



## Call to United Prayer for Cities Globally —Part 1

We focus and mobilize personal, churchwide, and citywide prayer on God's mission to remove giants of injustice that exist in cities globally: fatherlessness, human trafficking, youth education challenges, and racial healing/reconciliation. This is *kairos*\* time for the Body of Christ to come together in unity and harmony in the Spirit of the Lord and with the love and grace of Jesus.

**If my people, who are called by my name,  
will humble themselves and pray  
and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways,  
then will I hear from heaven and will forgive  
their sin and will heal their land.**

**2 Chronicles 7:14, NIV**

**...May they be brought to complete unity.  
Then the world will know that  
you sent me and have loved them  
even as you have loved me.**

**Jesus in John 17:23, NIV**

### Fatherlessness

- 63 percent of youth suicides are from fatherless homes. (US Dept. of Health/Census)
- 90 percent of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes.
- 85 percent of children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes. (Center for Disease Control)
- 80 percent of rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes. (Justice and Behavior, Vol. 14, p. 403-26)
- 71 percent of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes. (National Principals' Report)

**He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children  
and the hearts of the children to their fathers,  
so that I will not come and smite their land with a curse.**

**Malachi 4:6, NASB**

**A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,  
is God in his holy dwelling.**

**Psalms 68:5, NIV**

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### Human Trafficking

- Human trafficking is one of the greatest threats to human dignity. It treats human beings like commodities through threats, force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, and abuse of power. It describes all forms of modern-day slavery. It is a horrific reality in our present and future. It traps victims in sexual exploitation, pornography, prostitution and sensuality, labor sweatshops, domestic servitude, and more. (United Nations)
- 80 percent of all trafficking is sex trafficking. This is a highly lucrative business, with low risk of prosecution; many nations allow prostitution as legal industries. (United Nations)
- Globally, 12 to 27 million people are caught in some form of slavery while one million children enter the sex trade each year. (UNICEF)
- The amount of money generated by the world sex trade every year is estimated at \$7 billion to \$19 billion. (INTERPOL)
- The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 14,500-17,500 women and children are trafficked into the United States each year. (US Department of State)
- Most girls lured into sex trafficking are between ages 12-14. Human trafficking involves both domestic and international victims. Victims are mostly women and children with runaways being most vulnerable. ("For Houston's Kids," *Kansas City Star*)
- The presence of an adult sex industry increases both the rates of child sexual exploitation and trafficking. (polarisproject.org)

\* *Kairos* is an ancient Greek word meaning the right or opportune moment (the supreme moment).

Here are a few of many initiatives that God is raising up to address human trafficking and to help victims:  
Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary ([stepup@apnts.org](mailto:stepup@apnts.org))  
Freedom Center ([freedomcenter.org](http://freedomcenter.org))  
Shared Hope International ([sharedhope.org](http://sharedhope.org))  
Veronica's Voice ([veronicasvoice.org](http://veronicasvoice.org))  
KC Street Hope ([kcstreetgrace.org](http://kcstreetgrace.org))  
Raven's Hope International ([ravenshopeinternational.com](http://ravenshopeinternational.com))  
Exodus Cry ([exoduscry.com](http://exoduscry.com))

...The helpless put their trust in You.  
You defend the orphans....LORD,  
you know the hopes of the helpless.  
Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them.  
You will bring justice to the orphans and the oppressed,  
so mere people can no longer terrify them.

Psalms 10:14,17-18, NLT

Please pray for these and many other ministries.



## Missionary Health Care—What a Great Help!

What do YOU think of when you read or hear “Missionary Health Care” (MHC)?

- ...Church missions budget?
- ...Health for missionaries?
- ...MHC—does that really interest me?
- ...What is MHC anyway?

Well, Missionary Health Care, for me, as a missionary (on the field and now in the USA) has meant:

- ...Not worrying how we can afford a doctor visit or special care when needed,
- ...Helping our three-year-old recover from being hit by a car,
- ...Getting emergency help on a far-away island during a missions conference,
- ...Providing our three children and ourselves with needed dental care,
- ...Knowing that Nazarenes around the world care enough to give to MHC,
- ...Feeling more secure as a retired missionary when Social Security doesn't cover everything!

Missionary Health Care is much more than a goal or a budget item; it is taking very special care of your missionaries! Thank YOU!

God bless you all.

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***Your church's participation in the Memorial Roll, the Distinguished Service Award, Gifts from the Heart, and MHC offerings helps provide Nazarene missionaries and their families with much-needed medical, vision, and dental care.***

**Editor's Note:** This item is ideal to promote your church's participation in Missionary Health Care in a number of ways—read aloud as an announcement, included in your church's newsletter, bulletin, or e-mail.