

2008年6月15日是全球為西藏和西藏人禱告的日子

西藏和西藏人正面臨危機，在地上幾乎沒有人道上的盼望

這算不上新的狀況！

長久以來西藏人的狀況一直很艱困，西藏人是全世界上最難觸及的族群之一，在全球七、八百萬西藏人口中，可能只有幾百位是基督徒。

許多人生活在窮苦中，

游牧民族的生活環境因為氣候的改變已經受到破壞，

在自己的土地上，他們感到受壓迫和邊緣化

最近的地震也帶給許多人損失。

最近的暴動只有使他們的狀況更糟，三月在拉薩等地發生的暴力事件使很多人感到震驚！這個動盪的發生也許有不同的原因，但特別是來自於他們

絕望

無望

被邊緣化

和歧視的感受

他們深深地沮喪，因為他們尊為活佛轉世的達賴喇嘛，被禁止回到西藏，他們每天也面臨著中國漢人移民將不同的文化帶到西藏的這種狀況，在當地這種難過的感受日復一日地增強。

政府以強力的安全武力作為回應，有不確定數字的人數是直接被槍殺，許多人被任意地逮捕，還有許多人在偵查時被惡待，西藏的政治領導者非常堅定地控制這個局面。

種族衝突變得更深更廣，

西藏人被丟進一個沒有希望和接納的狀況中。

中國的嚴冬也影響了西藏的游牧。許多人已經放棄游牧生活，因為放牧區已被破壞，現在大雪和嚴寒使上萬的動物凍死，但並沒有保險來賠償他們的損失。

地震影響四川，有些家庭為所愛的人悲傷，有些人已經失去家園或是損傷慘重。

「**有任何路可以脫離這些慘況？**」越來越多人在問這個問題，許多人嘗試不同的方法來尋找答案。

有些人出家成為和尚或尼姑，埋頭於宗教儀式中，但到頭來只發現這些並不能帶來內心的和平、醫治或滿足。

有些人則加入政府，在統治階級中往上爬，穩定地取得權力，卻往往喪失了他們的純全。

還有一些人聰明地開展生意，但可能最後流得貪婪，變得對其他不如自己幸運的人的困境冷漠。

「**還有其他的出路嗎？**」有些人可能會問。我們知道是有一條路的！

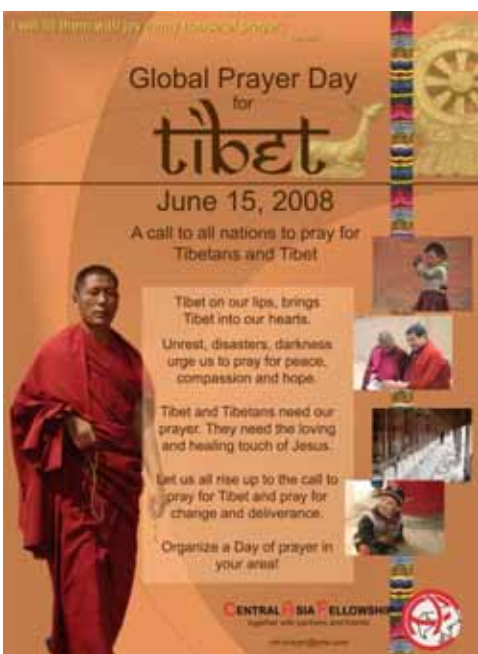
那全球教會應該如何回應呢？

禱告是有效也有力量的！

在世界歷史的關鍵點上，禱告的基督徒們改變了歷史。

禱告是所有其他回應和行動的基礎。

所以要參與



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禱告聖靈澆灌在西藏和西藏人身上。

禱告耶穌會對他們顯明祂自己，並顯示祂會給他們豐盛的生命、真實的盼望，和無條件的愛。

禱告神的子民會透過愛和能力的運行，彰顯出神愛貧窮人和有疾病的人。

禱告基督徒成為人際關係醫治的來源。

禱告中國的教會能在謙卑和愛中觸及到西藏人。

在尼泊爾的一些種族團體，與西藏人有密切的關係，有許多人已歸向基督，禱告讓這些人可以通過邊界來傳福音。

禱告門為外來的基督工人打開。

禱告許多西藏人有一天會以歌唱、舞蹈在神的寶座前敬拜。

為這些因為地震心裡受到創傷的人禱告，也為許多把安慰和支持帶進四川地震災區的基督徒禱告。

為這塊土地上所有領導者的智慧禱告。

在 6 月 18 日前的這週，許多西藏人會慶祝成道及涅槃日(**Saga Dawa 節**)，對西藏人而言，這是一個非常重要的日子，他們藉此想得到下一世生命的功德。

這也是屬靈爭戰急迫的一個時機（以弗所書第六章提醒我們所要做的）。

在 6 月 19-21 日，奧林匹克聖火將通過西藏，到時政府一定會採取極端的安全戒備措施，將使政治和屬靈的緊張度都增加。

請加入我們 6 月 15 日全球為西藏禱告的日子，並持續在下週禱告。

現在請考慮開始投入固定的時間來為西藏禱告！加入這類的禱告小組中。

你是否可以現在就組成一個禱告小組？（為了讓別人也有機會加入，請告訴我們。）你是否以後也能持續地聚集？

讓我們回應這個呼召，禱告西藏的改變和釋放！

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A Call To All Nations

PRAY FOR TIBET

Tibet and Tibetans are in a crisis with little or
no human hope on the horizon.

Nothing new!

Their situation has been difficult for a long time. Tibetans are one of the most unreached people groups in the world, with perhaps a few hundred Christians among a population of 7 – 8 million people worldwide.

Many live in poor conditions,

the livelihood of nomadic people is destroyed by weather changes,

they feel suppressed and marginalised in their own land.

The recent earthquake has brought loss to many.

The recent riots have only made their situation worse. Violence that occurred during March both in Lhasa and other places was a shock to many! There may have been different reasons for the unrest; this partially came from their feelings of

despair,

hopelessness,

being pushed aside and

discriminated.

They are deeply upset because Dalai Lama, who they revere as a reincarnation of Buddha, is not allowed back to Tibet . They are also grieved by the everyday situation in Tibet where

Han-Chinese migrants, bringing with themselves a different culture become stronger and stronger locally.

The response from security forces was very strong. An unknown number of people were simply shot down and killed. Many people were arrested more or less indiscriminately, and many mistreated in detention. The political leaders of Tibet have been very firm in controlling the situation.

The ethnic conflict becomes deeper and wider,

Tibetans are thrown into a situation without hope and acceptance.

The severe winter in China affected Tibetan nomads too. Many have already had to give up their livelihood because their grazing areas are destroyed and now heavy snows and severe cold killed tens of thousands of animals. There is no insurance to cover their loss.

The earthquake effecting Sichuan . Some families grieve for loved ones, some homes were lost or damaged.

“Is there a way out of this?” A growing number are asking this question

Many have tried different alternatives to find their answer.

Some immerse themselves in rituals becoming monks or nuns, only to realise this does not give inner peace, healing or satisfaction.

Some join the government and may climb in the hierarchy, steadily gaining more power but often losing their integrity.

Others who are smart open a business, but may end up in greed and become indifferent to the plights of others less unfortunate than themselves

“Is there yet another way out?” some may then ask. We know there is!

So how should the Global Church respond?

Prayer is effective and powerful.

At critical points in world history, praying Christians have made a difference.

Prayer is the basis for all other response and action.

So partake in the

Global DAY of Prayer for Tibet and Tibetans

June 15, 2008

Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Tibet and Tibetans

Pray that Jesus will reveal Himself to them and show that He can give them abundant life, true hope and unconditional love

Pray that God's people will show through works of love and power that He cares for the poor and the sick.

Pray that Christians will be a source of healing in relationships

Pray for the Chinese church to reach out to Tibetans in humility and love

Some ethnic groups in Nepal , closely related to Tibetans have had many people coming to Christ. Pray that they will be able to reach out across the border with the Gospel

Pray for open doors for Christian workers coming from the outside

Pray that many Tibetans one day will sing, dance and worship before the throne of God

Pray for those traumatized as a result of the earthquake and for many believers who are bringing comfort and support in the earthquake affected area of in Sichuan .

Pray for wisdom for all leaders in the land.

In the week before **June 18th** many Tibetans celebrate the “**Saga Dawa**” festival, a very important time where they desire to gain merit for their next life.

This will be a time of intense spiritual battle. (Ephesians 6 reminds us what to do!)

On **June 19th – 21st** the **Olympic torch** will come through Tibet , where the government no doubt will have extreme security measures in place to add political tension to the spiritual.

Please join us for a Global Day of prayer for Tibet from June 15th and then continue to pray during the next week.

Consider dedicating a regular time to pray for Tibet now! Join a group already meeting.

Are you able to form a group to join you in prayer now? (Let us know in case others wish to join you). Can you continue to meet in the future also?

Let us rise to the call to pray for change and deliverance.

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