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It is written: "The chains fell ... the iron gate ... opened of itself before them ..." (Acts 12.7-10). Every obstacle disappears under the impulse of an invisible hand. Even though angels are extremely powerful beings, in this case the emphasis is on divine omnipotence, in response to the disciples' fervent prayer. Intercession is an exclusive privilege that God has granted us.  No angel has the possibility to intercede for us or to intervene of his own accord in the affairs of men. As if to prove how important intercession is in the sight of God, Jesus was given the role of interceding for us before the divine throne. He, the Perfect Man, is thus an example for us: not only is interceding for others a privilege that we have, but it is also a duty, a responsibility that has been given to us.  Our fervent prayers have the power (dynamis in Greek) to break the chains, and open the tightest doors in this world. Satan knows this, so he does everything possible to dissuade us from praying and thus limit our impact here on earth.  Let us carry on interceding for our family, for our friends, our brothers and our sisters, our pastor, our leaders, the MMI coworkers, stakeholders we know, our persecuted brothers… etc. And roll back the devil's grip!  John Wesley wrote: “God does nothing that is not an answer to our prayers”.  Amen!  by Eric Mandille, RTL Francophone Africa Prayer **We give thanks for:**  The West African Prayer Summit.  The S Asia Prayer meeting.  Grozdan’s acceptance onto the Doctorate programme at Sofia University.  **We Pray in November for:**  **France:** Pray for men of peace and for the leadership in France and its armed forces, as a wave of Islamists strikes and random beheadings might ominously lead the country in a major civil unrest of historical dimension. All this is intensified by the Covid19 lockdown social strain.  **MMI Family ill with confirmed Covid 19 virus**.  Pray for healing and for the families of:  Steve Sharma – Nepal.  Lt Sandile Thwala - Swaziland MCF  Lucinda Hibbert-Hingston ( Mark’s wife) in UK.  **21 Nov: MMI Pause for Prayer. We will be praying for the points of tension and hostilities around our regions. Join us to pray. Details to follow.**  **23 Nov: Augustin drives 1,700miles overland** with one other person and 4,000 bibles from Caneroon to Chad, having to cross a region frequently attacked by Boko Haram, to train 22 volunteer chaplains in Chad.  **Africa round-up of prayer needs.**  **Ivory Coas**t Christians are facing uncertainty and a return of persecution due to troubles following the presidential elections.  **Ghana:** Pray for a peaceful election campaign leading up to elections on 7th Dec.  **Africa South: Pray for:**  • MG Ramasitera and his Malagasy organising Committee for the AS AMCF2021 Regional Conference and for the raising of the required finances for the regional conference.  Praise and thanks to our heavenly Father for preparations s thus far.  • the editing and compiling of the next Military Challenge Newspaper due out in Jan or Feb 2021 and for sufficient personal Testimonies to fill the newspaper.  • Unity between Chaplains and MCFs in Region.  • MCF Contacts in Zambia and Malawi.  • Peter Lowrens to find a job – he’s been jobless since 1 July 2020.  • SAMCF visit to the SA Naval College for Midshipmen at Gordon's Bay, Cape Town, to present SAMCF.  • The raising of funds in the region by all countries to attend the Regional Conference and the World Conference.  • Give thanks for SAMCF contact with 2 SANDF Brig Gen's, one serving and one retired, who are possibly interested in joining the SAMCF.  • Praise God for younger SAMCF members starting to take the lead in SAMCF activities. Give thanks and pray for a  lady in Sydney, Australia translating the Military Challenge into Portuguese.  **Africa East:**  • Pray for the ongoing evangelistic outreach by AMCFU now reaching other services like police, prisons and fire dept.  • Pray for the ongoing building of relations and contacts with key Kenyan military Christians such as MG Francis Ogolla, to culminate with a possible visit to strengthen, encourage, pray and fellowship with KMCF early next year.  • Pray for peace in Tanzania following recent elections and for those now in power to lead the nation in godly ways and pursue righteousness, justice and accountability.  **Europe**: Pray protection over Drazen’s team in Croatia as they work on a follow-up film to Storm of the Soul.  Pray for the Amenia/Azerbaijahn conflict to be resolved quickly and for the military Christians in both countries.  **USA:** Election – for the country to draw together in peace, harmony and unity and for the American military to be salt and light to their nation.  **MMI**. Pray for the MMI team and trustees to be able to discern God's way forward in several difficult situations.    With thanks for your continuing prayer support  Sue  Sue Millard  Prayer & Communications  Military Ministries International **NEXT PAUSE FOR PRAYER:  SAT 21 NOV.** | |