

24 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR BASQUE COUNTRY

"The supreme question of foreign missions is how to multiply the number of Christians who will individually and collectively pray for the conversion and transformation of people. Every other consideration and plan is secondary to that of wielding the forces of prayer." — Andrew Murray

KNOWING GOD BETTER – 5 MINUTES OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Read Genesis 16:1-13.

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; so she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said. So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the Lord judge between you and me." "Your slave is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her. The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur. 8 And he said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?" "I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered. Then the angel of the Lord told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." The angel added, "I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count." The angel of the Lord also said to her: "You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your misery. He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers." She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me.

Have you experienced God as EL RAI – the God who sees me?

Praise Him for that attribute. Praise Him for that name. Thank Him for His involvement in your life.

5 MINUTES OF CONFESSION

Read Psalm 143, especially paying attention to verse 10

Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground; he makes me dwell in the darkness like those long dead. So my spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed. I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done. I spread out my hands to you; I thirst for you like a parched land. Answer me quickly, Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit. Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life. Rescue me from my enemies, Lord, for I hide myself in you. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. For your name's sake, Lord, preserve my life; in your righteousness, bring me

out of trouble. In your unfailing love, silence my enemies; destroy all my foes, for I am your servant.

LOVING OTHERS BETTER – 5 MINUTES OF PRAYER FOR UNITY

I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 17:20-22.

Pray for that level of unity in Basque Country...and in your church family.

LOVING GOD AND SERVING OTHERS BETTER – 5 MINUTES OF PRAYER FOR BELIEVERS

Now if you will obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all the nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole world is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. EXODUS 19:5-6A.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 PETER 2:9-10.

Pray that every believer in Basque Country can be that representative for God, standing in the gap between God and those who need to know Him.

DARKNESS IN BASQUE COUNTRY – 5 MINUTES OF PRAYER FOR JESUS' POWER

When South Africa decided to rid the nation of white dominance, they pursued truth, justice and mercy as they worked towards a new nation. When Spain became a democracy, they founded their nation on the twin pillars of amnesia and amnesty. No truth, no justice, no mercy. Not even an agreed upon history. Unresolved social justice is one key reason why spiritual darkness remains in a place.

Pray against this darkness even as you pray that Christ followers here can model doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly before God.