



Monthly Prayer Topics for France

April 2010

In politics...

1. May 11, a bill will be voted on to impose restrictions on wearing the burqa in France. Pray that this decision will be made in love out of a desire to give dignity to Muslim women and reaffirm Judeo-Christian values.
2. A bill on agricultural policy will be discussed in May. Pray that this important sector of French society will not be under-estimated.
3. April 15, President Sarkozy received Shimon Peres at the Elysée.
4. April 20, President Sarkozy received Yousouf Raza Gilani, Prime Minister of Pakistan
5. G20 Summit met concerning financial and labor issues. Pray that God will be present at these important meetings worldwide, and that each participant will be touched by God's wisdom to make decisions that affirm His kingdom.
6. April 23rd, Sarkozy received Jose Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, and Denis Sassou N'guesso, President of the Republic of the Congo.
7. April 29th, National Assembly discusses revisions of laws of bioethics. Pray for wisdom for the lawmakers, for them to make decisions in the best interest of people rather than research or pharmaceutical lobbies. Pray also for Christian organizations working in favor of Gospel-based ethical laws.

In society...

1. April 13th – the Inauguration of “Ben Gourion Place” in Paris. An homage to the friendship between Paris and Tel Aviv, Shimon Peres was welcomed by Bertrand Delanoë. Pray for continued positive and strong relations between France and Israel.
2. Rumors have begun circulating regarding the French presidential couple. Pray for the emotional and spiritual protection of Nicolas Sarkozy and Carla Bruni, and for the media to change their focus from sensational stories to the accurate transference of knowledge.
3. Since the beginning of the year, France has experienced discontent in nearly all sectors of society, leading to protests, demonstrations, and sometimes threats and kidnappings. Pray for an increased respect of authority and the peaceful functioning of democracy, as the French continue to exhibit a tendency to attack individual people rather than disagree with their ideas.
4. In many ways, Christians continue to be viewed by the French people as anti-Enlightenment values and an obstacle to progress. Pray for Christian Members of the European Parliament and their families, and for the light of God to fall upon the darkness of Europe.

In the economy...

1. Le bouclier fiscal (tax shield). This was created in 2006 to help people avoid paying excessive taxes. With the economy as it stands currently, many would like to see the State get more revenue and modify this. Also, many economists are predicting a weak economic future for all of Europe. Pray for clarity and peace among those involved. Pray for truth and the righteousness of God to derail person ambitions and agendas.

In the Church...

1. Hellfest will be taking place June 18-20 in Clisson, France (near Nantes). Pray for innovated outreach strategies by the churches in and around Nantes to share the love of God and a real interest in those who will attend.

Other Happenings...

The International Christian Community (ICC) Pastor's Retreat will be held April 13-17, 2010 in the small town of Lasalle in the Cevennes of Southern France (the closest city is Anduze). This year we are pleased to welcome guest speaker Dr. Mark Young, President of Denver Seminary in Colorado, USA (<http://www.denverseminary.edu/about-us/our-president/>). The theme for this year is *Impacting Europe and Beyond*. The goal of the Retreat is to encourage, equip, help and link those of us pastoring in the European arena and beyond. We want this time to be strengthening for all, particularly the pastors, to that end that the international churches make a difference in Europe to His glory.