# NewS Media Information *+ Intercession = Divine Intervention*

Karl Barth, a Swiss theologian of the early 20th century, said that Christians with God's heart for the world should pray with the Bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other.

Today's "information age" is an unrelenting prayer summons to every Christian who's tuned in to God's heart for the world. When we receive information, convert it into interces­sion, and watch for God's interven­tion, we are truly a tool in His hand.

As an intercessor, I pursue informa­tion with the express purpose of pray­ing it knowledgeably and com­passionately, without bias, fear, or agen­da. The media position me on the brink of world affairs to effectively and fervently petition God and avail much (Jas. 5:16, *NKJV).* 1 wield spiritual weapon; of victorious warfare against the Enemy (2 Cor. 10:4). I stand in the gap on behalf of the human race.

Praying the news keeps me focused on the bigger picture with objectivity and faith. Here are some ideas:

**1. Pray a half-hour radio or TV newscast,** item by item as it's being reported. I also intercede for people in the news—and the newscasters. My interces­sion may well be their only hope of salvation.

**2. Pray breaking • news items on TV,** which go right to the scene of wars, catastrophes, disas­ters, and crises. Breaking news often is aired globally, linking me with millions of other Christians whom the Holy Spirit also may be prompting to pray!

**3. Pray the Internet.** This could easily become an avocation! I can click anywhere and be in pray-the-news mode. Daily newspapers of every major city in the world can be accessed with a click. Chat rooms can become prayer rooms. (This is already happening in our Children's Global Prayer Movement.)

**4.Pray the newspaper cover to cover.** Make it a family affair. Include headlines, editorials, letters to the editor. Dad prays over men's issues, Mom over women's, youth/children over theirs. Pray over weddings, births, obitu­aries. Entertainment pages can require warfare! Pray over issues such as violence, war, crime, drugs, immorality, and so on.

**5. Pray Christian periodicals.** Pray through this magazine! Pray the one-page news bulletins in magazines like *World.*

**6. Pray through secular • periodicals.** As an example, we used a *Newsweek* article on "The Endangered Earth" for a 12-hour prayer gathering. Page by page, we

petitioned God about the environ­ment, repented for man's pollution of it, and asked for wisdom on behalf of future generations.

Remember: Anything newsworthy is prayer-wor­thy. The information age beckons the intercessor "for such a time as this."

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