

Voice of Thanksgiving
Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer
Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of December 21, 2003

A Call to Prayer

*And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them,
and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold,
I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,
lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel
a multitude of the heavenly host praising God,
and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

Luke 2:9-14 (KJV)

This Week in Prayer

*"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me
The One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."*

Micah 5:2 (NKJV)

Pray for the famous little town of Bethlehem. The song says, "How still we see thee lie." But, as is true with the thousands of towns of Judah (and all Israel), it is not still. As David poured out the water his men had brought from Bethlehem, so the town of Bethlehem (and many others) are being poured out. Nations will be judged by how they respond to Jesus and his brothers, daily declared, by pouring out Bethlehem and the towns of Israel to war, attacks, hatred and destruction. Now is the time for prayer. The time for true peace has come, pray for end to the war, attacks, hatred and destruction.

*David was then in the stronghold,
and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.
And David said with longing,
"Oh, that someone would give me a drink of water from the well of Bethlehem,
which is by the gate!" So the three broke through the camp of the Philistines,
drew water from the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate,
and took it and brought it to David.
Nevertheless David would not drink it, but poured it out to the Lord.*

1 Chron. 11:16-18 (NKJV)

- Pray for the ***Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries*** pastors. Pray for the supply of every need and for health and protection for their families.

but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack--that there may be equality.

2 Cor. 8:14 (NKJV)

For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Philip. 1:19 (NKJV)

because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.

Philip. 2:30 (NKJV)

- Pray for your pastor. Help him to strive for God together with you.

Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me,

Romans 15:30 (NKJV)

- Pray for the ministries of Inner Court Ministries. For outreaches in Colorado, Poland, Brazil, and Germany.

and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Ephes. 6:19 (NKJV)

Praying Always for You

Pray for one another. Pray for peace. Our prayer this season is, that the peace and understanding of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will fill our heart and mind.

and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philip. 4:7 (NKJV)

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way.

The Lord be with you all.

2 Thes. 3:16 (NKJV)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philemon 1:3 (NKJV)

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

It must be terrible. The constant reminders, the presents, the music, the signs, the declarations, all declaring it is Christmas time. To a non-Christian this must be very painful, all these reminders about the season. More than just the season, even with the commercialism and secularization, Christmas is still about the babe in the manger in the little town, Christ the Lord. As fast as the world runs, as loud as they talk, and callused as they seem, the message still is strong, Christ the Lord.

You complain, "It is terrible, the old traditions are fading, overcome with hustle and bustle, secularism reigns". But I disagree; the world and its ways have done their best to forget. They would set Santa in first place, but as hard as they try, Christ the Lord remains. Christmas is not diluted, secularization has not won, there is just no way to get away from the true message, Christ the Lord. He is the season, He overwhelms all the rest.

Our prayers should be the same. For those He places on our heart, our family members, the neighbor, the man down the street, the boy who came to church just once, the lady in the market, the little girl in the hospital, the hungry faced little boy in the picture from that town far away, in every prayer assignment, we are to overwhelm them with our prayers. Just as there is no place to hide from Christmas, so there must be no place to hide from the Love of Jesus sent by our prayers.

*May the overwhelming message of Christmas,
the true message of the messenger, Jesus Christ
hold you and keep you at this time and throughout the year.*

Joining This Company

All Christians who will pray are welcome. ***Voice of Thanksgiving*** is sent by e-mail or letter to all who will commit to prayer as members of this company. It is a guide to challenge us and direct our prayers. The fee for joining is your commitment to pray. Please join us in praying for the nations.

To join send an e-mail with the word JOIN for the subject. Tell your friends and prayer partners about ***Voice of Thanksgiving***. The call is to gather a company of believers who will pray. Together we will reach nations for Jesus Christ.

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