

## CALL OF THE WATCHMEN

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### God's call on us as a prayer network for Germany

*"Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before." (Joshua 3:4 - following the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God.)*

This prayer letter is a little different. At least the first part, because this month we want to ask God to take our prayer network to a new level. We have entered in a completely new era! There is no doubt that we are now facing major political, social and economic challenges in our country which are increasing as the days go by. How do we react to the big changes which lie ahead? How do we pray now?

Enoch can be a model for us, as someone who walked closely with God all the days of his life! (Genesis 5:21,22). To get through this time well, we must deepen our relationship with God. Jesus is our Shepherd, who goes ahead of us and never leaves us alone. He will guide and provide for us through this time (Psalm 23). God wants to meet us in a new way in our prayer meetings and remind us of his unlimited power. He will do miracles that he has never done before. (Exodus 34:10).

It is not just the information and better understanding of the issues that we need for our prayers but it is so much more the presence of God that we also need and experience intuitively in our hearts which makes a difference as we pray.

### Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

I believe that the prayer that Jesus taught us will inspire a new strong move for change in our country and will actually shake the gates of hell. Hallelujah! Entrusting our land to God with this prayer has immense power and we will see strongholds fall. Because heaven is ready for this. God's kingdom is at hand and all of the power, authority and resources of heaven are at our disposal.

### A spirit of faith and a renewed and wider vision

*"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." (Hebrews 11:6).*

Our prayer needs a clear direction and new faith. Faith arises when we hear and understand what God is saying to us at this time. We may have to let go of our own concepts and traditional thought patterns. Then we will also receive a vision for what he wants to do in our country now. Having this vision, we will surely know what we may specifically ask and proclaim according to his will as we face all the challenges. This creates a synergy – a divine connection - between heaven and earth. Our way of thinking will also play a role in this. If we allow anxiety, fear and a negative outlook to determine our thoughts, we will not be able to develop and experience divine hope and vision. The vision is not so much about how to overcome the increasing darkness, but rather to concentrate on getting a clear view of the coming of the kingdom of God.

### Prayer:

Let us open our minds to hear the voice of God. What does he want to say to you personally and to us as a prayer network? What thoughts and plans does he want to share with us?

- At first let us be still and express **our longing and thirst for God**. (Psalm 63:2)
- Now ask for the **Spirit of the Lord**, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and power, the Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2).

The Holy Spirit wants us to be involved in his ways and plans. Heaven wants to act together with us.

- Pray for **"the renewing of your mind"** so that you may know his will. (Romans 12:2). From what negative thoughts, expectations and beliefs does the Holy Spirit want to set you free, when it comes to praying for our land?
- **Let us pray for the whole body of Christ.**  
"For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe." (Ephesians 1:15-19a)
- Be still one more time and invite the Holy Spirit to send new images into your mind concerning the coming of the kingdom of God in this decade. What does it look like when God's kingdom comes? What happens then? -AS-

### Let us now pray with a new focus on the kingdom of God.

#### Forming the new German government

At the time of writing this prayer letter, coalition negotiations between the SPD (socialist), Greens and FDP (liberal) parties had already started after successful exploratory talks. A "traffic-light" (red-yellow-green) government seems likely, but has not yet been confirmed. A review of the notes from the exploratory talks reveals many similarities in policies on which the parties could agree. These include: an increase in the minimum wage, a faster exit from coal-fired power generation, no tax increases and a replacement of the current policy for the social support of those most in need (Hartz IV) with a new citizen's allowance. Far-reaching major changes in the law are planned in relation to our society and families. Children's rights are to be enshrined in the German Basic Law (Constitution) and the law of parentage updated so that partnerships between homosexual couples get the same rights as marriages between a man and a woman, with regard to adoption for example. Section 219a of the law, which prohibits the public advertising of abortion services, is also to be abolished. The traditional structure and image of the family is thus being further torn apart politically and the way is being paved for the advancement of gender-neutral politics. Nevertheless, God is still Lord!

#### Prayer:

- **Let us continue to pray for the formation of the new German government and thus build a spiritual wall of protection around our land. (Daniel 4:3)**
- **We proclaim the coming of God's kingdom and his righteousness amidst all the major changes in the law taking place in our land. (Matthew 6:33)**
- **Pray for the coalition negotiations and that ministerial positions in the new German government will be filled by those chosen by God. (Daniel 2:21)**

### World economy in crisis

Almost 8 out of 10 industrial companies complain of a lack of material. As a result, production in many places is idle and deliveries are held up, although there is no shortage of orders. Construction projects stand still due to a lack of raw materials (wood, steel, plastic). This has consequences for the economic forecast, which has to be revised downwards. The global supply chains have been disrupted as a result of the corona crisis and trade wars and we get to sense that everything is connected to everything else. However, the real problem is not the shortage of individual products or having to manage without them; companies and jobs have generally fallen on hard times. In addition, prices are rising, which is clearly felt by those with low earnings.

In order to get the economy out of the crisis, the international central banks have printed more and more money. The US dollar, the yen and the euro are currently experiencing currency devaluation. The general inflation rate rose to 4.1% in September. The increase in the circulation of money must be offset by stronger production and economic output so that prices do not rise any further. In addition, energy prices will continue to rise due to increasing costs and taxes. The continually extended bond purchases by the European Central Bank and the zero-interest rate policy make provision and the building of reserves impossible and could lead to another major crisis. It is important that we keep an eye on the economy. From the account of Joseph in Egypt we can learn to be prepared and to see this crisis situation as an opportunity for God's kingdom to grow. (Genesis 41).

#### Prayer:

- **For supernatural strategies to be better prepared in all possible crises and to maintain financial freedom! (Ephesians 1:3; Deuteronomy 8:18)**
- **That the body of Christ becomes a blessing in crises. (James 1:17)**
- **For a wealth of ideas for business leaders and entrepreneurs and the recognition of God's ways in economic crises and upheavals. (Isaiah 11:2)** -AS-

### Reconstruction in the Ahr valley region

The great flood disaster in the Ahr valley is now a good three months behind us. While it has almost been forgotten by many of us who live in other parts of Germany, it is still - and for a long time has been - a daily reality for the people in the affected areas. Much has already been achieved since then, but the reconstruction of the region will still take a long time. Many houses in the Ahr valley had to be demolished after the flood, and more than 30 of them may not be rebuilt on the same spot. Most of the houses that could remain standing have been completely cleared and left empty to dry out.

Large parts of the natural gas network were destroyed by the flood wave and many oil heating systems in the affected houses no longer work. The government of Rhineland-Palatinate is working flat out to find solutions to the problems and to be prepared for the upcoming winter - including the provision of mobile gas supply systems and oil tanks, the use of mini-power plants and the purchase of a "Tiny House" for residents who need accommodation for the winter due to a lack of heating.

(Note: For more information on "Tiny Houses", see: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiny-house\\_movement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiny-house_movement).)

The electrical power supply has not yet been completely restored and there is a lack of craftsmen and building materials to carry out the renovation and reconstruction work.

Let us feel the Father's heart for the people in the Ahr region, pray and move things in the Spirit that are humanly impossible.

#### Prayer:

- **For the people in the Ahr region, for hope, strength, supply of their needs and practical solutions in their specific housing situations (Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 23:4,5)**
- **For good progress in the reconstruction work and wisdom in all the planning. (Daniel 2:20b,21)** -TF-

### German-Israeli Youth Agency

In 2018, the German Parliament decided to expand the German-Israeli youth exchange program and, in connection with this, to establish a German-Israeli Youth Agency. In the same year the then German Minister for Families, Seniors, Women and Youth, Franziska Giffey, and the then Israeli Education Minister, Naftali Bennett, agreed to implement the idea of forming such a youth organisation as soon as possible. The aim of this youth organisation was to further expand and strengthen the German-Israeli youth relations that have existed for more than 60 years, based on the conviction that "history also sets a mandate for the future" (Franziska Giffey). As the Call of the Watchman prayer network, we also prayed for this proposal at that time. So far, however, there have not yet been any concrete steps towards implementation.

Especially at this time when anti-Semitism and hatred of Jews is flaring up among young people, the formation of this German-Israeli youth organization, in addition to all other youth movements that take a stand against anti-Semitism, would establish yet another stake in the ground against the trend and create a structure to promote dialogue and encounters between German and Israeli young people and to strengthen the building of relationships.

In a figurative sense, it could be another "watchman on the wall" (O Jerusalem), which in our land focuses on the protection of the Jewish people and the importance of German-Israeli relations and watches over them. Are we ready to commit to "never be silent" in prayer until this "watchman" is in position?

#### Prayer:

- **For the posting of more "watchmen on the walls" - in the form of organizations/movements/agencies in our land, but also in the form of dedicated intercessors. (Isaiah 62:6)**
- **Pray for concrete steps to now be taken to establish a German-Israeli Youth Agency. (Hebrews 10:35,36)** -TF-

***Jesus has come! Now all bonds are just falling away! \****

***Let us pray with a spirit of faith and a renewed vision for the kingdom of God to come on earth!***

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*\* Jesus ist kommen! – es springen die Bande!*

*A line from a hymn written in Germany in the 18<sup>th</sup> century that has now been revived by worship singer Veronika Lohmer.*

*See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqL-0M1qmE0>.*