

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

For the Week of June 20, 2004

A Call to Prayer

"By faith" must here, as through all Scripture, and all the spiritual life, be the keynote. As you tarry before God, let it be in a deep quiet faith in Him, the Invisible One, who is so near, so holy, so mighty, so loving. In a deep, restful faith too, that all the blessings and powers of the heavenly life are around you, and in you. Just yield yourself in the faith of a perfect trust to the Ever Blessed Holy Trinity to work out all God's purpose in you. Begin each day thus in fellowship with God, and God will be all in all to you.

The Deeper Christian Life Murray, Andrew

This Week in Prayer

- Pray for the **Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries** Conference June 2004. Pray for God's anointing on the meetings and fellowship time.

A Song of Ascents. Of David.
Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity!
Psalm 133:1 (NKJV)

till we all come to the unity of the faith
and of the knowledge of the Son of God,
to a perfect man,
to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;
Ephes. 4:13 (NKJV)

- Pray for Israel. The pressure continues to intensify to give-up land for promises of security. The only true security for the Jew is God. The only promise that will be kept is His. Pray for protection and direction.

But this is a people robbed and plundered;
All of them are snared in holes,
And they are hidden in prison houses;
They are for prey, and no one delivers;
For plunder, and no one says, "Restore!"
Isaiah 42:22 (NKJV)

- Stand in prayer with those that stand strong for the faith. Persecution, loss of jobs, beatings, imprisonment, and death face members of the Body of Christ this week. Pray for Christians

standing for the faith, caught in the path of Satan's death and destruction brigades, the governments, groups, and individuals who persecute the Church.

***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 the ministry of the ICM eV (our German Verein). This is a tool dedicated to God to furthering the work of the Kingdom in Germany and Europe. Pray for opportunities to minister.

***But rise and stand on your feet;
for I have appeared to you for this purpose,
to make you a minister and a witness both of the things
which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you.***

Acts 26:16 (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. God is our strength and might and He gives favor for standing strong. Pray for His hand in battle for us.

***He delivered me from my strong enemy,
From those who hated me, For they were too strong for me.***

Psalm 18:17 (NKJV)

***Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle.***

Psalm 24:8 (NKJV)

***Lord, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong;
You hid Your face, and I was troubled.***

Psalm 30:7 (NKJV)

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

The Sower

There is coming a day, That Day, when the Lord will return. Culminating on That Day, are many events which will startle and stir even the most hardhearted. God will fulfill all of His plans and

purpose. This longed for, sought after, day, will be a day of great celebration and unfortunately great sorrows, a day of revealing of men's hearts.

***"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord,
"When the plowman shall overtake the reaper,
And the treader of grapes him who sows seed;
The mountains shall drip with sweet wine,
And all the hills shall flow with it.***

Amos 9:13 (NKJV)

The sower plants seeds. A Christian sower plants God's Word as his seed. Everyday people sow, they sow by their words and actions. A friend of mine often said, "Tell people you care for them; use words if you have to". He knew actions were a stronger testimony, often much stronger, than words. Daily we sow, yet our sowing is scattered with messages mixed and muddled. Even the message of the Gospel can struggle to be heard when our lifestyle shouts other messages.

Everyone is to be a sower; it is a regular part of Christian life. Some people are more gifted as sowers than others, but just as all Christians are to be plowman, so we are all to be sowers. The seed we are to sow is the Word of God, a great seed to sow.

***So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me void,
But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.***

Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV)

Sowers, greatly gifted sower and those who seem to sow less, all need our prayers. The job done well is a key ingredient in changing lives. So, pray for sowers. Pray for sowers to boldly proclaim the Gospel, the message that penetrates the hardness of men's hearts. Pray for a bold declaration of the grace and goodness of God.

***Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord,
who was bearing witness to the word of His grace,
granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.***

Acts 14:3 (NKJV)

***And for me, that utterance may be given unto me,
that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,
For which I am an ambassador in bonds:
that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.***

Ephes. 6:19-20 (KJV)

Pray for wisdom and skill for sowers. It is important for the sower to sow a clear message, undiluted and unmuddled, simply the Word of God. God's Word changes the hearts of men, God's Word is effectual.

***And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue:
whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard,***

**they took him unto them,
and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.**

Acts 18:26 (KJV)

And pray for the seed sown. There is nothing wrong with God's seed. It is perfect in every way. But a good farmer takes great care of his seed; watching over it to keep it clean and pure, but it is easy for other things to get into the seed. The natural question in the parable of the sower (Matthew 13) was to ask about the seed. The first question was, "Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?" God's Word is perfect and complete, but when mixed with opinion and worldly ideas, tares will spring up.

**Another parable He put forth to them, saying:
"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;
but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares
among the wheat and went his way.
But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop,
then the tares also appeared.
So the servants of the owner came and said to him,
'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'
He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.'
The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'
But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares
you also uproot the wheat with them.
Let both grow together until the harvest,
and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers,
"First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them,
but gather the wheat into my barn." ' "**

Matthew 13:24-30 (NKJV)

Pray for the sower, pray for all of us to grow as sowers of His Word. Pray for skill in handling God's word. Pray for obedience to share the Gospel.

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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