

Europe needs our prayer!

Week 6: Blessing



for our movements and communities in Europe – Europe needs our prayer!

Europe – and blessing

Europe has been blessed and has been a blessing. The Gospel came to Europe from the Middle East, and then went out from Europe to the rest of the World. That was a blessing, even if our forefathers had different ways of looking at what was Gospel, and what was simply European culture, as they dominated the world from the 16th to 19th centuries. Yes, Europe was blessed and blessed others, and remains blessed in accessible historical and natural beauty second to none in the world, and still in the remaining inheritance of centuries of profound faith.

And yet now is the time for Europe to be blessed again. Let us cry out to God to send his Spirit anew. As the monks and missionaries poured through Europe in the early centuries of the Church, let us pray again that God would pour down again his Spirit, and that the hearts of men and women might be turned back to Him, the Lord, the King of kings, and maker of all things. Let us ask again that God would stir up a new generation with faith, who see their parents and grandparents and can say to them “why did you let God go, why did you give up on faith, and put your trust in material things?”, and stir all people to return to the Lord. That would be true blessing for Europe. And the Lord wants that. And he wants us to pray that that Gospel blessing might come to Europe once again. And when it comes – for the Lord hears our prayers, and it will come – we pray that God would again allow the people of Europe to be full of hope, and bring blessing upon blessing to the rest of the world, and be examples of how to live as Christians in the world today.

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Estonia

Estonia joined the European Union on May 1, 2004. 40% of the Estonian population disapproved of this decision, while 60% welcomed it. In my opinion the EU has positive as well as negative aspects. I will start with the positive ones.

As citizens of the EU we are encouraged by the EU-internal tourism with free movement in a passport-free and a common currency zone.

In addition, the economy of the European Union protects every EU country from the products produced by cheap labor (slave labor) of third world countries, but favors the globalization of European products.

Moreover, the EU provides investments for the most deprived member states and material support for strategic projects, for instance, infrastructure development projects.

On the other hand, the EU has a strong influence on us by its left-wing policies. Anyone who doesn't agree with the liberal concept of the world will face troubles. For example, Hungary, Poland and Italy as they publicly oppose commands from Brussels because of Islam and migrants. Additionally they say that Christians are opposing democracy and solidarity (tolerance) by defending the Biblical family model of husband and wife. Therefore, the great internal confrontation between conservatives and liberals grows.

Because of that I believe that only Jesus Christ can unite European churches together as the body of Christ, not the European Union. Hence, dear brothers and sisters let us stand firmly in Christ and in His Word and let's support each other in our prayers!

I am very grateful if you could pray for the youth of Estonia.

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