

## Vision 20/20 (4) NATIONS

This month we are focussing our prayers around Elim's 20/20 Vision a 3-year adventure of mission to bring transformation to communities and nations. We are One movement, with One mission. The Holy Spirit has brought us to a chair's moment, a fresh season of spirit empowered mission.

Imagine Elim's future together making disciples, planting and growing churches, developing leaders and reaching nations. Last but not least, we spend the week praying for the Nations.

## THEME: NATIONS

There are some challenges in handling this right. Not encouraging 'Nationalism', but encouraging a 'Kingdom of God' mentality. However, God wants to bless the nations:

### 1. God made the nations

*Acts 17:26-27 English Standard Version (ESV)*

<sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,

### 2. God wants us to bless the nations

*Revelation 22:2 English Standard Version (ESV)*

<sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

### 3. God wants us to 'go to' the nations

*Acts 1:8 English Standard Version (ESV)*

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

### 4. God wants nations to honour Him

*Psalms 33:12 English Standard Version (ESV)*

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

## 5. Gods promise to nations

*Isaiah 49:6 English Standard Version (ESV)*

*<sup>6</sup>he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."*

## Prayer Points

- Father, we pray for the nations of the world, that that they become what you want them to be. We pray for the huge diversity of culture and expression of life, that the nations will reflect Your ways and values rather than their own.
- Help us Lord not to be insular and introspective nationally. Help us to have a heart to bless other nations and thereby fulfil your will to spread the 'good news'.
- Send us out in the power of the spirit to fulfil the great commission. Help us Lord to go out in the power of the Holy Spirit and not in our own strength.
- We pray that the nations will bow the knee to You and You alone. We pray that nations will awaken to the knowledge of Your son Jesus Christ and His Lordship.
- We pray that Your light will shine in the nations and that Salvation will come to them all.
- We pray for the nations you have brought to us. May we find ways to reach all people and build unity.

## Creative Ideas

- Go to [www.elim.org.uk/missions](http://www.elim.org.uk/missions) and find out about the 53 countries we are working in. Use a map or globe and plot out where all/some of them are. Why not sign up for their prayer newsletter for more up to date information and prayer requests?
- Look up the Elim Missionaries and pray for them by name and country and projects. Pray for the missions department too!
- Through the month Journal anything God is showing or highlighting. Is there a thread or a theme? What do you need to do in response?