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Dear Prayer Partners:

As I travel to many places in the Army world, stories are emerging of the powerful impact of our Worldwide Prayer Meeting held on Thursdays. Salvationists are feeling connected to one another in a surprising way. It indicates to me that the Holy Spirit is using this prayer focus to bring about the unity we so desire as One Army with One Mission and One Message.

Some of you meet with others in your home, office, corps or centre. Others use this half hour for private prayer. Just as there are different places for prayer, there are also creative ways of using this time of intercession. For instance, here is a quote from our web page feedback:

*Yesterday was so special as a few of us were on Facebook very early. We ended up having our Thursday morning prayer meeting right here using the chat feature where you can add people to the conversation. Many prayers were written. Thank the Lord for the Internet.*

I am grateful to Lieut-Colonel Janet Munn who provides prayer resources through the Centre for Spiritual Life Development. Each session of the International College for Officers is involved in forming prayers around the Mission Priorities. They are available for you at the following web address: [sar.my/wwpmres](http://sar.my/wwpmres). They can also be accessed through the Worldwide Prayer Meeting logo at [www.salvationarmy.org](http://www.salvationarmy.org) and [www.salvationarmy.org/thegeneral](http://www.salvationarmy.org/thegeneral).

Many new prayer partners have joined us in recent months. We now have 121 countries represented in our Thursday prayer meeting. For those who are new, I want to remind you of the Army's 12 Mission Priorities. Please be faithful in praying for each one of these:

- deepen our spiritual life
- unite in prayer
- identify and develop leaders
- increase self-support and self-denial
  
- emphasise our integrated ministry
- reach and involve youth and children
- stand for and serve the marginalised
- encourage innovation in mission
  
- communicate Christ unashamedly
- reaffirm our belief in transformation
- evangelise and disciple effectively
- provide quality teaching resources

In the next few weeks, more territories will celebrate anniversaries and will do so around congresses. These are events the Lord uses in such powerful ways to present His claims. Whenever you hear of them, please be fervent in your prayer so that they may truly be soul-saving occasions, times of refreshing for our people and bring renewed commitment to our mission.

My special request is for your prayer support for our International Conference of Leaders to be held in Toronto, Canada, July 7-14. Leaders from all territories and commands will be focusing on the Mission Priorities with ample time for significant papers to be presented, focus groups to meet and action steps to be identified. Please begin to pray for this conference, that it will be a Spirit-filled occasion that honours our Lord with an undivided dedication to his will and purpose.

For this occasion I am claiming the promise from Deuteronomy 31:8: 'The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you.' And also from Genesis 12:2: 'I will bless you ... and you will be a blessing'. Yes, we do desire above all, God's blessing upon this conference but more than that, upon our international Army that it may be blessed and be a blessing.

Thank you sincerely for your partnership in prayer.

God bless you richly as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday,

In Christ,

Linda Bond

**General**