

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

For the Week of August 6, 2006

A Call to Prayer

A Song. A Psalm of Asaph.
Do not keep silent, O God!
Do not hold Your peace, And do not be still, O God!
For behold, Your enemies make a tumult;
And those who hate You have lifted up their head.
They have taken crafty counsel against Your people,
And consulted together against Your sheltered ones.
They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation,
That the name of Israel may be remembered no more."

For they have consulted together with one consent;
They form a confederacy against You:
The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites;
Moab and the Hagrites; Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek;
Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assyria also has joined with them;
They have helped the children of Lot.
Selah

Deal with them as with Midian, As with Sisera,
As with Jabin at the Brook Kishon,
Who perished at En Dor, Who became as refuse on the earth.
Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb,
Yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,
Who said, "Let us take for ourselves
The pastures of God for a possession."

O my God, make them like the whirling dust,
Like the chaff before the wind!
As the fire burns the woods, and as the flame sets the mountains on fire,
So pursue them with Your tempest, and frighten them with Your storm.
Fill their faces with shame, That they may seek Your name, O Lord.
Let them be confounded and dismayed forever;
Yes, let them be put to shame and perish,
That they may know that You, whose name alone is the Lord,
Are the Most High over all the earth.

Psalm 83:1-18 (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 – See **Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer**

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. 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. 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 and for all the arrangements that must be made. 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

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. 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. 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."* Ephes. 3:20 (NKJV)

Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer

A Prayer for Israel

David Williamson

Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this? (Esther 4:14 (NKJV)) These words from Esther have spoken too many generations. There have been moments in time when the events of the day have placed men and women in challenging situations. Like Esther they faced the dilemma of personal safety verses duty and honor. The question was and is; has God placed me in this place and time for this. Had God gone through a long process of preparation to have Esther in the right place at the right time? We know the answer was yes He had, but before the outcome is known we struggle with the decision. She had to decide if she would speak to the King without his request and face death or be safe and silent and risk the life of all the Jewish people. She chose to speak and God moved on behalf of the Jews.

This question, is this a time and place that God has set up, is one Christians face regularly. This is a constant battle in prayer. It is easy to dismiss our role and responsibility in prayer. Yet the record of the Bible and history reveals many examples where God has used the prayer of individuals in powerful ways. An example is Daniel. When Daniel understood the number of years specified to the completion of the Jewish people's captivity, he began to pray. The Word said 70 years and so Daniel began to pray what was written would come to pass.

In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

Daniel 9:1-3 (NKJV)

Daniel prayed for this Word to be accomplished. Many would assume, if it is written that it will happen, but God has sought out men and women who will pray to see it happen. Daniel prayed and it was accomplished on time, just as predicted.

Look at the example of Jesus, in the Garden we see Him praying. He knows that He is to be crucified, yet He prays. It is true that this was a last opportunity for fellowship with the Father before the cross, but Jesus spent the time praying. He prayed that God's will would be done.

He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." Then He came to the disciples and found them asleep, and said to Peter, "What? Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Matthew 26:39-41 (NKJV)

He spent His last moments praying for events to happen just as they were predicted. This is a powerful example of the power and importance of prayer. Jesus as always is our great example in life and prayer. Notice at this critical time He even invited His disciples to join Him in prayer.

In Acts we see another example, the people in the upper room on the day of Pentecost. Jesus told His disciples to remain in Jerusalem, 120 remained. They gathered to pray in the upper room. Jesus had told them they would be empowered by the Holy Spirit and they gathered and prayed for this to happen. They prayed it happened, the Holy Spirit fell on them all. They prayed like Daniel and like Jesus in my earlier examples, for the prophesied things to happen.

Please note the other disciples missed this event. Contrast this with Daniel who was faithful and prayed, or Jesus who was faithful and prayed. Like the disciples in the Garden they had an invitation to pray, but did not.

Who are you like in prayer? From these examples who are you the most like when it comes to your practices of prayer and faith? Are you like Esther, who came to the kingdom for a special job at a special time and did what she was called to do? Are you a man or woman of prayer like Daniel, Jesus, and the 120 in the upper room, those who saw the prophesied plans of God and prayed?

The prophecy posted above (see the verses in a Call to Prayer, Psalm 83) will come to pass. Will you pray for its fulfillment? Will you be faithful and pray that these power words will come to pass. Could it be that God has called you for this job? It is not by chance that the book was uncovered in Ireland and open to this chapter at this time.

The times for Israel are most difficult. It seems just as is recorded in the words of the prophecy.

**They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation,
That the name of Israel may be remembered no more."**

Will you pray for God to move as stated in these verses?

**O my God, make them like the whirling dust,
Like the chaff before the wind!
As the fire burns the woods, and as the flame sets the mountains on fire,
So pursue them with Your tempest, and frighten them with Your storm.
Fill their faces with shame, That they may seek Your name, O Lord.
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At some point the prayers of the saints will be full for Israel and God will pour them out on the earth. Just as this verse records, so will God act with His full strength and righteousness. Today Israel once again faces the wrath of the world. Nation after nation aligned against God's chosen people. They would wipe Israel off the map and destroy any people who would stand with Israel. This is not the first time, or even the second time Israel has faced adversity and possible destruction. However, this is our time. How will we respond to this threat to Israel?

The Bible talks of golden bowls full of incense, the prayers of the saints. When the bowl is full God pours the prayers out on the earth. Today as we pray for Israel, as we pray for the fulfillment of these verses from this Psalm, we add our prayers to these bowls.

*Now when He had taken the scroll,
the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb,
each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense,
which are the prayers of the saints.*

Rev. 5:8 (NKJV)

*Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels,
“Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.”*

Rev. 16:1 (NKJV)

The alignment of so many prophecies seems to indicate we are near to the end of this age. Are the bowls waiting for just a few more prayers? Are they waiting for your prayers? This week and for the next few weeks and months let us join together as a company and pray. Let us join with other companies of prayer around the world and pray. Let us join our prayers with the prayers of many generations and pray for Israel.

Let us pray!

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