



## Monthly Prayer Topics for France

### *June 2010*

#### **In politics...**

1. France is reviewing her energy policies. Pray for shrewd evaluations to take place, and ask God to bless the nuclear scientists and engineers as they take on the rigorous responsibility that their jobs require. Pray for the development of renewable energy, according to the proper protocols.
2. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the French Senate held discussions concerning the evolution of the political situation in the Arab world. Pray for wisdom and discernment as these discussions continue, and intercede for France's foreign policy: that her traditionally pro-Arab position would not lead her to neglect Israel, the Middle East's only democratic government.
3. The G8 Summit was held in Deauville on May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, under France's leadership. Pray for the effects of the decisions made at this conference, particularly those relationships that were established with Africa. Thank God for France's current influence as an active, listening presence in world political affairs, and pray for those persons in positions of political power.
4. Controversial bioethical laws concerning embryonic research and associated issues continue to be discussed in the National Assembly. Pray for political and scientific communities to have a greater awareness of the way that these laws may be compromising human dignity. Pray for a shift in mentality to better align with the values of the Kingdom of God concerning human life.

#### **In society...**

1. France celebrated the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Ask God to bless those who work tirelessly for peace, naming those people we know personally, whether in France or elsewhere. Pray that we may ourselves become artisans of peace in the world, that in so doing we can reflect the Light of God. Pray also for French-German relations, and for a strong European brotherhood to help heal international crisis.
2. France's Muslim population continues to have difficulty integrating into French society, and Muslim converts to Christianity are having an equally challenging time being accepted into French churches. Ask God to forgive us for our fears and our indifference concerning our Arab brothers and sisters. Pray for France's churches to rise up in a loving and welcoming manner toward Muslims, remembering that the antidote to fear is faith and love.
3. On May 10<sup>th</sup>, ceremonies were held commemorating France's 2001 recognition of slavery as a crime against humanity. Sarkozy noted in his speech that such a crime is "unforgivable;" however, God is able to forgive all things. Ask God to reveal to us the ways that we still carry the marks of imposed or incurred guilt, and to deliver us from this guilt so that we may be moved to effect righteousness in the world. Pray also for the ongoing efforts against modern-day slavery.
4. A ceremony honoring Jewish soldiers who served France during World War II was held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Paris. Pray for France's Jewish population to be protected from hate and anti-Semitic violence, and for modern-day relations with Israel.

#### **In the economy...**

1. The National Assembly held its first public discussions on balancing public finances this month. Pray that the discussions would produce a large consensus on this complex subject which affects France on both a national and a personal scale.

**In the Church...**

1. The Protestant Committee for Human Dignity (CPDH) has chosen Franck Meyer as its new president. Ask God to bless this organization and its new president, and persevere in prayer for just social ethics in France, and in all of Europe.
2. Christian groups promoting the true meaning of Easter through flash-mobs in Orleans and Toulouse gained media attention this year. Thank God for their witness, and for the joy that we have in the Resurrection! Pray for the people that were reached through these events, so that their faith may grow to the fullest measure!

**Missionary Spotlight...**

1. Christophe and Katherine Savage, currently serving as missionaries in France near Lille, are organizing a week of evangelism at the beginning of July for adults and children. Please pray for the Lord to call laborers (Luke 10:2), and to prepare the hearts of those who will be reached. Ask God to provide the necessary financial and material resources for this event.