

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of October 9, 2005

A Call to Prayer

True prayer, *must* be aflame. Christian life and character need to be all on fire. Lack of spiritual heat creates more infidelity than lack of faith. Not to be consumingly interested about the things of heaven, is not to be interested in them at all. The fiery souls are those who conquer in the day of battle, from whom the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and who take it by force. The citadel of God is taken only by those, who storm it in dreadful earnestness, who besiege it, with fiery, unabated zeal.

Nothing short of being red hot for God, can keep the glow of heaven in our hearts, these chilly days. The early Methodists had no heating apparatus in their churches. They declared that the flame in the pew and the fire in the pulpit must suffice to keep them warm. And we, of this hour, have need to have the live coal from God's altar and the consuming flame from heaven glowing in our hearts. This flame is not mental vehemence nor fleshy energy. It is Divine fire in the soul, intense, dross-consuming—the very essence of the Spirit of God.

E. M. Bounds from *The Necessity 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. Pray for open doors of opportunity for the Gospel to go forth in power and might.

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

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.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and his ministry in Nepal. Nepal is in the mist 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.

Jacek Gromadzki – The church in Kolobrzeg, Poland bought their building in January and are praying for the plot of land next to the building. Pray for their outreaches to the community.

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.

The Inntal Prayer Initiative – continue to pray for revival in the Inntal, our prayers are making a difference. From Innsbruck, Austria to Rosenheim, Germany people are praying for revival, join in this prayer for the Inntal.

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – It is time to begin praying for the 2006 BBB conference. There is so much to do to prepare. God has great plans for this conference. He has great plans for touching the nations.

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.

For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Cor. 2:16 (NKJV)

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.

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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 this fall and opportunities for ministry.

For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you,

And in the day of salvation I have helped you.

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

2 Cor. 6:2 (NKJV)

Pray for Israel to see the Messiah who has come. Pray for their eyes to be opened and behold the Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

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 61:2 (NKJV)

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

Desire and Prayer

David Williamson

In the book of James we read the goal of prayer. Talk about prayer involves many things, there are many types and practices, but, this statement in James is a simple statement of the desire of men and women when they pray.

***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.

James 5:16 (NKJV)

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Prayer is a manifestation of a relationship with God. This relationship is based on the work of Jesus Christ. It is by His life, death, and resurrection that men and women can have a relationship with God.

***Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.***

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)

***So we may boldly say:
The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear.***

What can man do to me?

Hebrews 13:6 (NKJV)

We come to the throne of grace by grace; it is a gift from God. The beckoning call by God to enter is made to the righteous man. Jesus has made us righteous so we may enter. This is a relation so amazing some people have never been able to receive it. However, for all who will receive the gift of salvation in Christ Jesus, entrance to the presence of God is made sure. This is the base for prayer, this relationship with God. All prayer begins with this relationship.

Our desire is that prayer be effective. The time we spend in prayer is valuable time with God, but our main reason for prayer is effective prayers. We want and need answers to prayer. As long as we live in this world we will have need of answers to prayer. This means a key is effective prayer, prayer that gets results.

***If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you,
you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.***

John 15:7 (NKJV)

***Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me,
the works that I do he will do also;***

*and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.
And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do,
that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*
John 14:12-14 (NKJV)

This is effective prayer!

There is still another part to this statement about prayer, James writes of fervent prayer. The first two aspects of prayer focus on God. It is God who has made entrance into His presence possible and it is He who is the power in prayer making prayer effective. However, He also requires partnership between God and man in prayer. God wants fervent prayer. This is a heart felt desire, ardent, eager, enthusiastic, passionate, zealous, fanatical, impassioned, burning prayer. As you read through that list do you see the great men and women of prayer from the Bible? This is what is shown by their example, they prayed fervent prayers. Central to fervency is desire. Read what E. M. Bounds has written about desire.

DESIRE is not merely a simple wish; it is a deep seated craving; an intense longing, for attainment. In the realm of spiritual affairs, it is an important adjunct to prayer. So important is it, that one might say, almost, that desire is an absolute essential of prayer. Desire precedes prayer, accompanies it, is followed by it. Desire goes before prayer, and by it, created and intensified. Prayer is the oral expression of desire. If prayer is asking God for something, then prayer must be expressed. Prayer comes out into the open. Desire is silent. Prayer is heard; desire, unheard. The deeper the desire, the stronger the prayer. Without desire, prayer is a meaningless mumble of words. Such perfunctory, formal praying, with no heart, no feeling, no real desire accompanying it, is to be shunned like a pestilence. Its exercise is a waste of precious time, and from it, no real blessing accrues.

A sense of need creates or should create, an earnest desire, a desire for answers, a desire for prayer.

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The Deeper the Desire, the Stronger the 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* Send an e-mail with word JOIN in the subject line to david@innercourt.com

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