

Prayer Points for the Chosun People

November-December 2008

1. Kim Jong-II has been having health problems the last few months. Let us pray for his physical health and spiritual health, and that he would realize his spiritual health problem is much more serious than his physical health problem; and that he would seek help from the best Physician available. Pray that he gets a hold of a Bible, reads it, and repents and trusts Christ as his Savior.
2. “As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ ... I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance” (Phil 1:13, 19). Pray for disciples in light of this passage.
3. Pray that whoever becomes the next US president will be actively involved in seeking the good of the N Korean people.
4. Because of Kim Jong-II’s health problems, many wonder who his successor will be. Let’s pray for the salvation of Kim Ok, his present wife; of Kim Jong-Chul, the son he seems to favor as successor; and Jang Seong-Taek, his brother-in-law, who have been suggested as possible successors. (Korea Times, Jul 30 and Sept 24).
5. The DPRK plans to establish an infrastructure for Internet services this year. ([Chosun News, Aug 7](#)). Pray they will be able to access truth from the outside world and the truth of the Gospel!
6. “There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the end of the world” (Ps 19:3,4). Pray that many people there will come to know the Creator through seeing His glory in nature.
7. Early estimates predict this year's harvest will be as much as 30% below average, due to a lack of fertilizers. Many children have stopped attending school; many parents spend time searching for food ([www.news.yahoo.com](#), Oct 6). Pray that people, especially children will have enough food to eat.
8. The fertilizer shortage means a smaller harvest in the collective fields. Although many people have private gardens, the average person’s food supplies are not enough to last through the winter. (“The Real Crisis in North Korea? Food”, by Michael Schuman, Oct 6). Pray that God will provide.
9. “The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him” (Nah 1:7). Pray that those who trust in Him would remember that the Lord is their refuge.
10. Pray for God’s provision of the next successor in the DPRK, and that they would lead the nation with justice, fairness and truth (see article).
11. The US government said that they were going to take the DPRK off the list of terrorist states, since they had received dependable indications from that nation that it would proceed with the denuclearization process ([www.voanews.com](#), Oct 11). Pray that this would help the DPRK’s relationship with other nations, especially the US, and that they would keep their word in this matter.
12. There is a lot of speculation about the health problems of Kim Jong II. Pray that any change of leadership will be for the better.
13. Many are wondering about the future of the DPRK, after Kim Jong II. Lankov said that one possibility is more Chinese involvement in the communist nation. He said that while this would not be the best outcome, it would not be the worst (KT, Sept 22). Let us pray for God’s best for the future of the 23 million souls there.
14. The World Food Program has increased its relief effort in recent months and plans to provide food in the coming weeks for more

than six million N Koreans, about a quarter of the population (www.news.yahoo.com, Oct 6). Pray that aid will continue to be allowed in.

15. In this time of food shortage, foreigners have been granted access to monitor the distribution of food aid. Some believers are involved in both the monitoring and the food distribution process. Pray that their work will result in food aid reaching the neediest.

16. "Look, there on the mountains, the feet of one who brings good news, who proclaims peace!" (Nah 1:15a). Pray that more and more evangelists would bring the good news of Jesus Christ to those who live on the mountains of the DPRK.

17. Pray that Christians currently in the country distributing food or monitoring distribution will find favor in the eyes of the people and government officials, and that they will have opportunities to share God's love.

18. Pyongyang University of Science and Technology (PUST) has been preparing to open for several months. This school hopes to become a top-class graduate school. They are planning to open in November and begin classes in the spring. Pray that it will open soon and that excellent professors would come to teach.

19. Pray for the growth of the church in the North. The Lord has His church there; we just cannot see it very well. Pray that the disciples will be light and salt for the Lord Jesus.

20. Pray for improved relations between the two Koreas. Since the inauguration of the new ROK president earlier this year, relations have not been so good (www.news.yahoo.com, Oct 6).

21. The ROK said that it may send aid to the DPRK again ([Swiss Info, Oct 13](#)). Pray that this will happen. Pray also that the Lord provide food for the souls of those in the North.

22. Pray for progress in understanding between the DPRK and other countries,

especially those involved in the six party talks (DPRK, ROK, Japan, China, Russia and US). Pray that each country would decide in the light of what is good for the neediest people.

23. "O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you" (2 Chron 20:6). Pray that God would encourage the disciples in the North with this truth that the God of the Bible is over all the nations of the world.

24. Continue to pray that Christians who work for the people of the North will cooperate with each other and not let their different approaches stand in the way of unity, and that through this N Koreans would see they are Christians and be attracted to Him.

25. Dec 25 is when much of the world remembers Jesus' first coming. Pray that Jesus Christ and His first and second comings would be proclaimed in the DPRK.

26. A release of the movie "Crossing" is expected in the US in December (PSALT newsletter, Sept 9). This movie includes re-created scenes of life in the North and is very moving and realistic. Pray that it will be released in many countries and that greater concern and compassion for the people of the DPRK will result.

27. Dec 27 is the DPRK Constitution Day. Pray that basic human rights will be respected in North Korea.

28. Pray that God would challenge us to give more and pray more for the people of the DPRK.

29. Pray that the people in the North will learn more of the truth about the history of their nation and its leaders (see article).

30. "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that

he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,' declares the Lord" (Jer 9:23-24). Pray that that many in the North would soon be able to boast that they know our kind, just and righteous Creator God.

31. Pray for army leaders who may be involved in the future leadership of the DPRK and for their salvation. Pray that when change of leadership comes, the DPRK and the nations around it, especially China and the ROK, will be ready for whatever takes place. Pray that God's Church in the area will be ready to serve and proclaim Christ when change comes.

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