

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

For the week of July 27, 2003

A Call to Prayer

We care not for your splendid abilities as a minister, or your natural endowment as an orator before men. We are sure that the truth of the matter is this: No one will or can command success and become a real praying soul unless intense application is the price. I am even now convinced that the difference between the saints like Wesley, Fletcher, Edwards, Brainerd, Bramwell, Bounds, and ourselves is energy, perseverance, invincible determination to succeed or die in the attempt. God help us.—REV. HOMER W. HODGE.

And I would extend this to all of us, not just the minister or orator before men. The call is to energy, perseverance, and invincible determination to succeed or die in the attempt. God help us.

This Week in Prayer

- Pray for Israel. I make not changes to this call for prayer. Please make this a priority this week.

When asking for instructions on what to include in this week's ***This Week in Prayer***, I heard this phrase, "Men's actions provide opportunities." My understanding of this is, as men make and execute their plans, opportunities come for prayer and ministry. Sometimes actions are positive creating exciting opportunities. Sometimes men's actions are negative and the opportunities are to correct wrongs and change men and plans. These opportunities for Christians, positive or negative, must be birthed in prayer followed by action or the opportunities will be lost. Men's actions in Israel are providing Christians with opportunities for prayer and ministry.

- Pray again this week for ministries and work coming fall of 2003. While this is not a comprehensive list of activities plan for members of this company, this will give you a starting point on prayer needs. (I will list a few to get us started, please send me other ministry and work activities for this fall so I can included them in the weeks to come)

A few of the ministry and work activities includes: the school in Brazil — work with young people and the community of the region, travel to meet with pastors in Belarus — part of the follow-up to the BBB conference of June 2003 and preparation for second conference in June of 2004, online web page ministries and outreaches, local church outreach and ministries, and completion of the transfer of German Verein from the Inntal Vineyard to Inner Court Ministries.

Praying Always For You

Our call to prayer is once again a call to pray for individuals and ministries, but this week the focus is on personal attacks. There is a concerted ongoing attack on people in ministry. Full time or part time, the devil is trying to stop or delay ministry by weakening those involved in the work. Often this is financial and so last week we prayed specifically for that area. This week pray about attacks on people. Pray for safety for individuals and their families. Pray for exposure of lies, rumors, and innuendo. Pray for a failure of offence to work its nasty work.

*Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health,
just as your soul prospers.*

3 John 1:2 (NKJV)

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A psalm of David.

*Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have relieved me in my distress;
Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.
How long, O you sons of men,
Will you turn my glory to shame?
How long will you love worthlessness
And seek falsehood?
Selah*

*But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly;
The Lord will hear when I call to Him.*

Psalm 4:1-3 (NKJV)

Day-by-day we long for the things David calls for here, have mercy on me and hear my prayer. As an intercessor, prayer warrior, or someone who prays, what ever you are, we must have His mercy. It is only the most naive person who does not know that God is holy and righteous and we have fallen far short of His standards. It is only by His mercy that we can come to Him. Notice the order listed in Hebrews 4:16, mercy then help, "Let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy..."

*Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)

Second, David asks, God hear my prayers. That is the cry of everyone who would pray. To paraphrase Paul, how miserable we would be (as people of prayer) if God does not hear our prayers. It would be a waste of time and effort if God did not hear and listen to prayer, but we know He does hear. It is with great confidence that we can pray, confidence in Him. He hears and answers!

*"It shall come to pass
That before they call, I will answer;
And while they are still speaking, I will hear.
Isaiah 65:24 (NKJV)*

*'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things,
which you do not know.'
Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)*

*And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask,
we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.
1 John 5:15 (NKJV)*

God has set apart for Himself men and women who will respond to His call to pray. God, who is alive and listening to the prayers of men, has called you to come before Him and make your petitions known. He delights to spend time with you, listening as you pray.

Let Us Pray!

Joining This Company

All Christians who will pray are welcome. ***Voice of Thanksgiving*** is sent by email or letter to all who will commit to prayer as member 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. Send an email with the word JOIN in the subject so I know you would like to receive ***Voice of Thanksgiving***. 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.

To receive ***Voice of Thanksgiving*** by email:
Send an email to david@innercourt.com
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