



## 2012 National Prayer Summit Attendees will:

- **Experience**—Spirit-led, Worship-centered, Corporate prayer
- **Gain** a deeper delight in prayer
- **Share** times where pastors, leaders, and laity will have common experiences through united prayer, worship, communion, celebration



## Worship Celebration Service

Many of the ancient instruments used to praise the Lord in times of the Tabernacle have been hidden away for centuries due to our modern translation of the Bible and changes in our musical instruments. Open the heavens and invite the Holy Spirit into the worship and praise of our Heavenly Father! Flag bearers, singers, dancers, musicians, and the shofar (symbolizing the voice of the Almighty) were always present out in front with intercessors as the Army of God was led into battle before the camp of the Israelites was moved.

Come and learn ways that you can praise and worship God with the waving of a scarf and lifting colored banners that signify certain spiritual meaning. Also, learn the Scriptural relevance to this type of praise when approaching His Throne in an order that is Holy and symbolically patterned after the Tabernacle of God. Open the heavens and let the Glory come down! Please join us in this final session at the Prayer Summit as we pray for unity in the EC congregations among leadership and laity, and seek the Lord's direction and instructions for His Bride.

— Ginger Yost  
Grace Community Church, Willow Street

NOTE: Women, feel free to bring a colored scarf. Men, perhaps you could bring a banner from your church.



## HEARTCRY

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## God's Call to Intercession: Ignite a Spiritual Revival



*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you (Isa.60:1).*



Reviews and Thoughts from Deb Przybylski's book *Intercessors Arise*:

*"I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there; in the fertile fields and boundless prairies, and it was not there; in her rich mines and her vast world commence, and it was not there. Not until I went to the churches of America, and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness, did I understand the secrets of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great." (Alexis deTocqueville)*

The words of this French philosopher and historian were written as he traveled across the landscape of 19th century America. I wonder what his words to us would be today? I believe that the words of Habakkuk would be more appropriate:



*"O Lord, how long must I call for help before You listen, before You save us from violence?"*



PRAYER MOBILIZATION TEAM  
of the Evangelical Congregational Church

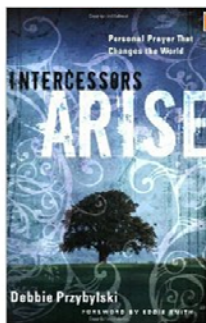
*Why do you make me see such trouble? How can You stand to look on such wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are all around me, and there is fighting and quarreling everywhere. The law is weak and useless, and justice is never done. Evil men get the better of the righteous, and so justice is perverted” (1:2-4)*

There is little doubt that today we need to open ourselves to the conviction of the Holy Spirit and confess our sin. We need to lay the groundwork for a spiritual reawakening. How do we do this? We do this by turning from our sinful nature, confessing our lack of spiritual passion, committing ourselves to truly doing the will of God. We need to humble ourselves, pray and read the Word.

I encourage everyone who reads this to make a concentrated effort to attend the **E.C. Prayer Summit**.

I recommend the book *“Intercessors Arise”*. The only way we are going to be able to restore the Evangelical Congregational Church (and our nation) is through personal communication with the Living God! Won't you join me?

—**Rev. Dr. Gordon R. Lewis**  
**Susquehanna Region**  
**Conference Minister**



In preparation for the upcoming Prayer Summit in October, the Prayer Mobilization Team recommends some valuable reading. ***Intercessors Arise***, by Debbie Przybylski, fits the need. Writing from years of experience, including a stint on the missionary ship Doulos, Debbie addresses a wide range of issues related to intercession, including faith, praying the Bible, and forgiveness.

She begins with our own relationship with the Lord. Intercession becomes, not simply “something we do”, but “who we are.” Because the practice of intercession doesn't come naturally to most of us, the author includes “how to” exercises to help us grow in the art and duty of intercessory prayer.



One chapter I particularly appreciated deals with “The Intercessor and Stillness”. In a culture obsessed with efficiency and afflicted with “hurry sickness,” the call to stillness is critical. The author directs us to come into God's presence quietly, expectantly, allowing Him to set the agenda.

For all of us who are looking to deepen our prayer walk, this book is not only a good read, it's a practical help.

— Rev. Bryan K. Dever  
Zion EC, Annville

As part of a triad of women who were studying a book regarding spiritual gifts it was revealed one of my gifts was to be an intercessor, to pray on behalf of one another.

Reading the book ***“Intercessors Arise”*** was most helpful to me in learning how to become more effective in using this gift from God. Having an intimate relationship with God through meditating on His Word daily, lets God speak to us individually, draws attention away from ourselves, and helps us look deeper into what the Bible is saying. Meditating on God's Word is essential for a powerful prayer life.



Spending time in prayer with God daily and even throughout the day in short prayers, as the Spirit brings them to our mind, develops a close friendship with God.

As intercessors, we have a high calling to stir our world for God! In every body of believers, there are those with the gift of intercession. As a few prayer warriors, we can intercede to the Lord for those around us, and broaden our circle of influence as God directs.

We are to be salt and light in this world, showing others that God is our sovereign ruler, who loves each and every person alike, who is on this earth!

— Barbara Boudier  
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