

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of May 7, 2006

A Call to Prayer

The principal cause of my leanness and unfruitfulness is owing to an unaccountable backwardness to pray. I can write or read or converse or hear with a ready heart; but prayer is more spiritual and inward than any of these, and the more spiritual any duty is the more my carnal heart is apt to start from it. Prayer and patience and faith are never disappointed. I have long since learned that if ever I was to be a minister faith and prayer must make me one. When I can find my heart in frame and liberty for prayer, everything else is comparatively easy.—RICHARD NEWTON

Continue Earnestly in Prayer

There is a great stirring in many of the areas of our prayers. God is hearing and responding to our prayers. Now is the time for great diligence in prayer for these nations, ministries, and people, as well as other projects you are a part. This time is one of great darkness coming over people and a time of the great light of the Gospel setting men and nations free. People and nations hang in the balance, will you pray?

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.

***And give Him no rest till He establishes
And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.***

Isaiah 62:7 (NKJV)

Mark Spencer – Pray for Mark and the others going to Poland and the East later this month.

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, pray for the paperwork necessary for this trip.

The Inntal Prayer Initiative – Pray for upcoming seminars on prayer. Pray for the Inntal region. Heike writes, *we also feel like "there is something in the air" in our area please pray for protection and manifestation of God's power. Please do also pray for the Christians to wake up and pray! It is obvious that we need the church to intercede.*

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:

Greetings in Jesus' Name!

We are fine and blessed in the Lord. Despite the difficult situation, God has protected us and people are coming to the Lord Jesus for the salvation. Please add Nepal in prayer matter for safety and growth of Church of God in Nepal. My country is on the verge of change. Since 10 days country is closed and under strike against monarchy. Everyday there is a demonstration, no vehicle may leave capital and enter. Everything's price is shooting up. In this 10 day movement over 4000 are arrested and 2000 are injured and 5 are killed, dozens are missing. Government is being pressured from everywhere and King is troubled. We had to graduate our school last week. But we are not worried about this, but only worried about souls. Pray for souls that they may come to the Lord more than ever before.

*May God bless you all. In His service in Nepal,
Pastor Deu K Limbu*

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 and duties across the region. Pray for all of the arrangements being made for the 4th annual BBB Conference.

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

Faithful in Prayer

David Williamson

Faithful is an old fashion word. The common words of today are politically correct; words geared to make everyone feel good. These words try to remove responsibility and ease our troubled conscience. Today's words are words of a stubborn and rebellious generation. This is a generation with a spirit of self and indulgence. The Bible describes this and many other generations like this one as a generation whose spirit is not faithful to God.

And may not be like their fathers,

*A stubborn and rebellious generation,
A generation that did not set its heart aright,
And whose spirit was not faithful to God.*

Psalm 78:8 (NKJV)

*To the Chief Musician. On an eight-stringed harp. A Psalm of David.
Help, Lord, for the godly man ceases!
For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.*

Psalm 12:1 (NKJV)

While this is a faithless generation, there are many, just as has been true in other generations, who are faithful. For example, Jesus recognized a faithful man, the servants given talents.

*His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant;
you were faithful over a few things,
I will make you ruler over many things.
Enter into the joy of your lord.'*

Matthew 25:21 (NKJV)

God is interested in and rewards the faithful man.

*But without faith it is impossible to please Him,
for he who comes to God must believe that He is,
and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

*My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land,
That they may dwell with me;
He who walks in a perfect way, He shall serve me.*

Psalm 101:6 (NKJV)

*Oh, love the Lord, all you His saints!
For the Lord preserves the faithful,
And fully repays the proud person.*

Psalm 31:23 (NKJV)

The relationship between God and the faithful man is powerful and sweet. God watches over the faithful man; He preserves the faithful man. The faithful man dwells with God. The faithful man is faithful, so simple to say, but ... The faithful man despises vileness and evil, the faithful man fears the Lord, the faithful man will even swear to his own hurt and not change. It is much easier not to be faithful, so many fail to enjoy the benefits of faithfulness.

*In whose eyes a vile person is despised,
But he honors those who fear the Lord;
He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;*

Psalm 15:4 (NKJV)

In a generation seeking their own good it is unusual to find a faithful man. However this is what the Lord is seeking. The man or woman useful in prayer will be faithful. The faithful in prayer or any other ministry have a task to distribute to their brethren.

***And I appointed as treasurers over the storehouse Shelemiah the priest
and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah;
and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah;
for they were considered faithful,
and their task was to distribute to their brethren.***

Neh. 13:13 (NKJV)

Our task is prayer, so what do we distribute to our brethren? The simple, yet profound answer is; answers. Moses led the people through the wilderness, but more accurately, he prayed them through the wilderness. Moses cried out to God for the people, he distributed to them guidance, direction, and provision, by prayer.

***Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah,
for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah.
And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"
So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree.
When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet.
There He made a statute and an ordinance for them.***

***And there He tested them, and said,
"If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight,
give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes,
I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians.
For I am the Lord who heals you."***

Exodus 15:23-26 (NKJV)

The Lord has laid on each of us a people to pray for. It may be your family or friends. Your assignment may reach out beyond your neighborhood to nations and kings. It makes no difference if your assignment is large or small, near at hand or a far away place, your task is to deliver to your brethren. For some it is salvation, for others deliverance, provision, freedom, or protection. They need answers just as Israel did in the wilderness. Will you pray through your assignments and deliver answers to your brethren? Those who are faithful in prayer will distribute to their brethren. Our brethren are waiting.

Home for This Company

The home of ***Voice of Thanksgiving*** is at www.voiceofthanksgiving.com. This website has current and past issues of VoT and an archive of articles from the section *Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer*. The monthly issues of ***Stimme der Dankbarkeit***, the German monthly version of VoT are also available here. Send correspondence to dave@voiceofthanksgiving.com

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer