

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of February 13, 2005

A Call to Prayer

Wishing but Not Willing

But the word of the Master teaches us more. He does not say, “What does thou wish?” but “What does thou will?” One often wishes for a thing without willing it. I wish to have a certain article but the price is too high, so I decide not to take it. I wish, but do not will to have it. The lazy man wishes to be rich, but does not will it. Many people wish to be saved, but perish because they do not will it.

The will rules the whole heart and life. If I really will to have something that is within my reach, I do not rest until I have it. When Jesus asks us, “What wilt thou?” He asks whether it is our intention to get what we ask for at any price, however great the sacrifice. Do you really will to have it enough to pray continuously until He hears you, no matter how long it takes? Many prayers are wishes sent up for a short time and then forgotten. And many are sent up year after year as a matter of duty, while we complacently wait without the answer.

From *With Christ in the School of Prayer* by Andrew Murray

This Week in Prayer

- Pray for the ***Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference***. This conference brings pastors from East and West together to celebrate the Love of Christ. 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 other ministry outreaches and activities possible. 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 the churches and people who will participate.
- Pray for Israel. The nations that work to destroy Israel stand to suffer as nations. Their fate is like unto that spoke by the prophet Hosea for Israel when she had parted from God.

***They sow the wind, And reap the whirlwind.
The stalk has no bud; It shall never produce meal.
If it should produce, Aliens would swallow it up.***

Hosea 8:7 (NKJV)

Souls from Every Nation

We have prayed for many people and events, this has been good, but it is imperative we pray for the lost to be saved. There is no higher or more important calling for those who pray.

*Ask of Me, and I will give You
The nations for Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth for Your possession.*
Psalm 2:8 (NKJV)

Continue Earnestly in Prayer

DK Limbu Daniel – Pastor Daniel sent this email this week.

Greetings in Jesus' Name! God is good all the time. As you may have watch the news about Nepal, unexpectedly the King took over direct rule for three years. This is said to be a Royal coupe. All media, phone lines (national and international) and internet services were closed for a week, they're restored this morning. But still UTL wireless phone and mobile services are not yet opened, it might take a week to be back in service. We don't know that is going on in country for state control news are in TV channels, All Indian channels which could give real news are closed. All local FMs are not allowed to give news except State control Radio. State of emergency was declared by king, all democratic political parties leaders are arrested, many citizen rights are suspended. Demonstrations against king and government are restricted. We are cut off information from different parts of nation. We listened BBC Nepal from London and learned that different part of country [there was] unrest many were injured and arrested. Students unions and parties are preparing to launch peaceful protest against king's action and another hand Maoist are escalating their attack and declaring their anniversary next week. We don't see immediate threat to Christianity. But in the midst of tumult and trouble God is protecting us. People are receiving Christ as their savior. But I would request you to rally prayer on behalf of us. May God bless you,

*For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren,
of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure,
above strength, so that we despaired even of life.
Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves,
that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,
who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us;
in whom we trust that He will still deliver us, you also helping together in prayer for us,
that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf
for the gift granted to us through many.*
2 Cor. 1:8-11 (NKJV)

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.

Marek Kaminski – Marek has a very busy schedule for the next few months. Pray for him and his ministry. **He will be in Sweden February 15-20**, March with Mark Spencer in Belarus and Lithuania, April in Ukraine, June 16-18 translating for David Wilkerson, June 24-26 hosting the BBB conference. Pray for his family to go with him to Australia in July. Marek has responsibilities in many areas and asks for prayer. He oversees nine major ministries in Poland.

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. In a recent email, Jack asks for prayer:

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

Simplicity of Prayer

David Williamson

We talk from time to time about the simplicity of the Gospel. Jesus admonishes us to come to Him as little children. The simple faith of a child is the relationship we are to have with our Heavenly Father. Children know their father and mother will provide. The question often asked is, what is for dinner? Not, is there going to be dinner. That is faith. The Father wants His children to come to Him with this same faith, confident that He has things well in hand and will provide for our every need.

The Christian faith overflows with examples of the simplicity of the Gospel. Christianity is not a religion of the super intelligent (all though many very intelligent people have responded to its message). Christianity is not a religion blindly followed because it is too complicated for most to understand (even a child can understand). There is no need for some super wise person to explain it to us. Dallas Willard describes this simplicity in relation to the Bible.

...I will simply state my assumptions about the Bible: On its human side, I assume that it was produced and preserved by competent human beings who were at least as intelligent and devout

as we are today. I assume that they were quite capable of accurately interpreting their own experience and objectively presenting what they heard and experienced in the language of their historical community, which we today can understand with due diligence.

On the divine side, I assume that God has been willing and competent to arrange for the Bible, including its record of Jesus, to emerge and be preserved in ways that will secure his purposes for it among human beings worldwide. Those who actually believe in God will be untroubled by this. I assume he did not and would not leave his message to humankind in a form that can only be understood by a handful of late-twentieth-century professional scholars, who cannot even agree among themselves on the theories that they assume to determine what the message is.

The Bible is, after all, God's gift to the world through his Church, not to the scholars.

From *The Divine Conspiracy* by Dallas Willard

This same simplicity is also true in prayer. Prayer is easy, even a child can pray. Yet as anyone who has pursued prayer for a time well knows, prayer is very hard. The simplicity of prayer is the child like faith of coming to the Father. All of His children can do that. He is after all, the God that is always near. In addition, if that was not enough, He has sent His Holy Spirit to come and help. That makes it simple, just pray!

The hard part of prayer is to do it. The regular practice of prayer is hard work. This is where many people fall by the wayside. To work at prayer, requires that hated word, work. It is work to come day-after-day in prayer even when situations scream that you are wasting your time. It is only those who will work at prayer, who will press on through the hindrances to prayer. The men and women of prayer, learned to pray through the hindrances. They simply worked hard at prayer.

Working hard to simply go to the Father and ask.

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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Prayer Requests in Fear God Forums

Visit our interactive forums located at: <http://www.feargod.com/forum/>

I would like to hear from you. Post your prayer requests and answers and pray for the requests of others.

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