

## **Prayer Strategy regarding Iraq & Saddam Hussein**

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Wednesday morning, December 18th, Gordon Robertson and I were encouraging the viewing audience of the 700 Club to join us in praying that:

1. Saddam Hussein would leave Iraq and go into exile. 2. The United States would allow his departure. 3. The United Nations would facilitate it.

Gordon and I were exhorting our viewers strongly because we knew that our prayers would need to be ongoing. The Holy Spirit has already started to introduce these thoughts into the minds of key people around the world, but we need to pray that He will motivate them to walk through a series of difficult and humbling decisions to actually avert a war.

Would you help us spread the word via e-mail for people to pray for Saddam?

Early morning Tuesday, November 26th, the Holy Spirit woke me up and spoke into my spirit. He told me that if we could mobilize 1,000,000 people to pray for Saddam Hussein, that Saddam would simply leave Iraq, thus avoiding war.

Then I saw a series of pictures in my heart: I saw Iraqi moms and dads, I saw a schoolyard full of Iraqi children, and I saw the spouses of Iraqi military personnel. As I saw these people, I realized that they would either be killed or have loved ones killed if we had a war. Then I saw American scenes: I saw American women whose husbands were in the military weeping, I saw American children at funerals for their fathers, and I saw pastors conducting funerals with grieving family members in front of caskets draped with American flags.

Don't get me wrong. I don't believe that if we go to war there will be massive suffering. The point is, though, that all suffering is unnecessary. If we pray, God will respond. If we ask, He will intervene. I know that the United States and its allies will prevail should we go to war. But I know that the Holy Spirit would rather have Saddam Hussein leave and go into exile on his own. As you know, prayer stimulates the Holy Spirit's activity. If we'll pray as a group for the remainder of this month and in early January, with enough people participating, Saddam will simply leave. I know it. I have no doubt.

I've decided to put new information on Saddam on the worldprayerteam.org site so praying people can get up-to-date information on Saddam. It's the only way I know to make current information available to our praying army without any cost. They would simply join worldprayerteam.org and then go to the prayer site, which is easy to do and completely free of charge. Would you please forward this e-mail to those you know who know how to pray?

No doubt, we need change in the Middle East. If Saddam would leave Iraq the same way other dictators have left their countries, we could have a relatively peaceful transition with very few tears. God has a blessing for us.

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