

# Week of prayer and Fasting for Dr. J

December 31, 2012

Dear Praying Friends,

As I mentioned before, we are taking the week of January 2nd-9th for some very focused prayer/fasting for Dr. Joseph and his family. If you are new to this knee-mail list or need a reminder, you can check out past updates at: <http://imccracken.net/prayer-letters-knee-mails/>

You can also read part of his testimony at: <http://refminathens.blogspot.com> (scroll down near the bottom of the page)

Some of us are convinced that this is not just a political, bureaucratic, or immigration matter. We believe some spiritual warfare is involved and that we need to be fighting in "the heavenlies" as well. MANY THANKS to all who have already been praying.

Perhaps you will fast part of this week or all of this week (or not at all), in whatever way you sense the Lord leading you, but in any case we hope you will join us in some level of intensified and focused intercession. Attached is a good message about fasting by Tony Evans. Here is a good site about fasting: [http://www.freedomyou.com/spiritual\\_health\\_freedomyou.aspx](http://www.freedomyou.com/spiritual_health_freedomyou.aspx)

Here are a few things to focus on this week (in no particular order of importance):

1. Salvation for Dr. Joseph's wife and children
2. Physical protection/safety for them as they are in constant hiding, being hunted down by the Taliban
3. Mental health and peace for "S" (Dr. Joseph's wife), as she has had some nervous breakdowns already, and has had a barrage of lies fill her mind about this FOUR-YEAR separation from her husband where she has been in constant danger and hiding from place-to-place and he has been in a safe country "enjoying the good life".
4. Their marriage. I have only touched on a few of the stresses in their marriage. Most wouldn't have made it this far and now she is talking divorce if the situation does not change very quickly.
5. The Greek ambassador in Pakistan. For some unknown reason he has refused visas to Dr. J's family to join him in Greece, even though the family reunification has been APPROVED from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens. The ambassador has even written a letter to the MAF, asking them to REVOKE Dr. Joseph's asylum status (without any legitimate reason). Pray that he might reverse his decision.
6. Reunion for the family to happen soon. His children (5 and 7) do not even know him.
7. Guidance and provision about getting re-settled in another country. Most of the immigrants who have been beaten and/or killed in Greece by racist violence this year have been Pakistanis. The ever-increasing racist violence, as well as the economy and joblessness are making this country almost impossible to survive in, especially if you stand out as a foreigner and have young children you want to raise in a safe place.
8. Mental health and peace for Dr. J. He is in deep depression and anguish over this whole mess. He is finding it increasingly difficult to think or concentrate about anything else, including the Bible, fellowship with others, reading books, studying medicine, etc. He is (understandably) afraid to go out in public.

9. Spiritual growth and deeper intimacy with Jesus for Dr. Joseph. He REALLY wants to be used by God to reach the Muslim world, and has visions of ways that could happen, but finds himself facing constant roadblocks, disappointment, frustration, distractions, and the need to get his family to safety so they can face basic survival together.

10. However else the Spirit may lead you to pray.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR STANDING WITH US IN PRAYER AND FASTING, ESPECIALLY IN THIS COMING WEEK!

Grateful,

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