

# GDOP Global Day of Prayer Transformation Africa Newsletter

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Dear friend

What a remarkable year this has been! We are truly blessed by the Lord's faithfulness and grace. Whenever I consider the simple instruction that the Lord gave me 8 years ago I am humbled to see how the Global Day of Prayer and Transformation Africa have been used to spread prayer and repentance throughout the globe. In 2001 when we met with 45 000 Christians in a stadium in Cape Town I knew that the Lord had a great plan! However, I am constantly amazed, blessed and encouraged to see how the vision for 'inviting God into your city' has taken root in towns, villages, and cities throughout the world. God is doing amazing things, and we praise Him for it! I also rejoice to think of the commitment and sacrifice of the hundreds of millions of Christians the world over who have taken the challenge, owned it, and made it happen in their region! On the 11th of May this year we had an unprecedented 214 of the world's 220 nations participating in the Global Day of Prayer. GodTV did an amazing job of broadcasting and linking from locations across the world, starting in Fiji going across the time zones as the day progressed to meetings in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas, finally ending the day in Hawaii. This year I was moved, in particular, by the number of children and young people that took a leading role in praying for their communities and nations! Truly, we can learn a great deal from their passion, sincerity, and commitment (Mark 10:15)! As I watched people praying, worshipping, and

seeking God's face, I wondered what the scene must have been like in heaven? How pleased our heavenly Father must be when we gather together in unity and prayer!

During the 10 days of prayer leading up to the Global Day a team of intercessors traveled throughout the Holy Land praying at the 'significant places' in Israel. As we prayed at the garden tomb, on the sea of Galilee and in the old city of Jerusalem the Lord moved us to intercede for the many places in the world where there are conflicts, suffering and brokenness. We witnessed a number of significant prophetic acts during those 10 days, one of the more notable acts was a moment of prophetic reconciliation between the 'fathers and the sons', as the youth and their elders embraced during a prayer session in the Upper Room. We are trusting the Lord for transformation, healing and renewal throughout the world. The 90 days of blessing began on the 12th of May, and this year we encouraged Christians to join us in reading the Bible from cover to cover in 90 days – well over 1 million people signed up for the campaign, and we have heard many testimonies of what the Lord has been saying and doing through this initiative. Having experienced God's grace so abundantly this year, we are truly excited and expectant for what the Lord is going to do in 2009 and 2010! Can you imagine the whole globe, every single nation, every town, every home, saturated in prayer? Our work is not yet done! I would encourage you to pray and plan for the Global Day of Prayer on the 31st of May 2009! Let's pray that the 6 outstanding nations will be on board, and that each participating nation will go deeper in their commitment to prayer and repentance. We are already planning for a great celebration in Cape Town in 2010 when thousands will gather for a time of prayer, teaching, and celebration of what the Lord has done in the last 10 years. Let's not forget the Lord's promise that if we humble ourselves and pray, and turn from our wicked ways then He will hear our prayers and heal our land! (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Together with you in Christ,  
Graham

## WHAT GDOP IS ABOUT

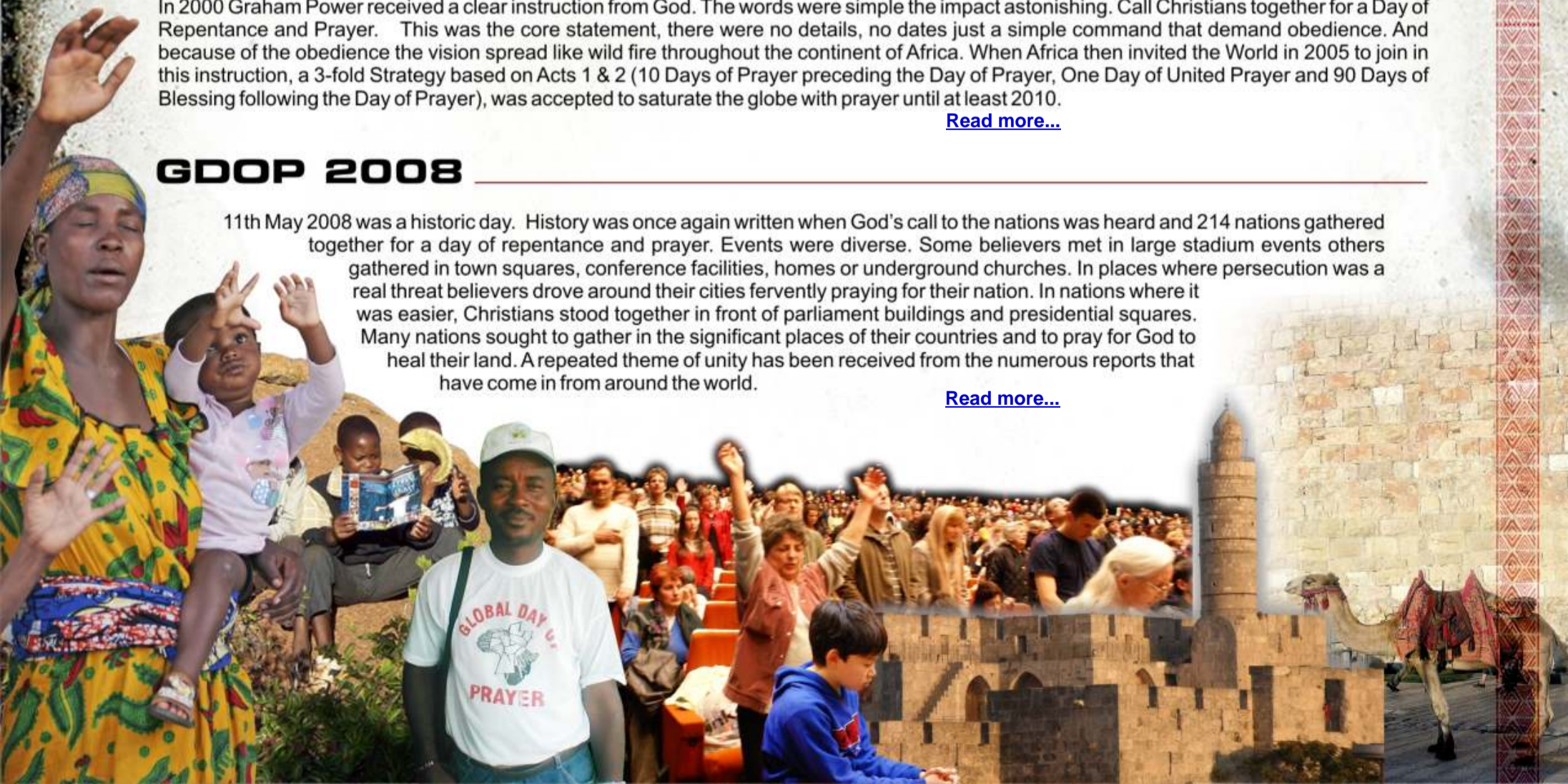
In 2000 Graham Power received a clear instruction from God. The words were simple the impact astonishing. Call Christians together for a Day of Repentance and Prayer. This was the core statement, there were no details, no dates just a simple command that demand obedience. And because of the obedience the vision spread like wild fire throughout the continent of Africa. When Africa then invited the World in 2005 to join in this instruction, a 3-fold Strategy based on Acts 1 & 2 (10 Days of Prayer preceding the Day of Prayer, One Day of United Prayer and 90 Days of Blessing following the Day of Prayer), was accepted to saturate the globe with prayer until at least 2010.

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## GDOP 2008

11th May 2008 was a historic day. History was once again written when God's call to the nations was heard and 214 nations gathered together for a day of repentance and prayer. Events were diverse. Some believers met in large stadium events others gathered in town squares, conference facilities, homes or underground churches. In places where persecution was a real threat believers drove around their cities fervently praying for their nation. In nations where it was easier, Christians stood together in front of parliament buildings and presidential squares. Many nations sought to gather in the significant places of their countries and to pray for God to heal their land. A repeated theme of unity has been received from the numerous reports that have come in from around the world.

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## Youth Involvement

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Apart from so many nations being involved in the GDOP process in 2008, one of the most exciting things was the wide participation and involvement of children and youth. For the first time we have received reports from so many places where the emerging generation actually took the lead, initiating prayer during the 10 Days, leading worship and prayer from the stage on the GDOP and being involved in many "bless" activities during 90 Days of Blessing. The video footage received from nearly every single part of the world underlined the key involvement of the emerging generation. This is the generation of prayer, mission and justice. A generation that is on fire, because they have been set on fire in that most intimate place with the Living God. A generation looking for a cause to die for. A generation on pilgrimage to take the Good News to the darkest places of the earth. BUT a generation desperately in need of spiritual fathers and mothers who are willing to run with them, impart in their lives and resource them to run even further with that double portion of the anointing.

Global Day of Prayer, in it's wider sense, creates a platform to connect our hearts with the Father, but also with one another in the generations. No, it is not just about a hunger for a single day of prayer, but for a life on mission with God. The South African Youth Coordinator writes: "What an amazing year it's been thus far, and we're only half way through it! God, as usual, is blowing our minds, by His move in the youth and we are really experiencing an AWAKENING amongst young people when it comes to wanting to get involved in the journey of pursuing God whole heartedly.

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## Developing a Culture of Prayer

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By George Otis Jr.

A culture can be defined as a set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes a company or corporation. If we embrace a culture, we cannot help but reflect the values of that culture. And if the Church represents its own unique culture, how will that culture be defined? If we take an honest look at most churches in the West, we would likely have to define the culture in terms of programs, strategies, and methodology. But is that how God desires the culture of His Church to be defined? Jesus made it clear that His Father's Church should be known as a "house of prayer for all nations." Clearly the place of prayer in the life of a church is to be elevated and pursued, as the nations of the world are dependent on the prayers of God's people.

Prayer Transformation Ministries believes that a significant shift needs to occur whereby churches begin to develop into "cultures of prayer." If a church becomes, above all, a culture of prayer, it will reflect the very values of the heart of God. By bringing prayer to the forefront as the greatest defining characteristic of a church, the people will become engaged in and saturated by the powerful effects of prayer. In turn we will begin to see the Church overtake the culture that defines our society as God begins to move in revival and transformation throughout a community.

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## Defining Unity

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By Ruth Ruibal

Through the Transformation video literally millions of people have been encouraged by the testimonies of the communities which are being transformed. It has caused leaders and Christians at all levels to be stimulated in faith to believe that the Lord is able and wants to transform their city too. I thank the Lord for the part that Cali has played in sharing its testimony, but I also desire that we all have a better Scriptural foundation for unity. Although I fully believe that in Cali we will continue to seek the face of the Lord to see complete transformation, it is possible for us to fail. However, if we should fail, the Word of God never fails. Therefore, it is important that we are based on the principles in the Word of God and not only on experience. Once the Word is our basis, experiences serve as examples to encourage our faith.

One of the first teachings is from a negative example that is found in Genesis 11. The people of that time were constructing a city and tower "for themselves" to "make a name" for themselves. This tower interested God and it says that the LORD came down to see the city and tower. The people were one, spoke one language, and they had one purpose: to make a name for themselves through their building project.

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## 2010 CELEBRATION

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2010 will mark the 10th anniversary of the Global Day of Prayer since the first meeting that was held in Cape Town in 2001. This single event has expanded to multiple prayer gatherings each year in nearly all nations of the world. Many powerful testimonies of community and nation transformation underlines the significance of these gatherings, focused on repentance and prayer. It is time to celebrate as we gather together and share the powerful testimonies of God's answer to prayer. You are invited to join more than 5000 leaders from different prayer- and prayer related streams from all over the globe in Cape Town from 17 – 23 May 2010. This event will create the opportunity to network with many of our global partners, but also to host annual or bi-annual ministry meetings.

The event will be hosted at the Cape Town International Convention Center at the Cape Town Waterfront. The climax of this time together will be the 2010 Global Day of Prayer on 23 May as we celebrate and pray with thousands from all 220 nations. For more information and to receive the early bird registration discount, visit [www.globaldayofprayer.com](http://www.globaldayofprayer.com) or e-mail [info@gdop2010.com](mailto:info@gdop2010.com). Refer to this website for regular updates on this special time together.

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