



SUGGESTED PROGRAM: COTN DAY OF PRAYER – SUNDAY 11 SEPT 2016

The following are merely suggestions and guidelines surrounding the theme for our COTN Day of Prayer, please feel free to use as much or as little of these as you see fit.

Open service as normal

1. Prayer Day Coordinator (MC) starts event with (holding slide) on screens.

“As most of you know, we as a church belong to a bigger family of churches called Church of the Nations. COTN has influence in over 50 nations around the globe. Today all over the world COTN churches are uniting in prayer and spirit.”



HOLDING SLIDE
(to be used during introduction and end)

2. Prayer Day Coordinator (MC) to reiterate the theme and key scriptures again

Key Scriptures:

Here are some of the pertinent scriptures which serve as a foundation for the theme we believe the Lord has shown us:

Proverbs 29:2

**“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;
But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.”**



Proverbs 8:15-16 NAS

**"By me kings reign, and rulers decree justice.
"By me princes rule, and nobles, even
those who judge rightly."**



Proverbs 8:15 - 16 Message

**"With my help, leaders rule,
and lawmakers legislate fairly;
with my help, governors
govern, along with all in legitimate authority"**



Romans 13:1-2 NAS

**Every person is to be in subjection to the governing
authorities.
For there is no authority except from God, and those which
exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists
authority has opposed the ordinance of God; ...**



Proverbs 21:1

**The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord,
Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.**



Background:

World leadership and governments are going through strong headwinds and turbulent times at present. Change seems so fluid and fast with violence and respect for the rule of law eroding rapidly in the natural, in a way that we have not witnessed in most of our lifetimes. We have observed so much just in the last few weeks with the change of Prime Minister in the UK, a failed coup in Turkey and brutal slaughter on the streets of Nice. This along with the migrant crisis in Europe, and a more bizarre election cycle in the US than anyone can remember. South Africa too, is seeing a major political shift for the first time since the Apartheid era.

In all this, God is unmoved, but is calling us through His word to pray for those in authority. True stability can only be achieved by a revelation of His grace to come upon world leaders.

In recent times God has placed the COTN family in a unique situation, where more and more we find ourselves gaining access to those in authority, which we believe is a timely opportunity for the Kingdom. Against this background, we as the Apostolic Council believe that the theme for our upcoming Pray Day is timeous.

This event is the only truly 'combined international event' we have each year, where we ask every COTN church to participate.



3. Break up into small groups or appoint specific people to pray.

(Please note that there are many Prayer Points and you would need to use your own discretion as to how to get through all of them. Again we emphasise you adjust according to your celebration time).

4. Prayer Points: *(All these slides can be downloaded from the COTN Website)*

- Pray for a fresh change and stability to come about in world governments. One that would honor God and His Kingdom.

Pray for a measure and mindset of Godly grace to come upon them.



- Ask God to give them clarity and peace as they conform the forces of darkness and evil that are prevailing at this time.



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- Pray that God will guide them as they guide us.



- Pray that they are wise and discerning and surrounded by effective and honest (speakers of truth) advisors.



- Pray for their protection and protection over their families.



- Pray for those that we know to be Christian Politicians and for them to have strength in the midst of spiritual warfare and to remain encouraged in the divine calling that led them into politics.



- Pray for God's will to be done and for our leaders to seek God in making the right decisions.



- Pray for our Politicians to receive Godly counsel.



- Pray that they might have supernatural grace and insight when confronted by terror and seemingly impossible situations.



- Pray for Christians that they may vote in Kingdom politicians who will operate in and reflect the principles of Jesus.



- Pray that our Politicians would find salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.



5. Thank you for uniting in Prayer and standing in the gap with the Church of the Nations family in this time of seeking more of the Holy Spirit's presence.