

PRAYER WORKS! POWERPOINT SCRIPT (short version)

Running time: 20 minutes

This *Prayer Works!* PowerPoint presentation has been produced by Release International to help you and your church pray for persecuted Christians, focusing specifically on North Korea/China, and Nigeria. Ideal for use as part of **IDOP** (International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church), it can also be used at any time of the year.

We suggest you discuss with your own church leadership how to make best use of these resources to encourage prayer for persecuted Christians.

We have created **two** versions of the presentation, with different suggested running times:

Supplied files	Use	Prayer focus
pwfull.ppt and script pwfull.doc	Prayer event of 40-60 minutes (eg separate prayer concert or meeting)	North Korea and North Korean refugees in China, using short video report (on DVD) Persecution of Christians in Nigeria, using short video report (on DVD)
pwshort.ppt and script pwshort.doc	Prayer focus within an existing meeting or service (suggested running time 20 mins)	North Korea and North Korean refugees in China

The presentations and scripts can be found in the PowerPoint folder of the Docs directory on the *Prayer Works!* DVD. They can also be downloaded from:

www.releaseinternational.org/resources

USING THE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

The PowerPoint presentation has been designed to be presented using Microsoft PowerPoint 2000 upwards, using a Windows PC or laptop. If you do not have your own copy of PowerPoint, the PowerPoint 2003 Viewer is included on the DVD (see below). (The Viewer can also be downloaded from the Microsoft PowerPoint page at www.microsoft.com/powerpoint).

Please note the free Viewer will only play the presentation: it **cannot** be used to create or amend slides.

Open the Docs directory on the DVD, and you will see the PowerPoint folder. Copy this PowerPoint folder to the computer you will be using for your presentation and open it. If you are using the player, double click on the file pptview.exe. This launches the player. Select the PowerPoint file pwfull.ppt or pwshort.ppt, which is in the same PowerPoint folder.

When the presentation opens, you may need to select the 'Read only' button (if you are using a full version of PowerPoint).

Your presentation should now run from Slide 1 (blank slide). To **advance** the presentation to the next slide, press the space bar, or the forward arrow key. To **go back** to the previous slide, press the back arrow key. To **jump** to a particular slide during the presentation, type the number of the slide, followed by return. To **exit** the presentation, press the escape key (esc).

These same commands can also be accessed by **right-clicking** with the mouse during the presentation.

PRESENTER/FACILITATOR

The PowerPoint presentation needs to be made by a presenter/facilitator, who reads the script. Depending on your set up, the reader may also advance the slides, or you may have an assistant do this for you. It is important to practise in advance.

SCRIPT

Each PowerPoint presentation includes a script for you to read aloud.

You will need to print this script out separately in advance. The script is included on the DVD in the Docs directory in both Adobe Acrobat format and Word format.

We have provided a script to maintain the pace of the presentation.

We suggest you thoroughly familiarise yourself with the content of the script and PowerPoint presentation in advance of your event.

PRAYER WORKS! RESPONSE CARD

RI has produced an accompanying response card to be used as part of your prayer event, one per individual. The card, which can be ordered from RI (tel 01689 823491), enables individuals to send postcards to the Chinese and Nigerian authorities, and to request RI *Witness* magazine and email alerts.

WARNING

Some of the material featured in the video reports may be disturbing to some viewers – especially children. Please use these resources with sensitivity and discretion.

Change to the next slide in the presentation at the words highlighted in **bold**.

No	Photo	Script
1.	Prayer Works! Title	Prayer works! During this year, many Christians in the UK and Ireland have prayed for the persecuted church around the world – and we have seen some amazing answers to those prayers .
2.	Ma Van Bay, Vietnam	Prisoners have been released. Hmong church leader Ma Van Bay was released by the Vietnamese government in September 2006, following widespread international prayer and pressure .
3.	Carlos Lamelas, Cuba	Cuban house church leader Carlos Lamelas was unexpectedly released in August 2006, after being imprisoned for four months. He had been accused of helping Cubans to leave the country illegally .
4.	Parvez Masih, Pakistan	In Pakistan schoolteacher Parvez Masih was freed in May 2006 after spending five years in jail, falsely accused of blaspheming the prophet Mohammed .
5.	Pham Ngoc Thach, Vietnam	Vietnamese evangelist Pham Ngoc Thach, the last of the so-called ‘Mennonite Six’ Christian workers, was released from jail in March 2006 after Christians prayed and campaigned for his freedom .
6.	Abdul Rahman, Afghanistan	Muslim-background believer Abdul Rahman was arrested earlier in the year in Afghanistan. He was charged with ‘apostasy’, rejecting Islam, a crime potentially punishable by death. After an international outcry he was freed in March .
7.	Hamid Pourmand, Iran	At last year’s International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church we asked you to pray for Iranian lay pastor Hamid Pourmand, who was detained in September 2004. Pastor Pourmand was quietly released in July, and has been reunited with his family .
8.	Keep on praying	Our prayers really <i>do</i> make a difference to persecuted Christians around the world. In the words of the Apostle Paul, let’s ‘keep on praying for all the saints ’.

9.	People praying	On this special International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church, we join literally thousands of churches and Christians taking part in the world's largest prayer meeting .
10.	Kim Jong Il	We are going to pray today for North Korea and China, and especially for the thousands of North Koreans who every year flee the totalitarian regime of Kim Jong Il .
11.	Statue	North Korea is perhaps the most repressive regime in the world today. Kim Jong Il is worshipped as the 'Great Leader', and demands total loyalty from his subjects .
12.	Labour camp	As many as 100,000 people are held in the notoriously brutal labour camps. The country is plagued by food shortages and famine, and lack of work, forcing hundreds to flee across the border into China every year .
13.	Chinese policeman	Christian partners of Release International are actively helping many of these desperate refugees to find safe shelter and safe passage on the so-called 'underground railroad' through China .
14.	North Korean Christian with Bible	Many refugees not only find freedom in neighbouring countries, but also spiritual freedom in Christ. This is a secretive and dangerous ministry, which needs our constant prayers and support .
15.	Prayer Works! slide	<i>[Instruction: Play Flight from North Korea video report from Prayer Works! DVD (10 mins)]</i>
16.	Prayer points	<i>[Instruction: Guide your congregation or group to pray for N Korea, and for N Korean refugees in China. You could ask people to pray on their own, in pairs, or as a small group. Prayer points are summarised on this slide (5 mins)]</i>

17.	Prayer Works! slide	<p><i>[Instruction: You may close this time of prayer by praying]</i></p> <p>Father God, we thank you for the courage and bravery of Christians working underground in China to help North Koreans escape to safety. We thank you that many refugees have become Christians, and that some wish to return to North Korea as missionaries to evangelise their own people. We pray for all who support the ‘underground railroad’ through China and ask that you would strengthen and protect each one. In Jesus name, Amen.</p>
18.	Prayer of commitment	<p>As we bring our prayers today to a close, let’s commit ourselves to continue to pray for persecuted Christians in North Korea, China and around the world. If you feel able to do so, please join in this short prayer of commitment.</p> <p>Lord God, I thank you for your marvelous gift of prayer. Please help me by your Holy Spirit to hear Your guiding voice, that I may pray faithfully and with insight for my persecuted brothers and sisters around the world as you prompt me.</p> <p>Please even now bring strength and courage to those who are being persecuted: strength to endure hardship, and courage to forgive their persecutors.</p> <p>In Jesus Name. Amen.</p>
19.	Releaseinternational.org	<p>Thank you for praying today for persecuted Christians. For the latest news and prayer information, and to sign up for our free magazine <i>Witness</i>, please visit RI’s web site releaseinternational.org</p> <p><i>[Instruction: Please also ask people to use the Prayer Works! response cards, if you have these, to send postcards to the Nigerian and Chinese authorities, and to request personal copies of RI’s Witness magazine]</i></p>
20.	RI logo	End

Some still photos in the *Flight from North Korea* video courtesy of Korean Friendship Association.

