

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of June 11, 2006

A Call to Prayer

We must pray in the Spirit. in the Holy Ghost, if we would pray at all. Lay this, I beseech you, to heart. Do not address yourselves to prayer as to a work to be accomplished in your own natural strength. It is a work of God, of God the Holy Ghost, a work of His in you and by you, and in which you must be fellow-workers with Him—but His work notwithstanding.

ARCHBISHOP TRENCH

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?

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

Isaiah 62:7 (NKJV)

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 wrote a few days ago:

Greetings in Jesus' Name!

We are thankful to God and you for taking us to the throne of Grace.

By the mercy and grace of God we are fine and enjoying His protection and blessing.

In these past few weeks, we saw and experienced His loving kindness and power on our behalf.

God has blessed us with many souls. In this first week of May alone we had 21 baptisms in our ministry. Hallelujah! There are many new fellowships begun in different parts of country. Our missionaries are laboring hard to bring people in His Kingdom.

There are many challenges lying before this people's mandated government. To bring Maoist in mainstream, manage their weapons, establish peace and harmony, to assure citizens of peace and security, to meet aspiration of people, to present blue print of peace and development are primary.

Our Prayer matters:

A, We have our ministry's eastern regional leaders and pastors conference in one of the church in mountain in May 23 and church visit from 24 to June first week.

B, I have meeting in east Nepal in 24th and visit.

C, I will be going for west Bengal, India to visit our new mission field and to Sikkim to minister in churches.

D, Our building construction work is in progress, construction material cost is shooting up because of unstable economy in country. We are in need of miracles from God for 36000\$ to complete our project. Please list us in your prayer!

E, In this changing situation in New Nepal, the door for opportunity is opened to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ more powerfully. READY FOR THAT.

So please pray for Nepal and for conferences, training nationals, seminars, to teach Bible school, Mission trekking, prayer walks, revival/healing meetings and pray and support our mission efforts, gospel literatures printings etc.

We wish you spiritual and physical blessing as well as growth.

May God give you sound understanding of His plan and purpose, In Him,

Pastor Deu K Limbu

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

Marianne and David Dean – David and Marianne are close to having all of their support.

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.

Mark Spencer – Pray for his trip to Nepal in October.

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – Pray for everyone returning from the BBB Conference.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for the school children, their education is important and their introduction to the Lord is imperative. Joyce also writes: *“We are still plagued by rain and mud and depending on God’s power and love to move forward each day. His Name is Wonderful.”*

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

Blessing of Prayer

David Williamson

It is nearly impossible to fathom the great import of prayer. There is nothing in the arsenals of man as powerful as prayer. There is nothing as all encompassing as prayer. Throughout history there have been great men and women of prayer and we scarcely grasp their life of prayer and the power of

their prayers. For example look at Elijah, he prayed and there was no rain for three years. That is power in prayer.

***And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab,
“As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand,
there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.”***

1 Kings 17:1 (NKJV)

***And it happened after a while that the brook dried up,
because there had been no rain in the land.***

1 Kings 17:7 (NKJV)

We are tempted to place Elijah and others like him, those powerful in prayer, in a special category of mankind, people with special powers, people who have special relationship with God. We try to make a case that God listens to the prayers of these special people, but this is not the norm for most people. This thinking is contrary to the Word of God. God is not a respecter of persons. He does not single out people for special benefits and limit others. Power in prayer is available to all men and women, but not all have made themselves available for prayer. While some people in the Bible are kings and queens, privileged in position and power, most are common people with no special qualification other than their uncommon relationship with God. Great men and women of prayer have been, and are today, common men and women with an uncommon relationship with God. You can be one of the common men and women with an uncommon relationship with God, a man or woman of prayer.

There are many reasons to pray, from the desperate prayer of the foxhole to the prayer of the inspirational moment, people have always found reason to pray. This is not surprising, man is a spiritual being by design and a natural part of life for spiritual beings is a longing to commune with God. There is a hunger in each man and women for a relationship like Adam had with God in the Garden before the Fall. A means of fulfilling part of this longing is prayer.

Though prayer can fill part of this longing, prayer is made more difficult by the circumstances of human life. The world in which we live and the nature of man make prayer more complicated. It is difficult to live in a fallen world. A world of tragedy, death, and destruction; daily we confront results of the man's fall. Before the fall God's creation was good.

***Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.
So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.***

Genesis 1:31 (NKJV)

His creation and all that is in it was good. Created for the use and enjoyment of man, the garden was a paradise of unimaginable splendor and beauty. The crowning glory of this wonderful place was the presence of God. Daily God met with Adam; they talked and worked together. God provided everything Adam needed, even made a mate for him. This was paradise! God's creation was good, and then came the fall of man and the curse on creation, Genesis 3:17-19.

Man went from paradise to fighting the thorns and thistles for survival. Suddenly man was separated from God unable to enjoy the close relationship that had made the garden experience so wonderful. With this separation comes a realization of the helplessness of humans. We cannot stop the

tragedies of life, as humans we stand impotent before the onslaught of death. Many people come to realize the state of man and fall into a state of despair. Is there no hope, no hope for mankind?

However, into this separation and hopelessness comes the ray of light, God has made provision for man. He has opened the door to a new and wonderful world, the world of God's Kingdom and domain. For now, we live in the world of death and destruction, but we no longer are a part of its sting. God has put compassion in our hearts, compassion to reach out to others and to deal with life, but He has given us much more. He has given us prayer. He has made prayer the foundation for compassionate outreach. To reach out to this world, filled with death and destruction, takes more than just work, it take prayer. By prayer, God reaches out with us and through us to make a true difference in our life and the life of others. It is by prayer men begin and sustain the great compassionate acts. It is prayer that makes the outreach possible.

***If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you,
you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.
John 15:7-8 (NKJV)***

Your call to prayer is a call to bring life to the dead, hope to hopeless, and salvation to the lost. The blessing of prayer is that God moves by prayer, He touches lives and situations in response to our plea. No longer must we stand by and watch as people suffer, no longer must destruction rule. The men and women who will pray do not meekly watch as life goes by. The blessing of prayer is provision, hope, and life.

Will you pray? Will you invest your life, touching Heaven for the world around you? The prayer closet is not the place to hide, but the center of power that opens the doors for salvation and deliverance. Christianity is among many things, a call to serve our fellow man, but the fulfillment of this call is by the empowerment of prayer.

The blessing to man is help. The source of help is prayer. Today, as the world watches hoping for some deliverance from destruction, men and women are crying for Christians to be a real tangible source of assistance. The world may not know where help will come from, but they are desperate for deliverance. The power to reach out, the power to effect change, the power to save, comes from prayer. The blessing of prayer is seeing the power of God change, life-by-life, men and women, from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Light.

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