

# *Voice of Thanksgiving*

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of October 1, 2006

Prayer is too simple, too evident a duty, to need definition. Necessity gives being and shape to prayer. Its importance is so absolute, that the Christian soldier's life, in all the breadth and intensity of it, should be one of prayer. The entire life of a Christian soldier -- its being, intention, implication and action -- are all dependent on its being a life of prayer. Without prayer -- no matter what else he have -- the Christian soldier's life will be feeble, and ineffective, and constitute him an easy prey for his spiritual enemies.

Christian experience will be sapless, and Christian influence will be dry and arid, unless prayer has a high place in the life. Without prayer the Christian graces will wither and die. Without prayer, we may add, preaching is edgeless and a vain thing, and the Gospel loses its wings and its loins. Christ is the lawgiver of prayer, and Paul is His Apostle of prayer. Both declare its primacy and importance, and demonstrate the fact of its indispensability. Their prayer-directions cover all places, include all times, and comprehend all things. How, then, can the Christian soldier hope or dream of victory, unless he be fortified by its power? How can he fail, if in addition to putting on the armour of God he be, at all times and seasons, "watching unto prayer"?  
*from *Life of David Brainerd**

## ***The Life of Prayer***

### **A Key to Prayer**

David Williamson

Sometimes we make prayer too hard. We talk of the many requirements and practices. We look at the person praying, their motivation, and beliefs. We write books and articles, I should know I am one of those who write about prayer constantly. However, one of the keys, an often forgotten key, to prayer is doing it. The key to prayer, it is doing it, the key is praying.

The key to praying is a simple and obvious statement, but it identifies a problem that keeps many from prayer. Many people do not pray or only pray on special occasions. They are waiting for something. It is as though they are at the race, but have not responded to the starter's gun going off. So they wait. There are many reasons for waiting; they think they need more time, more training, more faith, more ability, more of something. So day-by-day they do not pray.

For many people the thought is that a prayer life will come when the moment is right. When things allow them to pray they will. Unfortunately this seldom works, things do not get right. They need to pray to make things right. It is prayer that will help get things right. When we pray, really pray, not just mouth a few words or grudgingly put in a few minutes, we are in the machine of change. This

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powerful machine is the prayer closet. It could be called the chamber of change. In the prayer closet, God changes the person who prays and changes the world around them.

Time with God brings change in man and this is especially true of time with God in prayer. We can not be in His presence without being changed. That is one of the great values of prayer, worship and Bible study. If done correctly they all bring you into contact with God. If you want to change things in your life, make things right, then pray.

Time with God also brings change to the world around us. It is nearly impossible to spend time with God in prayer and not begin to have a feel for His heartbeat. His heart beats for the world. He is love and His love is manifest in reaching out to a lost world. Time with Him will put the world on your heart. This will direct your prayers and life activities just as it directed His activities. On God's heart is the world so He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as a sacrifice for the world. His heart cry is that none should perish, but all come to saving grace. Your heart will come into alignment with His if you spend time in prayer and your life activities will align with His as well. You will reach out to a lost world and make sacrifice for them. If you spend time, there is no other option, you will be more and more like Him and act more and more like Him.

So how will you respond to this? Is this just another "nice" article, or will you respond with prayer? The key is your decision, you must respond to God's call. He longs to spend time with you in prayer, but must He continue to wait until you have time or things are right? Or will you respond today and pray?

Many of the regular readers of this newsletter are men and women of prayer. You have responded to His call, but for you there is more. His call to you is, to use the famous line, deeper in and higher up. He wants more of you, more prayer and more of every other aspect of your life. His goal is to fully and completely envelope you, so you are fully in Him. Just as Jesus and the Father were (and are) one, so He longs to make you one with Him. Andrew Murray calls this the place of abiding. Rees Howells speaks of "the gained position of intercession" both of these describe a place of oneness with God, a place like that of Jesus and the Father.

This is a place where you will be changed and prayer and intercession spring from the heart of God. This is a place where powerful prayer works. The weak Christian becomes a strong man or woman of prayer. This is where we see the "greater works" Jesus spoke of coming to pass.

No matter where you find yourself on this continuum, from a novice to one who has gained a "position of intercession", there is a call to go on with God. Going on with Him is praying. Let us commit to praying and strive to go further in and higher up.

Let us pray!

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## *A Call for Prayer*

Will you Pray, men and women in countries of the world need the Gospel. Throughout the centuries of Christianity prayer has paved the way for the spread of the Gospel. This continues to be true today. Our efforts and work toward the spread of the Gospel is very important, but it is imperative that all that we do is initiated in prayer, supported in prayer, and completed in prayer. The declaration of His message and demonstration of His power depends on prayer. Now is the time for great diligence in prayer for nations, ministries, people, and needs. The question of the day, will you pray?

**Pray for Israel and the peace of Jerusalem** –Pray for Israel. Pray for fulfillment of the many and great prophesies concerning Israel coming to pass in God’s perfect timing.

*Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family  
And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.*

*I will make you a great nation;*

*I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.*

*I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you;*

*And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

Genesis 12:1-3 (NKJV)

**John and Helen Coon** –Pray for their trip to Austria the beginning of October. They will be ministering in Salzburg, Austria.

**The Inntal Prayer Initiative and Mark Spencer** – Mark and David will be at conferences in Germany October 13, 14, and 15 at the Brot Haus in Rosenheim, Germany and Mark will be in Nepal, October 23-26. Pray for these meetings, the messages to be given, the anointing for the meetings, and the response of the people.

*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** –Greetings in Jesus' Name!

Thank so very much for praying for me and listing us in your prayer letter.

I believe you all are in good health and blessed, prospering in spirit, soul and body.

We are also fine here. This week I am busy, please pray for my traveling safety and the anointing for the ministering God's people.

1. I am leaving Kathmandu in 27th to mid-regional new life convention in 28-29th. 30th I am ministering one of the local Peniel church in another area. Then again I travel to east Nepal and

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speak in the Church of Nazarene regional convention in 2-3rd Oct, they want me preach on Revival and the Baptism in Holy Spirit. I need your prayers. I will be traveling around 800 miles by motorcycle.

2. And 23-26th Oct we have Word Explosion Conference, pray for the participants that they would be enriched by the word and go forth with power and boldness.

3. Pray for our financial need of 14000\$ to complete our new church building.

4. Pray for the peace in Nepal.

Thank you for praying for us.

May God bless you, Pastor DK Daniel

**Marianne and David Dean** – Pray that ministry and language class will continue to go well for us, but in the midst of things going so well, we will continue to rely totally on the Lord and resist the temptation to become self-sufficient. This week we will be trying to contact and meet with students who made decisions for Christ with some American students who came on a summer trip. Pray that these students made genuine decisions, that we will be able to get in contact with them, and that they will desire to grow and become involved in our ministry. Pray for David and me to have some time to connect as a couple this week. Last week was good, but very very busy and tiring. I don't think we ate a single meal at home! Pray that we will have a more balanced schedule this week.

Thanks so much to all of you for your prayers, your love and support! You really have no idea how much it means to us!!

**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)

**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. 2 Cor. 5:20

***And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:  
"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace,  
Who bring glad tidings of good things!"***

Romans 10:15 (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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**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)

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