



Daily Member Update

The Presidents Schedule 11.20.09

President Obama has no scheduled public events on Friday, after returning home Thursday afternoon from an 8-day trip to four countries in Asia.

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." I Timothy 2:1-2

Today's Prayer Focus:

Pray for the president in his decision on supporting our armed forces in Aghanistan with more deployed troops. Pray for the safety of our troops.

Pray for peace in the Middle East and Israel. Pray for the truth to be revealed regarding Syria's nuclear ambitions.

Pray for the continued support of the president standing up for freedom of worship and religion in China. Pray for the protection and flourishing of the church in China.

Prayer Updates

Afghanistan Decision After Thanksgiving

President Obama will not announce a decision on his war strategy in Afghanistan before Thanksgiving. The latest development on the fate of up to 40,000 U.S. troops came at the tail end of the president's eight-day Asia trip. For several weeks, Obama has been weighing whether to send as many as 40,000 additional troops to Afghanistan as his top commander there, Gen. Stanley McChrystal has requested, or to scale back the war effort and focus on pursuing Al Qaeda in Pakistan as his political advisers, including Vice President Biden, have urged. McChrystal has said that without the additional troops, the U.S. effort in Afghanistan would likely result in failure.

Syria Hiding Nuclear Sites

The International Atomic Energy Agency and Syria appear to be headed toward a collision over two nuclear sites where undeclared uranium was recently found. The agency found traces of uranium at the Dair Alzour nuclear site that are not included in Syria's declared inventory, according to a just released report. The Syrians said the uranium came from the Israeli missiles used to destroy the nearby al-Kibar reactor in September 2007. The presence of uranium particles was detected at a second site near Damascus -- the Miniature Neutron Source Reactor. Syria said it came from the accumulation of samples and reference materials used in neutron activation analysis. The IAEA is not buying either of the two explanations and is pressing Damascus for more answers and wants to know from where the uranium came. The agency has run its own tests and is certain the Syrian government is not telling the truth. The IAEA won't comment on what clearly appears to be evasive behavior by the Syrian government because of concern about its tenuous relationship with Syria.

President Supports Freedom of Worship in China

During a town hall-style meeting in Shanghai, President Obama assured the crowd that the United States does not seek to impose any system of government on any other nation. "[B]ut we also don't believe that the principles that we stand for are unique to our nation," he continued. "These freedoms of expression and worship, of access to information and political participation, we believe are universal rights.