

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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Prayer for victims of childhood sexual abuse

He shall regard the prayer of the destitute,
And shall not despise their prayer... From heaven he viewed the earth
to hear the groaning of the prisoner ... Psalm.102:17; 19-20

Children are Satan's primary target. As intercessors, we have been entrusted with the privilege to approach our Father's throne to petition on behalf of the helpless. Below are some facts on victims of childhood sexual abuse, www.Kidstears.org and www.who.int (World Health Organization):

- Child sexual abuse (CSA) is "the involvement of a child in sexual activity that he or she does not fully comprehend, is unable to give informed consent to, or for which the child is not developmentally prepared and cannot give consent, or that violates the laws or social taboos of society."
- In some countries, up to one third of adolescent girls report that their first sexual experience was forced. (WHO)
- In many countries, the absence of mandatory reporting laws, shortage of child protection agencies and negative attitudes of law enforcement officers make reporting of CSA difficult.
- In America alone there are an estimated 60 million childhood sexual abuse survivors.
- A recent study by CNN.com found that over 96% of all child abuse cases involved a perpetrator known to the victim.

"He shall regard the prayer...Psalm 102:17" Make the child victims the target of your prayer for healing and restoration. It has been noted that once abused, the victims are susceptible to suffer other violations.

ASK for:

- healing of spirit, soul and body. "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through..." 1 Thessalonians.5:23-24
- WHO says, "No child is safe anywhere," so pray for God's protection for all children. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones..." Matthew. 18:10-14
- breaking the cycle of abuse. "According to the Center for Sex Offender Management, 30 percent of adult sex offenders were sexually abused as children." Romans 6:12-14
- the deliverance for those who are in harm way, including trafficked victims. Psalm 10: 13-15; Psalm 102:18-20
- healing of relationships. Romans 8:12-17
- God to restore honor and value. Isaiah 43:4
- God to create new purpose and destiny. 2 Corinthians. 5:17; Isaiah 58:8-12

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

1 John 3:22



Hope of the nations:
L*bya: a treasured people



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

*FAST FACTS ABOUT L*BYA*

Population: 6.4 million. People Groups: 40. Official language: Arabic
Capitol and largest city: Tripoli; 1.7 million

Babies on their backs, walking far along dusty cobbled streets, slipping through heavy ancient doors into secret courtyards, they gathered for prayer. Some pacing, some singing, some shouting, some prostrate, all overwhelmed by the promises spoken from heaven for the “treasured people”- the people of L*bya. The women gathered again, and again, and again. For ten years they labored, they tarried, they longed for the gates to be opened. After patience held and lamps filled, the wait was over. This year is the year of the Opening of the Gates long shut. (Isaiah 45:1-3)

A band of ASKers the past decade, have been praying in North Africa for the opening of the gates in L*bya. They have known since the first prayers that God has fulfilled this promise and He will fulfill His promise again:

"I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations -- to L*bya...to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. And they will bring all your brothers, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the Lord....And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites, says the Lord."-Isaiah 66:19-20

God has treasured people from L*bya across the ages. Simon of Cyrene was chosen to carry His cross; L*byans were present when God poured out His Spirit at Pentecost. And he chose Lucius of Cyrene to be one of those who prayed over Paul and Barnabas to send them out! The people of L*bya have been a part of His gospel being proclaimed throughout the earth.

Now we see a time upon us when the doors to the nation have opened for the gospel to come back to the land, to resound in the hearts of the L*byan people once more, to comfort them, to bind their wounds, to heal their land. This is the work of prayer.

Note: Due to the sensitive nature of the article and for protection, the country was not spelled out.

ASK for:

- one of our own ASK sisters who with her family has just moved to L*bya and is beginning ministry there. Isaiah 41:8-10, 62:10-12
- the broken ones, victims of violence and war, that they would hear the good news proclaimed, receive their Rescuer, and experience their broken hearts bound up. Isaiah 61:1-3
- the new leadership of L*bya, that their hearts would be a channel in the Lord's hands for the rebuilding of the ancient ruins in the land. Isaiah 61:4-7; Proverbs 21:1-3
- the children of L*bya, that they would be healed and comforted, that they would seek wisdom and find it, that they would rise up to be a generation of followers of Jesus. Isaiah 61:9-11; Proverbs 1:7, 2:1-11

**May the splendor of this season remind you of Him who is
worthy of all our praise.**

Luke 1:35

And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.”