

ASKING POINT

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*He is the Rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just.
A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He. Deut. 32:4*

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Praying for the systems of the world

As we move further into the new year, we are continually surrounded by media reports about the various crises around the world, whether it is in the political, economic, social, spiritual or ecological arenas. God is shaking the systems of the world and the earth is groaning, waiting for the mature sons and daughters to arise. (Romans 8: 23 – 28) Matthew 24: 3 -14 speaks of hearing about wars and rumours of war and to be not troubled. These groanings and shakings will have to come as a forerunner to the next major move of God and the ushering in of the fullness of the last days. Psalm 2 says *“Why do the nations rage and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and His Anointed saying “Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us.”* Yet, we see His faithfulness and sovereign reign as we read verses 4 – 6 *“He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: “Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.”* He reminds us He is still on the throne fully in control of all situations. So, how does one pray not being at cross purposes with God’s Word, plans and purposes? We need to pray that His eternal plans and purposes continue to go forth and for alignment between the Kingdom of heaven and earth.

So let us pray:

- **For the salvation of those in authority or influence over each worldly system** (1 Timothy 2: 1- 4)
- **For each arena to be impregnated by the wisdom and counsel of the Lord** (Isaiah 28:29)
- **For the light of His presence to penetrate every bit of the darkness – hidden agendas and the motivations of men’s hearts** (John 3: 17 - 21)
- **For God to move on the leaders and people of influence & their hearts and to use them for His Kingdom purposes** (Proverbs 21: 1- 2)
- **For the Body of Christ to arise and be vigilant in intercession and to read the signs of the time correctly** (Matthew 24, 25: 1 – 13; Romans 12: 12)

...receive from Him
anything we ask, because we obey
His commands and do what pleases Him...

1 John 3:22



Hope of the nations: **ASKing for Kenya**

"In His name the nations will put their hope." Matthew 12:21



FAST FACTS ABOUT KENYA

Area: 582,646 sq. km **Peoples:** 115 (31% unreached) **Capital:** Nairobi
Religion: 83% Christian (49% Evangelical)
Official language: English, Swahili - 74 in all
Population: 40,862,900. Only 8.9% of the land is cultivable. Most people live in the fertile plateaus of the south and west.

The threat of terrorism

In the last two months Kenyan defense forces have invaded Somalia to fight the al-Shabab, a terrorist group that has taken control over much of Somalia for the last 6 years. This action has been taken after increasing incursions into Kenya resulting in a number of deaths and growing unrest. The al-Shabab has had a devastating effect in Somalia and now presents a very real threat in Kenya.

Pray **Psalm 91** over these concerns:

- The defense forces to quickly establish a buffer zone along the border.
- The protection of citizens and tourists in the north of Kenya
- Attempts to enlist Kenyan youth into the al-Shabab will be thwarted
- Al-Shabab sleeper cells inside Kenya will be detected and removed.

The forthcoming election

Kenya has just adopted a new constitution and 2012 was to be the first election following this. However, Kenya's High Court has just ruled on January 13 that Kenyans now will vote in both presidential and parliamentary elections by March, 2013, which is 60 days after the end of the current parliament's five-year term. But the much-awaited election's exact date, which was contested due to requirements in the country's new constitution, remains undecided. The court also left open the possibility that Kenyans could line up to vote any time in 2012, so long as there is a signed agreement between the president and prime minister to dissolve parliament. According to the justices, such an election would have to be held within 60 days of dissolution. Please pray for a peaceful response to this news and that the elections will in fact take place at an optimum time.

In the last election many people were killed in the resulting civil war. The ICC (International Criminal Court) got involved and identified 6 people as the leaders of the killings; these all still hold senior government offices (some ministers, others MPs, others top civil servants). The matter is still before the ICC. There are still many people who were displaced from their homes, living in IDP (internally displaced persons) camps. Prayer is needed as the current president finishes his term next year. Charles & Miriam Kaloki, the ASK East African Directors are asking for "God to give us a leader who could unite this country more and deal with tribalism, corruption and impunity. We trust God for a peaceful election and establishment of new government based on the counties of Kenya."

Pray **Psalm 2** over Kenya being mindful of this new situation and the Kalokis' desires for the election whenever it does take place.