

# Voice of Thanksgiving

## Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of September 11, 2005

### *A Call to Prayer*

It seems from parallel statements that our Lord had called His disciples aside to rest awhile, exhausted as He and they were by the excessive drafts on them, by the ceaseless contact with the persons who were ever coming and going, and by their exhaustive toil in ministering to the immense multitudes. But the multitudes precede Him, and instead of finding wilderness-solitude, quiet and repose, He finds great multitudes eager to see and hear, and to be healed. His compassions are moved. The ripened harvests need labourers. He did not call these labourers at once, by sovereign authority, but charges the disciples to betake themselves to God in prayer, asking Him to send forth labourers into His harvest.

Here is the urgency of prayer enforced by the compassions of our Lord. It is prayer born of compassion for perishing humanity. Prayer is pressed on the Church for labourers to be sent into the harvest of the Lord. The harvest will go to waste and perish without the labourers, while the labourers must be God-chosen, God-sent, and God commissioned. But God does not send these labourers into His harvest without prayer. The failure of the labourers is owing to the failure of prayer. The scarcity of labourers in the harvest is due to the fact that the Church fails to pray for labourers according to His command. E. M. Bounds from *Essentials of Prayer*

### *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.

**John Coon** – John will be in Austria October 4-12. He will be ministering in churches and with individuals including meetings with Christian businessmen in Innsbruck.

**DK Limbu Daniel** – Pray for Pastor Daniel and his ministry in Nepal. Nepal is in the midst of a great move of God; continue to pray for this land. Pray for pastors, churches, and training schools. Pray for pastors and the work in new areas of Nepal. Pray for protection for Christians and favor with the government.

**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. Joyce requests prayer for the effectiveness of the outreach and for finances needed for the ministry.

**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. Pray for endurance and energy as they travel around the southeast telling people about what they are doing.

**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 children ministry and as a witness to the community.

**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.

**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.

**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** – This is a very difficult time for the people and nation.

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

**Heat and Light**  
David Williamson

How do your prayers do in the heat and light? When your prayers leave the comfort and safety of your prayer closet and are exposed to heat and light how do they fare? Are your prayers just for the closet or are they valuable for tough times, tough problems, and tough experiences? Too often people’s prayers cannot handle a little pressure, they simply melt away.

The heat is on when you need an answer, but this is only a concern when you pray specific prayers. There is no pressure for answers for general prayers. Yes, it is true, you may need an answer, but

there is no pressure on you for your prayers. No one will know if general prayers are answered. The pressure is on when specific prayers are made and even more pressure when specific prayers are known by others. Suddenly, everyone begins to talk about the prayer and they will know if you receive the answer. Many prayers recorded in the Bible and since Bible times were this type of prayers. People knew about the prayer and the results were obvious to everyone. The pressure was on, yet these men and women put everything on the line and prayed. Can you stand the heat?

*And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice,  
that Elijah the prophet came near and said,  
"Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel,  
let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant,  
and that I have done all these things at Your word.  
Hear me, O Lord, hear me,  
that this people may know that You are the Lord God,  
and that You have turned their hearts back to You again."  
Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice,  
and the wood and the stones and the dust,  
and it licked up the water that was in the trench.*

1 Kings 18:36-38 (NKJV)

The light is on when you stand on the Word of God when you pray. There is no pressure when you use general words, just any words. However, when you use God's Word for your prayers, when you stand on God's Word, then there is pressure. The Word will be tried. Let me explain, the one who is bold enough to believe God's Word and pray it in faith will be challenged. There will be temptation to break your faith and turn away from your belief in God's Word. The efficacy of the Word is by faith and when that faith can be broken our prayers fall to the ground empty and void.

*Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel,  
for from the first day that you set your heart to understand,  
and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard;  
and I have come because of your words.  
But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days;  
and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me,  
for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.  
Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people  
in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come."*

Daniel 10:12-14 (NKJV)

The man or woman of prayer is the one who will bring their prayers out of the closet and boldly pray. This is not a call to be obnoxious, but to expose your prayer to heat and light. The prayer that bears up under the pressures of heat and light will avail much. This is the prayer that gains powerful answers, and moves mountains.

*I have set watchmen on your walls,  
O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night.  
You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent,  
And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*

Isaiah 62:6-7 (NKJV)

*Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another,  
that you may be healed.  
The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.  
Elijah was a man with a nature like ours,  
and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain;  
and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.  
And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.*  
James 5:16-18 (NKJV)

*Therefore I will look to the Lord;  
I will wait for the God of my salvation;  
My God will hear me.*  
Micah 7:7 (NKJV)

*Now this is the confidence that we have in Him,  
that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.  
And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask,  
we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.*  
1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV)

**Stand Up to Heat and Light**

### **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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