

QUIVER

A Strategic Prayer Movement For Such A Time As This

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Newsletter

Lift Up Your Heads O You Gates!

By Jennifer Abigail Wallace

The end of the year 2011 brought pleasant surprises to all who have been praying diligently for the UK. One can imagine our joy when we heard PM David Cameron publicly acknowledge Britain as a Christian nation! Texts messages and emails began to fly, as we shared the joy of answered prayer. Then, with her Christmas Day speech, our beloved Queen put the icing on cake!

As much as the PM and Queen's speeches brought joy to our hearts, we merely consider them as minor victories, and thus, are cautious not to lose sight of the battles that still need to be fought for the soul of this nation of nations.

Over the past year, and especially the past few weeks, the Lord has been speaking to me from several key scriptures about His intentions for the UK. Hence, our QUIVER prayer focus for 2012 comes from one of those scriptures, Psalm 24.

*"Lift up your heads, O you gates!
And be lifted up, you everlasting*

doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory." Psalm 24:7-10

This scripture refers to the solemn occasion when the Ark of God was brought into the tabernacle David had erected for it. David's desire for God's Presence to dwell in the midst of His people was fulfilled on that occasion, as ancient gates that had stood in resistance and opposition or merely as barriers to the presence and ways of God, were commanded to open up and let the King of glory in.

Gates were of great significance in biblical times, not only as places of entry and exit, but also, of authority, administration, military defence and where the judiciary sat to administer justice (*Ruth 4:1-2, 11; Pro 31:23, 31*). To possess the gates was to possess the city and to triumph

over your enemy (*Gen 22:17, 24:60; Matt 16:18*).

Accordingly, in modern times, we have 'gates' that not only determine what comes in or goes out, but also, influence the physical and spiritual realms of peoples, cities and nations. Generally speaking, on one level, we have the 'spiritual gates,' which include principalities, demonic powers and rulers and spiritual hosts of wickedness, who have a stronghold over people's lives and influence what happens to them (*Eph 6:12; Dan 10:12-13, 20*). On another level, we have the 'cultural gates' which consist of language & communication (inc media), marriage & family, politics & government (inc law & order), religion, socio-economy, education & the arts (inc music, arts, attire & dance). All these influence our lives and impact the spiritual and physical atmospheres of our nation.

There is much contention going on in this nation, at each of the 'gates' mentioned above. Spiritually, the church appears to be weak, overcome and unable to fulfil her role and mandate. The culture of this nation is rapidly and drastically changing and without the influence of the Church, we seem to

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My Experience With QUIVER

By Jen Gaskin, Chelmsford QUIVER

After attending the Prayer Summit in October, I felt a real challenge from the Lord about not letting other things/people get in the way and stop me coming to meetings such as Quiver. I was so challenged that day and wanted to really devote more time...anytime. (I've since given up work and a parent toddler group). At times I have not gone somewhere because of

family events taking place. So I told the Lord that in future I would definitely put HIM first; no excuses.

That meeting also challenged my friend Marianne and I to start a Quiver group and share the idea with other women.

When I received the invite to the next prayer breakfast, I was

immediately excited and thought yes I'm definitely going. I looked at the date, 3rd December, my grandsons' birthday!

Meanwhile Marianne texted to say she had got the invite and really wanted to go. I rang her and said what the date was etc, but that nothing was going to stop me. Three days before the

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be losing that which made this nation great. Communication and media are out of control, marriage/family and law and order are breaking down, government is perplexed about how to lead and what to do, education is crumbling, the arts have gone 'wild and often weird,' and as for religion and the socio-economic... Yes, there is much confusion and contention at the gates and something needs to be done very urgently!

It is time for the Church to rise up, empowered by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, to confront the gates with the reality of Jesus Christ. It is time to command the gates of this nation to lift up, open up and give entrance and access, once again, to Jesus Christ. It is time for His influence to be felt in every one of the 'gates' and in our families, communities, cities and nation!

However, one may ask, who is Jesus Christ and what gives Him the right to entry and access? Jesus Christ is the King of glory! He is the LORD strong and mighty in battle! He possesses all authority and power. He is the Conqueror and Tri-

umphant King, and the Eternal Light and Hope of all humanity. Above all, He is the Son of God, to whom this nation and the nations of the world have been promised (*Psalm 2*). He is the King of righteousness, justice and peace, and we need Him in our nation, now, more than ever.

No ancient gates can resist or remain shut against Him. The gates know and recognise Him because His Name was the password engraved in their memory from the beginning of time. Thus to no other name will the gates voluntarily submit to than "The King of Glory."

Our heartfelt cry, this year must be "lift up your heads o you gates and let the King come in!" We must pray and invite Jesus Christ, the God of love, mercy, kindness, justice, righteousness and joy into our lives, homes, communities, villages, towns, cities and the nation. Indeed, even now, we declare that all ancient gates that have exercised authority against God's ways, plans and purposes in this nation shall open, in recognition, acknowledgement and obeisance to our Lord Jesus Christ! Hallelujah! Amen!

PROPHECY

Received at Prayer Breakfast
on 3 December 2011

"This nation is Mine. This nation belongs to Me. Many years ago, I took possession and ownership of her, and she is mine! I passed by, looked upon her and staked a claim and made her mine. I passed by this nation and I put My stake, bearing My name, in the ground and I claimed ownership of her.

The land is Mine says the Lord – I have given it to you. I have not sold it! I have not abandoned it! I still have the title deeds! I did not leave it fallow – I planted a vineyard in it! Do I not deserve to eat its fruits?

Why do you then contend with Me? Is this not My land; is it not My vineyard, is it not My fruit? I have had enough! I have had enough! I have had enough, for this nation is Mine! I am taking that which is Mine. I will not contend with you, O nation, I will not contend with you, you are mine. Return, return to Me, you are mine, return. You are the love of My life; return. You still bear My name. Let My glory be seen in you once again. Do not sell or give away what is Mine!

Now to My church, My bride. I want you to know that I'm coming soon, indeed I'm coming soon. Prepare your hearts, prepare your ways and you will see what I will do. Do not observe what is happening around. Observe and see that which I have finished. Bear in mind the vineyard and the fruits are Mine and no one can take it. I give it to you; rise up and take it. I will fight for you; I will contend for My nation! You need to stand and know she is Mine. If you give her up, I will raise up others in your place. This nation is Mine, she is Mine.

I speak now to the gods, I speak even now. Who are you? Will you contend with Me? Will you contend with Me for what is Mine? Then let the contention begin, then let the contention begin, if you will contend with me for what is mine. I will not sit back and watch my vineyard destroyed! I will not sit back and watch her fruit destroyed! I will contend for this nation is Mine".

Invitation

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A Strategic Prayer Movement For Such A Time As This

Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 3rd March 2012

<p>Venue: The Cornerstone Church, 149 Canterbury Road, Leyton, London, E10 6EH</p> <p>Time: 9.00am – 12.30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contact:</u> For more info or to register Tel: Hyacinth on 07960 413023 Email: quiver5@live.co.uk www.womenintune.org/quiver/</p>
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ADMISSION IS FREE ♦ PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Wanted: QUIVER REPS

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meeting my daughter rang to say they had decided to go to a restaurant at 5pm then back to their house for the evening. I felt the Lord saw my reaction was 'I am still going to the meeting'....and then instead of us all being expected to take the birthday presents round in the morning it was 5pm, when I was back in Chelmsford and able to go!

The passion of Quiver for the UK is quite contagious. I felt a real 'gut wrenching/

tear jerking' at the prayer breakfast. Certain things said provoked a reaction that was most definitely from the Lord, as it just rose up from deep within me. Next time I will not wear mascara or at least get a waterproof one!

The Lord also gave me a word as we prayed at the Prayer Breakfast, in groups of five. He said, "A new light is dawning."