

# Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of October 29, 2006

I suspect I have been allotting habitually too little time to religious exercises as private devotion, religious meditation, Scripture reading, etc. Hence I am lean and cold and hard. God would perhaps prosper me more in spiritual things if I were to be more diligent in using the means of grace. I had better allot more time, say two hours or an hour and a half, to religious exercises daily, and try whether by so doing I cannot preserve a frame of spirit more habitually devotional, a more lively sense of unseen things, a warmer love to God, and a greater degree of hunger and thirst after righteousness, a heart less prone to be soiled with worldly cares, designs, passions, and apprehension and a real undissembled longing for heaven, its pleasures and its purity.—WILLIAM WILBERFORCE

## *The Life of Prayer*

### **Wise Prayer**

David Williamson

I do not know any one who does not like to be wise. When we buy things we like to shop for a good deal. When we make decisions we seek out help, we love to consult an expert. When we pick out a car we check reports and experts and even when we see a doctor we will get a second opinion, and we should be wise in prayer as well.

Some might ask, how can I pray wise prayer? There are several parts to the answer to that question; we can look at a few of them here. The first part of the answer is very simple and direct, yet it trips some people up. Wise prayer begins with prayer. We must pray and pray and pray. Those who do not pray, never pray wise prayers.

***Seek the Lord while He may be found,  
Call upon Him while He is near.***

Isaiah 55:6 (NKJV)

***Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication,  
with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;***

Philip. 4:6 (NKJV)

The second part involves something simple and obvious again, wise prayer follows the directions. The Bible is a wonderful guide to prayer. There are instructions for when, where, and how to prayer. To list the verses giving instructions would be far beyond the scope of this article, but here are a few examples.

***Trust in Him at all times, you people;  
Pour out your heart before Him;***

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*God is a refuge for us. Selah*

Psalm 62:8 (NKJV)

*But let him ask in faith, with no doubting,  
for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.*

James 1:6 (NKJV)

*And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*

Jeremiah 29:13 (NKJV)

*What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit,  
and I will also pray with the understanding.  
I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.*

1 Cor. 14:15 (NKJV)

*Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace,  
that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication,  
with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;*

Philip. 4:6 (NKJV)

We have the guidance of the greatest of all who have prayed; the man or woman who would be wise in prayer will study and follow His direction.

*Therefore do not be like them.*

*For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.*

*In this manner, therefore, pray:*

*Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.*

*Your kingdom come.*

*Your will be done*

*On earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts,*

*As we forgive our debtors.*

*And do not lead us into temptation,*

*But deliver us from the evil one.*

*For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Matthew 6:8-13 (NKJV)

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Let us pray and let us be wise in our prayers!

## *A Call for Prayer*

*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)

**Pray for Israel and the peace of Jerusalem** – Pray for the return of Jews from around the world to Israel.

*Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your descendants from the east,  
And gather you from the west;  
I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'  
And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!'  
Bring My sons from afar,  
And My daughters from the ends of the earth—*

Isaiah 43:5-6 (NKJV)

**Pray for the Inntal Prayer Initiative and Mark Spencer** – Pray for Marks safe return to the United States.

**DK Limbu Daniel** – Pray for the pastors who attended the conference. Pray for their safe return home and for God to build on those things He has placed in their heart.

*Thank you for praying for us. May God bless you, Pastor DK Daniel*

*For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness,  
who has shone in our hearts to give the light  
of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

2 Cor. 4:6 (NKJV)

**Marianne and David Dean** – Pray for the young people of East Asia. There are many who will hear about God through Marianne and David's ministry, pray for these people to respond to the Gospel call.

*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!! - Marianne*

*Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me,  
in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.*

2 Tim. 1:13 (NKJV)

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**Marek Kaminski** – Pray for God’s blessing and provision. Pray for his church in Koszalin, Poland.

**Jacek Gromadzki** – Pray for Jack and his church in Kolobrzeg, Poland. Pray for the people of Kolobrzeg, Poland. Pray for hearts to be prepared to hear the Gospel and respond to the message.

**Joyce Abrahamson** – Pray for God’s blessing on the children and this ministry in Brazil.

**Pray for your Home Church** – Pray for outreach to your community.

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