

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of April 16, 2006

A Call to Prayer

God gave us all things in prayer by promise because He had given us all things in His Son. Amazing gift—His Son! Prayer is as illimitable as His own Blessed Son. There is nothing on earth nor in Heaven, for time or eternity that God's Son did not secure for us. By prayer God gives us the vast and matchless inheritance which is ours by virtue of His Son. God charges us to “come boldly to the throne of grace.” God is glorified and Christ is honoured by large asking. E.M. Bounds

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 the necessary paper work for his up coming trips. Pastor Daniel writes:

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)

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 work of the ministry. Pray also for the preparations and details for a successful ministry trip.

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

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – Pray for the men and women (pastors from across Europe) coming to the BBB Conference June 2006 in Poland. There is a great move of the Spirit working in Belarus.

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, pray for the paperwork necessary for this trip.

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.*

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and his church in Kolobrzeg, Poland, pray for outreach in Kolobrzeg and this northern part of Poland.

Marek Kaminski – Pray for Marek and his church in Poland, pray for his ministry in his church and his duties across the region. Pray of all of the arrangements for the 4th annual BBB Conference.

Mark Spencer – Pray for Mark and his plans for this year's seminars and other obligations that he must fulfill. Pray for wisdom and understanding.

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.

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

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

Exploits and Prayer

David Williamson

When we celebrate Easter we celebrate a day of God's exploits. On this day Jesus broke the bounds of death, setting the captive free. This was the exploit of all exploits. We are often impressed by the exploits of man, the great explorers, inventors, writers and thinkers, preachers, and missionaries. Often with these people, at the darkest moment, exploits would turn the tide. At the darkest moment, when it seemed the Devil had finally triumphed, Jesus by His great exploit turned the tide. This is the great exploit, but your life and mine began with an exploit. I speak of our new life, the one that began after we were born again. At the darkest moment, with our life hanging in the balance, Jesus came into our hearts and as John Wesley described it, our hearts were strangely warmed. When we come to see our self as we truly are, we come to know what an awesome exploit this was. (I use awesome correctly because the only real awesome things are those of and by God and our salvation was of and by God).

Today we celebrate exploit day, we call it Easter. Today God is calling us to follow in Jesus' footsteps and do exploits as well. The Light of the World has changed us, now He wants to work

through us to work exploits. Over and over, though out time, men and women have come to know God and carry out great exploits.

***Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery;
but the people who know their God shall be strong,
and carry out great exploits.***

Daniel 11:32 (NKJV)

Exploits begin with prayer. But, the question is, will we? Will this age have exploits? Will the church rise up and have exploits? This can be the great age of exploits, the church's greatest hour, but it will only come if there are people who will pray. Will we pray?

Exploits cry out for more than the status quo, they demand extraordinary prayer. God is looking for men and women who will go beyond the usual, those who will make great demands on themselves, those who will yield to the demands of the Spirit and his call to a life dedicated to prayer. In the following passage, E.M. Bounds speaks directly to preachers, but his remarks are fit for all who would pray.

It is necessary to iterate and reiterate that prayer, as a mere habit, as a performance gone through by routine or in a professional way, is a dead and rotten thing. Such praying has no connection with the praying for which we plead. We are stressing true praying, which engages and sets on fire every high element of the preacher's being—prayer which is born of vital oneness with Christ and the fullness of the Holy Ghost, which springs from the deep, overflowing fountains of tender compassion, deathless solicitude for man's eternal good; a consuming zeal for the glory of God; a thorough conviction of the preacher's difficult and delicate work and of the imperative need of God's mightiest help. Praying grounded on these solemn and profound convictions is the only true praying. Preaching backed by such praying is the only preaching which sows the seeds of eternal life in human hearts and builds men up for heaven.

Will we pray, engaging and setting on fire every high element of the cause of spiritual exploits? Will we pray? Prayer born of vital oneness with Christ and the fullness of the Holy Spirit, which springs from the deep, overflowing fountains of tender compassion, deathless solicitude for man's eternal good; a consuming zeal for the glory of God; a thorough conviction of the difficulties and work with the imperative need of God's mightiest help. True praying, will we pray? Will we pray through to exploits?

Prayer is the first thing, the second thing, the third thing necessary to a minister. Pray, then, my dear brother: pray, pray, pray—EDWARD PAYSON

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