

This week we pray about

The Uprising in the Arab World

Extraordinary revolutions have spread throughout the Arab world: from Tunisia to Egypt, and on to Libya, Jordan, Bahrain, Yemen, Syria... and who knows which country is next! These are unusual happenings for that part of the world. People feel they have been oppressed and abused by political and social systems that give them little room to change and essentially no freedom.



In some countries, vast, opulent riches are found conspicuously side by side with abject poverty! Palaces, fancy cars, boats and horses are the hallmarks of the rich, while joblessness, shacks, hunger and disease are the lot of the poor!

As people rise up to demand a say in matters that affect them, many will likely question their long-held traditions and religious systems.

PROMISE

I will pour water on thirsty ground and rain on dry land... you will be able to show your face without being ashamed, and you will be secure and unafraid. Then you will forget your misery... your life will be brighter than the noonday sun (Isaiah 44:3; Job 11:15-17, GW).

PRAYER

Lord God Omnipotent, You rule over heaven and earth and the entire universe. I join with many of Your children to pray for the peoples of the Middle East. As they have risen to protest against their governments and rulers, I pray that You will help them realize they are yoked to a worse task master that has brutalized their soul and reduced them to utter slaves.

Almighty God, please wake up Your Church to see the opportunities available to us to reach out to Muslims. May we see the doors You are opening for the Gospel. May we go through those doors and offer Muslims the message of life. Manifest in us the love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit to bring them to Your Kingdom. Help Muslims find real freedom and fulfillment in Christ our Lord. May they desire and receive from Him eternal life, hope, light, peace and joy.

In the blessed name of Christ, Your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.