

# Voice of Thanksgiving

## Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of January 23, 2005

### *A Call to Prayer*

It is good, I find, to persevere in attempts to pray. If I cannot pray with perseverance or continue long in my addresses to the Divine Being, I have found that the more I do in secret prayer the more I have delight to do, and have enjoyed more of the spirit of prayer; and frequently I have found the contrary, when by journeying or otherwise, I have been deprived of retirement

DAVID BRAINERD

### *This Week in Prayer*

- Persecution of Christians has risen to an immediate and life threatening problem in Nepal. Daily there are threats and beatings. Some areas of the country it is not safe for Christians to travel or meet. Attempts to meet are stopped and those at meetings are beaten. The attacks on the church have become more brazen. Pray for our brothers and sisters, pray for safety and wisdom. Pray also for the Maoist of Nepal, they to need Christ, pray for the spirit of communism to be broken.

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,*

*who comforts us in all our tribulation,*

*that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble,*

*with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*

*For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us,*

*so our consolation also abounds through Christ.*

*Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation,*

*which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer.*

*Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.*

*And our hope for you is steadfast,*

*because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings,*

*so also you will partake of the consolation.*

2 Cor. 1:2-7 (NKJV)

- Planning and preparations for the ***Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference*** in Poland, June 24-26, 2005 continue. Pray for support for the conference and continued support for the pastors supported by this outreach. This meeting of East and West is a very powerful opportunity for growth and strengthening of the church. The support for the conference and for the pastors is a continuing need, pray for God's provision. (If you would like to help meet this need, email [dave@innercourt.com](mailto:dave@innercourt.com) for details).

- The meetings in Rosenheim were very productive. Many people are excited about the **Inntal Prayer Initiative** Conference, June 16-18, 2005. The theme of this conference: ***Rise Up O People of God! – Calling the Believing Church to Victorious and Effective Prayer in the Last Days!*** Please pray for this conference. Praying for people who will attend the conference, this will be a special time in the Lord.
- Pray for Israel. God has promised His people Israel will know His name. Pray for the eyes opened to see the redeemer.

### ***Souls from Every Nation***

Pray for people who need Christ. This week, this call for prayer, is a call for prayer in three areas. First, pray for a member of your family, one who has been on your heart. Many places in the Bible we are encouraged that the faithful prayer for our family members will avail much. Second, pray for outreaches in your area. Pick one geared toward reaching out to the lost. There are many worthwhile causes, worthy of our prayers, but this week pray for the reaching of those who are without Christ. Third, pray for a nation where the Gospel message is prohibited or restricted. If you do not have a nation, you regularly pray for, pray this week for Nepal. The Maoist attacks in Nepal are a serious threat to the spread of the Gospel.

The prayers of men and women just like you are reaching out to the lost. Join us in prayer. The need is great, but prayer overcomes even the greatest difficulty.

From heaven's standpoint, all spiritual victories are won, not primarily in the pulpit, not primarily in the light of publicity, not yet through the ostentatious blaring of trumpets, but in the secret place of prayer. The only power that overcomes Satan and releases souls from his stranglehold is the power of the Holy Spirit, and the only power that releases the energy of the Holy Spirit is the power of believing prayer.

Paul E. Billheimer from *Destined for the Throne*

### ***Continue Earnestly in Prayer***

Please continue earnestly in prayer for these ministries and outreaches.

**DK Limbu Daniel** – Pray for his work across Nepal. In some areas, it is dangerous to be a Christian in Nepal at this time. Please pray for Pastor Daniel and for the many pastors working to reach this nation for Christ. I wish to share a few lines from an email I received this week.

In January 18<sup>th</sup> night they were having fellowship, the Maoist have shown up and they have beaten up believers and asked leaders to dig ditch for themselves and threatened to kill and cover up. They have beaten them again for long time and asked them to follow them or join them. The Maoist asked them to go with them next morning. These new leaders asked new believers not to forsake Jesus Christ, strengthened them and left village at 1 AM after midnight ... They are only our contacts for that village. We must help them to stay in Katmandu until situation becomes normal. During their stay in Katmandu we could send

them half way to meet believers and encourage them. The believers also can come half way, we can arrange meeting point where is safe. Please pray for this situation and give us your hand to help them. As national Overseer of my ministry, I am open to any one. Our ministry is growing everywhere; some of our churches are in Maoist area too. Please pray for my safety and wisdom for me to deal with the situation. God is great and Almighty. He that is in me is greater than he that is in the world. Daniel

**Mark Spencer and David Williamson** – Thank you for your prayers, the meetings with the pastors and others in Germany was very fruitful. Many are excited about the coming conference, *The Inntal Prayer Initiative*.

**Mark Spencer** – Mark will be traveling to Poland, Belarus, and Lithuania in February and March meeting with pastors from the ***Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference***. Mark will be in Poland February 24 through March 2. Marek Kaminski and he will go to Belarus March 3 through 9 and Lithuania, March 6 through 9. Mark returns home on March 10. Please pray for a visa for Mark to enter Lithuania.

**Marianne Burns** – Marianne is a missionary to China with Campus Crusade for Christ. Pray for the work on several campuses and an upcoming special presentation for students (there are no English majors on some campus and so all outreach must be in Chinese).

**John Coon** – John will be traveling to Poland June 3 through 12. He will meet with Marek in Koszalin for a few days. He will then be ministering to and with many of the pastors throughout this region. Many of these men and women John has worked with for many years.

**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, and their ministry.

### **Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer**

#### **Reaching Out in Prayer**

David Williamson

Everything in life is doing. Our days are one doing after another, all our time is doings. We do this and that; even our resting is a doing. We choose to take a nap. We do go to bed at night. We do our chores. We do a job. We do our homework. We even do nothing. Some times the doing of our life are a form of rebellion. We do what we want, when we want. However, we also can and often do things God's way. Jesus opted to do things God's way. The temptations in the wilderness were an attempt to lure Jesus into doing things other than God's way, but Jesus chose Gods way in everything He did. Prayer covered his life doings.

***I can of Myself do nothing.  
As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous,  
because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.  
John 5:30 (NKJV)***

Jesus only did what His father told Him to do. He learned of His Father's will for each moment by prayer. His lifestyle was constant prayer. It guided and directed His every doing. Like his Lord, Paul was a man of prayer. It guided his every step, all his doings. Both of these men of prayer taught that we should also be men and women of prayer. Prayer should be our constant practice, guiding everything we do.

***Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication,  
with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;***

Philip. 4:6 (NKJV)

***Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;***

Col. 4:2 (NKJV)

In all our doings, we should pray for others. Jesus and Paul taught that Christians should pray for people, this is for other Christians and for the lost. The Christian life is that of one body, each part providing for the needs of the other parts. The Body of Christ is the members praying for others. If we are to walk as Jesus walked, if we are to be like Paul, we must be men and women of prayer. Our prayers must be the covering and guide for everything we do.

In many places around the world, there are great needs for prayer. The events of life are overwhelming. Many places face difficulties. In the area of the destruction caused by the tsunami, even life is difficult. In many regions of the world, becoming a Christian is fraught with dangers. People are threatened and they even face death. Without prayer, the Christian life would be impossible. The turning of hearts to the Father, the turning of nations to the Father, comes only through prayer. To reach men and women, all our doings are necessary. Jesus said go, calling us to reach out to the lost. However, all we do and everywhere we go, we need prayer. Our goings will be successful when conceived, consecrated, and covered by prayer.

**To reach a man or woman we must pray**

**To reach a nation we must pray**

### ***Joining This Company***

All Christians who will pray are welcome. Voice of Thanksgiving is available by e-mail to all who will commit to prayer as members of this company. Voice of Thanksgiving 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. Also, tell your friends and prayer partners about Voice of Thanksgiving. We are gathering a company of believers who will pray. Together we will reach nations for Jesus Christ.

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