

# **THE VISION AND STRATEGY OF DEBORAH ARISE INTERNATIONAL**

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## **THE VISION**

The vision of **DEBORAH ARISE INTERNATIONAL** is a call to women to stand together in prayer for our young people to see them:

- with burning passion and zeal for Jesus (Judges 5:31)
- with hearts for mission and evangelism

We would like to see women investing time daily and if possible praying weekly in pairs or groups to intercede for the current generation of children and young people. As we work together we will more effectively take ground back from the enemy and rescue our captive generation. We will seek God for his strategies for the battle, supporting and encouraging each other as we move on.

## **A CALL TO WAR**

In 1995 I was in Brazil when a young pastor prophesied over me. He said that a sword was being put into my hand – the sword of Deborah, symbolizing the raising of an army, and I was told that the work would be international. Two years later God revealed to me what this calling was all about. I was told about a project called ‘Awake Deborah’ that had started in Brazil in 1996, their aim being to raise an army of praying women. Their target for that year was to enrol 25,000 women to pray for children and young people who would be passionate for Jesus and have hearts for mission. They had exceeded their target within six months and more than 50 women were signing up each day!! I knew that God was speaking to me about starting a similar project in the UK, and later was told that it was not just for my nation but for the whole world – and that I had to be obedient!!

I needed to hear God as to what was on His heart and then how to proceed with this ‘Call’. God spoke very clearly by a **PROPHETIC WORD** through Bobby Conner in December 1999.

(Excerpts of the prophecy below. Complete text on [www.bobbyconner.org](http://www.bobbyconner.org))

“There is coming a world-wide youth revival, the Spirit of God will release such ‘passion’ for the presence of the Lord. This coming awakening will sweep across the earth like a wild fire, nothing will be able to stop nor stand in the way. These youth will be filled with resolve and vision of the harvest, they will be bound together with cords of love and faith that cannot be broken. They will gather together in mass gatherings in different areas of the world, in some of these meetings there will be up to half a million young people.

These meetings will not be organised by man, they will be directed by the Spirit of God. This will be a time of release of such power from the throne of God. Signs and wonders will be happening on a level not experienced in the Church until now. This will be the

normal Christian life for these end-time warriors. They will not look like we think they should look, they will not talk like we think they should talk, however the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit will be upon them.

In this radical band of believers there will be no racism, boys and girls will share in leadership. There will be a unity that will astound the body of Christ. Soon it will be evident to all why the enemy has attempted to kill this generation. He has somehow seen this emerging end-time army. They will be willing to die for what they believe. It has been hard to get my generation to live for what they say they believe in, however this end-time generation will be ready and willing to lay their lives down for the cause of Christ"

A world-wide youth revival! This is the BIG vision, and one that captivates our hearts, but where do we start to pray?

I was reading the book of Nehemiah about his call to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. He saw the enormity of the task, but God showed him that if he got the families to build the wall around where they lived, the whole wall would go up and soon be finished. (This story spoke to me about the walls of society being broken down where Satan has come into steal, kill and destroy.) We must take back this ground in a strategic manner. We can be involved in the BIG picture by doing our part on a LOCAL level by praying and standing in our authority as believers.

Through prayer we will:

1. Rebuild the walls around our OWN FAMILIES where Satan has come in to steal our children's hearts, and protect that which belongs to us.
2. Rebuild and maintain the walls around OUR CHURCH FAMILY, where young people have received Christ, then gone away from Him – calling the Prodigals home.
3. Build the walls around our COMMUNITIES, CITIES and the NATIONS.

## **THE BREAKTHROUGH FOR THE YOUTH IN OUR CHURCH**

In 1999 my daughter and a friend were in tears because their teenage children were saying they did not want to go to church anymore. I was really angry and felt that the situation called for serious prayer and fasting. Isaiah 59:21 came to mind 'The words I have put in your mouth will not depart from your mouth, or from the mouths of your children, or from the mouths of their descendants from this time on and forever,' says the Lord. What a wonderful promise for my grandson!

We decided to fast and pray the first Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each month to see a spiritual breakthrough in all our young people at church. Our hearts' desire was to see our kids on fire for God. We also started a weekly prayer meeting. Seven months later we saw the breakthrough when one of our young people had a visitation from God and then all the others followed!

God used these circumstances to get us into a **routine of persevering prayer**, and we are still enjoying the journey as God answers and pours out His love on our young people.

## **WHAT ARE WE PRAYING FOR?**

‘Let those who love Him be like the sun when it comes out in full strength.’  
(Judges 5:31)

This verse, taken from the Song of Deborah, summarises the zeal and passion we want to see in our young people.

### **Let us call our youth to become:**

- **A Joshua Generation** – a NO FEAR generation, the generation that is going in to ‘take the land.’ (Numbers 14:6-9)
- **A Samuel Generation**, those that HEAR His voice pray and OBEY. (1 Sam 3:10, 18)
- **A Nazarite Generation**, emphasizing their commitment to live lives that are CLEAN, HOLY and RIGHTEOUS before the Lord (Num 6 v 2)
- **An Elisha Generation**, with a double portion anointing for SIGNS AND WONDERS. (2 Kings 2:9,14)
- **A Josiah Generation**, that will turn to the Lord with all their hearts, RISING ABOVE environments of great dysfunction, sin and degradation. (2 Chron 34:1-33)

## **OUR PRAYER STRATEGIES**

Because the battle is raging for the souls of our children, we need to have a battle plan.

1. **Find God’s promises in His Word concerning your family.**
  - Meditate on the Word until FAITH comes. Speak it, pray it, declare it, and proclaim it. Prophecy it into their lives. The Word of God is a Sword, it’s our weapon for the battle. For example: ‘All your sons will be taught by the Lord, and great will be your children’s peace.’ (Isaiah 54:13) Personalise it with the names of your children.
  - Put a photo of your family in your Bible – remind God of His promise ‘this is my household, Lord, and it is written: ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with your entire household.’ (Acts 16:31)
  - Pray that every prophetic word that has even been spoken over your children will come to pass.
  
2. **Get others to stand in agreement with you.**

‘Again I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.’ (Matt 18:19) There is power in agreement. Get a prayer partner to believe with you for your family.
  
3. **Pray for God to send labourers across your child’s path.**

‘Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore to send out workers into his harvest field.’ (Luke 10 v 2) Ask that God will send other Christians to your children to be good examples to them and be able to influence them in the things of God.

#### 4. **Spiritual Warfare.**

This involves the principle of binding and loosing. Jesus said ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ (Matt 18:18)

- What do you need to bind in their lives?
- What is controlling them?
- What are they involved in?

Is it rebellion, addictions, smoking, drinking, drugs, pornography...?

Bind the blindness that Satan has put over their eyes, the veil that is preventing them from seeing the truth of the gospel. (2 Cor 4 v 3& 4) e.g. Materialism, atheism, poor self image....These things will be revealed to us as we wait on God.

THEN loose the Holy Spirit, loose a revelation of Jesus, loose the Spirit of love, purity, peace and a hunger for God in their hearts.

**It is the will of God for us to reign in life through our Lord Jesus. (Romans 5: 17) We will rule and reign in our own personal world, then when we pray in our groups we will partner with others and influence the world around us.**

#### 5. **Fasting and Prayer**

Fasting is a powerful key in our battle. In Matt 6 v 18 we read that God REWARDS us when we do. Isaiah talks about the fasting God wants to see: ‘To loose the chains of injustice, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke.’ (Isaiah 58)

God’s desire is to loose the bonds of wickedness in society, and set our young people free from Satanic oppression. (If you cannot fast for health reasons, you may like to abstain from certain foods or drinks, or even TV.)

#### 6. **Waiting in the Presence of God.**

As we wait in worship and adoration, we will get **strategy** for the battle. We must learn to intercede from God’s point of view. Wait to hear what He has on His heart. Timing is so important.

**Waiting on God is an important part of warfare.** ‘Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it’ (Psalm 37 v 34)

## 7. **Personal Holiness**

‘We have righteousness as our weapon’ (2 Cor 6:7) We can’t hide sin in our hearts and be effective warriors. It is important to forgive and release the people that have hurt us (especially our children) and love unconditionally.

Let us pray to have an anointing of **FAITH, HOPE and LOVE for our children.**

## **GUIDELINES FOR PRAYER IN YOUR GROUPS**

- Start with praise and worship, waiting on God for His agenda.
  - Have on pieces of paper the names of:
    - (a) your children and also the children you know that have gone away from God.
    - (b) the children and young people who attend your church.
- Pray over them as the Lord leads, tackling every problem as it arises. There have been times when it looked absolutely impossible for an individual to be changed, but the prayer strategies outlined above really work and keep your prayers on target no matter what you can see in the natural. God is a God of miracles and He likes a challenge!!
- Pray for youth ministries and conferences that you know are taking place.
  - Pray for women in the nations to catch the vision of Deborah Arise as June travels to share it

## **OUR PRAYER GOALS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE WORLD**

- An army of young people who are burning with passion and zeal for Jesus, who are warriors for Him and who have hearts for mission and evangelism.
- Prodigals restored and salvation of the lost.
- Leaders to emerge, with pure hearts, who can inspire young people to live radical lifestyles.
- The ministry of children to be recognised and Joel’s prophecy about them to come into being (Acts 2:17).
- God moving in schools and universities and for Him to be glorified in these places.
- Stadiums filled with young people praising and worshiping God, something which has been prophesied and is on many people’s hearts.

## **A BIRTHING PROCESS**

We believe God's will for this generation is a world-wide youth revival.

'Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' (Matt 6 v 10)

**Let us get hold of His will and through our focused, deliberate, and unrelenting prayer bring it to birth on this earth.**

'Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches. Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him [in prayer] for the life of your young children who faint from [spiritual] hunger at every corner.'

(Lamentations 2:19)

## Scriptural prayers

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Thank you Lord that all these people will repent and return, that their sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that You may send Jesus the Christ appointed for them. In the name of Jesus. (Act 3:19-20)

Thank you Lord that You will grant these people repentance, leading to the knowledge of the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will. In the Name of Jesus Christ. (II Timothy 2:25-26)

Thank you Lord that you are pouring out your spirit on my offspring and your blessing on my descendants. They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by a flowing stream. (Isaiah 44: 3-4)

Thank you Lord that the blood of Christ will cleanse their conscience from dead works to serve the living God. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 9:14)

Thank you Lord that as far as the East is from the West, so far have You removed their transgressions from them. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Psalm 103: 12)

Thank you Lord that because of the tender mercy of our God, with which the Sunrise from on high shall visit them, to shine upon those in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Luke 1: 78-79)

Thank you Lord that Your kindness will lead them to repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Romans 2: 4)

Thank you Lord that You will direct their hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ. (II Thessalonians 3:5)

Thank you Lord that the Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil in the lives of these people. In the name of Jesus Christ. (I John 3:8)

Thank you Lord that You will put away from them a deceitful mouth, and put devious lips far from them. In the name of Jesus. (Proverbs 4: 2)

Thank you Lord that You laugh at the wicked, he knows his day is coming. The power of the wicked will be broken. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Psalm 37:13,17)

Thank you Lord that they will fear the Lord, and hate evil. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Proverbs 8: 13)

Thank you Lord that you will wash them thoroughly from any iniquity and cleanse them from their sin. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Psalm 51: 2)

Thank you Lord that You will open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Jesus. In the name of Jesus. (Acts 26: 18)

Thank you Lord that You have sent Jesus to proclaim release to the captives. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Luke 4: 8)

Thank you Lord that the God of peace will soon crush Satan under their feet. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Romans 16: 20)

Thank you Lord that you will deliver them from the hand of the wicked, and You will redeem them from the grasp of the violent. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Jeremiah 15: 21)

Thank you God that You will deliver them from every evil deed, and You will bring them safely to Your heavenly Kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ. (II Timothy 4: 18)

Thank you Lord that each one of these people will repent, and each one of them will be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins; and they shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Acts 2: 38)

Thank you Lord that You have chosen them from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. In the name of Jesus Christ. (II Thessalonians 2:13)

Thank you Lord that the Son of Man has come to seek and to save those who were lost. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Luke 19: 10)

Thank you Lord that You desire these people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. In the name of Jesus Christ. (I Timothy 2: 3-4)

Thank you Lord that You have wiped out their transgressions like a thick cloud, and their sins like a heavy mist: they will return to You for You have redeemed them. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 44:22)

Thank you Lord that these people will return, You will heal their faithlessness, behold they come to You, for You are the Lord their God. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Jeremiah 3:22)

Thank you Lord that these people will have the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins because of the tender mercy of our God, with which the Sunrise from on high shall visit them, to shine upon those in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Luke 1: 77-79)

Thank you Lord that You will again have compassion on them. You will tread their iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all of their sins into the depth of the Sea. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Micah 7:19)

Thank you Lord that these people will fear the Lord. You will instruct them in the way they should choose. Their souls will abide in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Psalm 25: 12-13)

Thank you Lord that You, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the father of glory may give them a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1: 17)

Thank you Lord that You will give them a mind that understands and eyes that see and ears that hear. In the name of Jesus Christ. (Deuteronomy 29: 4)

Thank you Lord that the promise is for me and my children and for all who are far off, for all whom the Lord will call. (Acts 2: 39)

Thank you Lord that this is your COVENANT with me: That your Spirit who is on me, and Your words that You have put into my mouth will not depart from my mouth, or from the mouths of my children, or the mouths of their descendants from this time on and for ever. (Isaiah 59: 21)