

# Voice of Thanksgiving

## Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of March 26, 2006

### *A Call to Prayer*

One might well ask, whether the feebleness of our desires for God, the Holy Spirit, and for all the fullness of Christ, is not the cause of our so little praying, and of our languishing in the exercise of prayer? Do we really feel these inward pantings of desire after heavenly treasures? Do the inbred groanings of desire stir our souls to mighty wrestlings? Alas for us! The fire burns altogether too low. The flaming heat of soul has been tempered down to a tepid lukewarmness. This, it should be remembered, was the central cause of the sad and desperate condition of the Laodicean Christians, of whom the awful condemnation is written that they were “rich, and increased in goods and *had need of nothing*,” and knew not that they “were wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind.”

E. M. Bounds from the *Necessity of Prayer*

### *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.

**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 the preparations and details for a successful ministry trip.

**DK Limbu Daniel** – Pray for Pastor Daniel and the pastors he works with in Nepal. *Please include our church building project needs in your prayers list. We have just begun last week and committed to finish by first week in June. We will be hiring more labors. Our shortcoming in budget is \$37000 for we had to spend two times more cost than our original budget. Land cost is going up because of unrest in the country people are fluxing into the capital for safety. Kathmandu city's population is 2.5 million and planners are predicting it will reach soon 5 million, if growing rate continues. This is horrible, but we have opportunity to reach the people coming [from] all corners of country; so to accommodate we need to have a big space. That's what we are doing. May God bless you,  
In His grace,  
Pastor Deu K. Limbu (D. K. Daniel)  
Ambassador for Jesus Christ to the troubled world (2Cor. 5:20)*

**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 Belarus, this is a time of great change. Now is the time for prayer. Pray for God to change this land so the Gospel will have free opportunity. The country needs government and leadership that open the way for people to hear and respond to God's call.*

*Pray also for the team preparing to go to Belarus from America later this year.*

**Marianne and David Dean** – *Pray that the Lord would help us find balance while we invest in friendships here in the States yet remain focused on our goal of returning to East Asia in August. Pray that the Lord will bless our times in his Word and prayer.*

**Joyce Abrahamson** – Pray for the school children, their education is important and their introduction to the Lord is imperative.

**Your Home Church** – Pray for your church and its world view. Pray that they will in ever increasing measure see the nations of the world as white unto harvest. Pray for labors to be thrust forth for the nations.

**The Inntal Prayer Initiative** – Pray for upcoming seminars on prayer.

**Pray for Israel** – Pray for Israel; the times are difficult for this nation and people.

**Jacek Gromadzki** – Pray for Jack and the church in Kolobrzeg, Poland, pray for the outreaches of this church.

**Marek Kaminski** – Pray for Marek and his church in Poland, pray for his schedule and wise use of his time. Pray for time to complete all he must do and still have time with his family.

**Mark Spencer** – Pray for Mark and his plans for this year's seminars and other obligations that he must fulfill. Pray for wise use of his time.

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

**Breakup the Fallow Ground—My Heart**

**Part Two**

David Williamson

***Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy;  
Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the Lord,  
Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.***

Hosea 10:12 (NKJV)

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. People who have moved from one region to another, or who have come from rural areas to live in the city, often will slip and fall back into their old habits and traditions and people know they came from somewhere else. This is common with language, regional differences come out no matter how hard one tries to cover it up. Even in an area

people will work to sound sophisticated or educated and then out slips back home expression and everyone knows where you are from. This is true in many areas of life, some time when we are tired or stressed, when we least expected it out of the heart comes an old expressions, an old way, the old self. In the Christian life we see this happen out of what is stored in our heart. Out of our heart comes what we speak and do. This is true in many applications of Christian life, it is true in prayer.

***A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good;  
and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil.  
For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.***

Luke 6:45 (NKJV)

Without preparation, without the breaking up of the fallow ground, the voice of the heart will limit our prayers. For the farmer fallow ground will produce little in the way of productive crops, so also the fallow heart, the heart not prepared for productive prayer will produce little. If we long to be productive in prayer we need to prepare our hearts, we need to break up our fallow ground.

This process begins with repentance; change in the Christian life always begins with repentance. Since the fall of Adam mankind has been tainted with sin. From the earliest times of the Church imperfection has hindered. The first Christian church was marred by Ananias and Sapphira. In the second Christian church, the one in Samaria, there was Simon the Sorcerer to whom religion was “a racket”. Every Christian is a saint, but every saint to the end of his life remains a sinner. We must come to God and repent of our sin and be cleans from all unrighteousness. This was the point of beginning of the restoration of the Prodigal Son. Even as this father embraced his son, so our Father will embrace us, this is the starting point for prayer. Within the Fathers embrace, we can breakup the fallow ground of heart, we can learn to pray.

If we are serious about prayer God is working to breakup the fallow ground of our heart. There are many areas where He is working, the Holy Spirit brings lessons individualized for each of us, fitting for the times and places where we currently are. His goal is perfection; that we will be just like Jesus. In our current application the Holy Spirit’s goal is that we pray just like Jesus. Remember Jesus prayed outside the tomb of Lazarus and stated that God always heard His prayers, (Lazarus many days in the tomb came back to life and out of the tomb in response to His prayer). The Holy Spirit wants to bring us to the point where we can pray the same.

There are many lessons for the heart. What is the Holy Spirit teach you today? Perhaps He is speaking to you about a pure heart.

***He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,  
Nor sworn deceitfully.***

Psalm 24:4 (NKJV)

***Finally, brethren, whatever things are true,  
whatever things are noble, whatever things are just,  
whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely,  
whatever things are of good report,  
if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.***

Philip. 4:8 (NKJV)

Maybe He is speaking to you about confidence in God, void of fear.

***He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.***

Psalm 112:7 (NKJV)

***Though an army may encamp against me,  
My heart shall not fear; Though war should rise against me,  
In this I will be confident. One thing I have desired of the Lord,  
That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord,  
And to inquire in His temple.  
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.  
Is He bringing you to the point where you are wholly devoted to God.***

Psalm 27:3-5 (NKJV)

***With my whole heart I have sought You;  
Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!***

Psalm 119:10 (NKJV)

***I cry out with my whole heart; Hear me,  
O Lord! I will keep Your statutes.  
I cry out to You; Save me, and I will keep Your testimonies.  
I rise before the dawning of the morning, And cry for help; I hope in Your word.  
My eyes are awake through the night watches, That I may meditate on Your word.***

Psalm 119:145-148 (NKJV)

Regardless of the area(s) where the Holy Spirit is working, we must work with Him. His lesson plans are perfect, but the rebellious man learns nothing. The lessons brought for Israel were not mixed with faith and availed nothing. The willing and obedient will eat the good of the land, in this application learn from the Holy Spirit's lessons, but others will not learn. Time-after-time lessons come; the question is what we will do with His lesson. Let the Holy Spirit prepare your heart; let Him teach you to pray.

Lord, our cry; have your way with us, so we may have your way in prayer.

### **Breakup the Fallow Ground**

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