

## Prayer Points for the Chosun People

### September-October 2008

1. On June 27, the DPRK blew up the cooling tower at its Yongbyon nuclear center to show the world that they are cooperating with the denuclearization process the other five countries have called for. “[This] is proof that the six-party talks have proceeded a step further,” said a senior Pyongyang official ([Yahoo News Jun 27](#)). Pray that they would keep their word and that peace would reign on the Korean peninsula.
2. Heavy rains have been damaging the harvest in the North; pray for divine protection over this year's harvest.
3. The DPRK is creating a commercial street in Pyongyang as part of a large-scale project to turn the capital into an international city by 2012, to celebrate the centennial birthday of its late leader Kim Il-Sung. Plans include a 50-story twin tower hotel, a trade center, department store and office buildings (Korea Times, Jun 30). Let's pray that these plans bring economic assistance to N Koreans.
4. “We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you” (from Ps 33:18-22). Pray for the DPRK, which is waiting for physical provision and for freedoms they perhaps don't even understand. Pray that God would reveal Himself to them and that they would know His sweetness even in the midst of little.
5. It is believed that the DPRK plans to build apartments for 100,000 households between Pyongyang and Nampo, a western port (KT, Jun 30). Please lift your voices in prayer that new housing will indeed be provided to those who urgently need them in the DPRK.
6. Pray for an improvement in North/South relations, so food aid from the South can be resumed (see article).
7. “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come” (Matt 24:14). Pray that the Gospel will also be proclaimed in the North, so as to hasten the return of our Lord Jesus.
8. A facility for the reunion of separated families was completed at the DPRK's Mount Geumgang mid-July, but it is likely to be left empty for a long time amid the present relationships between the DPRK and the ROP (Yonhap News, Jul 16). Pray that inter-Korean ties will improve.
9. Sept 9 is a holiday in the North, ‘Foundation Day.’ This is when the communist government of the DPRK was set up in 1948. Pray that this government would become truthful, just and fair, caring for the good of all its citizens.
10. Oct 10 is another holiday in the North, ‘Party Foundation Day.’ DPRK history claims that this is when the ruling Korean Workers Party (communist party) was founded in 1945. Pray that this party would work for the good of all its common laborers, as communist principles declare.
11. The DPRK was to have been removed from the US list of terrorist nations, after it released an inventory of nuclear plants and materials ([mnn-news@mnnonline.org](mailto:mnn-news@mnnonline.org), Jun 27); but the ‘delisting’ has not yet taken place. The US is waiting for strong verification from the DPRK (KT, Aug 12). Pray they would provide this and that international relationships would progress.
12. The DPRK and Russia plan to redraw their 17.5 km border along the Tumen River; they said that heavy rains have made the riverbed site change. Some think through this Russia may help with financial aid for the Rajin/Songbong area (KT, Aug 7). Pray for wisdom for the DPRK officials and that God will protect those who live near the river.

13. Sept 14 is Chuseok holiday in Korea, the autumn harvest thanksgiving festival. Many Koreans in both the South and the North offer sacrifices to their ancestors to honor them and ask their blessing on their future. Pray for Christians to honor the Lord on this day, thank Him for His blessing and ask for His future provision.

14. “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future’ “ (Jer 29:11). Pray that God will accomplish His good plans for the people of the North and give them real hope for a future.

15. Pray that the World Food Program (WFP) appeal for donations will be successful, so they will get the food resources to the 6.4 million people inside who need it (see article).

16. The S Korean film ‘*Crossing*’ was recently nominated for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Picture (KT, Aug 7). The film includes (recreated) scenes showing life in the North. The film was released June 26 and has been shown in selected cities. Pray that more countries will show this movie and Christians will respond as God wants.

17. A former western intelligence officer known as James Church is about to publish his third mystery thriller, set in the DPRK, later this year. Church, who has a deep affection for both the DPRK and the ROK, based his novels on personal experience (Korea Herald, Aug 9). Let’s pray these novels will give an insight into the DPRK culture.

18. A 160-member DPRK orchestra was due to play in London, UK, on September 17 (KT, Jul 11). One major sponsor withdrew and so this will not take place, but the group may come next year (Aug 10; source available upon request). This was to be the first time a DPRK orchestra had gone to Europe. Pray that the Lord would use even this turn of events for good, and that the orchestra members would seek Creator God.

19. Pray that the food aid that the US is donating to the North may lead to more mutual trust between the two countries.

20. Pray that the Christian organizations who have received permission to distribute food aid, will get the resources they need, as well as many opportunities to demonstrate God's concern for the people of the North.

21. “‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me’” (Matt 25:35-36). Pray that God would bless those in the North who are helping those in need.

22. Pray that the most needy will get their fair share of the aid given, and that the people who monitor the distribution can do their work well.

23. Pray for times of refreshing for DPRK Christians, that they would remember they have a deep well to draw from and be able to answer those who ask where their hope comes from (1 Pet 3:14-16).

24. Pray that the hardships people face may urge them to turn to God.

25. Pray that international Christians with access to N Koreans would be able to handle all challenges with extraordinary hope and love, stirring their curiosity and pointing them to the One who loves them (Col 4:5-7).

26. Pray God will protect and provide for the believers in the North when they have to face the added challenge of food shortage.

27. Pray for provision for those who feel the call to go to the DPRK.

28. “‘Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, for I am with you,’ declares the Lord. ‘Though I completely destroy all the nations among which I scatter you, I will not completely destroy you. I will discipline you but only

with justice; I will not let you go entirely unpunished” (Jer 46:28). Pray that God would encourage His followers in the North with a strong sense of His presence and sovereignty.

29. “Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD” (Ps 27:14). Pray that as N Korean Christians wait on the Lord, they will be strong and take heart in Him.

30. Pray for the ongoing protection and success of the small scale projects run by Christian organizations in the North. They also struggle to import the grain they need.

31. Pray the time will come soon, when all N Koreans have access to sufficient food and to the true Bread of Life.

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