

# Voice of Thanksgiving

## Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

Inner Court Ministries

For the Week of August 27, 2006

### *A Call to Prayer*

“And dear to me the loud ‘Amen,’  
Which echoes through the blest abode—  
Which swells, and sinks, then swells again,  
Dies on the walls—but lives with God!”  
Author Unknown

### *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 and the peace of Jerusalem** – 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 Psalm 83, we add our prayers to these bowls. Rev. 5:8 and Rev. 16:1

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.

**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. Pray for hearts to be warmed to the Gospel message. Galatians 4:6

**Marek Kaminski** – Pray for the BBB Conference and future ministry. *Pray for God to guide us as to how to fulfill God's will for this ministry, for time (for travel), and for finances.*

***For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?"  
But we have the mind of Christ.***

1 Cor. 2:16 (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.

***For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel,  
not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.  
For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.***

1 Cor. 1:17-18 (NKJV)

**DK Limbu Daniel** – Pray for Pastor Daniel and the conference in October. Pray for the arrangements for the conference and the preparation of hearts to receive from the Lord. Pray that this conference will be a prosperous time for all.

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

3 John 1:2 (NKJV)

**Jacek Gromadzki** – Pray for Jack and his church in Kolobrzeg, Poland. Pray for outreaches with an American team in Poland this summer. Pray that many people will be reconciled to God.

***Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ,  
as though God were pleading through us:  
we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.***

2 Cor. 5:20 (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)

**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)

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

**Let Us Pray!**  
David Williamson

In 1786 a group of men met together in Philadelphia, their charge, make changes to the Articles of Confederation the constitution of America at that time. It was obvious that there needed to be some change, as the Articles were inadequate for the needs of the fledgling nation. In a bold move the delegates choose not to modify, but to write a completely new constitution. Very quickly the convention became embroiled in conflict. The record kept by James Madison indicates the convention was on the verge of dissolving without writing anything. Faction was against faction, with the battles growing more and more heated. At this point in the proceedings Benjamin Franklin made a speech. He recalled that when the Continental Congress sat in a day of great danger, they had asked God's help in prayer. "Have we forgotten our powerful Friend? Or do we imagine we no longer need its assistance?" "And the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?" He then quoted the Bible, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Following these words of Franklin, the convention changed and began to work together to develop the American Constitution. They were within days, maybe hours, of the convention falling apart, now very quickly they were able to write the most extraordinary document governing the affairs of man every written by man. What happened, they remembered God, and included Him in their efforts. It would be good for us as men and women of prayer to remember some of Franklin's words, "...is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

These words are true today as they were then, empires come and go, but these changes are never a surprise to God. He has His hand in the rise and fall of nations just as is recorded in the Bible. It is noteworthy, for men and women of prayer, that in God's work with nations, He had arranged for prayer to move His hand. History records an extraordinary number of times that God's people have prayed and God has answered. God's response to prayer has turned the course of nations, changed the flow of battles, overthrown kings and kingdoms, defeated powerful foes, and overcome seemingly impossible odds.

What is our response to His call for prayer? Are we barricaded in our prayer closets, watching the world go by? Are we like those who do not even go to their prayer closets? Or are we like those

delegates who responded to Franklin's word and work through the problems and wrote the US Constitution?

The situation we are in is different from that of the delegates, they had to hammer out a plan of government, we must pray for nations and people. However, the call is similar in that both, the delegates and men and women of prayer, must call on God if they are to be successful. There is no other way. The delegates may have been within days of breaking up the convention due to the fight over their positions. Many historians believe that America would never have survived as a single nation if this had happened. They had to come together and trust God for help. We must do the same.

We must pray for the same type of help today. Nations and people are without God and the times are desperate. Nations are aligning against nation, preparing for the final battle. Men and women are choosing sides in the final war, many making their choice without knowledge or understanding of the issues and results of their choices. There are many ministries that minister to nations and people, but the key for success of these ministries, the key for successful outcomes in all aspect of life, is prayer. Today is desperate for prayer!

Around the world men and women are stepping into their ministry of prayer, some work daily jobs or raise families and pray, some are called to ministry and prayer, and others have been called to fulltime prayer, but today needs all who will pray. This day needs all of us, from the novice who brings his or her newly found zeal to prayer, to the veteran who continues to learn from the Holy Spirit how to pray. We need to pray for God help in our life, our family, our church, and the world around us.

“...is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?” Is it probable that Israel can stand as a nation without His aid, let us pray. Is it probable that America can stand as a nation without His aid, let us pray. Is it probable that Germany can stand as a nation without His aid, let us pray. Is it probable that China can stand as a nation without His aid, let us pray. Is it probable that Poland can stand as a nation without His aid, let us pray. Is it probable that Brazil can stand as a nation without His aid, let us pray. Is it probable that the Crow Nation can stand as a nation without His aid, let us pray. Is it probable that the drug war can be won without His aid, let us pray. Is it probable that schools can function without His aid, let us pray. Is it probable that your son and daughter can stand safe and secure without His aid, let us pray. Is it probable that revival can come without His aid, let us pray. Is it probable that men and women can be saved without His aid, let us pray.

Let us pray!

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