

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of January 30, 2005

A Call to Prayer

Paul, Luther, Wesley—what would these chosen ones of God be without the distinguishing and controlling element of prayer? They were leaders for God because mighty in prayer. They were not leaders because of brilliancy in thought, because exhaustless in resources, because of their magnificent culture or native endowment, but leaders because by the power of prayer they could command the power of God. Praying men means much more than men who say prayers; much more than men who pray by habit. It means men with whom prayer is a mighty force, an energy that moves heaven and pours untold treasures of good on earth.

E. M. Bounds *Purpose in Prayer*

This Week in Prayer

- Until the end of time, there will be a conflict between kingdoms. The Kingdom of God is growing day-by-day and the kingdom of darkness fights back. Some areas of the world are notable for the open conflict between kingdoms. Nepal is such a place. The spirit of communism is working through the Maoist, working to kill, steal, and destroy everything associated with the Kingdom of God. The battle is fierce, but it is a battle we can and will win. Many of you remember the exciting days when the Iron Curtain across Europe came down. This attack on the Kingdom of God will also end. Daily there are men and women who place their lives on the front line of this battle. With them are many Christians although separated by thousands of miles, yet shoulder-to-shoulder with their brothers and sisters in Christ, by prayer. Pray for the end of the Maoist threat, for the protection of Christians, and for wisdom and grace to win Nepal for Jesus Christ. Your prayers are important to success in this battle.
- When we tell Christians about the ***Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference***, they are astounded. They hear the ring of true Christianity; they hear the voice of the Father calling to His children. Christians working with one another is one hallmark of Christianity. Christians from East and West working together is a very powerful statement of the love and community. This is not West telling East what to do, but brothers and sisters celebrating the love of God, that has, is, and will make a difference in people. This is the church at its best. The ***Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference*** is possible due to the support of people who have caught its vision, Christians working together to bring the Gospel to people in towns and cities around the world. Your prayers and support make the conference, as well as the other ministry outreaches and activities, possible. Thank you for praying and giving. Please continue, perhaps God will do even more with this conference and the deep and lasting relationships it has fostered.

- ***Rise Up O People of God! – Calling the Believing Church to Victorious and Effective Prayer in the Last Days!*** This is the theme of the ICM e.V. conference, June 2005. Pray for completion of all the details of planning a conference from 5000 miles away. Pray for the churches and people who will participate.
- 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

All around you there are people. Often I stop watching or listening at a public event, and just look around at the people. Invariably at these times, a question comes to mind, how many of these people know Jesus as Lord? Jesus also saw the people around Him. He saw them as fields white and ready to harvest. Do you see them? Will you labor in prayer and deed for the people around you?

*Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest?
 behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields;
 for they are white already to harvest.
 And he that reapeth receiveth wages,
 and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth
 and he that reapeth may rejoice together.
 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.
 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour:
 other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.*

John 4:35-38 (KJV)

Continue Earnestly in Prayer

Please continue earnestly in prayer for these ministries and outreaches.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for wisdom and safety. Daniel lives and works in an area where living for Jesus is not a slogan, but a daily life and death activity. Many people in the Nepal, such as the Maoists, would remove all evidence of Christ and His followers, if they could. Beatings, threats, and death are every day realities. Please pray for our brothers and sisters as they walk out their faith boldly. Pray that Daniel and those around him would be wise in all they do. Pray for their daily safety. Nepal can be a dangerous place; here are a few lines from a recent email from Pastor Daniel.

In January 18th 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 – 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 Mark will go to Belarus March 3 through March 6, and Lithuania, March 6 through March 9. Mark will return home on March 10. Please pray for a visa for Mark to enter Belarus.

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 ministering in Longmont at Christ Church International, February 13. He will be traveling to Poland June 3 through 12. He will meet with Marek in Koszalin for a few days and then ministering to and with many of the pastors throughout that region. Many of these men and women John has worked with for many years, back before the Iron Curtain came down.

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. Jack sent me this email this week.

On January 28, we'll sign a contract to purchase our property. I believe it's possible because you prayed for the project and helped us finance it. Thank you so much for your heart. Thank you for listing us in "Voice of Thanksgiving" and – in this way – informing other believers about our needs. Prayers of believers are powerful. I'd like to ask you about next information of our church in "Voice of Thanksgiving". We're still praying in faith about more people. We'd like to see the saving of new people in our city. We work on it, but we need God's grace, more and more. I can see that people in our church need help in that work, encouragement, support, and to see fruits of work. Prayers are powerful so, please, remember us. Jack

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

The Overwhelmed Heart

Problems and needs rolling like a tide. They can overwhelm us. At times it seem our problems and needs are more than we can handle. However, God is able to carry, let me repeat, however God is able to carry us. King David knew the pressure of problems, he knew what it was to be overwhelmed.

***To the Chief Musician. On a stringed instrument. A Psalm of David.
Hear my cry, O God; Attend to my prayer.***

***From the end of the earth I will cry to You,
When my heart is overwhelmed;
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.***

Psalm 61:1-2 (NKJV)

He also knew where to go when under this pressure. He went to the rock; he went to the Lord. He knew the Lord would hear and answer his prayers. This was not a special opportunity only for kings; he recommended it for everyone who is afflicted.

**A Prayer of the afflicted,
when he is overwhelmed and pours out his complaint before the Lord.
Hear my prayer, O Lord, And let my cry come to You.
Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble;
Incline Your ear to me; In the day that I call, answer me speedily.**

Psalm 102:1-2 (NKJV)

Let us take our cue from David, when affliction comes, when we are overwhelmed; by problems and needs, let us go to the Rock. Read Psalm 143.

Jesus is making intercession for us and His thoughts are for our good, for an expected end. He is our answer and our answerer; He is far greater than any and all the problems that come our way. When your heart is overwhelmed, turn to the Rock, Jesus Christ in prayer.

Prayer for the Overwhelmed Heart

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.

To receive ***Voice of Thanksgiving***
Send an e-mail with word JOIN in the subject line to
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Visit our interactive forums located at: <http://www.feargod.com/forum/>

There you will find information about many of the people and outreaches of Inner Court Ministries. Explore what God is doing with this ministry; ask questions, find answers, post your prayer requests and answers to prayer. The forum is growing as a source of information and as an interactive tool for Christians around the world. Our friends “talk” to one another, sharing what God has done, is doing, and will soon do. Come explore the forums and link up with other Christians and ministries. This is another tool used in

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