

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

For the Week of July 9, 2006

A Call to Prayer

PRAYER, without fervour, stakes nothing on the issue, because it has nothing to stake. It comes with empty hands. Hands, too, which are listless, as well as empty, which have never learned the lesson of clinging to the Cross. from *Necessity of Prayer* by E. M. Bounds

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)

Mark Spencer – Pray for Mark who will be ministering at the **Wyola Camp Meeting** with Pastor Charles and Janice Wilson, July 21st – 23rd. Pray also for the team that will go and minister to the children at these meetings. Pray for God’s anointing for these meetings.

***I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ,
who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:
Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season.
Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.***

2 Tim. 4:1-2 (NKJV)

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for final preparations for going to East Asia. Pray for the details to be completed.

***And my God shall supply all your need
according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.***

Philip. 4:19 (NKJV)

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

***And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance,
As the Lord has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls.***

Joel 2:32 (NKJV)

Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach – Pray for Bernhard and Lisa as they prepare to go to Germany. Pray for the job offer they have been waiting for.

*For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed,
for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that
He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.*

2 Tim. 1:12 (NKJV)

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and the pastors he works with in Nepal. Pray for:
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!

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 men and women responding to God's call to pray.

*Call to Me, and I will answer you,
and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'*

Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and his church in Kolobrzeg, Poland. Pray for the preparation of the build for church use and preparation of the people to minister with the new building.

*And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life,
that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.*

John 4:36 (NKJV)

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.

*Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth for Your possession.*

Psalms 2:8 (NKJV)

Marek Kaminski – Pray for Marek that he would prosper.

*Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health,
just as your soul prospers.*

3 John 1:2 (NKJV)

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.”*

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according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.***

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Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

Remembrance

David Williamson

In our family, especially my dad’s side of the family, events are a time for remembering. It does not matter if it is a wedding, birthday, anniversary, or even a funeral we get together as family and remember. We are spread far and wide and do not get to see one another very often, so when we get a chance we gather and remember. Even with a death in the family, we grieve and then get together and talk. Very quickly we begin to talk about our memories. Christians like to remember as well. We talk about the past, the good and bad. We talk about the time when God did this or that. We talk about a sermon we heard, a message we read, a special time, or what happened on a mission trip. We like to remember.

We remember with family and friends, we will even talk with a stranger on occasion. But how often do we remember with God. Most people are quick to complain. We throw our problems and worries at Him at the drop of a hat. Anything that happens and we are ready and willing to put our protest in His face. We are much slower to speak of the good thing. We love to grumble, but seldom remember with Him the good.

Our remembering, or lack thereof, affects our prayer life. We focus, talk and think, on the problem. The bulk of our time in prayer is complaint oriented. We are like a poor lawyer, who must chase the ambulance to get cases. He then uses the sympathy of the jury, not the legal merit of the law, to get a big settlement for his client. Our prayers are filled with, dear God, I have been wronged, I am so good, I hurt so much, I have put up with so much, and many other pity drawing words, all designed to get sympathy from God so He will give us something. No wonder our prayers are weak and unanswered. God has already done all He is going to do, all He needs to do, concerning sympathy for us. God so loved the world that He gave His Son. With whatever I come to Him, my sob story of pain, need, or worry, He says yes I feel your pain, so I sent My Son. This is not a flippant response, like go away kid you bother me, God did send His Son to take away our pain. This is the ultimate sympathy. We are welcome to remind Him of our problems, needs, and pain, but this should not be the focus of our prayer.

The man or woman of prayer should be like a good lawyer, making his case for the court. Our ambulance chaser has no case, he uses sympathy. Our good lawyer presents his case which is judged on the merits. Often people try to make a case based on poor merits. You have heard people pray, “Lord bless Aunt Mary she is a good person.” “God give the Jones the money they need they work so hard.” “Heal Jerry; he gave the piano for the church.” While there is merit in these things, it is a

weak case for a lawyer, Mary, the Jones, and Jerry can not do enough to merit God's favor. If they could there would be no need for Jesus.

The good lawyer bases his case on the law and he will show the judge and jury how his client was wronged and the remedy proscribed by the law. The man or woman of prayer, he or she who would pray and get answers, bases their prayer on God and His Word (also called the Law and the Prophets). They put God in remembrance of what He has said and done.

***I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake;
And I will not remember your sins.***

***Put Me in remembrance; Let us contend together;
State your case, that you may be acquitted.***

Isaiah 43:25-26 (NKJV)

Put Me in remembrance; in other words, remind Him of His promises in regard to prayer. This is prayer; we come boldly before the throne of grace to obtain help in time of need. We do not call on His sympathies; we remind Him of His promises.

Thus says the Lord, The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker:

Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons;

And concerning the work of My hands, you command Me.

Isaiah 45:11 (NKJV)

You command me; this is not telling God what to do, we are to speak His promises back to Him. He is a covenant God, He has made covenant with us.

***And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death,
for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant,
that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.***

Hebrews 9:15 (NKJV)

By the work of Jesus the mediator of the New Covenant, we can, and must come before God as covenant partners, (come boldly as it says in Hebrews). As we stand before Him we are to remind Him of His promises. What promise you ask? We are to remind Him, a better way to say this is, rehearse before Him what He has said He will do. In prayer we are to call on Him to do what is required by the covenant.

***to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant,
and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.***

Hebrews 12:24 (NKJV)

***Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead,
that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make you complete in every good work to do His will,
working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.***

Hebrews 13:20-21 (NKJV)

We come in reverent awe, this is Almighty God, but we come and we present our case before Him. What shall we present? God has spoken in His Word concerning anything we could need to want. He has made clear His desire to take care of His children. So bring His Word, bring verses specific to the request, before Him.

*So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*
Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV)

*I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem;
They shall never hold their peace day or night.
You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent,
And give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*
Isaiah 62:6-7 (NKJV)

*And there is no one who calls on Your name,
who stirs himself up to take hold of You;
For You have hidden Your face from us,
and have consumed us because of our iniquities.*
Isaiah 64:7 (NKJV)

Daniel stirred himself up, he prayed for the return of Israel from captivity. He put God in remembrance of His promises concerning Israel. The question is how about you? Will you stir yourself up and pray? Will you bring before God remembrances of what He has said? This takes time and effort, it is work, this is the work of prayer, because if you are going to tell Him what He has said, you must study His Word and find out what he has said. In prayer we are to command God concerning what He has said He will do. Stir yourself up to prayer.

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