



Monthly Prayer Topics for France

August 2010

In politics...

1. After a difficult year, many government officials sought rest by taking vacations during the month of August. Please pray for the strength and stamina of government leader, asking God to continue to provide them with the rest and peace they need to effectively lead their country. Pray as well for their families.
2. On August 12th the United Nations launched the “Year of Youth” in order to celebrate the contributions that young people have made to society and work to remove challenges and obstacles that they may face. Please pray for the youth of France to reflect these values, and for a rejuvenation of their connections to the church.

In society...

1. Following the completion of the Tour de France and the concurrent completion of the Tour de France de la Bible, it is clear that the evangelical efforts that followed the race were quite effective in spreading the Good News of Christ. Please pray for people who made decisions of faith via this creative method of outreach, and thank God for using such a popular platform to His glory.
2. Thirty-three percent of France’s Muslim population are practicing Muslims. From August 11th to September 9th, the Muslim community will practice the fast of Ramadan. Please pray that the widespread fear of Islam can be replaced by a love for all people in the hearts of Christians. Also proclaim the words of John 3:16 for the Muslim community, and pray for both the respect and effectiveness of Christians in their witness to Muslims.
3. As the “Rentrée” approaches in early September and students return to school, much controversy remains over suggested reforms to educational structure and their perceived effectiveness. Thank God for the institution of education, and pray for wisdom of analysis and action for those leaders of the educational system. Please pray as well for teachers, particularly those who find themselves in difficult situations, and for the students and their families who may not understand the importance of education.

In the Church...

1. This summer, a Commission was held on the Protestant Evangelical Ethic, calling Christians to a greater engagement with the community around them, with the aim of correcting social injustice. The commission was intended to both open debate within the church and stimulate social action. Please pray for the commission’s message to have a strong impact on the public life of Christianity, and that Christians can demonstrate an extraordinary ethical character that comes through a love of God.
2. The Nanterre Diocese of the Catholic Church instigated a “Holy Beach” outreach event in which young people aged 18-30 shared their faith with vacationers on the beach. Thank God for this and the many other encouraging evangelistic events of the summer, and pray for unity among all Christians in the greater purpose of spreading God’s word and sharing His love according to John 17:21-23.

Other Happenings...

1. Several Evangelical Churches hosted giant barbecue outreaches in their communities. These events were covered quite positively by the media. Please pray that the Church can continue to be portrayed positively by media outlets, as media representation is often a key factor in how a faith community is perceived.
2. Please pray for Objectif France, the ministry upon whose work this letter is based. Thank God for the work that He has already done through this organization, and pray that it will continue to be an effective ministry tool for the French community.