

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

For the Week of July 30, 2006

**A Call to Prayer**

**For since the beginning of the world  
Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear,  
Nor has the eye seen any God besides You,  
Who acts for the one who waits for Him.**

Isaiah 64:4 (NKJV)

**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)

**Pray for Israel** – Pray for Israel; pray for God’s completed plan for this time to be fulfilled. God is not surprised by events, but by lack of faith. Pray for His will to be done and for men to be won to Him in Israel, Lebanon, and from the camps of the terrorist.

***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)

**Marianne and David Dean** – David and Marianne ask for prayer for open hearts for the college students they meet and disciple the next four years in East Asia.

***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 August 19-27. Pray for completing all the necessary documents, safety and finances. Pray for the BBB Conference and ministry. Pray for guidance on how to fulfill God’s will.

*And my God shall supply all your need  
according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*  
Philip. 4:19 (NKJV)

**The Inntal Prayer Initiative and Mark Spencer** – Pray for Mark who will be ministering in conferences in Germany and Nepal in October. 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)

**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*

**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)

**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 there.

*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**

**Excellence**  
David Williamson

There is a quote I like from a man who was a football coach (American football). He had come to a team that had never had a winning season, under his coaching they began to win and became a powerhouse that won every year for many years. He said the following:

“The quality of a person’s life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.” Vincent T. Lombardi

This leads to a couple of questions. Do you have a chosen field of endeavor? Are you committed to excellence? The answer to these two questions is very important to prayer and Christian life. Far too many people ride along on the waves of life going where and how the water of the day takes them. The routine of daily life consumes every day; never leading to excellence or a particular endeavor.

This need not be the way of life; there is an endeavor or pursuit for each of us. God has placed in our heart desire for the pursuit. All Christians who pursue this heart desire will reach great accomplishments in his or her life. This brings, as Lombardi said, quality to a person’s life.

The challenge to the Christian today is an endeavor or pursuit. Many people are content with what ever comes along to them. They never have tasted of a commitment to excellence, never working for a specific pursuit. If this is your history, you can change it. If you have fallen into a routine of every day life that does not include pursuit you can change that as well.

A pursuit or endeavor begins with having a goal. There must be something you will pursue. Many people suffer from a malaise of the general busyness of life. There are so many things swirling around them that there is no real pursuit. They go from doing a little of this to a little of that, never focusing or accomplishing much. Life demands more of us than just walking aimlessly through the days, weeks, months, and years. If you have a pursuit, then get on with it. If you have dropped the ball somewhere and your pursuit is sitting dormant; then find it and pursue it. If you have no idea of your endeavor or pursuit, then begin to pray. Our Father designed you with a specific pursuit in mind, ask Him and He will show you His plan for you. Just as was true for Jeremiah so it is true for you, God has set you apart for very a specific life. Jeremiah was ordained to be a prophet; you are ordained to something just as specific.

***Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;  
Before you were born I sanctified you;  
I ordained you a prophet to the nations.***

Jeremiah 1:5 (NKJV)

Pray and God will reveal to you His plan for you. You will find that His plan is better than anything you can think or imagine.

Next you should write out your pursuit. What has He called you to do? We need to clarify for ourselves what we are to do; writing is very good for this. To often people have just a vague notion of what they are doing. It is almost impossible to be committed to excellence when you do not know what you are committed to do.

***Then the Lord answered me and said:  
Write the vision and make it plain on tablets,  
That he may run who reads it.***

Habakkuk 2:2 (NKJV)

The run of this verse from Habakkuk is a commitment to excellence. You chose to pursue the vision with all your might. There are four steps to this, first, pray over it. Make sure you have heard clearly, that you have understood what God wants not something defined by what you think He wants. Second, believe God to accomplish the vision. It is by His hand that you can pursue this and by His hand you can accomplish the vision. Third, share the vision with people you trust. It is important not to just throw this out to everyone. However, you need the support, input, prayers, and help of trusted friends and advisors.

***As iron sharpens iron,  
So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.***

Proverbs 27:17 (NKJV)

Fourth, the pursuit of excellence requires consistent effort. This may require changes in ones life. You may have to trim away hindrance. There are things in your life that are not sin, they are not bad, but they can be hindrances to your pursuit of your vision. They may take time or money; they may interrupt your concentration or take away your strength. Pray and find those areas that need to be trimmed, and then do so. Make a way for you to pursue excellence.

***Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence  
of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord,  
for whom I have suffered the loss of all things,  
and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him,  
not having my own righteousness, which is from the law,  
but that which is through faith in Christ,  
the righteousness which is from God by faith;  
that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection,  
and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,  
if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.***

Philip. 3:8-11 (NKJV)

A commitment to excellence is not easy, the path is strewn with hindrances, the Devil will strive to block your way, and the flesh will cry out for mercy, but for those committed, truly committed, there is a path that leads to excellence in our pursuits.

***We know that whoever is born of God does not sin;  
but he who has been born of God keeps himself,  
and the wicked one does not touch him.***

1 John 5:18 (NKJV)

In prayer, the Christian life, and our life work, we need to be committed to excellence. Our generation is crying for men and women who will take their place with those who have gone before, those who strove to go beyond the norm to excellence. These men and women were committed to fulfilling their call in God; they are remembered in the Bible and in Heaven. This recording of exploits continues to this day. What will be written about you, will you drift through your days or will you be commitment to excellence, regardless of your chosen field of endeavor?

***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)

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