

CANADA

Montreal

On Thursday, May 24, one of the prayer cells met on Mount Royal, overlooking the city of Montreal to pray for the city and the concerns outlined in our prayer guide for our community and the world. On May 27, we met together – Christians from many denominations – in a former Catholic Church, now the Evangelical Armenian Church of Montreal, 5-7pm. All for Jesus,
Joan Read

Edmonton, Alberta

For Edmonton & Area, Christians from many churches and streams joined together under the "shelter of His wings" to pray and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. People were enthusiastic about joining with other Christians outside of church walls and inside the Heritage Amphitheatre at the park on a beautiful day. There was great worship and it was a delight to see the youthful dancers joining in as we gave our praises to the Lord. Some highlights included the "parade of flags" by the Missions Fest volunteers and the prayers of unity by churches from different streams including Orthodox, Catholic, Evangelical and Charismatic.

A prayer was read by a student who together with a team was headed to the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa the next day and would be presenting this prayer directly to the Prime Minister of Canada in a private meeting. We concluded with a focus on children and several of them prayed as well as their teachers. Parents also brought their children forward and we all prayed over these "little ones" to receive God's best. What a delight it was to come together in unity across our region and also to join together globally as the body of Christ.

Lorne Silverstein, Co-ordinator, GDOP Edmonton & Area

Surrey, British Columbia

Although this was our first time being a part of the Global Day of Prayer...and also signing up rather late...it was an experience not to be missed!!

We planned very little for our Sunday morning service other than to have us all read together the Prayer for the World, but God provided us with some unexpected elements and a great time together.

We had provided everyone with a Prayer Guide well in advance of the week of prayers prior to May 27 and we also e-mailed our Prayer Teams with the daily focus element.

I believe the prayers and the personal involvement by so many opened our eyes and hearts to what God is doing around the world and in our own lives.

We chose someone to read the provided Prayer for the World and printed out the prayer for everyone to have during our service and to take home afterward.

One of God's surprise elements was that we also had a missionary family call us earlier in the week to be part of our morning and they shared about God's call on their lives. It was amazing to have them there and help us tune in to God's heart for His world. A perfect addition to our morning!!

Our pastor's sermon was on Pentecost and was such a good message for each of us. We even got homework...Be the Blessing! See where God is working and go there.

The best part was reading together the Prayer for the World. The Presence of God was everywhere and I believe each life was impacted by this experience and life change has already begun.

We have 2 short term mission teams heading out this summer. There is both challenge and adventure involved in each mission and this world focus and the emphasis on prayer for the glory of Christ and the blessing of the nations has greatly moved each team member. I expect to hear stories coming from everywhere this summer!!

Thank you!!

Kathy Gale
Sonrise Church

Regina, Saskatchewan

Praise God! We saw many wonders including:

- Worship team and worship time from the first song drew us all into a deep place with our Lord
- A tangible presence of God
- A Spirit of unity, quite distinct and overwhelming
- A humility not seen before
- A true oneness, and definitely the commanded blessing of God in our midst
- We gave freedom for people to pray what was on their heart and right from the First Nations Inner City Pastor that we had open in prayer, a theme of repentance came, a deep repentance throughout the prayers & even the fellowship time too.
- A vision for Prayer, the Kingdom of God, unity and love, and community transformation was released and enlarged by the Spirit of God
- Fervent prayers from the heart, not form but full of God's power and raw honesty.
- A lot of weeping
- The crowd clapped enthusiastically after people prayed, they started doing that from the start, it was amazing, such agreement. Even with sobs and cries of repentance, they showed their "Amen" not only verbally but with clapping spontaneously at the end of the person's prayer.
- Businessmen repented, Farmers petitioned for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the cry of seniors and children was also heard from the mike.
- It was very multi-cultural; many nations were represented in the mix of attendees.
- The head of the evangelical ministerial (REMA) was present and led us in a prayer.
- 120 people were in attendance
- 20 different church and ministry leaders from all over Regina and area led us in various prayer sections.
- 12 Pastors were present and most came up and led us in prayer.
- Nearly everyone stayed for the refreshments and fellowship afterwards.
- Comments were all positive and thankful and many expressed we need to do this more often.
- There was such openness and freedom among people as they eagerly connected with other ministries and pastors and people they'd never met. God was forming relationships.
- Excitement was high as one new pastor to the City noted, "everyone is excited here!"

One thousand GDOP books, at least, were distributed. Some pastors and business leaders, when they found out about it, threw something together in their local church, in SK.

Some had prior commitments but were on board and sorry they couldn't attend.

A committee is in the process of forming, at the ministerial level, for next year. PRAISE GOD!!!
Jan and Dave Wilkes

Miramichi, New Brunswick

Dear friends in Jesus,

We here in Miramichi are very excited about what God is busy doing in the city of Miramichi! Never had Miramichi joined in the Global Day of prayer, and almost no one here has even heard about the Global Day of Prayer. We started the organization of the GDOP a bit late (2 weeks before the 27 May 2007) but God is great and He himself arrived!

40 people from different denominations (including 3 pastors) came together to repent and pray. After we all prayed the "World prayer", we broke off in 4 smaller groups and represented the 4 wind directions and then we prayer walked in the different directions.

We stood in the gap for all the sins in our community and asked for God's healing and His will to be done in this community, Canada and the rest of the world.

Afterwards we all gathered to give feedback of what we experienced. We got wonderful feedback.

Maybe we were only 40 but we know that God is busy doing something BIG in Miramichi. God chose Miramichi, one of the most unlikely small cities in New Brunswick, to be the light in New Brunswick. Our prayer is that our light will shine so bright, that it will light up all the rest of the towns and cities to turn to God and join us in prayer!

Vancouver

Vancouver's first GDOP meeting was a glorious time where 800 passionate believers from over 20 churches gathered to pray and worship.

We began by blessing and praying for the Pastors of our city and then broke into a powerful time of worship led by an inter-church team. As this concluded we jointly prayed the 'World Prayer', led by a variety of leaders from different churches and generations. We then were reminded that Canada is a "nation of nations", so prayed around the world by praying for our immigrant communities. Beginning with the Asian communities, and ending in North America praying for the aboriginal communities and our youth.

The organizing committee was delighted with the turn out and the heart to pray that was evident in those that gathered. Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving for all the Lord is doing. In faith we expect much greater things next year as we gather again!

Sara Maynard
For the Vancouver GDOP Committee

Montreal

In 2006, a handful of Christians that meet regularly to pray for Montreal, went up Mount Royal on the Global Day of Prayer and prayed over our city, and for our country.

This year, we were blessed to gather together One hundred and fifty Christians from about thirty churches of different denominations. We met in an old large ex Catholic Church. The gathering was two hours long. From 5-7pm.

In Montreal, the languages are French and English, but the city is becoming more and more multilingual boasting a growing multi cultural population, Our service was totally bilingual, French and English, However, it was beautiful to witness a small girl beginning the service by praying in Spanish, signifying that walls are coming down between the young and the old, as well as different languages and cultures. We also worshipped together in French, English and Spanish.

Twenty two pastors were present. They publicly embraced each other on the stage, proclaiming the official breaking down of walls, reconciling differences, denouncing the 'spirit of fear.' (One of many oppressive spirits that hover over this city.). In love, they supported and prayed for each other.

Three young girls danced for us with flags. A couple from Asia, sang about the power of reconciliation and another sister sang a prayer for unity and freedom for our country.

We read the official 'Prayer for the World' in unison, lifting our voices, with loud praises, passionately united.

The highlight for many was the praying together in small groups. Witnessing those small loving huddles and the sound of everyone praying together in different languages was very beautiful. It started like a small whisper and rose to a mighty sound of thunder that nearly rocked that poor old church as more walls came tumbling down. We probably could have gone on praying with loud cries, all evening. Maybe next year we will.

This was an amazing experience for everyone. In faith, we believe that together through our prayers, we bound the power of the evil one and lifted up the Name of Jesus. The only Hope and Lord of Montreal.

Tracy Lemieux
On behalf of the Montreal Team

Ottawa

We had about 300 out, compared to 250 last year. I was disappointed that there weren't 700 or 800. The event we presented was significantly more engaging than last year to my mind. Ottawa has churches representing a rich variety of international cultures, and we had prayer leaders in a number of languages, also music from the different backgrounds.

We did not include a repentance time this year (we did last year).

The committee is committed to the 2008 event. We are already planning better ways to raise the profile in local churches. I suspect the reason the mainline churches don't come is they view anything like this as a Pentecostal thing with people getting excited and praying with hands high. I speak as an Anglican. Only one other from my large church came although they all knew about it. And that person was in the liturgical dance team.

Tony Copple

Moose Jaw

The report I want to submit started by my attending the "Market Place Exploits" meeting in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada on April 20th. I met Graham Power and Dawie Spangenberg at this conference and was impacted by the GDOP initiative. The idea that we can join in with millions of Christians worldwide sparked something in me. As I was driving home from the conference I was wondering why the church in my home city of Moose Jaw has not joined in with this prayer initiative. Then, on Ascension Day, during a time of prayer with the City Intercessors in Moose Jaw, suddenly God revealed to me a "ground swell" of interest by Christians from different denominations. I really felt that I need to be obedient to God so I registered Moose Jaw, booked a conference room at the Heritage Inn, sent out advertisements and prayed for God to have His hand on GDOP.

We ended up having 78 people attend the meeting. We had an awesome time of praise and worship and then we showed the GDOP video. Everyone was sensing the Holy Spirit moving as we joined in with believers around the world. Christians from different churches prayed for the nation, the city, youth, and marketplace. We believe God will restore our land and bring unity.

For His Kingdom
Greg Simpson

Toronto

Over 3,600 Christians gathered at the historic Ricoh Coliseum to unite in prayer on May 27th. They came from many denominational and ethnic groups, reflecting the diversity of the population of our cosmopolitan city.

A First Nations Dance/Worship team began the proceedings calling out to God for mercy and leading us into our national anthem and a parade of nations. Throughout the event the worship was enhanced by the ministry of over 100 dancers. Prayer themes included corporate reflection and repentance; prayers for our leaders; education; marriage and family; research and environment; health and safety; reconciliation and social justice; arts (including a special children's presentation, where children dedicated their artistic talents to God), culture and media; unity in the Body of Christ and the *Prayer for the World*.

The 2½ hour main event was followed a 1 hour youth concert of prayer.

Some of the comments received include...

It was truly a marvellous event. The unity was beautiful and honouring to God.

The Lord of Glory was highly honoured! It surely was a pre-heaven experience with some from every nation and tongue praising the Lord together. What a privilege to share in this time of confession and thanksgiving to our God.

I saw no egos but only grace, beauty and humility displayed.

The choice of participants, the creative variety of worship and the passion in the hearts of the intercessors, dancers and worship leaders blended into an inspiring and life changing service.

Dexter Quinlan
Chair, GDOP Toronto

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Salinas, California

What a victorious week the Lord had in Salinas! We are praising and thanking God for all He did!

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we were on the air on Radio KKMC 880 AM. Thursday at the city center. Saturday prayer walking, 10 teams of 4-6, covering the Santa Rita area. Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday we were highlighted on the local news on KSBW Channel 8, an NBC affiliate!

Monday night, Dave Thompson helped us prepare the homes of Salinas by dedicating them to the Lord. The next morning, Pastor Ron Shires, of Grace Christian Fellowship in Santa Rita, had a lady walk into his church for protection and prayer. For those spiritually sensitive folks, Tuesday dawned with a change in the atmosphere.

Tuesday night, Ted Hahs worked with us as we sanctified our homes. It was clear to all of us at the station afterward that something had changed in the heavenlies. The next morning, starting at 9:00 AM, the local NBC affiliate began to call the radio station to reach those who participated in the previous evening's show. By noon we had been interviewed and by 5:00 PM, Loving Salinas was the #2 lead! Expanded at the 6:00 PM hour, we walked into Wednesday night rejoicing over what God was doing.

Wednesday night, Ed Silviso joined, establishing a strong anchor, as we encouraged our listeners to leave their homes and begin prayer walking their neighborhoods. There was a strong message of reconciliation between Catholics and Protestants. We continued to have a strong mix of pastors and marketplace ministers, with the additional pleasure of guests from out of town. We continued to rejoice over the atmosphere in Salinas as we moved through the week.

Thursday morning, we gathered as a city to pray. We had some new warriors join us who had heard us on the radio. We performed a prophetic act of driving a stake declaring, "**Jesus is Lord of Salinas**". We received permission from the Steinbeck Center (John Steinbeck the author; this center sits on the original crossroads of Market and Main streets in downtown Salinas.), prayed, sought reconciliation with the land and after dedicating, each person present took a turn driving the stake!

Friday I was able to meet one of the Catholic Youth Pastors and continue the dialogue about moving toward **The Church of Salinas**.

Saturday morning we met at Grace Christian Fellowship in the Santa Rita area of Salinas. We had ten teams of 4-6, left around 9:45 AM and covered the entire area in prayer. When Jan, the Chamberlains and I returned from our section, Channel 8 was filming and interviewing again!! We ended up on the news that evening and the story was repeated on Sunday morning. With the exception of one apartment complex, most "pray-ers" felt there was a strong sense of peace and a lack of fear over the areas we walked. Prayer walkers who encountered citizens had wonderful stories of openness to be prayed with!

Sunday was the Global Day of Prayer; what a great day to finish prayer walking our city.

Thank you all near and far for lifting us up in prayer. We felt fully covered by the Holy Spirit and know that things have changed in the heavenlies and that Jesus has full title to our land!

Now is the time to continue to pray and be observant about what Jesus is doing in Salinas!
Dick Renard

Smith Mills, Kentucky

I am a United Methodist Pastor in Kentucky. I sent the World Prayer to over 150 Churches in Western Kentucky and my sphere of influence. I have been notified so far that 600 people prayed the Prayer on Pentecost Sunday. One United Methodist Church was in Vermont! We have opened a door, and I know in the next few years we will have more participation. Also, 5 of us went to the Businesses in Barbourville, Kentucky and prayed prayers of blessings on them. We prayed for approximately 50 people over the period of 3 days.

Pastor Freida Alexander, Belleview United Methodist Church, Smith Mills Kentucky.

Kansas City, Kansas and Missouri

Over 3000 people gathered, in the midst of rain showers, in a baseball stadium, on the Global Day of Prayer. Approximately 100 different churches, from both Kansas and Missouri, were represented. The stadium was filled with the presence of God. Many of these churches had conducted Ten Days of 24/7 prayer, leading up to the Pentecost Sunday event.

We are currently recruiting and screening volunteers for our "90 days of preparation for our 9 months of blessing" of the public schools in the greater Kansas City area.

Rev. Steve Weber
Rev. Rod Janzen

Event Co-Directors

Orlando:

This year was quite a different from 2006. Last year the participating churches met throughout the day in one shared location. This year in addition to churches having prayer-specific services many took the opportunity to think outside of the walls and took to the streets.

I had the honour of seeing....

- young men and women praying before court buildings for abortion to be outlawed. They stood silent as a witness to the unborn.
- a 24/7 prayer room praying for the nations
- a church, signing and praising The Lord
- walking the streets of a city praying for its merchants

Quite a day to say the least.

And this was only one of how many cities around the world?

I arrived home encouraged, challenged and with sore feet. ...but would do it again in a heartbeat.

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Willamette Valley - Lane County (Eugene/Springfield area) Oregon

For our 10 days of Prayer: Nine were held each evening; and were hosted by nine different area churches. Every one was a little different, depending on the personality of each church, and their worship style. Prayer was the main focus: for our community and for the world. Each night was wonderful!

On the 10th day, we had a youth sponsored event in which people met at the top of the three main "high places" (buttes) in our city (all wearing the same GDOP T-shirts; which were not sold for only the cost of the shirt). When all reached the top of each butte, we worshiped and simultaneously, we prayed over our region, and blew shoffars! There were approx. 600 who climbed the buttes that day...afterwards we met at the Civic Stadium (where the Eugene Emeralds play baseball) for some more prayer and worship, and we declared scriptures out loud, and then we had a free barbecue and ate hotdogs together!

Last, but certainly not the end! The following evening, on May 27th, Pentecost Sunday (also Memorial weekend) from 4:00-6:00pm for the Global Day of Prayer: We had different area pastors pray, international pastors representing different countries who prayed in their own languages, local youth who are leaders declared scriptures, and a General from the US Army, all pray over prevalent issues, both local and abroad and prayers of repentance were offered up.

In between our prayers, we had wonderful times of singing songs and worship...the crowd was ecstatic in their participation; arms were raised and faces were shining with the glory of God.

In the middle of one particular prayer for our community, though it was quite overcast that afternoon, the clouds broke and the sun burst through and beamed down on all of us just in the stadium! Shoffars were blown again before the end...

We had a procession of children carrying international flags; and we opened in a solute to our own US flag with the help of the Boy Scouts...A large group of dancers danced to the beautiful song called "I Could Only Imagine".

We ended the Global Day of Prayer with exhortations to the 90 Days of Blessing and Serving: Five hi-lighted ministries with planned projects were introduced and people were encouraged to volunteer to serve in at least one of those projects. An exhortation to build unity between churches and bless our community together (churches were encouraged to partner with another church in the same neighbourhood for a project), or plan other special projects to bless the neighbourhood around them.

We ended with a commissioning prayer to launch our brothers and sisters to serve and love our community; and demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ to our neighbours, and beyond --into the world!

Booths for all of the hi-lighted 90 days projects, including a "misc. ideas" booth, were set up at the stadium for people to get information from, with the purpose to sign up to volunteer and serve. A booth was also set up for the Onehope Network (the organization made up of pastors and spiritual leaders in Lane Co. and the Willamette Valley - Oregon, who meet together on a monthly basis for prayer -which was responsible for rallying leaders and organizing the events).

There were over ninety churches involved, and more than two thousand people in attendance on May 27th. It took the efforts of many pastors, leaders and Christian businessmen and women working in unity, but only the Holy Spirit could have made this happen!