



G20 PRAYER GUIDE

10 DAYS OF PRAYER TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Each year tax dodging and corruption costs the world's poorest nations more than US \$160 billion. As the current president of the G20, Australia has a unique opportunity to take the lead in the discussions at the G20 Leaders Summit in Brisbane this November (14-16) and to help ensure that the voices of the poor are heard.

We invite you to join together with Christians all over the world, and people from poor nations and communities, to pray for the G20 Summit over the period of 10 days.

Each day this prayer guide includes:

- An introduction to the people or event which forms the day's prayer focus
- A quote from a leader in the Church, the advocacy campaign or in tax justice
- A bible passage
- A short prayer

Please feel free to pray through this guide individually or with others. If you would like further information about the campaign please go to www.micahchallenge.org.au/shine-the-light. Blogs which correspond to each day's focus will be published on the global EXPOSED campaign's website: www.exposedcampaign.com/resources.

DAY 1 - FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

PRAY FOR: THE WORSHIP & JUSTICE NIGHT

On this night Young Adults from across Brisbane will join a movement of Christians all over the world speaking out for justice. The night will include worship, prayer and messages from keynote speakers Tim Costello (World Vision) and Bishop Ephraim (Philippines).

"The kind of worship God desires is one that not only kneels before the Father in adoration but that also kneels to love those in need... The poor, the sick, the broken- people right here at home, people that live in foreign lands - "people" are what move the heart of the Father." Pastor Brian Houston, Hillsong Australia

"Do you know what I want? I want justice - oceans of it. I want fairness - rivers of it. That's what I want. That's all I want." Amos 5.24 (Message)

PRAYER Father God, may our worship of you go beyond the songs we sing. May our worship to you be the way we live our lives daily and may it be manifested in our actions to bring justice to the poor and needy around the world. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

DAY 2 - SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

PRAY FOR: THE PUBLIC EVENT - WORLD'S BIGGEST MOCK TAX HAVEN

Pray for the hundreds of advocates that will gather today to create the world's biggest mock tax haven in the centre of Brisbane. Participants will come dressed in suits, with beach chairs and mocktails to highlight the way secrecy in the global financial system is robbing the poor of more than US\$160 billion each year. Pray that this public stunt is effective in attracting media coverage and raising broader awareness on the issue of tax dodging.

"The G20 provides opportunity for the church to shine light and expose corruption in high places. What are you doing? Are you praying or speaking out?" Rev Lawrence Temfwe, Zambia

"This is what the LORD says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of his oppressor the one who has been robbed." Jeremiah 22:3

PRAYER Father God, We pray that G20 governments will put pressure on all multinational companies to be transparent with their finances and to pay the fair amount of taxes in countries they operate especially in the developing world. And we pray that this will increase the life standards of many especially in poorer parts of the world. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

DAY 3 - SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

PRAY FOR: CHURCH SERVICES ACROSS BRISBANE

Pray for the international and national guest speakers that will be speaking in churches about tax dodging and justice for the poor across Brisbane on Sunday 9 November.

"When God asks us to 'pay attention' what part of us tunes in? Our darkness is profoundly personal as the sun goes down on our relationships, best efforts and potential. Darkness is also profoundly universal when the sun goes down on nations which disregard the poor, favour economic dirty deals and rule from polluted power systems." Christine MacMillan, Director of Social Justice, WEA

"Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations." Isaiah 51:4,5

PRAYER Father God, give us courage to expand our personal salvation outside the comfort of a tidy faith into the mess of our world. Help us to speak up for the voiceless and shine the light of your justice on corruption; let the attitude of those in power be changed so that the lives of the poor and the needy can be improved. Teach us, as church, to seek first your kingdom of justice and compassion and to place the love for people above money and material gain. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

DAY 4 - MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

PRAY FOR: THE GOVERNMENT

As the 2014 host country, our politicians play a vital role in the proceedings of the G20. This includes Prime Minister Tony Abbott as the current Chair and President of the G20; Treasurer Joe Hockey as the chair of meetings with Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors; and Trade and Investment Minister Andrew Robb as chair of the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting.

“National wealth should not be in the hands of a selfish elite. Restoration and rebuilding can only come if greed in the heart is rooted out.” Elisama Daniel, FOCUS, South Sudan

“You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous.” Deuteronomy 16:19

PRAYER Father God, we pray for our governments and leaders to have integrity and act with justice. Bring your conviction regarding the any misuse of public funds, abuse of authority or perversion of justice. May they be good stewards. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

DAY 5 - TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

PRAY FOR: THE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

This event will provide a significant opportunity for Christians in business to lead a shift in business culture and raise a collective voice for integrity and transformation.

“Johan Sebastian Bach used the organ as an instrument to create beautiful music to the glory of God and for us to enjoy. Businesses are also instruments. They should serve people, align with God’s purposes, be good stewards of the planet and make a profit.” Mats Tunehag, Business as Mission

“Woe to him who builds his palace by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, making his own people work for nothing, not paying them for their labour.”
Jeremiah 22:13

PRAYER Father God, we pray for small, medium and large enterprises around the world, that they may seek the development of the communities they operate in and prosperity for owners shareholders and workers. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

DAY 6 WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

PRAY FOR: CHURCHES AND PEOPLE IN BRISBANE

“Our churches want to find a strong-but-gentle way of confronting the worst aspects of predatory capitalism, with dignity, integrity and grace.” Dave Andrews, writer and community leader, Australia

“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

PRAYER Father God, Help us, as church, not to remain neutral and keep silent regarding injustice. We ask for your boldness to challenge those who benefit from corruption and to promote honest dealings that also benefit the poor. We also pray for the local church in Brisbane, Australia, that you would use them to represent the global body of Christ during that event, that they may set an example to other groups who come to Brisbane for the G20 meetings. Amen

DAY 7 - THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

PRAY FOR: THE IMPACT ON THE POOR

According to Action Aid, the amount of tax which brewery company SABMiller is dodging, could pay for the education of 250,000 children in Africa.

“Corruption is at its highest level around the world and while it impacts everyone, it is the poor who bear the brunt of it. As followers of Jesus we must lead the way in helping to expose and eradicate the injustice of corruption.”

Dr Geoff Tunnicliffe, CEO World Evangelical Alliance

“Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.” Isaiah 1:17

PRAYER Loving God, you care for those who suffer economic and social injustice as a result of sinful greed and oppression. Help our actions overcome corrupt practices and help us to speak up for integrity at all levels of society so that the poor are released. Amen

DAY 8 - FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

PRAY FOR: THE LEADERS OF THE G20

The current leaders of the G20 are:

Argentina: President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner
Australia: Prime Minister Tony Abbott
Brazil: President Dilma Rouseff
Canada: Prime Minister Stephen Harper
China: President Xi Jinping
France: President François Hollande
Germany: Chancellor Angela Merkel
India: Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Indonesia: President Joko Widodo
Italy: Prime Minister Matteo Renzi
Japan: Prime Minister Shinzo Abe
Republic of Korea: President Park Geun-hye
Mexico: President Enrique Peña Nieto
Russia: President Vladimir Putin
Saudi Arabia: King Prime Minister Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
South Africa: President Jacob Zuma
Turkey: Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
United Kingdom: Prime Minister David Cameron
United States: President Barack Obama
European Union: Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker

“While it is not a law-making body, the G20 has the power to set the agenda and shape global norms on transparency and anti-corruption, inclusive and sustainable human development, environmental protection and just stewardship of resources.” Ben Thurley, Micah Challenge, Australia

**“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour.”
1 Timothy 2:1-2.**

PRAYER

Father God, we pray for our world political leaders, we pray that justice and integrity will be the foundation of their actions. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

DAY 9 - SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

PRAY FOR: THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES

Today is the first official day of the G20 Leaders' Summit. Along with the leaders, approximately 4000 delegates will also be in attendance to discuss global economic systems.

"The G20 is an opportunity to secure key agreements between governments of some of the world's largest economies to help crack down on tax evasion, tax avoidance and corruption, activities which particularly harm developing countries." Mark Zirnsak, Tax Justice Network, Australia

"Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God." John 3:20-21

PRAYER Father God, we pray that policy makers from G20 countries will open their ears to the cry of the poor; we pray for tougher anti-corruption and tax transparency regulations to take place. And we pray that each nation would implement the new standards. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

DAY 10 - SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

PRAY FOR: THE DECISION

Today will be the second and final day of the G20 Leaders Summit and it is the climax of Australia's year as President of the G20.

"The commitment to fairness and transparency by the world's most powerful economies is a clear indication that the net of accountability is spreading. Important steps have been taken by the USA and Europe and now it is a chance for other major nations to address tax evasion and secret deals. These decisions will put more power into the hands of ordinary citizens. It's not the end, but it's a mighty and encouraging step towards a more just world".
Joel Edwards, Director of Micah Challenge International

"Do not pervert justice or show partiality. Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the innocent. Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the Lord your God is giving you."
Deuteronomy 16:18-20

PRAYER Faithful God, you are righteous, straight and true. Your just standards exalt nations. We pray that leaders meeting in Brisbane will make decisions on tax that uphold the highest standards so that all citizens can flourish. Help corrupt practices to be exposed and selfish pride to be overcome. In the name Jesus, who gave up all rights and riches to be a servant. Amen



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