

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of December 4, 2005

A Call to Prayer

If we believe God's word, we are bound to believe that prayer affects God, and affects Him mightily; that prayer avails, and that prayer avails mightily. There are wonders in prayer because there are wonders in God. Prayer has no talismanic influence. It is no mere fetish. It has no so-called powers of magic. It is simply making known our requests to God for things agreeable to His will in the name of Christ. It is just yielding our requests to a Father, who knows all things, who has control of all things, and who is able to do all things. Prayer is infinite ignorance trusting to the wisdom of God. Prayer is the voice of need crying out to Him who is inexhaustible in resources. Prayer is helplessness reposing with childlike confidence on the word of its Father in heaven. Prayer is but the verbal expression of the heart of perfect confidence in the infinite wisdom, the power and the riches of Almighty God, who has placed at our command in prayer everything we need.

E. M. Bounds from *The Purpose in 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 reaching nations for Jesus Christ. Pray for open doors of opportunity for the Gospel.

*meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word,
to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,*

Col. 4:3 (NKJV)

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. Here is a note from Bernd concerning prayer in Germany.

The churches started with a monthly prayer meeting with all the free-churches together. It is always at the last Friday of the month. The meeting in November is in Brothaus church and the meeting in December is in a Lutheran church. The main reason they started these prayer meetings is a big evangelistic crusade in some European countries called "Pro Christ". The main meeting will be in Munich in the "Olympia Halle" from there the program will be transferred via satellite to hundreds of cities in Germany and to some European countries. Pro Christ will be every evening from March 19 to 26th 2006.

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – It is time to begin praying for the 2006 BBB conference. Pray for the men and women who will come to the 2006 conference, this is the

time of God's preparation. God has great plans for this conference and plans for touching the nations through this event.

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.

Editor's note: This is a very special time in this part of the world. God is moving in powerful ways across the region of South Asia.

- *Please spend extra time in prayer for Pastor Daniel and the many ministries in the region.*
- *Several members of the **Voice of Thanksgiving** Company will be in India in the next few months. Please be praying for outreaches in India in addition to your prayers for the rest of the area.*

***Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly
and be glorified, just as it is with you,
2 Thes. 3:1 (NKJV)***

Marianne and David Dean – Marianne and David are traveling in the United States meeting with people sharing their vision for ministry. 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 continues to reach out to the community. Pray for their boldness of faith and ministry.

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.

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 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 of your church this holiday season.

*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

The Plan for the Day David Williamson

Wake-up, dress, breakfast, and off to work, day after day we are about our business. There are many things that fill our daily routine. Life for most of us is very busy and we struggle to do everything we want and need to do. In much of Western society life is like living to keep our dance card full. We fill each day with as much as we can, never allowing for a pause or break.

We do so many things in keeping our day full, it is common to feel pressure to do it all, everything we find around us, just go, go, and go some more! Life becomes so full there is not enough time for the things we should do. There is not enough time for church or families. The important things are often neglected. We must set priorities for our days and hopefully prayer, preaching, and teaching of the Word are part of each day.

The apostles had problems like this; they could not get everything done that they needed to do. In Acts chapter 6 we read about the problem, some members of the fellowship were not getting feed. The apostles were in charge of the fellowship so they had responsibility for the welfare of everyone. The problem was the fellowship had become so large the apostles could not keep up with everything they needed to do.

*Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying,
there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists,
because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.
Acts 6:1 (NKJV)*

The problem was enough to threaten the time apostles were spending on prayer, preaching, and teaching. The question here is not what is more important; it is finding a way to do what we are called to do. The men that took on the job of feeding the widow did what they were supposed to do. The apostles did what they were supposed to do.

Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.

Acts 6:3-4 (NKJV)

This is not about apostles, it is about how we plan and walk out our days. We are just like them, in that our days often are too full, we have too much to do. The problem, just like theirs, was how to structure things so we can do the things we are called to do. The widows had to be fed there was no option about that. There is no option on many of the things in our life. Jobs, cooking, cleaning shopping, we must do these things, yet we must find time in this busy schedule for doing what we are supposed to do. We must find time for prayer. One part of the ministry of ***Voice of Thanksgiving*** is to call men and women to prayer. Prayer depends on time you make for prayer.

How do we design our days? We must, just as they did, pray for answers to our needs as well. For the apostles the Father presented a plan, the seven men chosen to serve, for us He has a special mean for us to have time to pray. Our Father is well able to present us with solutions to our schedule problems.

Do the needs and wants of the day rule over our plans or do we make the day conform to what we are to do? If we are to pray for the needs around us, if we are going to pray for the nations, we must place prayer on a daily time plan and then make time for prayer at that time.

Plans for Prayer

Editor note: ***Voice of Thanksgiving*** has a new home! VoT now has a website of its own, www.voiceofthanksgiving.com. This website has the current and past issue of VoT and an archive of articles from the section ***Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer***. Soon there will be a forum on prayer and a section for ***Stimme der Dankbarkeit***, the German monthly version of VoT.

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 dave@voiceofthanksgiving.com

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