

Join with other faithful prayer intercessors as we pray for...

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Thanksgiving to the Lord for Christian leaders throughout the world who have counted the cost and continue to do the work of the Lord in the midst of this current global

(Colossians 3:23)

Protection from COVID-19 and other sicknesses, especially as many of FTL leaders live in places that are under-resourced. Cases are on the rise due to lack of adequate medical facilities. (James 5:14)

Those faced with COVID-19 lockdowns, particularly those who have been restricted from leaving their homes to get food and supplies - as well as for those separated from family. (Matthew 6:11)

Leaders to be a beacon of hope in the midst of great despair, especially in cultures where their harsh realities has led to great shame and suicide. (Romans 15:13)

Spiritual and physical protection of ministry leaders and their families, especially those who serve in areas dangerously hostile to the gospel of Christ. (2 Thess. 3:3)

The FTL Global Team as we leverage the limitations of this pandemic to get creative in ways we do ministry and that we will be aware of how to best serve our leaders during this season. (Ecc. 3:1)

FTL Teams on the ground who have been providing emergency relief packages of food and supplies to

the needy people in their churches and communities who are in desperate situations. (Matthew 25:35)

crisis.

Leaders that are currently gathering in person as small groups, eager to continue ministry and to learn from each other while following safe guidelines for coming together. (Hebrews 10:25)

The continual development of FTL's program called *The* Garden Project – so that the mission of developing Christ centered leaders is always before (Galatians 6:9)

Safety as some national leaders are currently working on the transference of our leadership development modules to the 2nd generation of leaders at the grassroots level. (Psalm 78:6)

11 **Indigenous** voices that lend insight to help us make this program truly storycentric, relevant, and timely for each context so that

the leaders feel a

sense of

ownership.

(1 Peter 2:9)

12 **Future FTL** facilitators - from both North America and Internationally for their preparation and training as they learn to facilitate in ways that may be new to them. (1 Cor. 15:58)

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Our current partnerships in South Asia, including the **Orality Institute** of Leadership, as master trainers are identified and ministry grows. (1 Cor. 3:9)

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Our current partnerships in East Africa as leaders are equipped in their areas of ministry and challenged to seek new opportunities. (Philippians 1:5)

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Our current partnerships in French-Speaking Africa as leaders seek wisdom and discernment from the Lord in the reopening of their regions to ministry this fall. (James 1:5)

Our current partnership with leaders from the Church of the Nazarene-Africa who represent over 35 nations throughout Africa in four different language groups. (Psalm 86:9)

Future partnerships with indigenous networks. Our hope for FTL's next launch will be among Christian leaders throughout North Africa. (John 17:20-21)

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Special projects God to raise up a that are outside new generation the norm and of underchallenge us to resourced think beyond, leaders to be including the developed, that possibility of a they would be program for given the freedom to lead Christian in their places of business leaders. (2 Cor. 4:16-18) ministry and community.

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20 The health of the FTL Global Team, both physically and spiritually, as they travel, teach, and work out the will of God in this ministry so that the Enemy cannot have a foothold. (Matt. 18:18)

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The leadership of FTL as an organization as we think strategically over the next few months about forming a Global Team and seeking new staff that can lead the ministry forward. (2 Tim. 2:1-2)

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The organizational culture of FTL as its Global Team works to be the same kind of Christ-centered leaders that we hold to be true in our teachings and mentoring relationships. (1 Cor. 11:1)

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Fresh vision as we invite people to come alongside us (both for individual support and projects) to generate the funds needed to keep the ministry going. (1 Chron. 29:14)

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Relationships

with current financial donors, prayer champions, and other contributors as they play an integral role in the mission of Freedom to Lead in places needed most. (Luke 6:38)

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God to raise up people who would be willing to come on board as financial donors to be part of the work God is doing around the world with Freedom to Lead. (2 Cor. 9:7)

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The men and women that comprise FTL's **Board of Directors** as they meet regularly, guide responsibly, and lead wisely. (Romans 8:31)

(Psalm 78:4)

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Translation projects into various languages, including ongoing translation in Hindi, French, Swahili,, Amharic, and Portuguese as well as in new languages such as Arabic. (Revelation 5:9)

God to give us the words and platforms to be able to communicate the vision of FTL in a clear way that generates excitement for the task ahead. (John 8:36)

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Christ-centered leaders around the globe as they lead in the midst of crisis and seek to communicate and model for others that which is truly important. (Psalm 19:14)

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Trusting God for next steps for both the short term and for the long term, as we wait on Him during these uncertain times. (Psalm 9:10)







The Ministry of Freedom to Lead International®

Dear Friends.

I am sure your life has been upended by the COVID-19 as mine has been. The situation in many of the countries where Freedom to Lead International® serves is even more dire. Yet instead of pressing "pause" and just sitting at home, these godly leaders are devising new strategies to adapt and flex to this new challenge. What a time to be teaching and mentoring about change! This is making a difference. I am sending several testimonies of the many we have received that signal God is indeed at work!

Testimony from South Asia

"This [module experience on Leading Change over Zoom] was a real blessing. In such a time of change due to COVID-19, this module was indeed an eyeopener. What stood out to me was about taking time to bring change that was modeled by Jesus with the disciples in the story in Acts. Thank you once again."

Testimony from Zimbabwe

"Yesterday's session [on leadership through crisis] was very encouraging and inspiring. I think the topic is very relevant especially for us and for such a time as this. There is a lot of wisdom. After you left, the leaders stayed around and continued discussing. I think those guys who attended will extend the training to many other places. For me, that was a breakthrough I needed."

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel. We are grateful to serve leaders with you in such a time as this.

Until All Have Heard,

Rick Sessoms, CEO of Freedom to Lead International®

LOOKING AHEAD // A CALL TO PRAYER

No one is certain what the global church will look like on the other side of this crisis, but we are certain that Christ-centered leaders will be crucial.

We are also hopeful for the future as we think and dream for what's next. There are plans underway for things like translation of our materials into additional languages, reopening of our current regions, and new initiatives that will take us into unique areas of ministry.

As FTL continues to adjust to these challenging times, we solicit your focused prayer support. This month we are inviting you to join us to pray for three areas: (1) prayer for FTL leaders that continue to be affected by COVID-19 lockdowns, (2) prayer for ongoing FTL ministry opportunities that are currently taking place despite these limitations

(3) prayer for the future, as we discern the Lord's will for FTL and for his church.

Will you join us?

