

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of July 31, 2005

A Call to Prayer

There is great need in this day for Christian business men to inform their mundane affairs with the spirit of prayer. There is a great army of successful merchants of almost every kind who are members of Christ's Church and it is high time these men attended to this matter. This is but another version of the phrase, "putting God into business," the realization and restraint of His presence and of His fear in all the secularities of life. We need the atmosphere of the prayer-closet to pervade our public sales-rooms and counting-houses. The sanctity of prayer is needed to impregnate business. We need the spirit of Sunday carried over to Monday and continued until Saturday. But this cannot be done by prayerless men, but by men of prayer. We need business men to go about their concerns with the same reverence and responsibility with which they enter the closet. Men are badly needed who are devoid of greed, but who, with all their hearts carry God with them into the secular affairs of life.

From *The Weapon of Prayer* by E.M. Bounds

Continue Earnestly in Prayer

Pray for these men, women, and ministries. The Holy Spirit is looking for partners who will join with these ministries in prayer and support to reach nations for Jesus Christ.

The Inntal Prayer Initiative - Inner Court Ministries e.V. and various Churches of the Rosenheim area sponsored "Rise Up O People of God! – A Seminar on Prayer" June 2005. This seminar called churches of the region together for encouragement and prayer. One result was a renewed and strengthened desire for revival. From Innsbruck to Rosenheim, people are praying for revival, please join in prayer for revival in the Inntal.

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference - The Theme of the June 2005 conference was "Preparing for Revival", Pastors and their wives from seven countries (Poland, Germany, Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia, Scotland, and the United States) gathered together to hear from God and be refreshed in His presence. Please join with these men and women in praying for revival.

*O Lord, I have heard your speech and was afraid;
O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years!
In the midst of the years make it known;
In wrath remember mercy.*
Habakkuk 3:2 (NKJV)

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and his ministry in Nepal. Prayer is needed for, church building, training school, support for new pastors and missionary families in new areas of Nepal, adoption of a little girl, and travel into eastern Nepal to meet with the churches there.

Marek Kaminski – Marek has responsibilities in many areas as a husband and father, as pastor of his church, as a leader of his denomination in Poland, and as leader of *Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries* and the work with pastors. Please pray that God will direct him and give him wisdom.

Mark Spencer – Mark has responsibilities in many areas as a husband and father, as pastor of his church, as leader of *Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries* and the work with pastors, and as leader of the German Verein ICM e.V. which is the sponsor of the *Rise Up O People of God! – A Seminar on Prayer*. Please pray that God will direct him and give him wisdom.

Marianne and David Dean – Marianne and David are in school together preparing to return to the mission field. Pray for men and women to embrace their vision for reaching East Asia and support them with finances and prayer.

Jacek Gromadzki – The church in Kolobrzeg, Poland bought their building in January. They are now restoring the building. They have an opportunity to buy a plot of land next to their property, which would be a great place for kids ministry. Jacek writes,

We pray about good price for it because it's a very big chance to buy it very cheap. All the time we share a testimony about Jesus among people in our town. Our church becomes well-known in the town and we hope it will break through people's resistance. I know we need to serve people in the power of Holy Spirit. It's a way to their hearts. We pray about it and teach about anointing over us as believers. And we can to see first fruits of walking in faith. That's all. Thanks for your hearts for our ministry, for your prayers. You're our partners in ministry and it's honor for us. God bless you. Jack

Joyce Abrahamson – Joyce is a missionary working in Brazil. She runs a school for children and a Bible school. Pray for protection, anointing, and provision.

Your Home Church – Pray for your home church, that it would have great fruit in the work of saving people in your city. Pray for your church to be active in the work of saving people. Pray for plans and outreaches for your church for this fall and opportunities for ministry.

Pray for Israel – Pray for eyes to open to see the Messiah.

*But their minds were blinded.
For until this day the same veil remains
unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament,
because the veil is taken away in Christ.
But even to this day, when Moses is read,
a veil lies on their heart.
Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.*
2 Cor. 3:14-16 (NKJV)

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

Lessons in Prayer

David Williamson

Sometimes we face questions. As parents you have had to deal with some tough questions. In work and play there are constant questions. Everywhere we go we face questions. Today I ask only one question. Why not pray?

Why not pray?

You have His word on it. He has promised to answer prayer and His record is wonderful for keeping His word.

Why not pray?

What a privilege you have. He has called you by name, making provision so you can come boldly into His presence. He has invited you to commune with Him. The Creator of the universe has invited you to come into His presence and speak your mind and heart. He has promised not just a chance to speak, but that He will listen.

Why not pray?

He has exchanged your poverty for His riches. He has made you a son or a daughter, with full rights of His children. He has made Jesus the first born and called you to follow in His footsteps. When we face lack or need, we can exchange it for His provision.

Why not pray?

He has expressed His desire for and enjoyment of worship. His call to worship goes out to all His children. One form of worship is to pray. It is high worship to come in faith and ask for the supply of our daily needs.

Why not pray?

Jesus was and is a man of prayer. His disciples constantly found Him in prayer. The title of Sheldon's famous book, *In His Steps*, should be a message for us concerning prayer. I want to follow in His steps.

Why not pray?

Obedience to the Father and abiding in the Father, these belong to the Son, and to us, as partners with Christ in His Divine work of intercession.

***"I do not pray for these alone,
but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;
that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You;
that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.
And the glory which You gave Me I have given them,
that they may be one just as We are one:
I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one,
and that the world may know that You have sent Me,***

*and have loved them as You have loved Me.
Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am,
that they may behold My glory which You have given Me;
for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.
O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You;
and these have known that You sent Me.
And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it,
that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”*
John 17:20-26 (NKJV)

Why not pray?

Here is your big chance, the opportunity of a lifetime. This is what you have been waiting for. You have an opportunity to work with the Holy Spirit. He is working to teach you to pray, why not work with Him and pray.

*“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,
which a man found and hid;
and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field”.*
Matthew 13:44 (NKJV)

*who, when he had found one pearl of great price,
went and sold all that he had and bought it.*
Matthew 13:46 (NKJV)

Why Not 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.

To receive *Voice of Thanksgiving* Send an e-mail with word JOIN in the subject line to david@innercourt.com

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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