

Voice of Thanksgiving
Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer
Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of October 23, 2005

A Call to Prayer

“Prayer should be the breath of our breathing, the thought of our thinking, the soul of our feeling, and the life of our living, the sound of our hearing, the growth of our growing.”
Prayer in its magnitude is length without end, width without bounds, height without top, and depth without bottom. Illimitable in its breadth, exhaustless in height, fathomless in depths and infinite in extension.—HOMER W. HODGE

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.

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.

**For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion;
In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me;
He shall set me high upon a rock**
Psalm 27:5 (NKJV)

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.

***Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few;
therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.***
Luke 10:2 (NKJV)

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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John Coon – John has just returned from Austria and his time with churches and individuals of that region.

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

Trust and Prayer

David Williamson

Just as a river continually flows to the sea, so we are to be in prayer. Continually is another of those words from Christianity that are impossible for man but possible for God. God says to forgive and when He forgives it is just as if it had never happened. Man has trouble with this. God says He has made us righteous; He makes us just like Jesus. Man has trouble with this, constantly working to be righteous, always falling short when using mans methods. God says be holy just as I am holy, man struggles with this. God says give yourself continually to prayer.

but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.

Acts 6:4 (NKJV)

rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

Romans 12:12 (NKJV)

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

Col. 4:2 (NKJV)

As a river flows so should we always be in prayer.

E.M. Bounds describes to continue in prayer this way; "Prayer is to be incessant, without intermission, assiduously, no check in desire, in spirit or in act, the spirit and the life always in the attitude of prayer. The knees may not always be bended, the lips may not always be vocal with words of prayer, but the spirit is always in the act and intercourse of prayer."

We often live multiple lives. We are one person at church another at home. We are one person at work and another at play. However, the Bible makes no place for this type of distinction; we are to be the same all the time. Ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, in the same way we are to be in prayer in all seasons, that is, at all times and places. This is a prayer life that few people know. Even those who make the prayer closet a regular part of their life, often are someone else when outside of its confines.

There should be no change inside or outside of the prayer closet; we should always be in prayer. As is true in every part of the Christian life this is impossible, so we must lean on God to make it happen. God has prepared for this part of life, just as He has in every part of our life; He has sent His Holy Spirit.

Jesus is the Great High Priest, who walked on earth as a powerful intercessor. He continues to this day to make intercession for us. Jesus was and is the Christ of prayer. He offered prayers, wrestling even in agony for man with God, struggling in silence and solitude, making the mountain his closet of prayer and the world His daily place of continuing in prayer.

Now He has sent the Holy Spirit.

*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name,
He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*
John 14:26 (NKJV)

*But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.*
John 15:26 (NKJV)

*Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away;
for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you;
but if I depart, I will send Him to you.*
John 16:7 (NKJV)

The Holy Spirit, who represents Jesus Christ, brings the Christ of prayer to us. “The other Christ, the Comforter, plants Himself not in the waste of the mountain nor far into the night, but in the chill and the night of the human heart, to rouse it to the struggle, and to teach it the need and form of prayer. How the Divine Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, puts into the human heart the burden of earth’s almighty need, and makes the human lips give voice to its mute and unutterable groanings!” (Bounds)

The Holy Spirit comes and works in our heart quieting and weaning us of self-will and every vestige of self, until we will and can pray continuously. When we allow the Holy Spirit to work, He makes us willing and able to pray, to pray continually.

*And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper,
that He may abide with you forever—*
John 14:16 (NKJV)

rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;
Romans 12:12 (NKJV)

Roused to the Struggle Learning to 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

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