

Prayer Points for the Chosun People

July-August 2007

1. “His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms . . . “ (Eph 3:10). Pray that the wisdom and truth of God would shine through the Church in the North, so that people and spiritual powers in the DPRK (Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea) will know that God reigns.

2. A new foreign minister, Pak Ui-chun, was appointed in the DPRK (Korea Times, May 18). This is a very important appointment as he represents the nation to other nations in the world. Pray that the DPRK will relate well to other countries.

3. It is almost harvest season. Pray for a good harvest this year. Even with a bumper crop, food aid will still be needed ([BBC News](#)). Also ask the Lord for more workers for the spiritual harvest that is to come.

4. In what looks like an effort to generate more income, the DPRK is allowing more tour groups to come inside. Many photos taken by tourists can be found on the Internet (watch the presentation on [Yahoo! News](#)). If you can, view these pictures (through the hyperlink). Pray for the people and praise God for more access to the people of the North. See more [Flickr images on N Korea](#).

5. IT development in the DPRK can affect news that enters and leaves the country. DPRK computer experts are considered to be up to par with the best in the world, though only a select few have access to the Internet ([www.atimes.com](#), Mar 15). Pray that IT there will develop according to God’s plans and for the good of the people.

6. Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK and where people need permission to live, has one Internet café. Televisions and radios in the nation are set to state stations (KT, May 17). Information is controlled. Pray that people in the North would seek for more and

that God would seek them and give them the information they need.

7. About 20% of all healthy men between the ages of 17 and 54 serve in the military in the DPRK (KT, May 17). Women also serve for a time in the military. Military is a priority to the DPRK government; soldiers eat very well. Pray that these men and women would seek and find the King above all kings, the Leader above all world leaders.

8. “Who should not revere you, O King of the nations? This is your due. Among all the wise men of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is no one like you” (Jer 10:7). July 8 is the anniversary of Kim Il-Sung’s death, a day remembered in the DPRK. Pray that the Christians in the North will remember that God Almighty is alive and well.

9. A former US official, James Kelly, said that a few years ago DPRK leaders allowed 10,000 cell phones to be used but later required them to be turned back in. He also said that some people can gain access to a cell phone (KT, May 14). Pray that the people in the North will someday enjoy more freedom of communication.

10. A 70-year-old Korean-American priest planned to open an inexpensive ramen noodle restaurant in Pyongyang in May. He has been to the DPRK over 30 times and said he enjoys serving the local people mass, something he can do when he visits the city (KT, Apr 23). Pray that God would provide food for the bodies and souls of the people in the North.

11. 14, 752 DPRK workers, mostly women in their 20s and 30s, are now working at 23 ROK (Republic of Korea) factories in the DPRK border city of Kaesong (United Press International, May 24). These employees enjoy good working conditions and standard of living. Pray that more N Koreans will have the opportunity to work there.

12. “Church is a group of Christ’s disciples, meeting regularly for worship, fellowship,

teaching and prayer. A church baptizes new believers and celebrates the Lord's Supper. A church proclaims the Gospel of Christ and challenges people to respond. Church is Jesus' disciples living like He wants them to live in their community" (from the article). Pray that the church in the DPRK will be like this.

13. Prosperous DPRK restaurants in Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam are often packed for lunch and dinner by thousands of homesick ROK tourists and businessmen (www.atimes.com, Mar 15). Pray for customers that will share the Bread of Life and Living Water with these DPRK workers.

14. In April, 23 DPRK soccer players under 17 came to ROK as part of a sports exchange program. The boys had many questions, including, "Why are there so many crosses? Why do so many people wear glasses? What does your hand phone look like?" When told that the cross indicated a church, some didn't know what that was ([Chosun Ilbo](#), Apr 9). Pray that many DPRK young people can meet the Coach of the Church.

15. "For Christ himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility ... (Eph 2:14). August 15 is Liberation Day, celebrating the liberation of Korea from Japan in 1945. Pray that many in the DPRK will find Christ as their spiritual Liberator.

16. Let's give thanks for the railway test runs on May 17 between the two Koreas which were carried out after more than fifty years of separation since the 1950-53 Korean War. This significant inter-Korean project is seen as an important step towards peace on the peninsula (KT, May 17).

17. The Olympic Committee of the DPRK said that they would form a unified team with the ROK for the 2008 Olympics if the team is made up of the same number of athletes from the North and the South (KT, Apr 12). Thank God for how the Olympics connect people and provide opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray that people from both Koreas will be at the '08 Beijing Olympics.

18. Another set of reunions between family members of the ROK and the DPRK took place in May, the first in 11 months. The oldest was to be a 98-year-old man from the South and an 84-year-old from the North. The event was set up by the Red Cross (KT, May 9). Pray that the aroma of Christ would go out from Christians whenever people from the South and the North meet.

19. "The Lord wants a church that shows God's ethical and moral standards. He wants a church that will be salt and light in her society and hence attracts others to God. "You are the salt of the earth ... you are the light of the world" (Jesus Christ, Matthew 6:13, 14). He wants a church that shows God to its community" (from the article). Pray that the church in the DPRK will be like this.

20. During the North-South family reunions in May, 200 people were reunited at Mt Kumkang, located in the DPRK (KT, May 8). Pray that our Father would comfort families separated due to the division of these two countries and bring about the time when they do not have to be separated again.

21. More than 90,000 people continue to be separated due to the Korean War (1950-53). Since 2000, more than 13,000 people have been reunited for short times (KT, May 8). Pray that these reunions will continue and the two Koreas will find a way to reunite these families permanently.

22. Pray that the believers in DPRK, "being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ and may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God" (from Eph 3:17-19).

23. Peaceful reunification can be more easily achieved through ongoing exchanges between the two Koreas. N Koreans who come out experience culture shock because of big differences between social ideologies and structure. Pray for more projects and greater communication between the Koreas to bring peace and adjustment.

24. Around 20 DPRK people in Thailand went to the ROK at the end of April (KT, April 29). Pray that these individuals will now be fed the Bread of Life by those they meet.

25. It is believed that an increasing number of N Koreans are trying to go to some Western countries even though they have lived in the ROK for some time with government support ([Chosun Ilbo](#), May 7). Pray for God's grace as they seek to settle in a new homeland.

26. "The Lord wants the church there to live as good citizens as much as possible and to work for the good of the people. Paul, in Romans 13, taught the church in Rome to live as good citizens as much as possible" (from the article). Pray that Christians in the North live for the glory of God and the good of the people there.

27. July 27 is when the DPRK celebrates "Victory in the Fatherland Liberation War." This is how they describe the day when the armistice was signed in 1953, when the fighting stopped after the Korean War. Pray that people in the North would continue seeking true liberation and that God would grant them spiritual liberation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

28. A person who has visited the DPRK several times said, "Pray for the government, the church and for spiritual leaders to lead their flocks well." Let us pray accordingly.

29. "For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light" (Ps 36:9). Pray that many in the North will see the light of God and come and drink from His fountain of life.

30. The Empower Conference held in Illinois the end of May was a huge success. Over 450 people concerned for the good of the N Koreans, worshiped God, prayed for the North, learned about the DPRK and networked together. Praise God. Pray that these North-facing groups and people will network even more for the growth of the Kingdom of God in the DPRK.

31. "The Lord wants a Chosun church in Chosun. He wants the church there to live out Bible truths in that culture, 'wearing Chosun clothes,' as it were. The Lord wants the church to think about values from a Biblical perspective. What does the Bible teach about sharing?" (from the article) Pray that the church in the North is completely Chosun and completely Biblical.

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