

...to rescue people from spiritual darkness



Day 15

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 24

*There were those who dwelt in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
prisoners in misery and chains,
because they had rebelled
against the words of God...
Then they cried out to the LORD
in their trouble.*

He saved them...

*He brought them out of darkness
and the shadow of death
and broke their bands apart.*

— Psalm 107:10-11, 13-14

Many are locked in lifestyles that hold them in darkness. Some search in vain for escape from the grim misery of their lives. Some feel the chill of death already overshadowing them. Hear their cry, O God. Penetrate prisons locked by pride. Shatter the habits that bind them like chains. Break the bars of resentment and hatred that keep them from authentic relationships of love. Light up the darkness of their lives so they can walk away from the grief of sin and follow You.

*Men loved the darkness rather than
the Light, for their deeds were evil...
But he who practices the truth
comes to the Light,
so that his deeds may be manifested
as having been wrought in God.*

— John 3:19, 21

You constantly bring the light of Your love into many people's lives. But again and again, they choose to love darkness, preferring to hide in the shadows of habitual sin. We pray that You would energize them by the great power of Your grace to take even one step toward the light of Your truth. And after that first step, give them another, and then another, until they find themselves drawn into the bright hope that they shall be changed. *Pray:*

- For God to subdue powers of evil that hold people in darkness.
- For the light of the gospel to expose the bondage of rebellion, and to illumine the hope of freedom in Jesus.
- For new believers to put truth into daily practice.

Seek God on behalf of **Prisoners and their Families**

That people in jails and prisons will hear the gospel and follow Christ; for fellowships of believers to multiply; that they be protected from violence and forces of spiritual evil; that the spouses and children of prisoners would be sustained, protected, provided for and honored rightly; that released prisoners find strength and wisdom to live abundant lives.

PRAYERWALK: Pray near a jail or correctional facility. Or pray for homes in your neighborhood that may have family members or loved ones in prison.

*You who seek God,
let your heart revive.
For the LORD hears
the needy, and does
not despise His who
are prisoners.*

— Psalm 69:32-33

Seek God on behalf of **Asia and the Pacific**

Korea-North, Korea-South, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives,
Marshall Islands, Micronesia



...for the word of God to be understood



Day 16

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 25

*The unfolding of Your words gives light.
It gives understanding to the simple.*

— Psalm 119:130

We long for Your words to become alive in the hearts of our friends. In fear, pride or folly, some of them have darkened the windows of their lives. Even if they have heard the words before, we ask You to send Your word to them yet again. Give them humility of heart to listen and hear Your voice. Send word-bearers who are humble and wise, whose lives match the message. Even a small portion of Your word, when unfolded faithfully, can burst into radiant light. And with Your light bring life.

*Then He opened their minds to
understand the Scriptures.*

— Luke 24:45

Lord Jesus, when You unrolled the scrolls in synagogues, You surprised the crowds by opening the Scriptures like no one else had ever done. But You did more than merely open the words, You opened the minds of Your followers to understand. Unblock the minds of those who hear Your word today. Pour light upon the pages as they read. Clear away deception so they will comprehend the amazing greatness of what You have done. *Pray:*

- For people to read the Bible together, understanding what they read, and obeying what they understand.
- For the Scriptures to get into the hands of truth-seekers in your city.
- That the Spirit of God would illumine His word, bringing clarity and conviction.

Seek God on behalf of **University Students**

Pray for many students to follow Christ; for the truth to radiate in a setting that is often hostile and cynical toward matters of faith; for students to make wise decisions, to form godly lifestyles and to shape their careers and ambitions to fulfill God's global purposes. Pray for leadership to be strong among Christian groups on campuses; for the advance of movements of prayer and mission mobilization; for the ministries that focus on students.

PRAYERWALK: Pray for students at a place of higher education.

*Since my youth,
O God, you have
taught me, and to
this day I declare your
marvelous deeds.*

— Psalm 71:17 (NIV)

Seek God on behalf of **Asia and the Pacific**

Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, New Caledonia, New Zealand,
Niue, Norfolk Island

