

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of November 21, 2004

A Call to Prayer

My Creed leads me to think that prayer is efficacious, and surely a day's asking God to overrule all events for good is not lost. Still there is a great feeling that when a man is praying he is doing nothing, and this feeling makes us give undue importance to work, sometimes even to the hurrying over or even to the neglect of prayer.

Do not we rest in our day too much on the arm of flesh? Cannot the same wonders be done now as of old? Do not the eyes Of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth still to show Himself strong on behalf of those who put their trust in Him? Oh that God would give me more practical faith in Him! Where is now the Lord God of Elijah? He is waiting for Elijah to call on Him.—JAMES GILMOUR OF MONGOLIA

This Week in Prayer

- Pray for Israel. Pray for God to arise and His enemies to be scattered.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. A Song.

Let God arise,

Let His enemies be scattered;

Let those also who hate Him flee before Him.

Psalm 68:1 (NKJV)

For behold, Your enemies, O Lord,

For behold, Your enemies shall perish;

All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

Psalm 92:9 (NKJV)

- The persecution of Christians continues. There are places where accepting Christ could result in loss of job, homes, and even life. The persecution of our brothers is ours as well. Will you pray?
- Pray for support for the outreaches and ministries of your church and Inner Court Ministries. God works in conjunction with prayer.
- Pray for the ***Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries*** Conference in Poland, June 24-26, 2005. Pray for support for the conference and for continued support for the pastors supported by this outreach.

- Pray for the ministry of the ICM eV (our German Verein). The Verein conference will be in Germany, June 16-18, 2005.

Continue Earnestly in Prayer

God continues to open new doors of opportunity to this ministry and our friends. This section is a place to report specific request for prayer. Please continue earnestly in prayer for these friends and their ministry.

Jacek Gromadzki – Jack and Agnes are a young couple who pastor a church plant in a town about 30 or 40 minutes from Koszalin, Poland. Remember this church, pray for the 20 members, saved and baptized by the end of the year.

Marianne Burns – Marianne is a missionary to China with Campus Crusade for Christ. Remember Marianne and the work with students at a university in China.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for his work across Nepal. There fields are white unto harvest, but there are many who oppose the work.

Praying Always for You

Pray for one another; pray for faith in Christ and love for all the saints.

***We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
praying always for you,
since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;
because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven,
of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,
which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit,
as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;
as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant,
who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,
who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.***

Col. 1:3-8 (NKJV)

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

Standing in the Gate
David Williamson

For many centuries, men would gather at the gate of the city to conduct business. This was the place where the buying and selling of land would be transacted. This is where Abraham purchased a plot of land for a burial place for his wife Sarah. This is where Lot met the angels coming to destroy Sodom. This is where Boaz came as a relative, purchasing from Naomi all the property

of Elimelech, Kilion, and Mahlon. With this transaction, he acquired Ruth as his wife. The elder of the city would conduct the affairs of the city and deal with all disputes. The gate was Wall Street, courtroom, real estate office, and university. When a man was not at work, in the synagogue, or at home, he was at the gate.

The gate, the place of transaction, it is the place of prayer. God is there waiting for us to come and pray. Day-by-day He invites us to come and join Him there. As the elders met at the gate, so we can meet with Him.

Jesus is there, in the gate, to conduct business everyday. He is calling us to come and join Him. For buying and selling, He says come. For dealing with the needs of the day, He says come. For our families and friends He says come. As Mathew recorded for us, Jesus often bid people to come. Today He bids us to do the same, to come, stand with Him in the gate and transact business.

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28 (NKJV)

***And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You,
command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come."
And when Peter had come down out of the boat,
he walked on the water to go to Jesus.***
Matthew 14:28-29 (NKJV)

***Then Jesus said to His disciples,
"If anyone desires to come after Me,
let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.***
Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)

***But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me,
and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."***
Matthew 19:14 (NKJV)

***Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go,
sell what you have and give to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."***
Matthew 19:21 (NKJV)

***Then the King will say to those on His right hand,
'Come, you blessed of My Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:***
Matthew 25:34 (NKJV)

Will you come and stand in the gate? All who will pray, Jesus is inviting to come to Him. The day of the gate men gathered to complete the transactions of the day. Today the transactions of the day need prayer. The place of prayer is standing in the gate with Jesus.

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Luke 11:9 (NKJV)

If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone?

Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?

Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Luke 11:11-13 (NKJV)

And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do,

that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

John 14:13-14 (NKJV)

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

John 15:7 (NKJV)

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go

and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain,

that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

John 15:16 (NKJV)

Come to the gate, come to Jesus and pray.

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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