

ASKING POINT

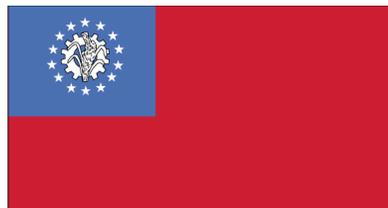
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*He is the Rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just.
A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He. Deut. 32:4*

Hope of the Nations

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

BURMA



*"That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
There is no one besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other . . ."*
Isaiah 45:6

Also known as Myanmar, Burma has been ruled by a military dictatorship since 1962. This regime stifles dissent—using force to crush all mass demonstrations. Even Buddhist monks, who are of the majority religion, are crushed. With a history of rigged elections, the **upcoming voting on November 7th** holds potential for further persecution of all dissenters. — The estimated 2.1 million ethnic minority Christians are seen as being opposed to the government and face constant persecution. The pro-democracy leader and Nobel Prize winner, Mrs. Aung San Suu Kyi, won a landslide victory in 1990 for Presidency, but has never been allowed by the regime to govern. She has been under various restrictions that now include house arrest. — Even with the UN calling for "free and fair" elections, without God, there is little possibility of this happening, taking into account the military's fear of losing power. - continued next page

The World from God's Perspective

I have longed to gather. Matthew 23:37

Praying for Men

*"Deborah and Barak sang . . .
'My heart is with the commanders of Israel,
with those who volunteered for war. Praise the Lord!'"*
Judges 5:1, 9

Deborah had a radical revelation. God delights to bring all into their destiny; men and women, fulfilling God's holy ambition for His Son to be known and loved throughout the earth. Neither gender can fulfill God's purposes alone. We must have a heart for each other.

The post-industrial world values qualities such as relational intelligence, open communication, ability to focus and nurturing leadership—which have traditionally been considered feminine attributes. An article in *Atlantic Magazine* noted cultural shifts affecting men in America. Two men are graduating from college to every *three* women. Women earn more degrees and hold 51.4 percent of managerial and professional jobs. **For the first time in America's history, women are the majority of the work force.**

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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

He who says "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness" is able to keep us. "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" (Jeremiah 31:3, Romans 8:35) Held by His eternal love, let us continue praying for the global bride, this time through the letter to Philadelphia.

*"He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts, and no one opens, says this: 'I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have **kept My word, and have not denied My name.**"*

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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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Burma continued . . .

Let us ASK God to do what only He can do!

ASKing Points:

- **for the Church to stand firm in faith** – *“We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed . . . we do not lose heart. . . . For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:8–11, 16–18*
- **for the Church to evangelize at every opportunity** – *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes. . . . For in it the righteousness of God is revealed . . . ” Romans 1:16–17 ~ “This gospel must*

first be preached to all the nations. . . . when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry . . . or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.” Mark 13:10–11

- **for God’s justice in Burma**—the release of Mrs. Kyi and deliverance from the oppressive regime.—*“Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. . . . and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice. . . . According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay. . . . So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.” Isaiah 59:14–19*

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“Though my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will receive me.”

Psalms 27:10

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Praying for Men continued . . .

Men need to take their place. Jeremiah 48:10 speaks of a *curse being on anyone who withdraws his sword from the fight*. This Scripture is core to the whole issue. Men are moving toward détente through cultural norms that will lead to devastating consequences if not checked by prayer.

For centuries, views of men’s roles have been marked by culture, brute force, oppression, and desire for control. Pray authoritatively with God’s Word for these issues without being influenced by culture and tradition. We are made in God’s image, male and female. **Our identity is sourced in God. No view of men or women is sufficient if we do not begin with God.**

ASK for men to:

- Wrestle with God to receive their Identity – **Genesis 32:24–30**
- Have a Vision of God’s Glory — **Isaiah 6**
- Engage the Fight — **2 Corinthians 10:3–6**

for the land *“Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! Who is the King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. . . . The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah.” Psalm 24:7–10*

for the next generation *“As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.” 1 Chronicles 28:9*

for the helpless *“Open your mouth for . . . the rights of all the unfortunate. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and defend the rights of the afflicted and needy.” Proverbs 31:8–9*

ask for Israel

**“He declares His word to Jacob,
His statutes and His judgments to Israel.
He has not dealt thus with any nation;
and as for His judgments, they have not known them.
Praise the LORD!”**

Psalms 147:19-20

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Being the Bride continued . . .

“Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you. Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown. — He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Revelation 3:7–13

He is Faithful and True! Let us also ASK:

- *“The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.” Isaiah 40:28–31*

ask for His Bride

“He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world . . .”

Ephesians 1:4