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Open Doors Announces "Seven Years of Prayer" for the Soviet Union

Open Doors, the worldwide ministry that for nearly thirty years has been taking Bibles "unofficially" behind the Iron Curtain, has just unveiled a new project to invade the Soviet Union ... with seven years of prayer.

Open Doors' leaders are asking Christians from around the world to concentrate their prayers on the Soviet Union because they believe this could cause a radical change there. "We believe that seven years of prayer could be the death blow to atheism," said an Open Doors spokesman, "an arrow in the bull's eye of the red star. We want to make sure that the star makes way for the cross!"

Open Doors is asking for believers to concentrate especially on three points: 1) Boldness for the Russian Christians, 2) Unity among Christians of the various churches and persuasions in the Soviet Union, 3) Openness to the gospel among non-Christians—atheists as well as Muslims.

Open Doors suggests Christians pray for the conversion of millions of young people in the Soviet Union who, "after years of spiritual oppression and indoctrination, are now asking about the real values of life."

Finally, they request prayer for Bible distribution, and for permission for the printing or importing of Bibles into the Soviet Union. "As long as this form of distribution is impossible on a large scale, your prayers for the unofficial distribution of Bibles is very important," said an Open Doors spokesman. "Pray for the secret Bible presses in the Soviet Union, and for Bible transport from the West."

1985 --- Gorbachev comes to power and opens the doors of the Soviet Union to church street meetings and Christian literature including the Bible.

1989 --- (Nov.) Berlin Wall comes down and the Iron Curtain is dissipated.

1992 --- (Jan.) Soviet Union is dissolved to form Russia and satellite republics. The "back" of communism is broken.