

ASKING POINT

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*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*

Hope of the Nations

In His name the nations will put their hope. Matthew 12:21

AFGHANISTAN



*"Let the mountains bring peace to the people . . .
May he vindicate the afflicted of the people, Save the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
Let them fear You while the sun endures, And as long as the moon, throughout all generations."*

Psalm 72:3-5

Afghanistan is the second most corrupt country in the world, according to the Corruption Perceptions Index. The Taliban, overthrown in 2001 after 30 years of civil war, is resurging. ~ Gender-based injustice, poverty, social stigmas, and war increase the risks to mothers and children. Every half hour, two Afghan women and fourteen children die from health issues. Afghanistan has the highest infant mortality rate in the world, making it the most dangerous place for a child to be born. **But God . . .** During the civil war millions were displaced to neighboring countries, many returned home with faith in Jesus! Because it is normal to talk about God in Afghanistan, the underground Church is advancing the kingdom of God.

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The World from God's Perspective

I have longed to gather. Matthew 23:37

Our Capital Cities

"Should I not have compassion on [this] great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know the difference between their right and left hand . . . ?"

Jonah 4:11

God gives us glimpses of cities from HIS perspective. Perhaps the most poignant is Jesus': "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . . how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!" (Matthew 23:37) Years before, after the restoration of that great city, Nehemiah 11:2 says: "The people commended all the men who volunteered to live in Jerusalem," indicating capital cities are not places of choice ease but challenge for those who live in them. This is because they are also dwellings of great power and influence.

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God in Community

I come in the Name of the Lord Almighty. 1 Samuel 17:45

Being the Bride

"He who has the bride is the bridegroom . . ."

John 3:29

A bridegroom defines the bride. (If there is no bridegroom, there is no bride.) Jesus defines us. As we, the bride, behold our Bridegroom, we are changed. We receive His love, and longing to please Him, we look where He looks, go where He goes, do what He does.

We, the bride, of the ASKING Point family will walk through the letters to the churches in the book of Revelation and pray for the global bride. This month we are going to begin where John began, seeing the glorified Christ.

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

1 John 3:22

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Afghanistan continued . . .

ASKing Points for Afghanistan:

- **Prince of Peace to rule in the nation.** *"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."* Isaiah 9:6
- **Salvation.** The nation is 98% Islamic. The violent abuse against women and children is against the very nature of God. *"Let it be known to all of you . . . there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."* Acts 4:10-12 ~ *"For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son."* Colossians 1:13
- **Just leaders.** *"May he judge Your people with righteousness; Your afflicted with justice. . . . He will*

have compassion on the poor and needy . . . He will rescue their life from oppression and violence; their blood will be precious in his sight." Psalm 72:2, 13, 14

- **Favor for those serving/ministering.** *"Open your mouth for . . . the rights of all the unfortunate . . . defend the rights of the afflicted and needy."* Proverbs 31:8-9
- **Afghan men to tenderly love their wives.** That they will receive the love of Christ and give it. *"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her . . . He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it . . ."* Ephesians 5:25-29
- **For the Bride in Afghanistan.** *"We ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding . . . strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously."* Colossians 1:9-11 ~ *"Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."* 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 🙏

ask for
youth

"Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today and forever."

Hebrews 13:8

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Our Capital Cities continued . . .

In Jonah 3, we see an amazing move of God begin amongst the people and go to the palace. What a great precedence for prayer today! Just as both people and palace are influenced by the principalities that gather in capital cities, so they can be transformed by the presence of God.

ASK for your nation's capital city:

- **ASK for the people, for the palace.** *"First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."* 1 Timothy 2:1-4
- **ASK for the Church.** *"Is this not the fast which I choose, To loosen the bonds of wickedness, To undo the bands of the yoke, And to let the oppressed go free And break every yoke? Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry And bring the homeless poor into the house; When you see the naked, to cover him; And not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light will break out like the dawn, And your recovery will speedily spring forth; And your righteousness will go before you; The glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; You will cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' If you remove the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger and speaking wickedness, And if you give yourself to the hungry And satisfy the desire of the afflicted, Then your light will rise in darkness And your gloom will become like midday."* Isaiah 58:6-10 (ASK also: Isaiah 61:1-11; Romans 8:29-39; 2 Corinthians 5:14-20.) 🙏

ask for His Bride

**"And He put all things in subjection under His feet,
and gave Him as head over all things to the church,
which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."**

Ephesians 1:22-23

ask for Israel

**"On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen;
All day and all night they will never keep silent.
You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves;
And give Him no rest until He establishes
And makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth."**

Isaiah 62:6-7

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Being the Bride continued . . .

May we be like John who was in the Spirit, heard His voice, and turned to see . . .

Ponder and pray this revelation of the glorified Christ on your knees. (Revelation chapter one.) Then, after you have asked for yourself, ask for the entire body of Christ, His bride.

Excerpts from Revelation 1:

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ . . . the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. . . . who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood—and He has made us *to be* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. . . . "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." . . . in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet *were* like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice *was* like the sound of many waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength . . . "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. . . ." 🙏