

PRAYER LETTER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2008

Religious Support Team, 2nd Iraqi Army Division Military Transition Teams

High Value Prayer Focus:

Ayyub Al-Masri

Wanted as a senior leader, operational planner, and explosives expert for Al Qaida in Iraq (AQI). He became AQI's leader after Abu Mus'ab Al-Zarqawi's death. There is a significant reward for information leading to his capture.

From Defense Intelligence Agency Web Site (2006)

Ask God to give Ayyub dreams and visions that will lead him to understanding the true character and nature of God. Ask that his bondage to Satan will be broken. Ask that he will see and experience the irresistible grace of God found in God's provision for the forgiveness of his sins and that he will have the spiritual freedom to repent.



WANTED

Prayer Requests from 2-IA AOR:

- Stability operations depend upon good cooperation between civilian and military authorities. Ask God that good relations and cooperation develop between civilian and military leaders.
- Poorly operating services like garbage collection and power distribution constrain economic development and make people susceptible to anti-government agendas. Ask God that civic leaders can become true civil servants in providing for the needs of citizens.
- Small transition teams of Americans are advising Iraqi military leaders who are often embarrassed to be perceived as taking advice from the foreigners. Ask that God will give these teams and their counterparts grace to accept and learn from one another.

Luke 4:18-19

¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Devotional Thought on Luke 4:14-30

Initially, the people of his village praised Jesus when he told them that he was fulfilling their Messianic expectations. Then, when he told his "homeys" that his work included outreach to Syrians and Phoenicians, they tried to kill him. America's vision for democracy in Iraq threatens engrained ethnic identities with a transcendent national one. Jesus' vision for his Messianic kingdom included Romans, Greeks, Syrians, Phoenicians and others who had overrun the Galilee region. His own hometown tried to kill him for desiring this kind of kingdom. America's vision includes economic and political access that is equal for all – Kurds, Shia Arabs, Sunni Arabs, Turkomen, Chaldeans, Assyrians and others. Resistant Iraqis are killing their own while soldiers pay an archetypal sacrificial price.