Global Day of Prayer

2016

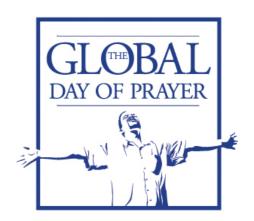
"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land"

2 Chronicles 7:14

A PRAYER GUIDE

"And I am about to come and gather all nations and tongues and they will come and see My Glory:

Isaiah 66:18



TEN leading up to ONE followed by NINETY

Why are we gathering?

The primary purpose we gather is *for the Glory of Christ and the blessing of the nations*.

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Habakkuk 2:14

Following the example of the first believers who "joined together constantly in prayer" (Acts 1:14) until the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Global Day of Prayer is calling Christians from all nations to unite in Prayer.

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Ten days of constant prayer: 5 May - 14 May 2016.

Starting on the 29th, millions of Christians will find ways to pray night and day throughout the ten days leading to the Global Day of Prayer, following the pattern of Christ's followers before the first Pentecost.

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The Global Day of Prayer: 15 May 2016.

Christians in many countries will assemble to pray. Many will gather in small groups such as prayer groups, homes, local churches, businesses and some may even assemble in large stadiums and other public venues. In some places, television, radio and Internet will help to connect and align our prayers even more.

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Ninety days of blessing: 16 May -->

As in the first Pentecost, transformed Christians transform their communities as they offer themselves to God as instruments through which their prayers can be answered. The Global Day of Prayer anticipates the forming or furthering of local alliances among pastors, churches, missions and business leaders, to bring practical, transformational blessing to their communities.

This is where prayer becomes a lifestyle.

TEN DAYS OF CONSTANT PRAYER

5 May - 14 May 2016

Pray Globally, Gather Locally

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them"

Matthew 18:19 - 20

The 10 Days preceding the Global Day of Prayer create an excellent opportunity to unite in prayer with millions around the globe based on Acts 1 & 2.

"The bond that unites a man with his fellow men is no less real and close than that which unites him to God: He one with them. Grace renews not only our relationship with God, but our relationships with our fellow human beings, too. We not only learn to say "My Father." It would be unnatural for the children of family to always meet their father separately, never expressing their desires or their love jointly.

Believers are not only members of one family, but of one Body."
- Andrew Murray

Pray with different languages.

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Gather in creative ways.

Many are forming prayer chains to build bonfires of 24-hours-a-day prayer. Others will meet for an hour or two of focused prayer. Some will be fasting. Look for how the Holy Spirit may give you fresh ways to pray with family and friends.

INTRODUCTION

"What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.

I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead"

Philippians 3:8-11

Prayer Focus on the Person and work of Jesus Christ

The deepest desire of Paul's heart was to know Jesus Christ as Lord. He had met the risen Christ en route to Damascus. Paul spoke of having the experience of being allowed to enter the third heaven. He also revealed that a messenger of Satan had been sent by God to humble him and to prevent him from becoming proud of the many revelations he had received from God (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). He wrote of his insight into the mystery of God, kept hidden from previous generations, concerning "Christ in you, the hope of glory!" Yet, even in his last letter that he wrote his desire was still "to know Him". (Philippians 3:10)

Knowledge *of* Christ should not be confused with knowledge *about* Christ. Knowing Christ is experiencing an intimate revelation of the Person of Jesus Christ; receiving insight into His manifold grace, and whilst beholding His glory being transformed into His image.

This very intimate and personal experience of knowing Christ is what is meant by the phrase "to seek Christ's face". (2 Chronicles 7:14). Seeking His face is a precondition to Him answering our prayers and healing our country.

In Hosea 4:1, God gives a reason why the spirit of lawlessness had been able to invade the land: there was no truth, or mercy, or knowledge of God in the land. In John 17:3, Jesus said that eternal life is to know the true God and His Son, Jesus Christ. As it was in the days of Israel, so it is in our days. We need to know Christ Jesus, and through Him, the One who sits on the throne of heaven.

As we set ourselves to seek His face, let the prayer of our hearts be for Him to make Himself known to us, and to a broken and lost world. Let us draw near to Him, with hearts filled with faith that, if we seek Him with all our heart, we will find Him. May the knowledge of Christ Jesus also become for us "a surpassing worth"!

DAY 1:5 MAY 2016

THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD

"The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him."

Colossians 1:15-16

SEEK HIS FACE AND HONOUR HIM:

As our Creator; the Alpha and the Omega; the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last; the One in whom you were chosen since the foundation of the world.

PRAY:

- For the Church to faithfully acknowledge the Creator in a world that is filled with lies.
- For the Church to become Christ-like in all their conduct, and so make the invisible God visible.
- For the world to see and experience Jesus Christ, and the image of the invisible God revealed through the love, actions, words and compassion evident in the lives of ordinary Christians, and so be convinced of God's existence.

Read and meditate on Revelation 1 and 2

DAY 2:6 MAY 2016

THE SON OF GOD

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

John 3:16-18

SEEK HIS FACE AND HONOUR HIM:

As the Son, sent by God the Father, Jesus clearly demonstrated the love of God by His willingness to humble Himself and be clothed with sinful flesh, so that whoever believes He is the Son of God would receive eternal life.

PRAY:

- For the Church to understand the necessity of repentance and forgiveness, the privilege of partaking of the divine nature of God.
- For the Church to become as true sons of God by the Spirit of adoption, and demonstrate their deliverance from sin through their holy lifestyles, good works, and willingness to be placed on the altar as living sacrifices.
- For the world to understand that Jesus truly *is* the Son of the living God; for the removal of all the misrepresentations of Christ, and lies concerning Him, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit.

Read and meditate on Revelation 3 and 4

DAY 3:7 MAY 2016

Son of man

"When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"
Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven."

Matthew 16:13-17

SEEK HIS FACE AND HONOUR HIM:

As the promised Messiah, who became human so that He could taste death, redeem us from the curse of the law, and pay the penalty for sin on our behalf. Honor Him as the One who, through death, destroyed the devil and all his works and delivered mankind from the fear of death.

PRAY:

- For the Church to realize and receive their freedom from death, sin, and Satan; and to rise up and take their authority over all the works of the devil.
- For the Church to take up their responsibility of sharing the Good News with all peoples, in every nation.
- For the world to be set free from the stronghold of lies and arguments that the god of this world raised in their minds against the knowledge of God; for their hearts to be softened and prepared to receive the word of God and be delivered from darkness.

Read and meditate on Revelation 5 and 6.

DAY 4:8 MAY 2016

OUR ADVOCATE

"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."

1 John 2:1-2

SEEK HIS FACE AND HONOUR HIM:

As the Righteous One who intercedes for us, and who through His righteousness justified us so that we, who are in Christ, are no longer condemned for our sins, but forgiven, cleansed and declared righteous, giving us the right to be called the children of God.

PRAY:

- For the Church to grasp how great is our Advocate's intercession in heaven on our behalf.
- For the Church to be clothed with the spirit of prayer and supplication, and join with Jesus and the Holy Spirit in prayer and intercession.
- For the world to realize that there is a Judge in heaven, and that there will be a day of judgment a day when all will have to appear before the great white throne and give an account of our lives.
- For the world to experience conviction in the hearts and minds of those rebelling against and resisting the message of the Gospel.

Read and meditate on Revelation 7 and 8

DAY 5:9 MAY 2016

OUR COMPASSIONATE HIGH PRIEST

"For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."

Hebrews 2:17-18

SEEK HIS FACE AND HONOUR HIM:

As the One who was tempted in all things, just as we are. As our merciful and faithful High Priest, who is able to help us whenever we are tempted, because He Himself suffered and overcame temptation.

PRAY:

- For the Church to walk in liberty of complete forgiveness and restoration.
- For the Church to overcome temptation, trials, and tribulations and be the royal priesthood that she is called to be.
- For the world to receive the compassion, mercy, and kindness of the High Priest through the ministrations of the Body of Christ.
- For the world to know the power of forgiveness and grace, and open their hearts to the infinite love and tenderness of Jesus Christ, their Savior.

Read and meditate on Revelation 9, 10 and 11

DAY 6: 10 MAY 2016

THE BREAD OF LIFE

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

John 6:51

SEEK HIS FACE AND HONOUR HIM:

As the One who was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities, and by whose stripes and broken body, we are healed.

PRAY:

- For the Church to be an example of real spiritual and physical healing.
- For reconciliation between racial groups to be manifest amongst believers, and for the healing of emotional trauma and pain.
- For the Church to become known as those who willingly share their bread with the hungry, clothe the naked, and provide shelter for the homeless.
- For the world, who are seeking their nourishment from sources that can never bring satisfaction, to receive the Bread of Heaven from the hands and hearts of believers.

Read and meditate on Revelation 12 and 13

DAY 7: 11 MAY 2016

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:1-6

SEEK HIS FACE AND HONOUR HIM:

As the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us, having the glory as of the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

As the One who came to bear witness of the truth, and who desires all people to come to knowledge of the truth.

PRAY:

- For the Church to once again proclaim the undiluted and uncompromising truth concerning Jesus, and that there is *no* salvation save through Him.
- For believers to worship the Father, in spirit and in truth.
- For the veil over the minds and hearts of unbelievers (the world) be removed through preaching of the truth.
- For deception to be exposed, and the ignorant to be enlightened, so that Jesus' proclamation would be fulfilled: You will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free!

Read and meditate on Revelation 14 and 15

DAY 8: 12 MAY 2016

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father— and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd."

John 10:14-16

SEEK HIS FACE AND HONOUR HIM:

As the One who is ready to forgive; gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness; who forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases.

PRAY:

- For the Church to listen and respond to the voice of the Shepherd, and to willingly follow Him wherever He leads, be it by green pastures and peaceful streams, or through the valley of the shadow of death.
- For the Church to be completely surrendered unto the Good Shepherd, trusting that all things will work together for the good for those who trust Him.
- For the world to encounter the tenderness and immense compassion of the Shepherd, who longs to gather those scattered and lost into His arms, and carry them close to His heart.
- For children, orphans, broken men and women, the homeless, elderly, sick, and those abandoned to experience His care and provision.

Read and meditate on Revelation 16 and 17.

DAY 9: 13 MAY 2016

THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN

"Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne."

Revelation 5:5-7

SEEK HIS FACE AND HONOUR HIM:

As the Lamb amidst the throne, who was found worthy to take the scroll and open its seals.

As the Lamb who was slain, and by whose blood He ransomed people unto God, from every tribe and language and people and nation.

As the One who is worthy to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

PRAY:

- For the Church to appropriate the blood of Jesus in all its fullness, for the forgiveness, cleansing, and purification from sin; for justification, sanctification and consecration.
- For the Church to serve the Holy One with a clean conscience; overcoming Satan and his power, and entering through the veil (which is Jesus) into the Most Holy Place.
- For the world, torn apart by wars, injustice, corruption, immorality, and demonic demands for blood and sacrifice, to know that the blood and resurrection of Jesus overcame the world, sin, Satan, and the demands of the flesh.

Read and meditate on Revelation 18 and 19.

DAY 10: 14 MAY 2016

HIS MAJESTY, THE KING OF KINGS

"I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

King of kings and Lord of lords"

Revelation 19:11-16

SEEK HIS FACE AND HONOUR HIM:

As the Word of God, who rides on a white horse, leading the armies of heaven, and from whose mouth comes a sharp two-edged sword.

As the One who will strike down the nations and rule them with a rod of iron; at whose Name every knee, in heaven, on the earth and under the earth, will bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord!

PRAY:

- For the Church to be willing to surrender to their King, by laying down their lives in order to proclaim the message of the Kingdom of God to all nations.
- For the Church to be prepared, watchful, hastening the return of the King of kings, and Lord of lords, through prayer, evangelism and the righteous acts of believers.
- For the world's leaders to hear the warning concerning the Son of God, and to respond with wisdom, serving Him with fear and rejoicing with trembling; bringing homage to the Son, lest they perish when His wrath is poured out.

Read and meditate on Revelation 20, 21 and 22

THE GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER

Sunday, 15 May 2016

Pray with one Voice

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place"

Acts 2:1

The single thing that we request every observance to do is to use "A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD" during the event / gathering, no matter how large or small.

This is your opportunity to unify in prayer with Christians from across the globe.

"They lifted their voices to God with one accord..."

Acts 4:24

PRAY WITH YOUR CHURCH, GATHER IN HOMES OR ASSEMBLE IN PUBLIC PLACES

United by a Prayer for the World, Christians from all over the world, from different cultures and denominations, from many diverse streams will gather in their homes, or where appropriate, assemble in stadiums, public auditoriums and open squares and many will devote portions of their Sunday morning Service to united prayer.

Some meetings will be small. Others will be large, but each one will be praying with the same vision of repentance and hope. As at the first Pentecost, we'll worship God openly in Christ's name and pray for the healing and blessing of the nations. As much as possible, we are seeking to gather in places beyond the walls of our church buildings.

On this day we are all praying WITH the world as we pray FOR the world.

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A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Almighty God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

We gather with believers all over the world, to glorify You as Creator of heaven and earth. You alone are holy and righteous. We submit to Your authority. We praise and adore You alone.

Father, we honor You Lord Jesus Christ, we honor You Holy Spirit, we honor You

Our Father in heaven,

Thank You for loving the world so much that You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for our sins so that we could be reconciled to You. Fill us with your love as we faithfully intercede for the lost, the hopeless, the helpless and the world.

Thank You Father, for adopting us into Your family.

Lord Jesus Christ,

You died on the cross and redeemed us to the Father by Your blood.
You are Head of the Church and Lord of all heaven and earth.
Let Your kingdom be established in every nation of the world; bring transformation among peoples of all tribes and languages, so that righteousness and justice will prevail.
May Your Name be great, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Jesus Christ, You are Lord of all.

Father of mercy and grace,

We have sinned.

Our world is gripped by the power of sin.

Our hearts are grieved by injustice, hatred and violence.

We are shamed by oppression, racism and bloodshed in our land.

We mourn all loss of life in murder, war and terrorism.

Our homes are broken and our churches are divided by rebellion and pride.

Our lives are polluted by selfishness, greed, idolatry and sexual sin.

God of mercy, forgive our sins.

Pour out Your grace and heal our land.

Spirit of the living God,

Transform Your Church into the image of Jesus Christ.
Release Your power to bring healing to the sick,
freedom to the oppressed and comfort to those who mourn.
Fill us with compassion
for the homeless and the hungry
for orphans, widows and the elderly.
Give us wisdom and insight for our world's problems
to use the resources of the earth for the well-being of all.

Holy Spirit, guide us and lead us.

Lord Jesus Christ,

You destroyed sin, conquered death and defeated Satan. Remove the veil of darkness that covers the peoples. Restrain the evil that promotes violence and death. Deliver us from demonic oppression. Break the hold of slavery, tyranny and disease. Help us to tear down strongholds and ideologies that resist the knowledge of God.

Almighty God, deliver us from evil.

King of Glory,

Come and finish Your work in our cities, our peoples and our nations. From all continents and islands we cry:

Lift up your heads, O you gates! Be lifted up ancient doors so that the King of glory may come in!

Come fill the earth with the knowledge of Your glory as the waters cover the sea.

The Spirit and the Bride say:

Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

NINETY DAYS OF BLESSING

16 May 2016 -->

Vessels of Blessing through Prayer and Action

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19

The 90 Days of Blessing follows the Global Day of Prayer as an opportunity for Christians to not only continue in persistent prayer, but to actually become the answers to their prayers.

This is an excellent opportunity to challenge the youth and children to go to the neglected places to pray and serve. Their nature is to be there where they can make the difference, so let's join them in becoming a transformation force in our communities!

"The King will reply, I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me"

Matthew 25:40

A Prayer Guide for the 90 Days will challenge you to continue your prayer efforts, but we also want to challenge you to become physically involved in the places that we normally pray for.

Find a Prayer Guide here: http://www.globaldayofprayer.com/index.php/90-days/90-days/

or e-mail info@globaldayofprayer.com to request a copy

BUILDING TOWARDS A LIFESTYLE OF PRAYER

"The Church has not yet touched the fringe of the possibilities of intercessory prayer. Her largest victories will be witnessed when individual Christians everywhere come to recognize their priesthood unto God and day by day give themselves unto prayer."

John R. Mott

The 3-part strategy of the Global Day of Prayer serves as a catalyst to establish a lifestyle of prayer. In Isaiah 56:7 God calls His church to be a house of prayer for all nations! Therefore His call throughout the ages was to pray continually (1 Thess. 5:17). It is prayer that connects us with God's heart for a broken world and ignites and inspires us to go and be the answers to our own prayers by loving His world and gathering the harvest.

The Global Day of Prayer in its fullest sense is not only about gathering for the sake of having gatherings. The focus is the glory of Christ and the blessing of the nations, expressed in united prayer when as many people in as many places around the world gather around Pentecost Sunday. At the very heart of these gatherings is the desire to see a lifestyle of prayer rekindled amongst individual Christians and the global church.

Prayer is a spiritual discipline that starts with the individual believer and we do not have to search too far to find a model to follow. Jesus' lifestyle was a lifestyle of intimacy with the Father. When he called his disciples to "watch" with Him, He was the one setting the example. The 10 Days of Prayer leading up to GDOP doesn't only give us the opportunity to pray with and for others, but it is also an excellent training ground for our individual prayer lives. The key here would be to aim low. Begin with 5 minutes and expand on that as you begin to focus better. Do not aim to suddenly pray for an hour. You will be disappointed and loose heart.

Use variety of posture, setting and information. And if you struggle to concentrate, use a journal to write down your prayers and answers to prayer. The key is to start. Remember that prayer is a conversation and even if you do not know how to pray, tell Him what you are struggling with and you will soon be surprised where this conversation will end up!

For resources to help you in your personal prayer life visit http://www.globalprn.com/prayer-resources/personal-prayer/

There has never been any revival that has not been preceded by a revival of prayer. It IS the mandate of the Church to be a house of prayer and therefore we should aim to move from churches that pray to become praying churches. Everything we do should be soaked in prayer. If we truly believe that prayer moves the hand of God, then we should pray non-stop for a world faces with so many challenges.

Establishing a lifestyle of prayer in your local church or community, on the back of the GDOP, could prove to be very hard work . . . but prayer is hard work! It will require leadership, creativity and perseverance. The rewards, however, will be more than you can comprehend. When we pray, God works and He works the impossible. Once again the key is to begin. Start small and build gradually.

One of the most common requests we receive at the GDOP Office is on how to run a prayer room.

Two key resources that will be of great help in this regard can also be found on the on the following link:

http://www.globalprn.com/prayer-resources/24-7-prayer/

These resources, along with many others on the same website, will stimulate creative ideas on how to initiate, mobilize and maintain a prayer room.

As a final note it is important to note that a lifestyle of prayer needs

focus. The more informed we are and the more specific our prayers can be, the more likely that we will continue our efforts.

The 10 Day Prayer Guide, The Prayer for the World and the 90 Days of Blessing Prayer Guide serves this very purpose. The information in these guides unites us, but also sharpens our focus to stand in the gap for the nations. It also lays the foundation to continue our prayer efforts throughout the year.

Let us continue to gather on the Global Day of Prayer, but let's use this wonderful opportunity to watch and pray 24-7-365 around the world. Our focus is the glory of Christ and the blessing of the nations . . . a life soaked in continual prayer.

Future Dates

YEAR	10 DAYS	GDOP	90 DAYS OF BLESSING
2017	25 May – 3 June	4 June	5 June>
2018	10 – 19 May	20 May	21 May>
2019	30 May – 8 June	9 June	10 June>
2020	21 May – 30 May	31 May	1 June>

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