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Our Salvation's objective then is a whole lot more than just rinsing us free of our sin, and teaching us nicer habits about how we are to live (as opposed to the ways we would live if we were not believers). The objective of salvation is more than simply for us to have good character, and reasonably disciplined Christian lives that appropriately involve reading the bible and praying, attending church, tithing, witnessing when the door of opportunity avails itself, and generally doing good in the community. Salvation has to do with more than all this. It has to do with a *mindset*, an understanding that we were saved to *impact our environment by administering and introducing, the Father's rule of life here and now* (Ephesians 1:17 – 21).

Through prayer, the powers that control the spiritual climate can be arrested and the spiritual realm can be transformed. Such a transformation allows the inhabitants of the earth to participate in the goodness of the Lord. That goodness ultimately leads to the repentance and harvest of many lives.

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### **The Kingdom Administrators**

by Joel Sadaphal

*Ephesians 1:17-21*

The most deterministic event in history with regards to mankind's redemption is Calvary's Cross. At the Cross, the consequence of sin was dealt with and its power to dominate lives became bankrupt (Colossians 2:13-15). Jesus' declaration, "*it is finished*" summarizes the finality of the triumph of the Cross.

Through His death and resurrection He has made possible the overruling of all things that decimate and overcome mankind. Jesus himself went about proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom which essentially is that a new rule is available. Man does not have to be bound up with the things that dominate life. He can enter into another dimension of life in the here and now.

Through salvation we are birthed into the grander purpose of God's Kingdom administration. The whole focus of Jesus' ministry was not only that people be forgiven of their sins, brought into relationship with God, receive the hope of an eternal destiny when we conclude the sojourn pilgrimage of this lifetime, but in the meantime we are to be participants and *partners in the administration of His kingdom* here on earth. The finished work of Calvary needs to be distinguished from the continual work of the Body of Christ, the Church – in the here and now! The Lord has us appointed stewards to carry out His kingdom purpose, preventing the *alternative*, which is the thief's purpose (John 10:10). This is what Jesus meant when He said *occupy till I come*.

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Designed for a 1-hour prayer time, or spend 5 minutes each segment for 30 minutes total.

**I. Rejoice – (10 Minutes)**

**READ** – Ephesians 1 especially verses 17-21

**REJOICE** – for the hope, wisdom and power in Christ is available to us who believe.

**REPENT** – for allowing our environment to remain unchanged by our faith-filled presence.

**II. Revival in the Church - Jesus, give us your tears for our cities.**

**PERSONAL** – Pray throughout 2012 for God to fill you with knowledge through spiritual wisdom and the understanding of His will. Pray for strength, endurance and vigilance to build the Kingdom of God consistently throughout the year and to develop discernment to hear the voice of the Shepherd at all times.

**REGIONAL** – Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Pastors who will attend the Concerts of Prayer 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Pastor's Prayer Summit, January 23 – 25. Pray that they will be spiritually and physically renewed and encouraged to continue in their journey of leading non-believers to the saving knowledge Jesus Christ, while equipping congregants to be a spiritual and moral influence wherever they work and serve.

**NATIONAL** – Pray for the cities and families who will be impacted by the recent announcement to close 252 USPS mail processing centers and 3,700 local post offices. Pray that the workers would quickly find other employment that would allow them to keep their homes and care for their families. Pray for the families to remain emotionally healthy during the transitional phase.

**INTERNATIONAL** – Pray for the 125 people that were wounded in Belgium when a gunman threw 3 grenades and opened fire on people as they were waiting for buses in the center square. Pray that the country would experience spiritual revival as they face healing from this tragedy.

**III. Reconciliation - Jesus, be our peace between races & churches.**

**REGIONAL** – Pray that the US Supreme Court would hear the NYC Councilman Fernando Cabrera has submitted a bill before the Council and the NYS Assembly written to overturn the Appellate Court's ruling to ban churches from renting NYC public schools for worship services as of February 12, 2012. Pray that believers would seize this setback as an opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ, while asking God to reconcile the culture. Pray that the body of believers would continue to serve and befriend the local communities where seeds of the Gospel were planted.

**NATIONAL** – Pray that churches will be ready to receive military men and women as they return to the U.S. after 9 years of patrolling the streets of Iraq. Pray that military families will be strengthened as they are reunited and for emotional healing for the thousands of others who have lost their loved ones as a result of the war. Continue to pray for the peace of God, which passes all understanding, to reach all of Iraq, Israel and the Middle East.

**INTERNATIONAL** – Pray for Pastor Chander Khanna and the seven Muslim converts who were beaten and arrested in India after a video of their baptism was viewed by police and Kashmir's highest ranking religious legal official. Pray for steadfast hearts for these 8 Christians and that the truth of the Gospel would be revealed to all who view this video testimony.



**IV. Reformation in Society - Jesus, be the protector of our cities.**

**REGIONAL** – Pray for the peace of God to move across Brooklyn as the NYPD, the community and families involved mourn the loss of Veteran Officer, Peter J. Figoski who was shot and killed recently while in the line of duty. Pray for remorse and spiritual conversion for the assailant(s) and for a reduction of the murder rate in our region.

**NATIONAL** – Pray for God's protection and grace over the many Christian businesses and organizations who are facing trials for taking a stand for Biblical and moral principles. Pray that God would give clarity and direction to the Alliance Defense Fund, the American Center for Law and Justice and other legal organizations as they take action to protect religious freedoms.

**INTERNATIONAL** – Chinese police rescued 178 children and arrested 608 suspects after a six-month human trafficking investigation. Many women and children were sold and taken across international borders. Pray that God would illuminate the hearts and minds of the officers and lead them to others who may still be in bondage. Pray for the restoration and healing of those who were rescued and for the many others who remain separated from their families as a result of this network.

**V. Reaching Outward - Jesus, blessed is the King who comes!**

**REGIONAL** – Pray for the 300,000 Filipinos living in the Metro New York area. Filipinos are our 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Asian group and they represent 10% of the city's nurses. They are known for their quick ability to adapt, blend, and integrate. The 2000 Census showed that they were by far the wealthiest, in terms of household income. Their primary religion is Roman Catholicism. Pray that the Filipino church will use their cross-cultural skills to increase their missionary endeavors and that individuals will use their wealth to further Kingdom efforts instead of materialism.

**NATIONAL** – Pray for the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship chapter at the State University of New York—Buffalo to be reinstated on campus. An openly gay student leader willingly stepped down from leadership. Yet the gay and lesbian group on campus filed a complaint with the student government association, saying that InterVarsity was discriminating against a gay student. A special investigative committee was appointed to determine whether InterVarsity's leadership requirements violate the school's policy.

**INTERNATIONAL** – A study by the International Monetary Fund has found that the Philippines has underperformed compared to other Asian countries due to weak agricultural productivity, high government debt, relatively high income inequality, strong population growth, and political uncertainty. Pray for public-private partnerships, infrastructure investments, education in the sciences and the development of future researchers and scientists who would be instrumental in nation building.

**VI. Reflect – Wait – Listen – Report**

**REFLECT** – upon the Scriptures you have read and how that has guided your prayers.

**REMAIN** – in the presence of the Lord allowing His Spirit ample time to speak to you.

**RECORD** – what God says to you. **REPORT** – testify of answered prayer.

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