

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

For the Week of January 15, 2006

A Call to Prayer

*Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me,
and to finish His work."
John 4:34 (NKJV)*

Continue Earnestly in Prayer

*And give Him no rest till He establishes
And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.
Isaiah 62:7 (NKJV)*

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.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and the pastors he works with in Nepal. Pray for a continuation of revival across this region.

William Williamson – Pray for his trip to India, Bill is a pastor in Eastern Colorado, he and his team will be in India February 14 through 25, 2006. Pray for good connections and safety while traveling.

Your Home Church – Pray for outreach to the lost of your town. This week pray for favor for churches in your region. There are many areas where the church in general and specific churches are under attack.

Pray for Israel to see the Messiah who has come. Pray for the government and the changes that are coming in the next few days. Pray that the moves made will not be fighting against God, but moves in His direction and will.

John Coon – Pray for John who has ministered in Europe and Eastern Europe for more than twenty-five years and his trip to Poland May 1 through 9, 2006. Pray for good connections and safety while traveling.

The Inntal Prayer Initiative – Pray for the Pro Christ outreach in cities across Germany March 19 to 26, 2006. Pray for the spread of information about this event. Pray for many to respond. The Inntal Prayer Initiative is an outreach of Inner Court Verein (Inner Court Ministries in Germany).

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – Pray for the men and women (pastors from across Europe) coming to the BBB Conference June 2006 in Poland. Pray for the pastors and their work in spreading the Gospel in their home town and area.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for her ministry in the jungle settlement of Brazil. Pray for the finances to take care of the many requirement of taking care of these kids.

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and the church in Kolobrzeg, Poland, pray for the outreaches of this church. Pray for a change of climate in this town that many would seek to know God and His Gospel.

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for wisdom from God as to their next step in God’s plan for their ministry. David and Marianne have ministered in East Asia.

Marek Kaminski – Pray for Marek and his work with pastors in Poland and Eastern European countries.

Mark Spencer – Pray for wisdom and God’s guidance for leading Christ Church International and Inner Court Ministries.

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

Finishing Prayer

David Williamson

***Jesus said to them,
My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me,
and to finish His work.***

John 4:34 (NKJV)

Prayer is a strange thing, we can start, but often it is hard to finish. We see a need, we hear a plea, we feel a stirring, and we pray, but bringing our prayers to completion is much more difficult. People by nature respond to the world around them. Our responses take many forms, one of these is prayer. We have come to understand and believe that God responds to prayer, so when we are stirred by stimulus, we pray. We have not had moisture in our area for several weeks, so people being to pray, “Lord give us rain or snow”. A friend is sick, so we begin to pray, “Lord heal our friend”.

We begin to pray, the problem comes after we begin to pray, a wide range of hindrances fight against us. This battle rages, the goal; keep us from finishing His work. The Father has called us to work and the Christian life is about finishing His work. In every endeavor it is important that we begin, there are far too many times when people will not even start, but we must also work to finish that which is begun.

This is also common in prayer. Often when people pray they speak out their prayer and then leave the prayer there. There is no finish, the prayer is begun, but there is no follow through of faith, no completion of the prayer. Prayer is by faith, no faith no prayer, no faith no answers. Until there has

been an application of faith, until faith has been tested and found to be victorious over doubt, fear, and unbelief prayer is not complete.

We need to pray to completion. We need to begin to pray and then stay with our faith, never wavering until we complete the prayer, until the Lord says it is complete or we see the answer. When doubt tries to stop our prayer we must stand on our faith. When fear would grab our heart with its icy grip, we must keep our faith from growing cold. Pray and stand in faith, never wavering, until the answer comes.

Paul tells us he will do anything to finish his race, we should have the same attitude.

*And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem,
not knowing the things that will happen to me there,
except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city,
saying that chains and tribulations await me.
But none of these things move me;
nor do I count my life dear to myself,
so that I may finish my race with joy,
and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus,
to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*

Acts 20:22-24 (NKJV)

Paul declared that nothing could move him from the finish of his race. We should be like him; in prayer the race is to keep our faith. If we win this race we have kept the faith. God is calling us to prayer. Will we respond and pray? And once we begin will we fini...

*I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.*

2 Tim. 4:7 (NKJV)

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