

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of February 20, 2005

A Call to Prayer

The case of blind Bartimaeus is a notable one in many ways. Especially is it remarkable for the show of persistence which this blind man exhibited in appealing to our Lord. If it be—as it seems—that his first crying was done as Jesus entered into Jericho, and that he continued it until Jesus came out of the place, it is all the stronger an illustration of the necessity of importunate prayer and the success which comes to those who stake their all on Christ, and give Him no peace until He grants them their hearts' desire.

E.M. Bound from *Necessity of Prayer*

This Week in Prayer

- Pray for Israel. As nations align themselves for and against Israel, the fate of these nations is set. Pray for nations to support Israel.
- Pray for the ***Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference***. Pray for the men and women from the East who will be coming to the conference this summer. Help them to prepare for the trip and for this special time together with the West and with the Lord. 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. 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 the churches and people who will participate.

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 – Pray for Christians in Nepal.

Students unions and Parties are preparing to launch peaceful protest against king's action and on 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.**

Note: Thank you for praying for the visa for Belarus, it is here!

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

The Pattern of Prayer

David Williamson

I loved to coach football (American football). It was great to work with young men on a common goal. It was great to do battle every Friday night and know the outcome before the night was over, then to start again the next week to battle again. Young men and coaches thrown together in a struggle come together in a tight bond. And winning is additive. People will work very hard for a long time to enjoy the taste of victory again.

In football, as is true in many activities, we pattern our actions after those who do the activity well. When a professional player started making catches a certain way, the next few days you would see younger players trying to catch the ball the same way. They followed the example of their models.

The Christian life is the same way. We are to follow the pattern of those who walk the life of faith.

***Brethren, join in following my example,
and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.***

Philip. 3:17 (NKJV)

What pattern are you following? Many today follow patterns of destruction. They follow the pattern of lives bound for destruction. With the "wisdom of fools", they believe they can play with fire and not get burned. I can look like a gangster, play like a gangster, and talk like a gangster, but the death of a gangster will not be mine. Or closer to home for most of us, I can look like the world, play like the world, and talk like the world, but the death of the world will not be mine. This is the pattern of destruction.

***Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty,
And before honor is humility.***

Proverbs 18:12 (NKJV)

What pattern are you following? The pattern of the Philippians was to follow Paul. They followed him in giving, service, and prayer. As the phrases that was famous around the world a few years ago, with little boys all declaring they wanted to be like the famous basketball player Michael Jordan, "I want to be like Mike!" So the Philippians were with Paul. Their credo was, "I want to be like Paul!" They became like a great team, winning the first place. They were first to give. They were first in service. They were first in prayer. In addition, it is easy to see that they were first in Paul's heart, only behind Paul's Lord.

Today the world has many patterns to present to kids and adults. Patterns of destruction abound around us on every side. At work and play, there are patterns to follow, patterns that seem like success or fun, but actually are patterns of death. However, there is a pattern of life that still shines forth for all to see. It shines through the darkness, it penetrates the gloom, and it overwhelms death. This is the pattern of Paul, which is the pattern of Christ. This pattern is the pattern of life and abundance. This is the pattern of sacrifice and service. This is the pattern of prayer.

We live in a world where the dark side of things is coming to full fruition quickly. The societal norms that placed a check on actions, and activities are now down; and death and destruction are running roughshod over the lives of many people. At the same time, the church has entered its finest days. Around the world, on every continent, there are moves of God that are amazing. Truly, the light of the Gospel is shining bright. The wheat and the tares are ripening at the same time, for the final harvest. Likewise, so it was in the time of Paul. He called those first in his heart to pray. He knew that there was a great opportunity for the Gospel. He knew this was the day of salvation. He knew this was the time for prayer. Likewise, so it is now. This is the time of the great opportunity for the Gospel. This is the day of salvation. This is the time for prayer.

***Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.
Be anxious for nothing,
but in everything by prayer and supplication,
with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
Philip. 4:5-6 (NKJV)***

The Pattern of Prayer Declares, Now Is the Time for Prayer

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

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