

## Week of Prayer Material: 2009

### Introduction

Unusually, I had the privilege of translating these materials into English. That has given me the opportunity to appreciate the content more deeply.

Now we have the opportunity to use them creatively.

- The materials are designed to be taken and expanded, **to start** thought processes.
- Pray and talk about ways to use the week to **generate faith**.
- The text talks about children and young people: why not ask children to lead an evening, with their concerns about their lives?
- And why not encourage some youth events: many of today's 15 year olds know how to pray (and very creatively)? Why not involve some youth in the general planning?
- At the same time, honour older and faithful brothers and sisters: many of whom are wonderful role models in prayer.
- In Hebrews 11 and in the Week of Prayer materials, Sarah and Rahab feature prominently. Which prayer gatherings will be led by imaginative women across Europe and Eurasia this year?
- Think not only about locations of gatherings, but also about movement and use of physical objects to help focus prayer.
- Remember what a privilege it is to pray together. This Week builds on over 150 years of the Evangelical Alliance Week of Prayer. What a privilege it is to be part of the Body of Christ, organically One in Him.

Our world needs men and women of faith.

Please God that 2009 is a year in which we live by faith and grow in the grace of Christ.

May the Lord grant that we pray expectantly during the Evangelical Alliance Week of Prayer (or at any other time that you use these materials).

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