

**Prayer Topic #1: STC 1/12**

**A Prayer Concerning the European Financial Crisis**

**Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 98, Proverbs 21:1-6

**Reflections of the Heart:**

The world is a BIG place. But, no matter how BIG it is, the basic needs of all humankind have one thing in common - we all have need of the SUPERNATURAL POWER OF GOD to meet them. Let us remember our global connectedness as we intercede for the nations who are being affected by the current European Financial Crisis.

**Scriptural Prayer:**

Loving Father, You are the God of all nations. We know that Your eyes are upon the European nations and the current financial crisis that has placed their economies in turmoil. Lord, we thank You for heeding the cries of our European brothers and sisters who are interceding for the people of their nations. Thank You for having mercy upon Greece, Portugal, Ireland, Hungary, Romania, Italy, Spain, Belgium, France, the United Kingdom, and Germany. It is only by Your mighty hand that they have been sustained despite the rising government debt levels all across the world and the downgrading of government in some of the European states. Father, thank You for the recent measures taken by Eurozone leaders to prevent economic collapse in the European states. How amazing are Your deeds, Lord! All who delight in You should ponder them. Everything You do reveals Your glory and majesty. Your righteousness never fails. You cause us to remember Your wonderful works. How gracious and merciful You are!

Omnipotent Father, as the Body of Christ, we expect Your will to be done in Europe as it is in heaven. We confess that the EU leaders will be open to receive the wisdom and direction of the Holy Spirit. In accordance with Your Word in Ecclesiastes 11:6, they will plant their seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon. You will bring profit from one activity or another, or even both. Father, let Your will be done in every aspect of their financial markets. We believe that You will reveal righteous strategies to them as they work together to develop and implement reforms that will stop the rise in Europe's sovereign debt. We declare that the three most affected countries: Greece, Ireland, and Portugal, will learn from the error of past choices that led them to this demise and that their financial markets will stabilize. In the Name of Jesus, we command the debts to be settled, for consumer confidence to return, and for the euro to begin to trade higher in order to compete in the global market. We confess that the leaders of the two strongest nations, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, and President Nicolas Sarkozy of France, will not abuse any advantages their influence may have at this time. We proclaim that every leader in the EU will faithfully represent the needs of the people of Europe. They will test everything that is said and hold on to what is good, staying away from every kind of evil.

Holy Spirit, You know the plans, the Father, has for the EU. Let peace and understanding flow among the nations involved. Remember those who are fearful and worried about the future of their nations' economies and assure them that, the Father, knows and He cares. Raise up witnesses who can testify of the goodness and faithfulness of the Lord. May their witness be a catalyst for change on that entire continent. Please orchestrate the restructuring of the global economy to come into alignment with the Father's Kingdom purposes. Destroy the spirits of greed and injustice that keep the markets in perpetual confusion. Help the EU leaders to be men and women who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

***As we pray for the Sovereign will of God to be manifested in the financial markets of Europe, ask the Holy Spirit to help you stay up-to-date of all ongoing developments as changes occur and list them:***

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Benevolent Father, please forgive the EU nations for their sins. Forgive them for rejecting truth and wisdom. Forgive them for being greedy and prideful in their financial practices. Forgive any EU leaders who have been selfish and unwilling to cooperate with leaders of other European states. Lord, forgive me for **(list any sins that**

***you have committed***). Holy Spirit, remind the EU leaders of all those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help the EU leaders to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

All-Powerful God, in the greatness of Your majesty You overthrow those who rise against You. You unleash Your blazing fury. It consumes them like straw. All kings will bow before You and all nations will serve You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture References for the Written Text:** Psalm 111:2-4, Matthew 6:10, Ecclesiastes 11:6, I Thessalonians 5:21-22, Psalm 1:1, Matthew 6:13, Exodus 15:7, Psalm 72:11

***Today I will trust God to:***

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