

THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH

FACTS

- The Church is the only establishment on earth growing faster than HIV&AIDS is spreading. There are 6,300 new infections every day, but the Church is growing by 115,000 daily (amfar.gov 2012)!
- In nearly every city, town, and village around the globe, there may not be a clinic or post office, but there is a Church.
- HIV is largely a behaviorally-driven disease. The Church has the moral authority to address behavior and offer strategies for risk elimination rather than just risk avoidance.
- The Church is God's answer for the HIV pandemic. We are commanded to care! Jesus gave himself as an example of compassion for the sick. We are his hands, feet, and witnesses of his truth.
- There are six ways every church can care for those living with HIV&AIDS and respond to this pandemic: CHURCH

Care for and Support the Sick

Handle HIV Testing and Counseling

Unleash a Volunteer Labor Force

Remove the Stigma

Champion Healthy Behavior

Help with HIV Medications





PRAYER



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Pray that churches throughout the United States and around the globe will grow in compassion and in their outreach to those who are living with HIV.

Pray for churches to start effective and fruitful HIV&AIDS ministries.

Ask God to provide pastors, leaders, and volunteers with wisdom, endurance, and encouragement.

Pray that all pastors would become champions of HIV&AIDS education, acceptance, prevention, care, and support in their community.

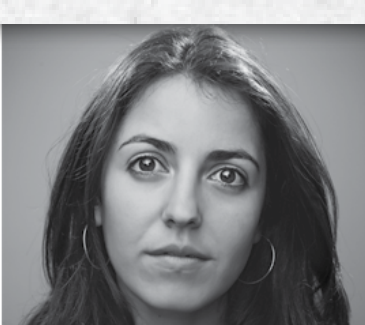
Ask for God to use his Church to break down barriers, diminish isolation, and extinguish the stigma associated with HIV&AIDS.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN

FACTS

- Every 2 minutes, a child dies from AIDS.
- More than 16.6 million children under the age of 18 have been orphaned by AIDS. More than 14 million of these children live in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- It's estimated that 34 to 35.9 million people are living with HIV&AIDS around the world—more than 50% of them are women (unaids.org 2012).
- More than 35 million people now live with HIV&AIDS. 3.3 million of them are under the age of 15 (cdc.gov 2012).
- Women are at greater risk of heterosexual transmission of HIV. In many countries, women are not in the position to negotiate the use of protection and are more likely to be subjected to non-consensual sex.
- Today in the United States, about 1 in 4 people living with HIV are women.
- Young women are twice as likely to become infected with HIV as young men.
- Women of color are most affected, with more than 6 in 10 new HIV infections occurring in Black women and Latinas aged 13 to 39.
- Women account for 1 in 5 new HIV diagnoses and deaths caused by AIDS (amfar.org).
- In 2012, an estimated 2.3 million people were newly infected with HIV. 260,000 were under the age of 15 (cdc.gov).
- Worldwide, women constitute more than half of all people living with HIV&AIDS.
- For women in their reproductive years (15 to 49), HIV&AIDS is the leading cause of death (AIDS.gov).





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WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Ask God to provide his comfort, peace, and healing for the deepest hurts and fears they feel.

Pray for God’s wisdom and protection for those who are vulnerable and alone.

Ask for God to surround them with a loving community of believers from their local church who will offer care and support.

Pray that no child would be without a family.

Ask God to raise up families to care for and adopt orphans as God adopted us.

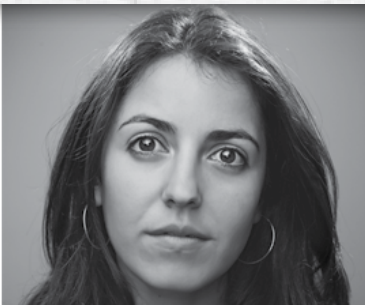
Pray that there will be no babies born HIV positive by 2015.

MEN

FACTS

- Gay and bisexual men of all races, and heterosexual men of color account for the greatest number of new HIV infections (61%) in the United States (aids.gov 2011).
- Globally, men account for approximately 49% of all those infected with HIV.
- Attitudes, traditions, and values in every culture affect the sexual behavior of males. Men and boys typically have more sexual partners than women and girls.
- On average 38% of men having sex with men have gotten tested in the last 12 months (aids.gov).





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MEN

Pray for men to accept Jesus as their Savior and that they follow him in every area of their lives.

Pray that men will treat women and children with love and respect.

Ask God to make men more like him and help them grow in the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Pray for wisdom and the strength to do what is right.

Pray that men would lead their families as Jesus led and loved his Church.

Ask God to provide healing and wholeness.

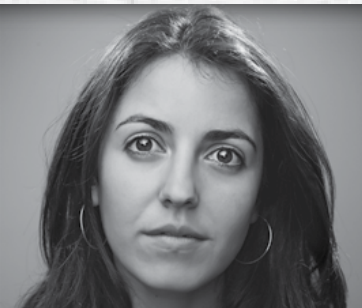
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DISCLOSURE AND ADHERENCE

FACTS

- Every day, nearly 6,300 people contract HIV—nearly 262 every hour and about 5,500 people die from AIDS (unaids.org 2012).
- Globally Voluntary HIV Testing and Counseling (VTC) is one of the most effective strategies a church can promote; everyone should know their HIV status. In the United States, you can find free, confidential HIV testing at hivtest.org.
- Disclosure of HIV status statistically results in emotional health and regularity in treatment adherence due to the support offered from those closest to them.
- Adherence to treatment is critical for the well-being of those who have AIDS. Skipping even one day can have lethal consequences for the person living with the virus due to the mutation of the virus in response to the absence of medications even for hours (2012).





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HIV TESTING, COUNSELING, DISCLOSURE, AND ADHERENCE

Ask God to provide courage and strength to everyone to take the steps to get tested.

Pray that churches will find favor in becoming testing sites and access to testing will increase around the world.

Ask that God will break down stigma and give courage to those who test positive to disclose their status. Pray that those who disclose their status will receive acceptance and support from their local church and those closest to them.

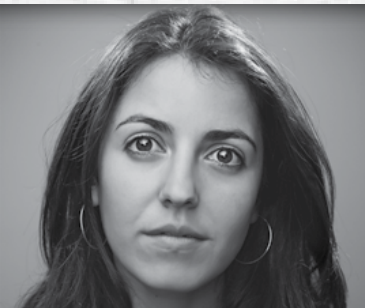
Pray for an increase in effective support systems for treatment adherence in local churches and communities.

HIV CURE/TREATMENT

FACTS

- No cure exists for HIV&AIDS.
- Great accomplishments have been made in creating effective treatment helping many to live longer lives with HIV&AIDS. Treatment often involves multiple daily doses and can have some difficult side effects.
- Adherence to HIV treatment is critical because the HIV virus mutates easily if the medication is not taken properly, resulting in many people developing resistance to their medication. This resistance also leads to people being infected with treatment-resistant strains of HIV.
- HIV&AIDS research has proven that people who are on effective treatment are 96% less likely to transmit the virus.
- More than 50% of the people living with HIV&AIDS who need treatment are receiving it. While this is a huge step forward, there are still nearly half of the people around the world who do not have access to life-saving medications.





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HIV CURE/TREATMENT

Pray that God will stop the disease and make it history. AIDS is largely a preventable disease.

Pray for a cure to be found.

Pray for access to treatment and care to all who need it.

Pray that the medical workers who are researching and developing treatments to have wisdom and success.

Pray that the Lord would give medical professionals, who care for those with HIV&AIDS, strength, wisdom, and endurance.

Pray for local churches to find favor and success in offering HIV testing and treatment support.

Pray that churches will continue to break down stigma and powerfully and effectively communicate awareness and prevention.

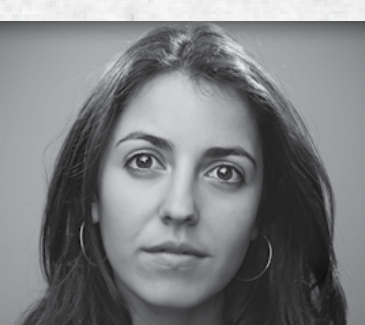
Pray for a revival among people everywhere to honor their commitment to abstinence before marriage and faithfulness in marriage.

HIV&AIDS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

FACTS

- In 2011, 1.7 million people were newly infected with HIV.
- Africa has over 14 million AIDS orphans.
- There are 1.8 million children under 15 living with HIV&AIDS.
- More than two-thirds (70%) of all people living with HIV, 25 million, live in sub-Saharan Africa—including 88% of the world's HIV-positive children (unaids.org 2012).
- In 2012, an estimated 1.6 million people in the region became newly infected (unaids.org).
- An estimated 1.2 million adults and children died of AIDS, accounting for 75% of the world's AIDS deaths in 2012 (unaids.org).
- In sub-Saharan Africa, women constitute 57% of all people living with HIV&AIDS (aids.gov).





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HIV/AIDS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Pray that God will strengthen and equip his Church in Africa to care and minister with compassion to those who are infected and affected by HIV.

Pray that every child who has been orphaned through this pandemic will be adopted by a family as God intended it.

Pray for comfort and peace to those grieving the death of a loved one due to this disease.

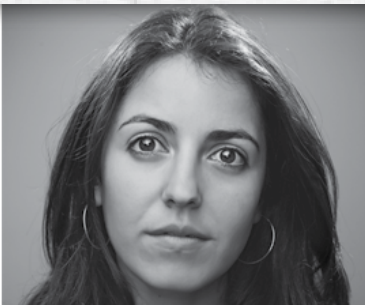
Ask God to give his strength, courage, and healing to those living with HIV&AIDS in Africa.

HIV IN ASIA

FACTS

- In Asia and the Pacific, nearly 351,000 people became newly infected in 2012, bringing the total number of people living with HIV&AIDS there to nearly 5 million. AIDS has claimed an estimated 261,000 lives in the region in 2012 (unaids.org).
- In 2009, China has reported that AIDS has become the #1 leading cause of death among infectious diseases for the first time ever (more than tuberculosis and rabies).
- In India, approximately 2.3 million people are living with HIV. An estimated 39% are female and 3.5% are children.
- HIV prevalence rates are increasing in Bangladesh, Pakistan, and the Philippines.





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HIV IN ASIA

Ask God to strengthen and equip his Church in Asia to care and minister with compassion to those who are infected and affected by HIV&AIDS.

Ask that churches will continue to break down stigma and powerfully and effectively communicate awareness and prevention.

Pray that preventive strategies will be effective. Also, pray for an end to exponential spreading of this disease in this highly populated continent.

Pray for honesty and integrity in government research efforts and statistical reports so that the best treatment and preventative measures can be implemented.

Ask that the compassionate outreach of the Church will draw millions to Christ in Asia.

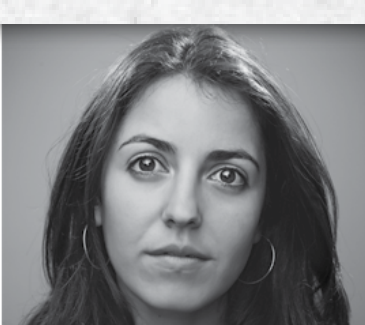
Ask God to give his strength, courage, and healing to those living with HIV&AIDS in Asia.

HIV IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

FACTS

- More than 1.6 million people are living with HIV&AIDS (unaids.org 2012).
- The Caribbean has the second highest prevalence of HIV&AIDS in the world (unaids.org 2012).
- Latinos account for an estimated 17% of people living with HIV and 20% of new infections in 2009 (cdc.gov).
- Approximately 12,000 people became newly infected in the Caribbean in 2012, bringing the total number of people living with HIV&AIDS there to more than 250,000. AIDS claimed an estimated 11,000 lives in 2012.





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HIV IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Ask God to strengthen and equip his Church in Latin America and the Caribbean to care and minister with compassion to those who are infected and affected by HIV&AIDS.

Pray that churches will continue to break down stigma and effectively communicate HIV awareness and prevention.

Pray for a deepening in understanding among the pastors of the biblical imperative of wholistic ministry, that church is called to minister to the whole person—spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.

Ask God to give his strength, courage, and healing to those living with HIV&AIDS in Latin America and the Caribbean.

HOW CAN I SAY YES TO GOD?

FACTS

- HIV&AIDS is the greatest humanitarian crisis in history and God's answer to that crisis is you.
- God commands us to care for the sick, the widow, and the orphan as Jesus did. It is one of your greatest opportunities to step into the most thrilling adventure of your life, loving as Jesus loved, and living as Jesus lived.

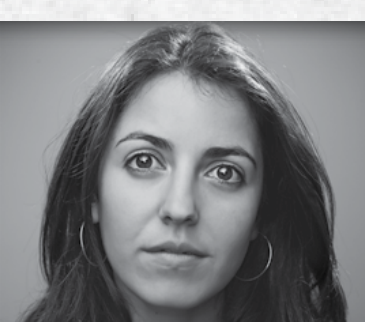
“Now glory be to God who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinately beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.”

Ephesians 3:20 (LB)

- God offers you the chance to courageously surrender to his plan for your life. Giving into God isn't easy. It's the boldest, riskiest step you'll ever take, but it will bring you closer to him than you ever thought possible.

*NOTE: Statistics from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and UNAIDS, The World Christian Encyclopedia (Oxford Press, 2000).



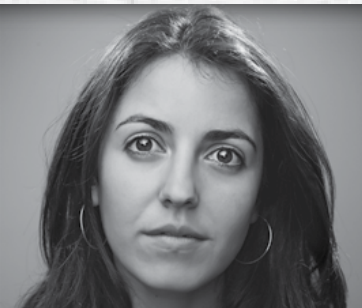


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HOW CAN I SAY YES TO GOD?

- Start* by asking God to help you say, “Yes,” to him today.
- Ask* the Lord to give you the courage to overcome your fear and doubts.
- Ask* for the Father to strengthen you to step outside your comfort zone and be willing to take risks by faith.
- Ask* the Lord to show you how to step into the sufferings of others and create opportunities for you to do so.
- Ask* for God to reveal to you how he is calling you to respond and care for those impacted by HIV&AIDS.



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PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Give thanks and ask God to bless the Church members who have offered themselves and God’s love and hope to those who are positive.

Give thanks for those who’ve had the courage to disclose their HIV status and reach out for support.

Pray for God to bless them and strengthen their faith.

Give thanks for churches with HIV&AIDS ministries and pray for their protection, multiplication and maximum effectiveness.

Give thanks and pray for the pastors around the world who have stood up for what is right in the midst of conflict and intense stigma.