

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

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A Call to Prayer

Humility is a rare Christian grace, of great price in the courts of heaven, entering into and being an inseparable condition of effectual praying. It gives access to God when other qualities fail. It takes many descriptions to describe it, and many definitions to define it. It is a rare and retiring grace. Its full portrait is found only in the Lord Jesus Christ. Our prayers must be set low before they can ever rise high. Our prayers must have much of the dust on them before they can ever have much of the glory of the skies in them. In our Lord's teaching, humility has such prominence in His system of religion, and is such a distinguishing feature of His character, that to leave it out of His lesson on prayer would be very unseemly, would not comport with His character, and would not fit into His religious system. E. M. Bounds

This Week in Prayer

- Pray for the ***Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries*** Conference in June 2004. Pray for the preparation of the man and woman. God has made plans for this conference. Now it is imperative that each man and woman who will be a participant, be prepared as well.

*The Lord is King forever and ever;
The nations have perished out of His land.
Lord, You have heard the desire of the humble;
You will prepare their heart;
You will cause Your ear to hear,
To do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,
That the man of the earth may oppress no more.*
Psalm 10:16-18 (NKJV)

- Stand in prayer with those that stand strong for the faith. This is difficult in many countries, but we can stand with those who are under great pressures for the faith.

*Remember the prisoners as if chained
with them--those who are mistreated--since
you yourselves are in the body also.*
Hebrews 13:3 (NKJV)

- Pray for Israel. The strength of the Lord is the safeguard of Israel.

*When I remember You on my bed,
I meditate on You in the night watches.
Because You have been my help,
Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.
My soul follows close behind You;
Your right hand upholds me.
But those who seek my life, to destroy it,
Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.
They shall fall by the sword;
They shall be a portion for jackals.
But the king shall rejoice in God;
Everyone who swears by Him shall glory;
But the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.*

Psalm 63:6-11 (NKJV)

- Pray for outreaches in your local church or fellowship. Your prayers are the difference between success and failure in these ministries. Take responsibility in prayer for the success of the work and then join with them in the work.

Praying Always for You

Pray for one another. To pray, we must be faithful in His covenant. Pray that we will be faithful.

*For their heart was not steadfast with Him,
Nor were they faithful in His covenant.*

Psalm 78:37 (NKJV)

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

Faithful

Faithful is an old fashion word. The common words of today are politically correct; words geared to make everyone feel good. These words try to remove responsibility, make us feel good, and ease our troubled conscience. Faithful just does not fit in with modern thinking. Today's words are words of a stubborn and rebellious generation; faithful just does not fit in. This is a generation with a spirit of self and indulgence. The Bible describes this and many other generations like this one as a generation whose spirit is not faithful to God.

*And may not be like their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious generation,
A generation that did not set its heart aright,
And whose spirit was not faithful to God.*

Psalm 78:8 (NKJV)

To the Chief Musician. On an eight-stringed harp. A Psalm of David.

***Help, Lord, for the godly man ceases!
For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.***
Psalm 12:1 (NKJV)

Faithful is a lost art and a faithful man, who can find? God has not changed; it is still the faithful man who is recognized by the Lord.

***His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant;
you were faithful over a few things,
I will make you ruler over many things.
Enter into the joy of your lord.'***
Matthew 25:21 (NKJV)

God is interested in and rewards the faithful man.

***My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land,
That they may dwell with me;
He who walks in a perfect way,
He shall serve me.***
Psalm 101:6 (NKJV)

***Oh, love the Lord, all you His saints!
For the Lord preserves the faithful,
And fully repays the proud person.***
Psalm 31:23 (NKJV)

The relationship between God and the faithful man is sweet. God watches over the faithful man and the faithful man keeps his eyes on his Father. The faithful man is faithful, so simple to say, but ...

***In whose eyes a vile person is despised,
But he honors those who fear the Lord;
He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;***
Psalm 15:4 (NKJV)

Our task is to pray, will we be faithful to the task? Those who are considered faithful at their task will distribute to their brethren. Our brethren are waiting.

***And I appointed as treasurers over the storehouse Shelemiah the priest
and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah;
and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah;
for they were considered faithful,
and their task was to distribute to their brethren.***
Neh. 13:13 (NKJV)

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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