



# PRAY FOR PARIS JANUARY - MARCH 2024

PARIS TOGETHER





**PARIS TOGETHER IS AN INFORMAL NETWORK DEDICATED TO COLLABORATING, CONNECTING, AND PRAYING FOR THE CITY OF PARIS.**

As we launch a new prayer guide for 2024, the coming Olympics are changing Paris in many ways. Please consider praying for this event on a daily basis as your heart leads you: safety for the city, patience for the locals, respect from the tourists, so many groups coming in to saturate the city with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, any prayer that God leads you to for this enormous event and the tens thousands of people who will be there.





# 1 PYRAMIDE DU LOUVRE

Psalm 67:3 says, “May the nations praise you, O God. Yes, may all the nations praise you.” Every nation is represented somewhere in Paris. It is a beautiful melting pot of the world. Pray that throughout each neighborhood, our God would be praised. There is no better way to start the day, month or year than praising our Father for all He has done. What has He done for you that makes you give praise today?

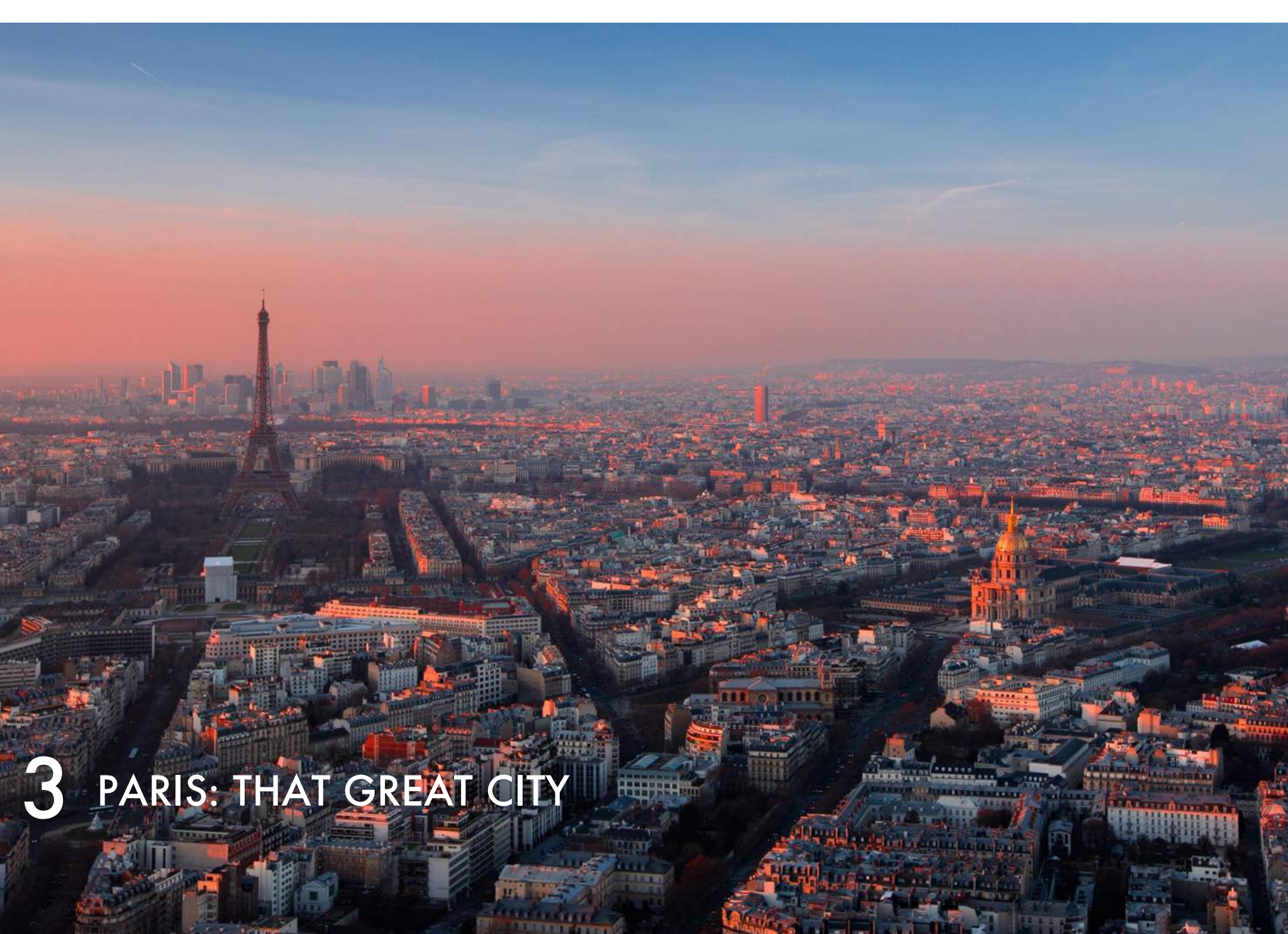




## 2 OPERA COMIQUE

In Luke 22:41, Jesus kneels down to pray to God the Father. He is the ultimate example of approaching our God with humility, supplication, honor, surrender and reverence. Please join us today in praying on your knees for the salvation of Jesus Christ to flow through the streets of Paris so that everyone can hear the Good News...the Olympics will provide a powerful platform for this!





## 3 PARIS: THAT GREAT CITY

Acts is such a powerful book of the early church. Let's pray the following from chapter 2:47 for the churches and believers of Paris today, "They were continually filled with praises to God, enjoying the favor of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their numbers those who were being saved."





King Solomon spent 7 years building the temple of the Lord (1 Kings 6:38). God gave very specific, detailed instructions for the building of His house...it could not have been easy. Look at the reconstruction of the Notre Dame in modern times and how long it has taken. As God builds His home in your heart, what minute details does He want you to pay attention to in your life? Small corrections in your path to lead you to someone who needs to hear the Good News? A kind word to someone even if it breaks cultural boundaries? A cup of coffee to a refugee or homeless person? Time? - such a precious building block in any relationship. Pray for God to tune your heart to His as He builds the kingdom, pray for attention to God's details.





## 5 JARDIN DES PLANTES

Young people are so influenced by social media and music. Let's pray for the students of Paris to be inundated with the good news of Jesus through these platforms. Pray that students who are believers will Young be bold and humble in sharing any media that relates to Jesus. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10.





Paris: couture, culture, art, architecture, feasts for the eyes and the senses. Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:20 to “Store your treasures in heaven. Wherever you treasure is, there the desires of your heart will be also.” Pray for non-believers in Paris to find that the material world is not enough. Pray that God will put an urgent longing in their hearts for something more and that they would find Jesus - in churches, schools, hospitals, places of business, cafes.





“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to Him,” Psalm 24:1. This verse with the words: “everything” and “all” is quite powerful. Everyone you see today is made in the image of our Holy God. Ask Him to help to see a need in someone you encounter today and meet that need, so you can be the hands and feet of Jesus. They are so many broken and displaced people walking the streets of Paris and a kind word or gesture could change their entire day.





## 8 ARC DE TRIOMPHE

While the Arc de Triomphe sits gloriously in the 8th, hopefully it will remind us that we are at war, “For we are not fighting against flesh and blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 6:12. Pray for God to push back evil in our city so the Holy Spirit can work in the hearts of those who need Him.





## 9 PRINTEMPS DEPARTMENT STORE

Let's pray specifically for the Olympics today and for opportunities to share the gospel before, during and after the event. 1 Peter 3:15 says, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." Pray that God would open doors for the good news to be shared to thousands of people during this global event.





# 10 PRAY FOR THE GENDARMES

As Paris prepares for the Olympics, the government, police and military are also preparing to keep the city as safe as possible. This planning involves difficult decisions. Pray for God to give the leaders of the city wisdom so that the citizens, tourists and athletes are kept safe from harm. Proverbs 2:6 says, “It is the Lord who gives wisdom; from Him come knowledge and understanding.”





## 1 PLACE DE LA REPUBLIQUE

Going on strike is as much a part of the Paris mentality as eating croissants. Let us pray that in the time surrounding the Olympics, that none of the strikes would turn violent. The Place de la République in the 11th is a gathering point and let's ask God to put protection around this place as well as the greater Paris area where the venues for the games are being held. Read Psalm 91 and the promise of protection it gives for you and ask for that protection for Paris as well.





The Coulee Verte lies within the 12th of Paris. It's a beautiful example of making something old new. When God renovates in our lives, it's difficult, but the end result can end up in beauty if we are faithful and patient. Let's pray for pastors and missionaries across this city today who are faithfully and patiently doing work the Lord has called them to transform the Capitol into a city of godly people. Hebrews 10:36 encourages us, "You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised."





# 13 QUARTIER CHINOIS

Having social services in place to deal with mental illnesses, homelessness, emergency assistance, domestic violence, substance abuse and so on, is so important in such a vast city as Paris. Let's pray for the teams/churches/individuals who provide these services: that they would be strengthened and not grow weary, that they would have the financial assets available to help those in need, and that they would wisely use their resources to help the least among us. "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40





# 14 FRATERNITE

Racism is just another word for hate. Anti-Semitism in France is on the rise after the Hamas attack in Israel. Let's pray for the protection of Jews in Paris today. Pray as the Holy Spirit leads you, remembering that Jesus said in John 13:34, "A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."





## 15 PONT DE BIR-HAKEIM

Sharing Jesus with those in the sex trafficking industry takes a special heart, a specific calling and an anointing by God. Let's pray for those who are out in the trenches doing this work in Paris. Ask God to do for these believers what He did for Joshua in that they would "be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9





In the book of Acts, persecution of the early believers was rampant. God used this to help the church grow by spreading the Good News to other parts of the world. Whatever hard things you may be enduring, know that God can use these difficulties to grow you and grow His kingdom. Pray that He will give you, and those across Paris facing persecution, the strength to endure. Acts 5:41-42, “The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus. And every day, in the Temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach this message: “Jesus is the Messiah.”





# 17 OH, THAT I COULD GATHER YOU UNDER MY WINGS...

Hunger is real. There are churches and groups who feed thousands every week across Paris. Pray that God would not only multiply their resources as He did with the loaves and fishes (Matthew 14:17-21), but also that those being fed would hear of the saving grace of Jesus Christ! Pray the hungry would want to be fed from the true Bread of Life (John 6:35).





# 18 THE MOUNTAIN OF PARIS

Paris - a city filled with asylum seekers for various reasons: war, lack of work, seeking a better life, fleeing danger, fleeing government oppression and so on. Imagine living on the streets of Paris, then lining up every day outside a prefecture hoping to get a chance at a better life. Imagine doing this for months and months. Let's pray for these desperate people. And if you have a little extra, buy someone who is cold or hungry, a cup of coffee or a sandwich. "Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor," Proverbs 22:9.





# 19 PRAY THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDS

Today let's pray for believers across Paris. Pray that we would be filled with the Holy Spirit. That we would seek forgiveness where we need it. That God would give us eyes to see others as He does. That He would give us hearts to love all people as He does. "Sing to the Lord, all you godly ones! Praise His holy name. For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime!" Psalm 30:4-5.

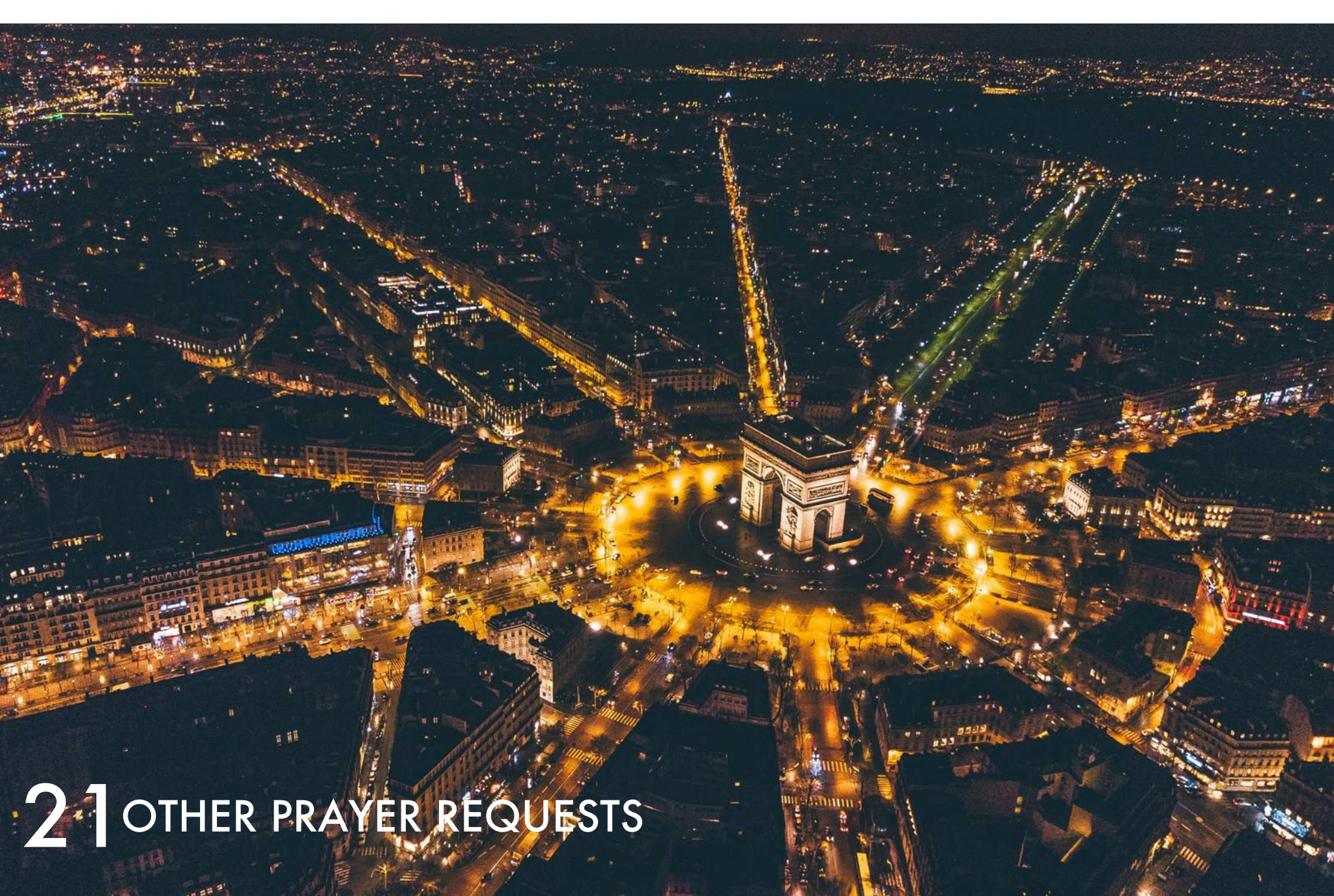




## 20 PARIS ENSEMBLE PRAYER GROUP

Our Paris Ensemble group needs prayer today. God, please help this small group to do mighty things for you! Please lead us and empower us to have an impact on Paris that glorifies your name. We pray that you would bring fresh ideas to the group on how to reach those who need us to. We also ask for growth in the size of the group so that we have more workers to continue in our mission to saturate Paris with prayer. We love you and pray for your Holy Spirit to fill us and fill the city! May Your presence be evident in us. Amen!





## 21 OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

We will end this prayer guide with this verse to help us as we pray together for Paris, “Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21.





## PRAY FOR PARIS IN 2024 AND THE OLYMPICS IN PARIS

The population of the city of Paris is just over 2 million, while the population of the greater Paris area is over 11 million. If there were a church for everyone with 50 people attending, that would mean the greater Paris area would need 220,000 churches to accommodate all the believers. We praise God for the existing churches in the greater Paris area and pray for more churches to be planted so Paris can see more disciples of Jesus Christ.





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