

# Voice of Thanksgiving

## Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of July 16, 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?

*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 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 God is able to make all grace abound toward you,  
that you, always having all sufficiency in all things,  
may have an abundance for every good work.*

2 Cor. 9:8 (NKJV)

**Marek Kaminski** – Pray for poor children from Belarus coming to Koszalin for vacation. Pray for completing all the necessary documents, safety and finances.

*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 prayer seminar meetings this fall in Rosenheim.

The superficial results of many a ministry, the deadness of others, are to be found in the lack of praying. No ministry can succeed without much praying, and this praying must be fundamental, ever-abiding, ever-increasing. The text, the sermon, should be the result of prayer. The study should be bathed in prayer, all its duties so impregnated with prayer, its whole spirit the spirit of prayer. “I am sorry that I have prayed so little,” was the deathbed regret of one of God’s chosen ones, a sad and remorseful regret for a preacher. “I want a life of greater, deeper, truer prayer,” said the late Archbishop Tait. So may we all say, and this may we all secure.

from *Power through Prayer* by E. M. Bounds

**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.*

Psalm 2:8 (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.”*

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly  
above all that we ask or think,  
according to the power that works in us,*

Ephes. 3:20 (NKJV)

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

#### **Standing in the Gate**

David Williamson

For many centuries, men would gather at the gate of the city to conduct business. This was the place where the buying and selling of land would be transacted. This is where Abraham purchased a plot of land for a burial place for his wife Sarah. This is where Lot met the angels coming to destroy Sodom. This is where Boaz came as a relative, purchasing from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Kilion, and Mahlon. With this transaction, he acquired Ruth as his wife. The elder of the city would conduct the affairs of the city and deal with all disputes. The gate was Wall Street, courtroom, real estate office, and university. When a man was not at work, in the synagogue, or at home, he was at the gate. The gate has changed considerably from the time of these examples, but there is still a gate to every city. The meeting places have changed and have new names, city council, school board, etc. Often overlooked today are the gate meetings with God.

God still meets at the gate with people of the town or region. This can happen in council meetings or even board meetings, but more often He meets at times of worship and prayer. At these meetings God is waiting for us to worship and pray. Day-by-day He invites us to come and join Him there. As the elders met at the gate, so we can meet with God.

In prayer we see these daily meetings. Jesus is in the gate to conduct business everyday.

*Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost  
those who come to God through Him,  
since He always lives to make intercession for them.*

Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV)

Jesus is calling us to come and join with Him. For dealing with the needs of the day, He says come. For the work of buying and selling, He says come. For our families and friends He says come. As Mathew recorded for us, Jesus bids us to come, stand with Him in the gate and transact business.

***Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.***  
Matthew 11:28 (NKJV)

Jesus is ready and willing to conduct business with you and me at the gate to the city, to conduct business for our family, friends, city, region, and nation. In prayer He daily conducts business with those who will come join with Him.

Will you come and stand in the gate? All who will pray, Jesus is inviting to come to Him. When the gate was the center of business, men gathered to complete the transactions of the day. Today the transactions of the day need prayer. The place of prayer is standing in the gate with Jesus.

***"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.***  
Luke 11:9 (NKJV)

***And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.***  
John 14:13-14 (NKJV)

***If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.***  
John 15:7 (NKJV)

***You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.***  
John 15:16 (NKJV)

Come stand in the gate with Jesus and conduct business with Him.

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