

# ASKING POINT

Network

*He is the Rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just.  
A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He. Deut. 32:4*

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## Gathering Together

Gathering is the first word of our vision statement: “**Gathering** all generations to pray for all nations, asking God to do what only He can do and doing whatever He asks of us.” Many times in scripture God gathers His people together for a particular reason. It is a concept that God wants us to understand as vital to His kingdom purposes. We must gather to ASK. **When we gather to ASK, He answers and we experience HIS presence.** “*Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them,*” *Matthew 18:19-20.*

Let us take time this month to pray with fasting about all ASK Network gatherings. We need and desire His blessing.

### **ASK for:**

- **Your ASK gathering:** Pray you will hear His voice. Pray you will have the joy of knowing He answers your asking and He blesses you with HIS presence. Know that your gathering pleases God. ASK OTHERS TO JOIN WITH YOU AND SHARE THE BLESSING! *Matthew 18:18-20*
- **The ASK gathering in your nation:** Pray that this important ministry of ASKing will be established strong and well in your nation. PRAY THAT ASK NETWORK WILL BE AN AGENT OF CHANGE IN YOUR NATION, and a force to be reckoned with! *Matthew 7:7-8*
- **The ASK gathering in the nations:** Pray for any nation that you have a love and burden for and that ASK will be established in that nation. May this treasure we have of listening to God through His Word and praying it into being be shared amongst the nations. *Isaiah 55:11-12*
- **The International ASK Gathering in Jerusalem from May 26-28, 2011:**



Generations  
gathering in Israel  
to ASK  
for the nations

May God be gracious to us  
and bless us and make His  
face shine upon us, that  
Your ways may be known  
on earth, Your salvation  
among all nations.  
- Psalm 67:1-2

**ASK International Gathering  
Jerusalem, May 26-28**

Registration forms at [www.asknetwork.net](http://www.asknetwork.net)  
Registration is open until March 31,  
as long as there is availability.

ASK for God's grace and favor on this very important gathering. Pray that this will be the launching of ASK out into the nations as an established work. Pray for all those attending and for every provision that they need to get there. We will be gathering only a few hundred yards away from where the Upper Room was, so ask for the blessing of Pentecost on our gathering. *Acts 2:1-4*

*Prayerfully consider attending the first ASK International Gathering in Jerusalem in May 2011 (see box to right for details).*

...receive from Him  
anything we ask, because we obey  
His commands and do what pleases Him...

*1 John 3:22*

### *A Testimony from a Weekly ASK Group*

Solo or orchestra? I was raised to think prayer was like a solo oboe or cello ... eternity in poignant wistfulness, flowing through us in prayer, lonely to the bone. But ASK has transformed me. For 19 years I've prayed every Tuesday morning with a band of friends who listen well. We meditate on Scripture and seek to echo Jesus, the great intercessor.

One memorable Tuesday we were praying for a foreign nation, and someone felt a tempo change. We started praying for high schools in America. We pled with God for mercy. Unbeknownst to us, Columbine High students in Colorado were being riddled with bullets as we prayed. Another Tuesday, we were praying for Iran. Someone felt we were to pray for prisons in Iran. Someone else felt we were to pray for wardens. What we didn't know was Dan Bauman, the missionary son of a Lydian, was in a prison in Iran and the warden had a gun to his head.

Another time we were praying that God would reveal to the world what was being kept hidden about a particular issue. *That very day* at a press conference, a microphone that was supposed to be off was on, and the intents of a heart were revealed to the nation.

Of course, every Tuesday isn't that remarkable. Sometimes it feels like we're just tuning up. Sometimes we just play scales. But when the Master Conductor raises His baton, the rhythm of the ancient elders around the throne starts pumping. We do our best to follow, *together*.



### Hope of the Nations: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) *"In His name the nations will put their hope." Matthew 12:21*



To many people, the DRC in central Africa brings up mental pictures of violence and darkness. The incidence of sexual crimes against women and children is described as the worst in the world. (In 2006, an ASK team was in Goma, and the evil was so prevalent that we could even sense it.)

A history of violence has permeated this nation for years. In 1961, the first democratically chosen leader, Patrice Lumumba, was assassinated a few short months after the Belgians, who had colonized the nation in 1908, pulled out. Those nationals who carried out the execution operated in league with the Belgian and USA governments, thereby setting up the country for a 32-year dictatorship of Joseph Mobutu.

Since 1998, 5.4 million Congolese have lost their lives being the victims of the greed of those desiring to control the mineral-rich country. Some 45,000 die each month. The unprecedented rape (estimated at 200,000) and demonically inspired sexual brutality is causing deep wounds in the nation. Only the love of God and the role models of men who will embrace their wives after rape will be able to dissipate the cultural norm of rejecting the women and children who have been assaulted. There is a great need for the Church to reach out in His healing power and love toward those experiencing these devastating traumas.

Many pastors don't even have a Bible and in most other congregations there are only a few who are blessed with them. How can there be a permanent change in a nation without His word readily available!

*(References: ABS Record Magazine, Daily Kenya Living Newspapers')*

#### **ASK for:**

- The nations of Belgium and the USA to repent for the sins of greed and control that fueled their economies to the detriment of the DRC. *"Woe to those who enact evil statutes. And to those who constantly record unjust decisions, so as to deprive the needy of justice, and rob the poor of My people of their rights." Isaiah 10:1-2*
- God would give righteous leaders who would care for the people and use the riches of the earth that He has placed in the DRC for their good. *"The king gives stability to the land by justice ... The righteous is concerned for the rights of the poor." Proverbs 29:4,7*
- The violence would stop and give way to peace. *"... Do not mistreat or do violence to the ... orphan, or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place." Jeremiah 22:3.*
- Husbands would love their wives and care for them tenderly, especially after being abused and violated. *"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word ... holy and blameless ... as their own bodies ... to nourish and cherish ... love his own wife even as himself." Eph. 5:25-33*
- The church would powerfully minister the gospel and care for the widows and orphans. *"Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world." James 1:2*
- The Bible would be widely distributed and taught. *"... How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? ... Without a preacher? ... Faith comes from hearing ... the word of Christ." Romans 10:14-17*