

Dear Family & Friends:

"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.' ...how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 11

Over four years ago we moved to Athens to participate in what we had been seeing God doing in the region for several years prior. The movement of people from the Middle East, other areas of Asia and Africa into Europe, as well as the spiritual awakening within these people evidenced the hand of the Lord. The years have witnessed the continued movement of the Spirit in ways that have humbled us and encouraged us to step into a much greater mission of God than we could have imagined in theory. More. And we consider this is what Jesus' disciples in Luke 11 were realizing. They had been advancing Jesus' agenda for a while - proclaiming the kingdom, healing the sick, even exercising authority over demons. However, they perceived that there was *more* to understand, engage and embrace. "Teach us to pray."

We are learning to pray. And we are building real partnerships among refugees, Europeans and North Americans in prayer. Though Jesus gave guidance to his disciples on elements of prayer (address to a holy Father for provision and protection), he offered far more teaching in Luke 11 on the posture of our prayer. An assurance in the Father's goodness. And full expectancy to receive the Holy Spirit. We are seeing that even though many of our more mature Christian friends and "colleagues" have been in ministry for many years, they realize that there is more yet to receive. And together we are learning to pray. It is interesting that in Luke's account, Jesus waits for his very busy and "productive" disciples to ask about prayer before he teaches them about the powerful posture in receiving. We believe this is *more*.

Currently we are blessed with friendships in several countries - including Greece, Germany, Austria, Croatia, Romania, United Kingdom, United States - involving Greeks, Germans, Iraqis, Iranians, Iranian Kurds, Afghans, Syrian Kurds, Croatians, Romanians, Serbians, North Americans, British, and Egyptians, with whom we are realizing a prayer partnership that is adjusting our posture to receiving the Lord's provision, protection and Spirit. We are submitting with our partners that our purpose is to not only introduce the gospel and facilitate ministry, but to bind with others in an expectation that the Father is good, wise and more than willing to pour out his Spirit of Much More upon us.

This June we will meet with partners in the UK, where we will not only regard each other's personal needs, but we will advocate for the cities - blessing and asking for provision and protection for these host cities of our brothers and sisters. We will prayerfully imagine with our partners how to invite others to join this movement of *more* in their cities. The Kingdom of God is to permeate every pore of the city - and that cannot happen by our own intellectual, empathetic, benevolent, financial and fractured efforts, but rather by the invasive Spirit of our loving and wise Father. It is upon this agreement with our partners that we pray for Athens, Najaf, Bucharest, Manchester, London, Bitburg, Mainz, Zagreb and other cities. And considering the obvious resistance, why have we positioned ourselves otherwise? *It is time to receive more.*

Blessings on you, your family and your advocacy for your city. May God's Kingdom come. Yours - phil&rebecca

Phil & Rebecca Jackson

Athens, Greece

"Blessed is the one whose trust is in the LORD, whose confidence is in him."
Jeremiah 17:7