being.

Challenges

The French government is exerting pressure across the nation to impose a gender based theory with regards to national education and the acceptance of homosexual marriage. We need to guard against being influenced by society's beliefs and subsequent threats. We need to resist societal pressure and continue to share the whole counsel of God, His plan of love for the family, for couples, and for young people.

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APRIL 2 SUNDAY

FAMILIES OF FRANCE

PART 1 (CONT.)

Pray for

1. Pray that parents don't let their children down, that they remain conscious of the fact that they are their children's primary educators. They are the main shepherds and spiritual heads of their families. Pray that both men and women come together and take a stand in our society to proclaim the full counsel of God for the family.
2. Pray that our young people will not be influenced by their peers' beliefs, by an "anything goes" mentality that will destroy their stability, well-being, and relationship with God.

Scriptures to Guide us in Prayer

Romans 12.2

Additional Information

<http://www.afp-federation.org>



APRIL 3 MONDAY

THE FAMILIES OF FRANCE PART 2

Content by the Associations Familiales Protestantes and Famille Je T'aime

Background for Today

With all the challenges that France's families are facing, we can rejoice that committed Christians have arisen, both men and women, to even serve on government committees dealing with family and societal issues. Since 2013, Françoise Scarron has served on the administrative board of the National Union of Family Associations and the HCFEA (Haut conseil de la famille de l'enfance et de l'âge, the National Council on Family, Childhood and Aging). She is the first female evangelical Christian to do so.

Another organization that works with families is the Association Famille je t'aime (FJA). "Famille je t'aime" (Family, I love you) is a protestant evangelical mission created by several couples including an American couple, Walter and Patricia Stuart. They realized that the church in France was not concerned enough with the suffering that comes from family problems. This is why FJA has come to the aid of the church to help take care of individuals and families in a Christocentric way, based on the Bible while taking into account certain psychological realities.

FJA offers training courses, seminars, and retreats throughout the week and on weekends covering parenting, marriage, and general relationship training. FJA also has an online relationship training course created in 2014 which has developed significantly and corresponds to the needs of people who cannot attend a group training session.

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APRIL 3 MONDAY

THE FAMILIES OF FRANCE **PART 2 (CONT.)**

Challenges

To motivate other generations in France – those 20-39 and those 40-50—to be committed to the work of strengthening the family. To have the freedom to go against the grain in France – raising children in the Lord without outside influence.

Pray for

1. Pray for a freedom of beliefs and speech so that parents can continue to freely transmit their faith and values to their children.
2. That efforts by FJA and others would really bear fruit in bringing our brothers and sisters in Christ to deepening their relation with God and integrating His teaching into their lives.

Scriptures to Guide us in Prayer

Deuteronomy 6:20-22

Additional Information

<http://famillejetaime.com/>



APRIL 4 TUESDAY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PART 1

Content by Luc Bussière

Background for Today

The Evangelical Schools movement has been going for 30 years now and has inspired Switzerland and Belgium. It has motivated numerous similar initiatives in French speaking Africa. We aren't the only ones working in Christian education as 20% of pupils are educated in Catholic schools, some of which still seek to impart Christian values through their curriculum.

The current renewal in Evangelical education is first and foremost a response to a demand from families - concerned that their children's home life matches their school life. It also reflects a fresh understanding of just how vital it is that children's spiritual growth should develop hand in hand with their intellectual capacity as well as the need to teach them wisdom, a biblical worldview and their identity as sons and daughters of God. This vision for Christian education is open to all as our heart is to serve, bless and train up a whole generation.

Challenges

1. This Christian school movement is currently lacking administrators, not only to ensure the development of each institution, but also the growth of the school network nationwide.
2. Challenges in this area are also material. All these schools are considered "hors contrat", i.e. not under contract with the government. This allows them a higher degree of freedom but prevents them from receiving state subsidies.

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APRIL 4 TUESDAY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PART 1 (CONT.)

Pray for

1. That many workers would answer the call of Christian education, be willing to be trained and be appreciated/rewarded for their efforts (Educators and Administrators).
2. That the financial burden would not solely rests on parents and educators but that philanthropic efforts would grow.
3. That the law remains favorable to educational freedom and private schools.

Scriptures to Guide us in Prayer

Proverbs 4:5 – 9

Matthew 28:18 – 20

Additional Information

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APRIL 5 WEDNESDAY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PART 2

Content by Luc Bussière

Background for Today

The last 4 or 5 years have seen a marked increase in the number of schools established in France and a large number of others are planned. The number has nearly doubled from 18 to 35 during this time.

The Association for the Founding of Evangelical Protestant Schools in French speaking nations, (l' AESPEF) foresaw this growth and in 2014, established the Mathurin Cordier Protestant Higher Institute, a recognised center for teacher/training programs of study with a biblical worldview. This wonderful resource allows us to train those who will work in this field of the Lord to deepen their calling and give them a thorough preparation for ministry to our children and youth. In the medium term this higher Institute is a university that will offer other programs of study. The schools and the institute represent a key response to Jesus' command to go and make disciples of all nations.

Challenges

1. Staff training. To be a Christian and an educator is one thing, but the real difficulty is in recruiting teachers who have processed what they've learned in secular, state-sponsored universities through the lens of their faith, who have let the light from God's Word shine into their own education. This process changes fundamentals, definitions, worldviews, relationships and ultimately the purpose of education itself. This time of training, re-training and even transformation is necessary.
2. Another challenge is that of communication with churches, families and governmental authorities. In a world fearful of anything religious and quick to associate religion with extremism, wisdom and time are required to build trust.

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APRIL 6 THURSDAY



THE YOUTH OF FRANCE

Content by Jeunesse Pour Christ

Background for Today

This week, we've been praying for the families of France and Christian schools. So it is fitting that today we turn to the youth of France. The population of France in 2017 includes nearly 8 million young people between 15 and 24 years of age. They are living throughout all of France, though mainly in cities/urban areas, and especially in so-called sensitive neighborhoods. In these sensitive neighborhoods, the majority of the population is a result of immigration, primarily from North Africa, secondarily from the rest of Africa, and finally from other European countries.

Challenges

The young people in France are a little lost: School prepares them for the job market, but unemployment among the young is perpetually increasing. Over the past 40 years, youth unemployment has tripled to reach the current rate of 24%.

The youth no longer have confidence in institutions (school, government, church, the media) to prepare them for life and to protect them. They are the objects of constant solicitation: Islam is always proselytizing, the various expressions of sexuality are increasingly commonplace, the rising call of extremism, the attraction of drugs and a party lifestyle, the need to participate in social media. Yet they are unprepared and ill-equipped to respond to these realities.

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APRIL 6 THURSDAY



THE YOUTH OF FRANCE (CONT.)

Pray for

1. Pray for the Evangelical Youth: They are often active and enthusiastic, ready "to give their all for God" but they are challenged to be deeply rooted in Christ and to lead a life marked by holiness with as much energy and enthusiasm as they have to do things for God.
2. Young Christians represent for me a tremendous hope for the advancement of the Kingdom of God in France.... Pray for mentors and leaders to help them to find their place and to grow in discipleship!

Scriptures to Guide us in Prayer

Matthew 9:38

Proverbs 1:10-19

Additional Information

Youth For Christ has existed in France since 1947. Their motto is "Anchored to the times, geared to the Rock." Click here <http://www.jpcfrance.com/> for more information on their work (in French).



APRIL 7 FRIDAY

UNIVERSITIES

Content by Groupes Bibliques Universitaires

Background for Today

As we continue to pray for the youth of France – let's lift up the outreach to those who don't know Christ in the universities and even the high schools of France. One ministry that reaches these students is GBU - University Bible Groups (« groupes bibliques universitaires »). GBU begun in the South of France in Aix-en-Provence and has been active for almost 75 years. The main idea is to facilitate groups of university students getting together to share about the Bible. Today, there are groups that meet weekly at most of the universities in France. In addition, there are about fifteen high school Bible groups (GBL or « groupes bibliques lycéens ») who meet regularly. Also, there are six professional networks, that offer day-long workshops to help young people prepare to articulate their faith specifically in their fields of practice, (specifically for the areas of basic sciences, human sciences, business, health, art and education).

Some students have come to know the Lord, though not in waves or great numbers. The conversions are sure because of the visible fruit: the students meditating on the Word of God. The high school groups (GBL) are in full swing, growing from 4 to 15 groups in one year and they attract many non-believers. "Discussions Around the Bible and the Koran" (DABC or « Discussions Autour de la Bible et du Coran ») have also recently been set up.

Challenges

The context in which our mission is developed is not easy because of secularism. Access to the university campuses is getting more and more difficult for us. For gatherings with high-school students, it became impossible to meet on school grounds in 2004, so we have to gather at a place off of school property.

Pray for

1. That access to the university campuses remains possible so that the Gospel can be shared without further difficulty.
2. That the new ministry to Chinese students bears fruit (there are more and more Chinese students on college campuses).
3. That GBL continues to grow and develop.
4. That the groups "Discussions Around the Bible and the Koran" can continue to be placed where the need arises so that Muslim students find hope in Jesus.

Additional Information

<http://gbu.fr/>

APRIL 8 SATURDAY

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING

Content by Etienne Lhermenault

Background for Today

As we prayed yesterday for ministry among university students, let us turn our focus today to higher education that is training the Christian pastors of tomorrow: Theological Education.

In French Evangelical circles, Biblical and theological training had its first significant developments in 1921 with the creation of the Bible Institute of Nogent. After WWII, the European Bible Institute of Lamorlaye, a Baptist Seminary, and the Seminary at Vaux-sur-Seine (FLTE) were created and finally, the re-opening of the Seminary of Reformed Theology (Jean Calvin Faculty of Aix-en-Provence) in 1974. For 20 years, we have also seen classes developed in churches through the ITEA (Institute of Applied Evangelical Theology) or INSTE (Theology Institute by Extension). We have also been encouraged by the growing success of classes where theory and ministry practice go hand in hand. This is why the Geneva Bible Institute, which emphasizes practical ministry, is so dynamic. Their intensive training program attracts many students from the FLTE as does FLTE's Masters of Missiology and Church Planting which includes 5 years of experience on the ground.

Challenges

1. Student recruitment: even though the numbers in our training institutions are reasonable, the numbers are not sufficient to adequately accompany the growth of evangelical churches.
2. Construction of new buildings: The FLTE is in the preliminary phase of constructing a new library: a center for study and research in evangelical theology. At the Bible Institute of Nogent, we are also in a preliminary phase of construction of a building to house couples and families who, at this time, often have to wait one to two years before starting their course and lack housing.

APRIL 8 SATURDAY

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING (CONT.)

Pray for

1. Pray that many more will be called to be pastors, missionaries, church planters and evangelists, and be convinced of the need for proper training before launching into service.
2. Pray for the means to to increase and extend the influence of evangelical theology.
3. Pray that a new generation of brilliant, passionate trainers, faithful to the Lord, will arise to teach the people of God in France and to train the leaders of the churches and other ministries.

Additional Information

www.flte.fr

<http://www.facultejeancalvin.com/>

www.ibnogent.org

<http://www.ibg.cc/>

<http://point-theo.com/>

<https://www.itea-edu.com/>



WEEK 3

APRIL 9 SUNDAY

CHURCH PLANTING

Content by Daniel Liechti, Edouard Nelson,
and Europe Shall Be Saved

Background for Today

Quote from Europe Shall Be Saved, March 2017, www.esbs.org

"God is currently giving us a spiritual awakening in Europe. A lot of people are experiencing this awakening - and more and more are also talking about it. We call it a "New Reformation". One of the main characteristics of this New Reformation is the way the public perceives the church, and this perception is being radically transformed. The Church in Europe will be as strong as the local churches gain strength, radiate the glory of God and live their God-given purpose!"

The French Evangelical world has experienced significant growth over recent decades with the establishment of 1,750 new congregations since 1970. Currently, one new church is planted every 10 days. Yet, this is not enough to reach the national goal of one church for every 10,000 people. We're thankful to God that several denominations and church networks are actively investing in church-planting, notably the Assemblies of God and the Baptist Federation, but we need to see more of them investing in this way. The National Council of French Evangelicals and its Church Planting Commission is developing a communication strategy to raise the profile of church-planters. The good news is that there are already 2 or 3 regional church-planting training centers around the country.

Challenges

- The biggest need is still for church planters who are passionate and well-trained.
- With approximately 2,600 churches for 65 million people, we still need to plant 3,900 churches. At the current rate, this will take 108 years.

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APRIL 9 SUNDAY

CHURCH PLANTING (CONT.)

Pray for

1. Some pastors of existing churches still need convincing that the planting of new churches will be a blessing for their congregations, not a problem.
2. Pray for the Western Paris region where there's one church for every 350,000 people and for the entire West of France, particularly in Brittany and the Loire Valley.
3. Pray for France-Mission. They have 9 brand-new planting projects underway, as well as many churches around the country which have been planted relatively recently.

Additional Information

<http://www.1pour10000.fr/>



APRIL 10 MONDAY

CHURCH RENEWAL

Content by David Brown

Background for Today

The idea of church renewal is new in France. For several decades now, we have been living in a truly blessed period of church planting, without realizing that some of these church plants will need a 'refresh'. An informal survey conducted among leaders of various affiliations represented by the CNEF (The National Council of Evangelicals in France) produced the following results:

Healthy churches, capable of growth: 51%

Churches which have reached a ceiling or are declining slowly: 38%

Churches at risk of dying: 11 %

Yet, we see God at work in recent years to re-invigorate congregations. In recent years, we have seen the restoration of the ministry of evangelists emerging to work alongside the pastors, bringing a fresh dynamic to congregations. For the past two or three years, certain groups of churches (most noticeably the unaffiliated churches and the reformed protestant evangelical churches) have adopted programs used in the United States.

Challenges

1. Churches and church organizations must be aware of the need to address church renewal. The question of encouraging renewal in established fellowships does not have a high enough profile. We need people to become more conscious of this.
2. Church renewal must happen without allowing a slowing of the momentum in planting new churches.
3. Because this is a relatively new consideration there are few diagnostic and support tools for established congregations.

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CHURCH RENEWAL (CONT.)

Pray for

1. The French to adapt to their context what the church in North America is already doing.
2. The CNEF as they set up learning communities on this topic to encourage greater cohesion of approach over this issue amongst the evangelical unions.
3. Revitalizing churches would be viewed with as much urgency as new church plants in order to maintain balance between the two efforts as well as continue to draw the pastors' interest.

Scripture to go reflect on the freedom to speak and live the Gospel;

Revelation 2 & 3 They highlight internal and external reasons this revitalization of churches is necessary. The seven churches are examples, paradigms really, of all of our churches today; God calls them to examine themselves and to make concrete changes.

APRIL 11 TUESDAY

NETWORKS OF SOLIDARITY

Content from 2017 Prions pour la France

<http://www.2017prionspourlafrance.fr/prions-pour-etre-reseaux-de-solidarite/>

Background for Today

As we have been praying for new churches to be planted and existing ones to experience renewal, an important aspect of what we are praying for is to be a witness for Christ.

Without concrete acts of love, that will not happen in France. Here are several examples of practical cooperation and solidarity:

...In Wasquehal (Northern France) the Life Festival is a time of festive activities for all, seeking both to help addicts and to prevent addictions. This idea, started by Christians, has been taken up and been of great benefit and blessing in various suburbs and several other towns.

...In Firminy (Loire région) a church started food distribution which has now been taken on by several local churches working together, thus greatly enlarging their distribution capacity.

...In Calais (Pas de Calais) the CNEF solidarity arm has enabled efforts to help migrants to be better coordinated by the different churches and Christian associations already involved.

...In a metropolitan area, one church lends its buildings weekly for the Wednesday children's club for local kids run by another church. This second church provides food parcels for the lending church's social housing project.

Solidarity is nothing more than gifts and opportunities matched together like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. However, a puzzle which lacks even one piece, is just an incomplete and unfinished picture. In this way, God desires that we initiate and maintain actions for good in our churches and in communities, creating collaboration and solidarity between members and others.

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APRIL 11 TUESDAY

NETWORKS OF SOLIDARITY (CONT.)

Pray for

1. That churches would have a willingness and mutual building of help and solidarity in different projects.
2. That the CNEF's solidarity network may be developed and extended.
3. That the good done to those around us may be enlarged, and will be a strong witness to God's love for each of them.

Scriptures to Guide us in Prayer

Hebrews 10:24

Matthew 5:16

Jeremiah 29:7

APRIL 12 WEDNESDAY

REACHING MUSLIMS IN FRANCE

Content by Impact France and Prions Pour la France

Background for Today

It is estimated that there are between 4.7 and 6 million Muslims in France (5-7%) – over 30% being practicing Muslims who hold to their faith. Some estimates are much higher. See "Additional Information" for more resources.

The majority of these Muslims are 2nd and 3rd generation and 82% are Maghrebis (from Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia). They are primarily concentrated in suburbs and smaller towns around larger cities. For example, Bethoncourt is one of the 20 poorest towns of France: 50% of the unemployed people are less than 25 years old. There are 7,000 inhabitants, 4,000 as a result of immigration. There are about 2,500 of these areas in France.

We have a wonderful opportunity to respond to the commandment of Jesus that exhorts us to make disciples of all nations. We don't need to go to the other side of the world. Some of these nations are at our doorstep.

Challenges

Crime: the French State is making every effort to combat delinquency and to stop the growing radicalism in its neighborhoods - very often in vain.

Lack of hospitality: Eastern culture is a hospitable culture. One day I met a Maghrebis Christian family while visiting a church. They told me that the only thing that was really difficult for their father when he arrived in France to work was that no one had ever invited him to share a meal.

Misunderstanding: Misunderstanding creates fear. Establishing relationships with others leads to understanding and compassion.

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APRIL 12 WEDNESDAY

REACHING MUSLIMS IN FRANCE (CONT.)

Pray for

Pray for French believers to seize opportunities to create relationships with people from these neighborhoods. Let us pray for our neighborhoods! The Church has a great role to play!

Pray for the young people who cannot find work and who scrape by on crime. They are accepted neither in the Muslim community nor in the French society.

Pray that God will protect French Christians from the trap of ignorance that generates fear and sometimes engenders racism and hatred, eating collaboration and solidarity between members and others.

Additional Information

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam_in_France

https://www.agapefrance.org/activites/agapemosaique_

<http://www.acna.fr/>



APRIL 13 THURSDAY



ETHICS

Content provided by CPDH

Background for Today

As we prayed yesterday, acts of love and charity (solidarity) are an integral piece to maintaining a solid Christian witness. At the same time, there are Biblical truths that are in direct conflict with French society. All too often, Christians are tempted to become reactionary and need resources to lovingly explain to unbelievers why they hold a Biblical worldview.

One resource in France is the Evangelical Protestant Committee for Human Dignity (CPDH). CPDH promotes respect for human dignity, the defense and protection of children’s rights, women’s rights, and humankind (generally) as well as the protection and right to life for every person – from conception to their natural death.

CPDH promotes biblical ethics and Judeo-Christian ethics which came from the Reformation and exemplify the Lausanne declaration in 1974: “We affirm that evangelism and sociopolitical engagement are two parts of our Christian duty. Both are the necessary expression of our doctrine of God and man, of love for our neighbor, and obedience to Christ...”

Challenges

The French government wants to institute a “penalty for digitally obstructing abortion” – outlawing all information or testimonies on the internet that could dissuade a woman from asking for an abortion.

The collectivity “Mayors for Children” is asking for the freedom to refuse to marry persons of the same sex. Currently, they can be fined 75,000 euros and placed in prison for 5 years.

Families have been especially attacked these recent years. France now has divorce on demand (no need to see a judge) and legal ads which glorify infidelity (even though French law requires couples to be faithful). Adoption is open to same-sex couples and some lobbyists are asking for multiple parents (2,3 dads/moms, etc.) to be recognized for the same child.

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APRIL 13 THURSDAY



ETHICS (CONT.)

Pray for

Pray for the French presidential elections (May 23rd and May 7th) and for the legislative elections (June 11th and 18th) – that France elects politicians who respect the values of the Gospel and that bad laws be changed.

Pray for the mayors of towns and villages in France who don't want to marry same sex couples.

Pray that the freedom of expression and thought (convictions) be protected.

Pray that the Gospel can be announced with compassion and convictions.

Scriptures to Guide us in Prayer

2 Chronicles 7 :14

1 Peter 3 :15



APRIL 14 FRIDAY

POLITICS

Content by Thierry Le Gall

Background for Today

The separation of church and state in 1905 established a legislative framework that allowed the free expression of religious opinions in accordance with the laws of the Republic. However, politicians almost never make reference to their faith or their Christian roots when acting in an official capacity. For more on the French concept of *laïcité*, see <http://www.normandyvision.org/article12030701.php>

The "Libre de le dire" [Free to Say It] campaign (www.libredeledire.fr) made it possible to increase the visibility of Evangelical Christians, to equip them for the testimony of the Gospel, and to help them stop "self-censoring" when in a context that allows them to speak of their faith even when external social pressures discourage them from doing so. This campaign, in its method, has inspired the government's development of its "grande charte de la laïcité" [Great Secularism Charter].

The creation of an "*aumônerie Évangélique au parlement*" [Evangelical Chaplaincy in Parliament] – Pastoral service of the CNEF (The National Council of French Evangelicals) to members of Parliament (www.servicepastoralparlementaires.org) helps contribute to developing the visibility of evangelicals to members of Parliament and senators while offering them pastoral support.

Challenges

1. The exploitation of secularism to restrict the fundamental freedom to public expression of faith.
2. The fight against radical Islam through a toughening of laws that would be indirectly detrimental to the expansion of French Evangelicals (though this group poses no problem to civil society).
3. The increase of a form of "secularism" in which secularism becomes a religion that does not tolerate any sign of religion to be seen or heard in the public space.

Prayer Requests

1. For France and the next government.
2. That the unity of evangelicals grows in action and in solidarity.
3. For the respect of freedom of conscience and expression.
4. For the witness of the SPP (Service Pastoral Parlementaires) to parliament and of local churches among their local elected officials.

APRIL 15 SATURDAY

PRAYER FOR OUR LEADERS

Content by Prions Pour la France

Background for Today

As we read yesterday, France, a champion of secularism (ever-changing), remains a mission field that is ready for plowing through prayer – particularly in government leadership.

Working through the Pastoral Service of the CNEF with Parliamentarians, we are aware of numerous elected officials in the Senate and the National Assembly who are sensitive to their spiritual efforts and are grateful for their prayers on their behalf. "God does all things through prayer, but He does nothing without it." - John Wesley.

Challenges

In light of bad news stories and a society that is losing its focus, French Christians are tempted to withdraw into their own community and to stay closed up in the shelter of their churches and their homes. We could let ourselves be intimidated or overwhelmed by those who speak out, by those who tell Christians to keep their faith to themselves. Has the last word been spoken? Has hope disappeared from our hearts? Will France become the country of neutrality of thought and beliefs? No! Jesus is, and remains the light of the world, and His light will shine in the depths of the darkness.

Pray for

France's elected officials need moral and spiritual support from Christian citizens. Pray for them to be at their post.

Pray for the government, the mayors, the city and regional officials, deputies, and senators. Let us ask God to give them strength, wisdom and inspiration to govern their regions.

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APRIL 15 SATURDAY

PRAYER FOR OUR LEADERS (CONT.)

Scriptures to Guide us in Prayer

Jeremiah 29:7

2 Chronicles 7:14

1 Timothy 2:1-6

Additional Information

- A. CPDH - <http://cpdh.org> [Protestant and Evangelical Committee for Human Dignity]
- B. AFP - <http://www.afp-federation.org> [Protestant Families Associations]
- C. Michée France - <http://michee-france.org> [Evangelical Protestant group aimed at mobilizing believers to combat extreme poverty]
- D. SEL - <http://www.selfrance.org> [international Protestant group aimed at improving the quality of life for people living in poverty in developing countries]

APRIL 16 SUNDAY

SEND OFF

I hope that you have enjoyed learning about and praying for each of the areas and ministries in the 2017 Pray for France prayer guide!

We purposefully end each Pray for France campaign on Easter, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, to remind us of the power of God, the reason we pray (and are heard!), and the redemption for all people and all areas of life!

As we end this year's campaign, there are still others that continue. We encourage you to connect with them as several go throughout the rest of this month and into May:

France Prière: March 1 – May 8th

<https://www.facebook.com/francepriere/>

Prier pour la France: February 18 – April 22nd (Catholic)

<https://www.prierpourlafrance.fr/>

Momentum de Prière: Ongoing (Events April 21st and May 1st)

<https://www.facebook.com/momentumdepriere>

Un Jour Une Prière: Ongoing (we encourage you to pray through the French elections)

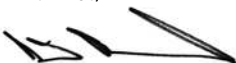
<http://www.unjourunepriere.com/>

Impact France will continue to post and email various prayer topics throughout the French election season, so if you don't read French, don't worry! We'll still remain connected with you.

Finally, my hope is that you will continue to remain connected to Impact France as we offer ways to support French ministries on the ground through prayer and giving. Prayer is the key, but prayer with action has multiplied impact.

To learn more about Impact France, please visit our website at www.impactfrance.org.

In Christ,



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