



Open Doors

PRAY 2008 CHINA

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Prayer Countdown for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing



July 2008

July 1 | Encouragement

Give thanks to God as he continues to increase the number of believers in China despite the persecution that they face. *“Ask of me and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.”* (Psalm 2:8)

July 7 | Youth

Pray that Christian students in universities will find fellowship with other believers. *“The Lord says: ‘Stand at the crossroads and look; ask where the good way is...and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.’”* (Jeremiah 6:16)

July 2 | Government

Pray for the leaders of China; that their hearts may soften towards the gospel. *“Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.”* (Psalm 148:13)

July 8 | Olympics

Pray for guidance as Olympic officials aim to protect the health and safety of the Olympic athletes next month. *“In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.”* (Job 12:10)

July 3 | Olympics

As Chinese couples plan to wed at the start of the Olympics, pray that they also learn what it means to be the bride of Christ. *“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”* (Ephesians 5:31)

July 9 | Church

As we in the West admire the faithfulness of our brothers and sisters in God’s church in China, pray that we learn from them, as we work together to build Christ’s kingdom. *“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!”* (Psalm 133:1)

July 4 | Children

Pray God will find compassionate believers to minister and comfort China’s orphans. *“Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men.”* (Lamentations 3:32,33)

July 10 | Children

Even though it is prohibited to share the gospel with children in China, pray that the Chinese children will have plenty of opportunity to hear about Jesus during the Olympics. *“He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.’”* (Mark 16:15)

July 5 | Unity

Pray that there will be a smooth migration of urban workers into city jobs. Pray for unity amongst the believers despite their background differences. *“May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them.”* (Jn. 17:24)

July 11 | Olympics

As the torch relay proclaims the upcoming Summer Olympic Games, pray that God’s people will boldly proclaim the gospel of Christ. *“For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.”* (Acts 20:27)

July 6 | Country

Pray for Beijing’s government as they seek solutions to environmental issues in preparation for the 2008 Summer Olympic Games next month. *“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”* (Psalm 19:11)

July 12 | Country

China, for centuries, has been skeptical to accept foreign ideals; pray that she opens her doors and acknowledges the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ. *“And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ.”* (Colossians 4:3)

July 13 | **Church**

Many false teachings have been gaining a foothold in China; pray against the schemes of the enemy and that God's Word will defeat the enemy's lies and dismantle his obstacles. *"Take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one."* (Ephesians 6:24)

July 19 | **Media**

Pray that there will be no limitations to bringing the gospel through internet and other media resources into China. *"Sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done."* (Psalm 9:11)

July 25 | **Unity**

As we join together during the Olympic Games, may God also unite our hearts and minds with His truth. *"And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."* (Romans 5:4)

July 14 | **Country**

Pray that the government will provide aid to help the Chinese people take care of their elderly parents. *"For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."* (Proverbs 2:6)

July 20 | **Evangelism**

As the Holy Spirit provides opportunities to share His message, pray that believers will be bold in claiming new souls for Jesus. *"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise."* (Proverbs 11:30)

July 26 | **Children**

As families strive to provide "the best" livelihood for their children, pray they realize that "the best" is not economic gain, but in living a Christ-filled life. *"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."* (Prov. 22:6)

July 15 | **Advocacy**

Pray for the people and organizations who care for and assist the growing number of North Korean refugees who are flooding across China's border. *"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness."* (Isaiah 58:10)

July 21 | **Intercede**

Today let us unite, *"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints,"* living in China. – Ephesians 6:18 *"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."* (John 17:17)

July 27 | **Olympics**

Pray that Christians from around the world will unite together in God's love during the Olympic Games. *"How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word."* (Psalm 119:9)

July 16 | **Country**

Pray Chinese Christians will demonstrate the love of Jesus by serving in social and caring professions. *"The kingdom of heaven is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."* (Matthew 10:8)

July 22 | **Country**

Pray that the Chinese government will be courageous enough to make decisions required for the long-term well-being of the nation. *"When one rules over men in righteousness...in the fear of God, he is like the light of morning...like the brightness after."* (2 Samuel 23:3,4)

July 28 | **Prisoners**

Pray for those who have been imprisoned in China for sharing the gospel. *"And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit."* (Eph. 1:13)

July 17 | **Unity**

Pray that families in China will be bonded together with love. *"Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love."* (2 John 1:3)

July 23 | **Government**

Pray that there will be many opportunities for the hearts of the Communist Party of China members to soften so that they will be saved. *"Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord."* (Psalm 102:18)

July 29 | **Children**

As the Chinese continue performing ancient rituals, pray that reading the Bible as a family will become a new tradition. *"As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him."* (2 Samuel 22:31)

June 18 | **Athletes**

Pray for the safety and health of the athletes as they prepare for the Olympics. *"Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."* (Hebrews 12:1)

July 24 | **Olympics**

Pray for the athletes, spectators, volunteers, and Olympic officials; that they may all have an opportunity to share or receive the gospel during the upcoming Games. *"May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous."* (Psalm 119:72)

July 30/31 | **Olympics**

Pray that the light of Christ will shine even brighter than the Olympic torch during the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in China. *"[Jesus] said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"* (John 8:12)