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## ASKing Point

is a bi-monthly communication on behalf of ASK Network International. It is an invitation to join the network of prayer throughout the nations, ASKing and agreeing regarding key issues on God's heart. It is a tool for prayer, a place for testimony to God's faithfulness in answering, and a gift of worship to the Living God.

*We are so grateful to Fern Noble for sharing the story behind her life message on how to lament as God wants us to, weeping with those who weep as He does. Fern, as a Canadian Cree, has entered fully into the grief of Indigenous Peoples in nations of occupation. She has led many from the oppressive place of worldly sorrow into an intimate place with the Lord of godly sorrow. She carries a true conviction that our self-pitying, worldly sorrow prevents our repentance and turning to Jesus. We invite you to take this journey with her and you will find treasures of healing you can share with others, both in prayer and in person.*

## ASKing for Godly Lament: The Two Sorrows

For many years I lived with the echo of the voices of the angry men in my family. The echoes spoke about the broken treaties and the stolen land. At that time, I had no idea how much pain those memories were causing me.

The wakeup call came many years later when I had to have major surgery for an intestinal issue. Following the surgery, the surgeon came in and said, "I have never seen anyone with this much pain locked inside. You have been suffering for a very long time and you must learn how to get rid of this pain or it will continue to cause you many problems."

After the release from the hospital and my long time of recovery and healing, I began to inquire of the Lord, "how do I get rid of this inside pain?" Slowly, slowly, I began to see the connection between the angry voices of the past and the pain locked inside. "But what Lord, what do I need to do?"

I went to a conference in Virginia Beach and was ministering to a friend that needed prayer but she just could not stop crying. As I tried to help her, it seemed I had fallen into this pit of despair also. Someone came and said I was needed inside, so I left the crying woman. I said to her, "I don't know what is the matter with you, but I know I can't help you and I walked away in tears."

I went to my room with a long-time prayer partner and together we asked the Lord, "What is this, and what is all this nonstop crying?" Then we prayed and tried to listen. Like a bolt of light, the Lord brought this scripture:

***For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. 2 Corinthians 7:10***

Then I knew we had been in a battle of these two sorrows.

In the Amplified version it says, “For godly grief and the pain God is permitted to direct, produce a repentance that leads and contributes to salvation and deliverance from evil, and it never brings regret; but worldly grief {the hopeless sorrow that is characteristic of the pagan world} is deadly, {breeding and ending in death}.”

The light of revelation unfolded and I could begin to see the contrasts between these two sorrows. One brings repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted. But the sorrow of the world produces death. And in the many different versions, I began to see more and more clearly that the pain of the broken treaties and the stolen land, was a regret and a pain that I had to release. Again, I said, “Lord, how do I do this?” And I heard, “through forgiveness.”

The next year I was able to join the California Prayer Walk team, and to stand in the gap for the First Nations people releasing forgiveness on behalf of different tribal people that lived in the area around the Catholic Missions. About half way up on our journey, I was coming out of a Mission as a team member was coming in. She kept looking at me so intently and said, “Your face is changing.” I said, “It’s the pain about the land—it’s being released.” I did the prayer walk with a little bible in my hand so I could speak different scriptures, as were needed. That is how I released forgiveness.

## Here are some key questions to ASK:

### *Why are you so cast down?*

My heart is breaking as I remember how it used to be. Psalm 42:4

Why are you cast down O my soul, why are you disquieted within me? Psalm 43:5

### *Do my tears leave after the repentance?*

You have turned my mourning into dancing. Psalm 30:11

### *Am I running to God for His help, or am I running to man with a bad report about what has happened in my past?*

Hear my cry O God, attend unto my prayer; from the ends of the earth, I will cry to you. When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Psalm 61:1-2

### *Has your place of abuse become your place of identity?*

He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities. By His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53: 5

### *Have I picked up another’s offence, or have they picked up my offence?*

Save me O God by your name and vindicate me by your strength. Psalm 54:1-4

Remember, Godly sorrow lifts my head up to see Jesus’ victory on my behalf. Worldly sorrow, pushes my head down to look at my own circumstance.

You O Lord are a shield around me, you’re my glory and the one who lifts my head. Psalm 3: 3

**Godly sorrow** is true repentance and a work of the Holy Spirit to bring new life. It’s a true sorrow to God over what my sin has done to Jesus. **Worldly sorrow** is the work of the enemy to bring death and sorrow for the things that have happened to me.

**Godly sorrow** is making a confession of our sin before God and receiving His forgiveness, and seeing God’s mercy in the wounds of Christ (Psalm 51). **Worldly sorrow** is gazing down upon my own wounds.

### *Tears are not the problem.*

Rivers of water run down from my eyes, because men do not keep your law. Psalm 56:8

He holds our tears in His bottle. Psalm 119:136

With the tears, ask yourself is there hope in my tears, or do they continue to pull me down into despair?

### *Godly sorrow is true repentance, and joy follows when it does its work.*

Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning. Psalm 30:5

Now the only echoes I hear ASK me, is this a godly sorrow unto true repentance, or is this the worldly sorrow that brings death & despair?

**By Fern Noble**  
**Elder of the Cree Nation**



*Fern has been a longstanding source of wisdom and truth for the household of ASK. We are so grateful not only for her transformative input into our lives but also for her treasured friendship.*

## Godly Sorrow

A work of the Holy Spirit to bring new life.

God defends me. Ps. 54:1-5

God's way is reward. Romans 12:20

The blood of Christ is enough.

Confessing our own sin.

Sorrow unto God over my sin.

Seeing God's mercy in Christ's wounds.

Sorrow that convicts me of sin. Ps. 51

My head lifts up. Ps. 3:3-4, Ps. 27:6

Filled with hope of forgiveness.

I rise up to Christ in hope.

Victory in the wounds of Christ.

Cries: God, come and heal me.

Hands stretched to surrender.

Crying out to God. Ps. 28:1,2, Ps. 27: 7,8

Running to God for help.

Hope of new life in the Resurrection.

Remembering all God has done.

Hidden in Christ. Col. 3:3

Gazing at the wound of Christ.

He holds our tears in his bottle. Ps. 56:8

Deep interior work, rending heart. Joel 2:13

Seeing the true enemy.

Christ is the victim. Suffered in my place.

## Worldly Sorrow

A work of the enemy to bring death.

I defend myself.

My way is retaliation.

I want revenge my way.

Crying over what is done to me.

Sorrow for myself over my sin.

Seeing my own wounds only.

Sorrow of condemnation and pity.

Head hanging down.

Having no hope, bitterness.

I sink down in hopelessness.

I sink into my own wound.

Cries: God, why me, why me?!

With a clenched fist.

Complaining to man.

Running to man with woe.

Hopelessness & Death.

Remembering me and my wound.

Hiding in my own sorrow.

Gazing at my own wounds.

I use my tears for gain.

Sorrow that parades as repentance.

Seeing a person as the enemy.

I am the victim. Stuck in my grief.

*These comparisons are taken from Fern Noble's teaching.  
Notice they speak not only to how we think, but also to what happens to us emotionally and physically.*

## New Addition:

It is with joy and gratitude that we welcome Heran Alemayehu to the ASK team. She not only brings her graphics skills to the ASK household but also her spiritual gifts of wisdom and discernment. We are sure she will give us a millennial makeover!



Heran Alemayehu  
Washington DC

## Volunteering Opportunities:

Volunteers needed! Would you be interested in volunteering to assist ASK Network International behind-the-scenes? We are looking for help in areas of research, writing, technical (IT) assistance. If so, please contact us at [admin@asknetwork.net](mailto:admin@asknetwork.net).  
Psalm 110:3

# GATHERING TO ASK BY ZOOM

Please join us on any or all of the calls below. We look forward to seeing your face and hearing your voice!

### EVERY TUESDAY:

ASKing for Nations—Psalm 2:8  
8AM PST / 11AM EST / 4PM GMT,BST  
Email Sue Huston for inquiries or more info:  
[suehuston@asknetwork.ca](mailto:suehuston@asknetwork.ca)

### EVERY FRIDAY:

ASKing the Lord of the Harvest  
Praying for UPGs  
7AM PST / 10AM EST / 3PM BST  
Email Nga Dang for inquiries or more info:  
[nga1048@yahoo.com](mailto:nga1048@yahoo.com)

### FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:

ASKing with Compassion for the  
LGBT+ Community  
7AM PST / 10AM EST / 3PM GMT/BST  
Email Fawn Parish for inquiries or more info:  
[fawnparish@gmail.com](mailto:fawnparish@gmail.com)

### SECOND & FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH:

ASKing for the USA  
7 AM PST / 9AM CST / 10 AM EST  
Email Marsha Elliott for inquiries or more info.  
[mebusybea@aol.com](mailto:mebusybea@aol.com)

### THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH:

USA Nat'l Prayer Call to Pray for Nations  
7 AM PST/ 9AM CST / 10AM EST  
Email Roberta Rader to inquiries or more info:  
[roberta.rader@asknetwork.net](mailto:roberta.rader@asknetwork.net)

### CONNECT TO ABOVE PRAYER CALLS:

- Login to Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/3928843865>;  
Password: 426129

- Or call-in: 1 312 626 6799 or 1 669 900 9128—  
Call in ID: 392 884 3865,  
Password: 426129

### FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:

ASKing for the UK & Europe call: 7AM BST

- join from PC, Mac, Linux, IOS or Android:  
<https://zoom.us/j/2795509928> (f you are able to  
join using your computer, we will be sharing  
information over the internet)
- Or iPhone one-tap: US: +1 408 638 0986,  
2795509928# or +1 646 558 8665, 2795509928#
- Or Telephone: Dial (for higher quality, dial a #  
based on your current location):
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### SECOND & FOURTH FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH

ASKing for Africa (this call originates in Kenya)  
6PM Nairobi time; UTC/GMT +3  
5PM East Africa time; 4PM Nigeria time  
Meeting ID: 814 4732 2201  
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# ASKing for the Nations

## POLAND

Poland is a nation rich in natural resources with fertile plains providing a stable agricultural economy. It's wealth in mineral resources made the country a prize to its neighbors Russia and Germany.

During its golden age in the 1500s, Poland became a bulwark of Christendom, aiding in the establishment of the Church against invading Muslim Turks. Several centuries later, it was the Catholic Church that kept Polish culture from crumbling under the Communist regime. After suffering the loss of one quarter of its population during WWII, Poland struggled to avoid falling into financial ruin under the USSR.

It was not until 1989, when Poland became a free state that it began to recognize ethnic minority groups previously ignored. Its economy began to take shape and an industrialized wealthy nation emerged. Even though it has found freedom as a republic, communist attitudes remain including discrimination. The newly formed wealth has bred corruption in dishonest politicians, and bureaucratic red tape dominates economic affairs.

Evangelical Christians have always been a small minority but some positive development is evident. The Catholic Church still holds sway over the culture, but personal faith is nominal, and morality is being chipped away at its foundations in society. There is a desperate need for evangelical witnesses, with 90% of municipalities without a church.

### Let's ASK:

- For Catholics to focus on the redemptive work of Christ and the personal relationship that He desires. *He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, adopted as sons by Jesus Christ He made us accepted in the Beloved. Ephesians 1:4-6*
- For open hearts to the message of salvation among materialistic youth. *I was sought by those who did not ask for Me. I was found by those who did not seek Me. I said, here I am, here I am to a nation that was not called by My name. Isaiah 65:1*
- That the large Polish Diaspora who live and work elsewhere in Europe will understand the loving call of the Father. *The Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that you may know what is the of hope of His calling and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. Ephesians 1:17-18*



## UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP

### Poland

Population:	4,800
Primary Religion:	Islam
Language:	Turkish

### Background

Among Poland's smaller minority groups, many immigrated following Poland's entry into the European Union, including Bulgarian and Bosnian originated Turks. Poland provided a new opportunity for education abroad for many young Turks who sought their chances in the country. Most live in Warsaw.

There is a gap concerning level of education of Turks in Poland. Those who immigrated to Poland and are dealing with the textile or food industries are mainly secondary or primary school graduates. White collar or "expats" are university graduates with a good command of English. There are generally good feelings between the Turks and the Poles with little discrimination. In recent years, Poland has seen a wave of Turkish immigrants who are looking for an economic niche. Earlier Turkish immigrants started as small traders and wholesalers and later became successful entrepreneurs and investors. While Turkey is Islamic, those among the educated declare themselves as atheist or agnostic. Turks in Poland need most of all to experience desperation for Almighty God, their Savior because life is centered around survival and worldly success.

- Pray that pursuits of success and distinction will be replaced with brokenness over sin and obedience to the Creator who loves them and died for them. "The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit." Psalm 34:18

- Pray that Jesus followers will take advantage of God-given opportunities with Muslims to respectfully present the truth of God's Word. "You who bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength. Lift it up and be not afraid." Isaiah 40:9



The Republic of Chile forms a narrow western “spine” along the South Pacific Ocean in South America, and is 2672 miles long by 109 miles wide. This long expanse includes desert, mountainous and tropical areas. Santiago is the capital. The overall population is 18 million (89% white or Mestizo; 11% indigenous peoples). The land has been populated since around 3000 B.C. In the 1500s Spain colonized the area and remained in control until Chile gained its independence in 1818. The first 150 years Chile was tightly governed by the elite which caused a polarization between rich and poor. A U.S. backed military coup in 1973 enabled General Augusto Pinochet to brutally rule Chile for 17 years. In 1990 a peaceful transition to democratic rule occurred. Chile is 85% urban with 40% of the population residing in Santiago. Religious breakdown is 86% Christian (66% Roman Catholic, 16% Evangelical/Protestant with 90% of the latter Pentecostals).

The Chilean people are warm and hospitable, artistic and family-loving. The national dance is la cueca. They are welcoming to outsiders. With a strong export of raw materials they are economically prosperous, but the benefits do not always trickle down to the poor. There are strong social services.

## Let's ASK:

- For the Church to be revived, gathering, and mission-sending with sound biblical teaching. Pray that church leadership would operate under the fear of the Lord with honesty and integrity. The Chilean church has been greatly impacted by ministries such as the *Instituto Biblico Nacional*, which trained national pastors in the Word of God in order to balance the strongly experiential Pentecostal churches. **Joel 2:28, Acts 2:46 and 47, and Acts 4:29-31** (the scriptures used in the 1909 Chilean revival).
- For the poor, the widow, the orphan and alien. Chile has immigration from its neighboring countries and from the Middle East. **Matthew 25:40 and Leviticus 19:34.**
- For political stability and strong, righteous governance. In 2019 riots broke out protesting an increase in the cost of living. The COVID pandemic interrupted violent civil unrest with police and right wing groups attacking the indigenous Mapuche. **1 Timothy 2:1-2, 8; Mark 12:30-31.**



## UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP

### Pashtun of Chile

Population: 4,800  
 Primary Religion: Islam  
 Language: Pashto, Northern

#### Background

The frontier Pashtun people of Chile fled the violence of Afghanistan in the 1980s and 1990s. The Pashtun are the largest Muslim tribal society in the world. In Chile they number around 4800. In spite of repeated, faithful efforts to evangelize them in the Middle East, starting in 1818, there are no Christian converts. Their identity is based on their shared heritage, on Islam, their code of honor and their language (Pashto).

Pray for prepared hearts ready to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ. Isaiah 57:14 “Build up, build up, prepare the way! Remove the stumbling block out of the way of My people!”

Psalms 66:1-5 “Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His Name; make His praise glorious! Say to God, ‘How awesome are your deeds! ... All the earth bows down to You; they sing praise to your Name. Come and see what God has done, how awesome His works in man’s behalf!’”

Matthew 9:35 “Jesus went through all the towns and villages ... proclaiming the good news. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.’”