

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of December 17, 2006

We must remember that the goal of prayer is the ear of God. Unless that is gained the prayer has utterly failed. The uttering of it may have kindled devotional feeling in our minds, the hearing of it may have comforted and strengthened the hearts of those with whom we have prayed, but if the prayer has not gained the heart of God, it has failed in its essential purpose C. H. SPURGEON

The Life of Prayer

Efficiency

David Williamson

We all know them, the man or woman that we all turn to when we need to have something done. They are always busy, but they make time to get one more thing done. They care about others and they are capable of great things. They make it happen, regardless of the difficulty and regardless of their schedule. Another attribute of these people is their competence. They get so much done, done well, and with great efficiency. Wouldn't you love to have more of them and for those you have to be even more productive? And wouldn't you love to be more like them yourself?

The answer to these requests is prayer. The number and efficiency of laborers depends on prayer, it depends on our prayers. In every measure of labor, prayer makes the difference.

***night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face
and perfect what is lacking in your faith?***

1 Thes. 3:10 (NKJV)

The might and strength of labor, the opportunity for labor increases by prayer.

***We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,
remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love,
and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,
knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God.***

1 Thes. 1:2-4 (NKJV)

Prayer opens wide their doors of opportunity for laborers. It provides for access, placing the laborer in position and opening hearts to the message. It gives a holy boldness, determination, resolve, and steadfastness.

***praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,
being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—***

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*and for me, that utterance may be given to me,
that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,
for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*
Ephes. 6:18-20 (NKJV)

Prayer gives fruitfulness.

*For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you,
and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will
in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him,
being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;*
Col. 1:9-10 (NKJV)

Praying men and women are needed in all fields of spiritual and secular. There is no position in the Church which should be filled, but by much prayer. There is no position that should be maintained, but by prayer. Praying men and women are needed for every business, as well as every church, to order and direct business and activity, not according to the maxims of this world, but according to Bible precepts.

**Therefore we also pray always for you that our God
would count you worthy of this calling,
and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power,
that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you,
and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.**
2 Thes. 1:11-12 (NKJV)

*For this reason we also, since the day we heard it,
do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be
filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;*
Col. 1:9 (NKJV)

*Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ,
greet you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers,
that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.*
Col. 4:12 (NKJV)

The success of enterprise and its efficiency are determined by prayer.

Let us pray!

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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 – Pray the peace of Jerusalem.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Daniel and his pastors, pray for protection and to boldly proclaim the Gospel message. Pray for men and women of Nepal open to the Gospel message they preach.

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

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for young people on college campuses of this region, pray they respond to the Gospel message with open minds and hearts.

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

William Williamson – Bill is a pastor in Eastern Colorado, Pray for their plans and commitments for this trip to India in January of 2007. Pray for this trip and the ministry in India.

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jacek, pray for direction and success for his ministry.

*For a great and effective door has opened to me,
and there are many adversaries.*

1 Cor. 16:9 (NKJV)

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for the supplying of the needs of school, students, and families.

Marek Kaminski – Pray for Marek and his church and their continued response to God's will and direction.

*The Lord will guide you continually,
And satisfy your soul in drought,
And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden,
And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.*

Isaiah 58:11 (NKJV)

Mark Spencer – Pray for God's guidance and direction.

*For You are my rock and my fortress;
Therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead me and guide me.*

Psalm 31:3 (NKJV)

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The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – Pray for the plans for the fifth annual BBB Conference.

*Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths.
Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You are the God of my salvation;
On You I wait all the day.*

Psalm 25:4-5 (NKJV)

Pray for the Inntal Prayer Initiative – Pray for our outreaches in 2007 in Germany. Now is the time for us to begin to prepare for conferences and street ministry.

Pray for your Home Church – Pray for provision for the outreaches of your church.

*Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel,
and a door was opened to me by the Lord,*

2 Cor. 2:12 (NKJV)

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