

MICAH CHALLENGE is a coming together of people, in 40 different nations, who want to take up the challenge laid down by Old Testament prophet Micah, and speak out against the injustice of global poverty. We believe the Millennium Development Goals give this generation an opportunity to see worldwide together in a united cry for this opportunity to be taken.

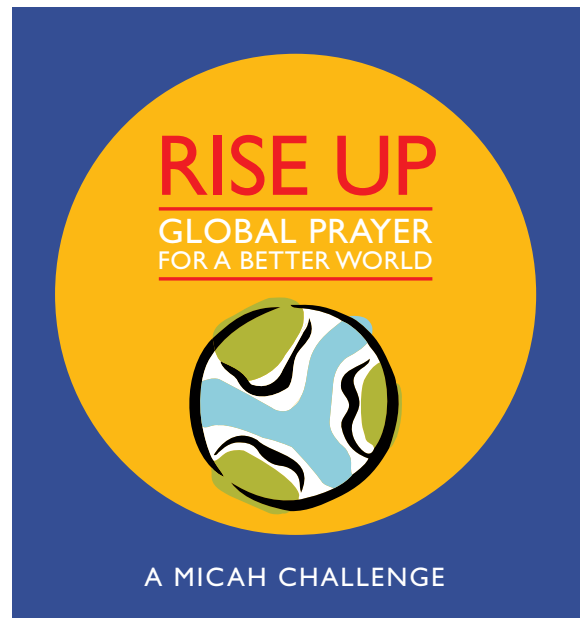
RISE UP
GLOBAL PRAYER FOR
A BETTER WORLD

Micah Challenge is calling Christians worldwide to rise up and join together in prayer: that our new global economy might be more squarely founded on the values of our creator God; that the poor amongst us would be lifted up; and that from beneath the shadow of the global economic crisis there might emerge the hope for a better world.

The systems and structures of our world either glorify God or they diminish His glory. And who will raise a voice and reach out a hand to conform these things to God's model, if not us his people? Rise up with us in global prayer for a better world.

THE G20 SUMMIT
2 APRIL 2009

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7 DAY PRAYER GUIDE
28 March to 3 April

If you are in the UK you can pray and march to challenge world leaders to PUT PEOPLE FIRST. On 28 March at 10.30am a service of worship and prayer is taking place at Central Hall, Westminster, SW1H 9NH. Speakers include Joel Edwards, International Director of Micah Challenge. The church service will then filter into a march through central London to lobby the G20 for jobs, justice and climate. For information go to: www.purepeoplefirst.org.uk

PRAY AND MARCH FOR JOBS, JUSTICE AND CLIMATE.

- 1 RISE UP EVERYDAY**
Use this guide and pray on each of the 7 days in the run up to the G20.
- 2 GET YOUR CHURCH TO RISE UP**
On 29 March Christians will RISE UP in prayer at church services across the globe. Join with us and get your church to say the RISE UP prayer in solidarity with other Christians. Promote RISE UP to your congregation by sharing this guide.
- 3 RISE UP WITH FRIENDS ON 2 APRIL**
On the morning of the G20 Summit can you meet with friends to pray? As the sun rises across the globe, Christians will be praying throughout the day, covering the meeting in prayer. Why not have an early-morning prayer get-together where you are? Use the RISE UP prayer and Day 6 to assist you.

3 WAYS YOU CAN BE A PART OF RISE UP!

THE RISE UP PRAYER

written by Joel Edwards, International Director of Micah Challenge

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." (Isaiah 60:1-3 NIV)

Father, we stand before you in prayer as the global economic crisis casts a shadow over the peoples of the earth. We have been reminded that in a world as closely connected as ours, each of our actions affects the whole. We are sorry when we have failed to act beyond our narrow interests. Help us to live as a community and care for others, especially the vulnerable and the poor amongst us.

As the G20 meet, we ask for wisdom for the leaders of the world. Where nations have pushed their agendas on others; bring partnership and love. Where people have lived their lives disconnected from their brothers and sisters in other countries; bring solidarity and compassion. Where efforts for good have been frustrated; bring breakthrough. May we see the dawning of a new world, with your values at its heart: a world of justice, mercy and humility.

Lord, we thank you for the promises which governments have already made in the Millennium Development Goals because we know their power to lift millions of people out of poverty. May that same spirit of global partnership be evident at the G20, may the poor not be forgotten in the midst of crisis.

Father, help us to rise up. For who will raise a voice and reach out a hand to conform this world more to your plan, if not us your people? As your Church worldwide let us rise up – in prayer, in speaking out and in demonstrating your way of life – that out of the ruins of this current crisis might rise up a hope for a better world. In Jesus' name, Amen




RISE UP – 7 DAY GUIDE

Find a couple of moments each day with God and pray. Whether you're on the bus, as you walk to work, or over a bowl of cereal, let our resources guide you through the key topics: gather the info, pray the prayer points and reflect on a challenge from God's word.

Why not commit to praying each morning as you get up? As soon as your alarm clock goes off **RISE UP** in prayer for a better world.

DAY 1 > SATURDAY 28 MARCH RISE UP A PROPHETIC VOICE

 Today in London (the venue for the G20 talks) thousands of people are gathering. Amongst them are many, many Christians, committed to speaking out on behalf of poor and vulnerable people and communities. They bear witness to the stories of people oppressed by poverty and injustice. They stand on behalf of Christians across the globe, speaking truth to power, calling on governments to act justly.




That those able to be in London today speak with courage. That the power of prayer around the world would make this prophetic act more powerful.



"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." (*Proverbs 31:8-9 NIV*). **How can you use your voice?**

DAY 2 > SUNDAY 29 MARCH RISE UP THE CHURCH WORLDWIDE

 What does the financial crisis tell us about the values at the core of our global systems and structures? As the Church we have the blueprint for a world based on its creator's values: on mercy, justice and humility. Do we not have a responsibility to raise a voice and reach out a hand so that our world better reflects his model?




For God's people worldwide: that they might persuasively speak out, clearly demonstrate, and earnestly pray for a world more pleasing to its creator.



"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (*Micah 6:8 NIV*). **How can we as God's people help create a world based on these values?**

DAY 3 > MONDAY 30 MARCH RISE UP CLIMATE JUSTICE

 In just over a decade, up to 250 million people in Africa will face increased water stress due to climate change. Similarly, changing rainfall patterns could reduce the amount of food available by 20%. For people in poverty, climate change threatens to turn their vulnerability into catastrophe. As the G20 meet let's make sure their plan is for a 'one planet economy', something that can sustain and protect all of us.



For those already suffering the impacts of climate change, particularly women and children, who are the most vulnerable. For action by the G20 that brings hope to those living in poverty.



"The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble." (*Psalms 9:9 NIV*). **As God's hands and feet, what can you do to reduce climate change and bring hope to those affected by it?**

DAY 4 > TUESDAY 31 MARCH RISE UP FINANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT



Finance for development is about resourcing justice and fighting poverty. The G20 has the power to use finance to put to an end to crippling debt: by determining to cancel all illegitimate and unpayable developing country debts, by meeting the aid commitments they made long ago and by working in partnership with others to make money spent on development as effective as possible.



That the G20 leaders would be struck afresh by the plight of 1.4 billion people in the world who live on less than a \$1 a day and take steps to free up more finance for development.



"The righteous care about justice for the poor..." (*Proverbs 29:7 NIV*). **How can you live to bring justice to a world where such poverty exists?**

DAY 5 > WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL RISE UP A TRUE SPIRIT OF A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP



In a world as interconnected as ours, crisis will always result when individuals and nations pursue narrow interests. A spirit of true partnership is needed if we are to develop financial institutions and trade agreements that work for us all. That spirit was shown by the 200 world leaders who committed to halving extreme poverty by 2015. It is needed now if those commitments are not to become broken promises.



That leaders would see the need for true global partnership which brings the benefits of globalisation to all. For commitment to inclusive financial institutions, fair trade and delivering our promise to halve poverty by 2015.



"There should be no division in the body... if one part suffers, every part suffers with it" (*Proverbs 29:7 NIV*). **Can we create a world where nations see themselves this way?**

DAY 6 > THURSDAY 2 APRIL RISE UP G20 LEADERS



Often, our leaders know how to say all the right words, but the test for them is translating their words into concrete action. We recognise the G20 leaders have a tough job at this time; the issues being covered as they meet today are complex. Let us support them in prayer.



That the G20 leaders would gain insight into God's heart for our world. That today they would show wisdom, take courage and receive strength as they take decisions that affect us all.



"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (*1 Timothy 2:1-2, TNIV*). **Keep lifting our leaders up before God, that those in authority would know Him intimately.**

DAY 7 > FRIDAY 3 APRIL KEEP ON RISING UP



With the G20 meeting now over; what next? Can you continue to impact the structures of this world? Just think about the influence we could have if each of us lived out God's values in our daily lives. What impact can you have through the choices you make as a consumer? How can you keep on speaking up? And how can you demonstrate God's love in your community?



That you would continue to RISE UP in order to be a light for God's coming Kingdom, communicating godly values by speaking out, using your gifts and inspiring others.



"I chose you to bring justice, and I am here at your side. I selected and sent you to bring light and my promise of hope to the nations." (*Isaiah 42:6 CEV*). **Let your light shine before others to create a hope for a better world.**