

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

For the Week of May 30, 2004

A Call to Prayer

I believe God answers prayer, Answers always, everywhere;
I may cast my anxious care, Burdens I could never bear,
On the God who heareth prayer.
Never need my soul despair Since He bids me boldly dare
To the secret place repair, There to prove He answers prayer.
From an old song

This Week in Prayer

Pray for the ***Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries*** Conference in June 2004. Pray that we strengthen one another in the Lord.

*And they kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy;
for the Lord made them joyful,
and turned the heart of the king of Assyria toward them,
to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.*

Ezra 6:22 (NKJV)

*For they all were trying to make us afraid, saying,
"Their hands will be weakened in the work, and it will not be done."
Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.*

Neh. 6:9 (NKJV)

*With whom My hand shall be established;
Also My arm shall strengthen him.*

Psalm 89:21 (NKJV)

*Fear not, for I am with you;
Be not dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you,
Yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'*

Isaiah 41:10 (NKJV)

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

*Awake, awake!
Put on your strength, O Zion;
Put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city!
For the uncircumcised and the unclean
Shall no longer come to you.*
Isaiah 52:1 (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 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. Stand fast in the faith.

*Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.
Let all that you do be done with love.*
1 Cor. 16:13-14 (NKJV)

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

The Student

Moses to Timothy many are the students of the Bible. Good students and bad, good teachers and bad, the Bible is filled with teachers and students. This should not surprise anyone, God; the creator of the universe has chosen to make contact with His creation. He has broken through the vast gulf of separation and spoken. He came not as lightening and thunder, but with instructions and guidance for daily living. To everyone willing to believe He speaks, He has become teacher, and all who will listen, have become students.

This relationship of speaking and listening is common, the teacher and student walking together, sharing and learning. But this teacher is special, He is the only wise God, and as creator of the universe. This is the teacher of all teachers.

Students come in levels of ability and skill. For some today's lesson is learning their letters, for others proper grammar, still others forming paragraphs is their current assignment. All are learning a

language, but each is at a different place in their development. The daily lessons are geared for the needs of the student, but the goal is mastery of that language.

Are you a student of prayer? What are the lessons Jesus is teaching you today? Job knew enough to ask for lessons.

***Teach us what we should say to Him,
For we can prepare nothing because of the darkness.***
Job 37:19 (NKJV)

Jesus' disciples asked for lessons on prayer.

***Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place,
when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him,
"Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."***
Luke 11:1 (NKJV)

Today respond to the call to the classroom of prayer. Listen to the teacher, His lesson perfect, tailored just for you.

For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say. "
Luke 12:12 (NKJV)

Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.
Psalm 25:12 (NKJV)

***Good and upright is the Lord; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.
The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.***
Psalm 25:8-9 (NKJV)

***Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.***
Proverbs 9:9 (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.

To receive **Voice of Thanksgiving** by e-mail:
Send an e-mail to david@innercourt.com
include the word JOIN in the subject line

To receive **Voice of Thanksgiving** by regular mail:
Voice of Thanksgiving
Inner Court Ministries
P.O. Box 2125
Longmont, CO 80502-2125