

CALL OF THE WATCHMEN

March 2013 – Additional Prayer Information

The priestly ministry of blessing

The assignment of the Levites under the Old Covenant was: "...to stand before the Lord to minister and to pronounce blessings in his name..." (Deuteronomy 10 v.8). We are also now called to the priestly ministry of blessing (1 Peter 2 v.9). Blessing is not the same as intercession. When we bless, we pronounce "good" things. We bless in the name of Jesus under his authority. All power and authority lies in his name – not in our own names. When we bless this land in the name of Jesus, we look to the inherent "good" in God's creation. We see through the surface which has been defiled by sin. What was God's intention? We bless this land and all of its people as the work of *his* hands. We praise him for the "good" country in which we are privileged to live and declare his "good" thoughts and purposes, as revealed in his word, for our land.

Blessings on Germany

In the name of Jesus and under his authority:

- We bless the *hearts* of all who live in Germany, that the hardness of their hearts will be softened. That they will be receptive to the voice of the Holy Spirit.
- We bless the *people* in this land with protection, health and prosperity in everything that is wholesome and pleasing to God.
- We bless every *marriage*. May they be strong and healthy. We bless the relationship between each marriage partner, that the marriage may be filled with love, forgiveness, mercy and mutual respect.
- We bless the *relationships between the generations* within each family. May there be peace, love and deep understanding between one another.
- In Jesus' name we bless all *relationships between friends*, that they may grow in mutual support for each other under God's protection.
- We bless the *schools* in this country with God's protection. We bless the children, to be able to learn, to develop relationships, and to trust in God. We bless all teachers and staff, that they may recognise and encourage the God given potential in each child.
- We bless the *farmlands* in this country with all that is sown and planted, that the land will be fruitful and yield its harvest.
- We bless the *enterprise* of the people in our land, that new inventions, processes and products may contribute to the well-being of all.

In this way we can pronounce blessings also on the economy, businesses, services, the media, the judiciary, the police, etc. in our land.

Blessings on politicians (in national government, local state government or in a city council)

In the name of Jesus and under his authority:

- We bless the *politicians* in our land. We bless and do not curse. We resist the curse with a blessing. (1 Peter 3 v.9)
- We bless the *hearts* of all politicians who serve this country, that the hardness of their hearts will be softened. That they will be receptive to the voice of the Holy Spirit. May they come to know the love of God in Jesus. (Ephesians 3 v.17-19)
- We bless *all who are faithful and sincere* with the strength to be honest and do what is right and with a hunger for justice. (Proverbs 2 v.7-8)
- We bless them and call them in their *divine appointment* to lead a holy and blameless life that honours God and is filled with his love. (Ephesians 1 v.4)
- We bless the *conscience* of all with political responsibilities with divine light and revelation. We bless the *sensitivity of their consciences*, that it will be heightened to recognise and bring to light injustice, abuse of power, corruption, lies and all other actions displeasing to God.
- We bless their *political judgement* and pray for a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that they can recognise what is good for our country in God's eyes. (Ephesians 1 v.17)
- We bless the *relationships between politicians*, that they are friendly and based on good understanding.
- We bless our *Chancellor* (Angela Merkel) and our *President* (Joachim Gauck) with wisdom and strength in the performance of their duties.
- We bless all *Members of Parliament and Officials* with the courage to be humble, so that they do nothing out of self-interest or for their own glory, and do not use their authority to their own advantage.
- We bless all the *staff of politicians*, so that they will be encouraged in their abilities to support, organise or to serve in other ways.
- We bless our politicians with *godly advisors* who are filled with wisdom, understanding and the fear of God. (Daniel 1 v.17)

- We bless the *negotiations and the conflicts* between political parties. We bless all the words that are spoken in accordance with God's will and his purposes, that they will reach the hearts of the listeners with power to defeat the words that are lies. (Acts 6 v.10)
- We bless the *marriages* of politicians. May they be strong and healthy. We bless the relationship between each marriage partner, that the marriage may be filled with love, forgiveness, mercy and mutual respect.
- We bless the *families and children* of politicians. We bless them with protection, health and good relationships between each other within the family.
- We bless all who work in politics and government with *health*. We bless them with awareness of possible work overload and the courage to take advantage of leisure time.
- We bless *the places, the offices, the meeting rooms*, in which politicians carry out their work. May they be filled with God's presence, his holy angels and his Holy Spirit.
- We bless the *policemen and policewomen* who are assigned to guard our politicians. We bless them with vigilance against all attacks from those with evil intentions. We affirm their authority and bless their God-given abilities to combat such attacks.

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons (the priests): 'This how you are to bless the Israelites (*your people, your leaders/politicians*). Say to them:

"The LORD bless you and keep you;

the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." '

So they will put my name on the Israelites (*your people, your leaders/politicians*), and I will bless them."

(Numbers 6 v.22-27)

God's blessings from Rosemarie Stresemann