



Stand With Paris
July 26-28, 2024

Shine Your Light

AN INVITATION TO THE GLOBAL BODY OF CHRIST

Matthew 5:14-16

14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

As you may know, the summer games are returning to Paris for the first time in 100 years. The last time the games was in Paris, in 1924, a man by the name of Eric Liddell took a bold stand for Christ. Liddell was the fastest man on the planet and was favored to win the 100m men's race. However, the trial for his race fell on a Sunday, and Liddell - a devout Christian - chose to take a Sabbath rather than running. He spent that Sunday - July 6, 1924 - preaching at a church and was subsequently disqualified from the 100m race. However, God honors those who honor him. Liddell went on to win the gold medal and broke the world record in the 400m. After the 1924 games, he became a missionary to China, where he died in an internment camp during the second world war. His life and story is featured in the film Chariots of Fire.

Here in Paris churches and ministries are organizing a large, multifaceted outreach this summer, and we believe that the story of Eric Liddell is something of a prophetic invitation to the church 100 years later. We're asking this: what will the legacy of these games be, and how will we and the body of Christ globally take a stand for Jesus in our day and age?

The ask is *simple*:

On the opening weekend of the summer games in Paris - **July 26 - 28** - we're inviting the body of Christ around the world to join with us in three ways:

1) Prayer - Contend for Paris and **your** city to be transformed by hosting a prayer meeting.

2) Worship - Invite God's presence into **your** local community by standing with us and organising a local worship event.

3) Evangelism - Share the gospel where **you** live.

Together, we can make this summer the most memorable summer of our lives, as the body of Christ rises and joins together in transforming the nations for Christ.

We hope you'll join us. #standwithparis #justsayyes

Please fill out [this short form](#) to let us know that you will be joining, and we'll help promote it.

*You never have to advertise a fire.
Everyone comes running when there's a fire.
Likewise, if your church is on fire,
you will not have to advertise it.
The community will already know it.
- Leonard Ravenhill*



Prayer

I Thessalonians 5:17

Pray without ceasing.

Prayer moves God's heart and is the key strategy for revival. In Paris, a cluster of ministries are partnering with the [International Prayer Connect \(IPC\)](#), a global collaborative of 5,000 prayer networks that work together to coordinate prayer throughout the world. IPC has identified 110 cities around the world that are strategic cities - cities where an estimated 90% of the remaining unreached people groups in the world could be reached if these cities are won to Christ. Only four cities on this list are in Europe - London, Athens, Munich, and of course - **Paris**.

As part of IPC's strategy for these cities, they mobilise their global prayer network to pray and intercede for these cities. This summer, as part of the summer games outreach in Paris, IPC is encouraging their prayer networks to pray for the city of Paris. This extraordinary opportunity is put into proper perspective when considering that this year IPC is mobilising 110 million people to pray for Jerusalem leading up to Pentecost. The prospects of potentially millions of believers coming alongside the outreach going on in Paris through prayer is both strategic and inspiring. But God doesn't just want Paris to be changed - He wants all nations to come to Him.

That's why we're encouraging the body of Christ globally to organize a prayer event between July 26-28 - the first weekend of the summer games. We're encouraging people to pray for;

1. Revival in Paris and your city
2. Safety and Protection in Paris
3. For the Spirit to be poured out in Paris and in your city

Together, through prayer, the body of Christ globally can come together in unity and see God move mountains.



Worship Events

Psalm 150:5

*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord!*

In the Old Testament, when the people of Israel would go to war, they were led by the singers and worshippers, who would praise God as they carried the presence of the Lord and went into to battle. Together with prayer, the power of worshipping the Lord is simply transformational.

In Paris, worship is are a centerpiece of this summer's outreach. Starting on July 26th a collaborative of nine houses of prayer throughout Paris are kicking off 16 days of nonstop 24-7 prayer and worship. You can learn more about that effort at [Pray For Paris](#). In addition, churches from Paris and more than 30 worship bands from around the world are coming together to host the [Paris Praise Festival](#) - an eight day praise festival that combines evangelism during the day with evening worship events. We know that this is a winning combination - and we're expecting the Lord to show up in amazing ways. As missionaries and believers from around the world come to Paris to share the gospel with the nations that are gathered together, we believe the power of our corporate worship will move God's heart

Of course, this doesn't just have to be in Paris.

We're extending an invitation to worship artists and churches around the globe to host a solidarity worship event in their home communities between July 26-28. Let's come together in places on every continent and worship the Lord, for He is worthy.



Evangelism

2 Timothy 4:2

Preach the word!

Be ready in season and out of season.

We are very much 'in season.'

Take a look around the world and reflect on all the things that are going on. Never before has the need been higher for the gospel to be preached - in every city, town, and country across the globe.

In Paris, this means that missionaries from throughout Europe and the world are coming to share the good news and demonstrate the love of Christ. In the midst of the glamour and glitz of the summer games, it is essential for the word of God to be preached. Just as the nations were gathered together in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost and the Lord chose to pour out His Spirit, we believe that we are in a season of the supernatural manifestation of God. And just as in the book of Acts, preaching the word of God is central to the manifestation of the Spirit. Hence, we're preaching the gospel in Paris - and inviting you to do the same **wherever you are.**

Maybe this means you and a few friends evangelise for an afternoon. Or maybe you're connected to a church or ministry that may be open to doing something bigger. Whatever the case, all believers can acknowledge the need for the gospel to go forth in this season that we're living in. Don't overthink or complicate it. The gospel is simple, and the weekend of July 26-28 is the perfect time. So extend the invitation, gather your friends, share this with your churches, ministries, and home groups - and let's see what the Lord will do in response to our collective faith.

Psalm 96:1-3

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless His name;
Proclaim the good news
of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.



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