

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of December 31, 2006

You know the value of prayer: it is precious beyond all price. Never, never neglect it.

Sir Thomas Buxton

Prayer is the first thing, the second thing, the third thing necessary to a minister.

Pray, then, my dear brother: pray, pray, pray.

Edward Payson

The Life of Prayer

Passion for Prayer

David Williamson

Think if you would, for a moment, about one of the strongest forces known to man. I am not talking about bombs or guns, not armies or navies, not even philosophies or traditions. The force I am speaking of is the love of a mother for her child. We all know stories of mothers who have done incredible things to protect their child. Their devotion is legendary. In time of emergency, in times of hardship, so often the love of a mother will carry the day. However, there is much more to this love than super human strength and willingness to protect in time of danger. The love of a mother is powerful everyday. Many are the stories of men and women who have been encouraged and supported through thick and thin to rise above their situation and be successful. Even when the world is against him or her, their mother will encourage and support her child.

This support is what is needed for the work of the ministry as well. In places there are Christians for whom this is a time of emergency. Forces all around them long to destroy their work and ministry. These forces are more than willing to silence the proclamation of the Gospel, even by force if needed. There are those who face a real and present danger of martyrdom every day. They need our prayers, yet prayer as normal, is not enough. For this situation we need to support these people in prayer like the power of a mother for her child. We must step up our prayers, now is the time when we must pray as though these ministers and ministries as our own child. This is the time for us to support them with prayer.

Others face the day-to-day grind of work. They walk out their faith on the streets of life and in the marketplace. The danger may not make their situation an emergency, but the world works to put them down. They are ridiculed, they are laughed at, they are scorned; they even are ignored. Their situation is one where it is easy to doubt their call, to doubt their worth, to believe they are wasting their life. Many men and women have surrendered to this situation and ended a useful ministry. They also need our support, even as a mother supports her child, so we must pray for these as well.

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Some of you, who read the *Voice of Thanksgiving*, are also in one of these situations. Each day has its complications and troubles. Some even face life under the threat of death. I know you pray as though your life depends on it, because it does. Others fall into the second category, ministry is difficult, and while the situation is not desperate it is difficult. The world makes war in many ways, some quick and violent some slow and debilitating. And you pray as well, you must.

All of us pray, some more than others, but there is a call for men and women of prayer who will give their all to get answers. Many of us have ties to the ministries listed in *Voice of Thanksgiving* and we should pray for them. Each of you know of other ministries, many of these you support in prayer. The question is; how will we support these ministries? Will we give them the care and encouragement they need? Will we pray for them as a mother cares for her child? To give them this support we must take responsibility for the success of their ministry. We must pray with the never ending support, like a mother for her child.

For those, we are responsible for, we need to pray for their support. Pray for the finances of the minister or ministry. Pray for both the money for living and for the ministry. Make it your job to bring in this money and provision by answer to your prayers.

***And my God shall supply all your need
according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.***

Philip. 4:19 (NKJV)

Pray for opportunities for the minister and ministry. Pray just as Paul asked the Corinthians to pray for him.

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

1 Cor. 16:9 (NKJV)

Pray for the deliverance of the minister and ministry from the negative pressures and forces that would stop the work.

***For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance
through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,***

Philip. 1:19 (NKJV)

It is time for us to pray. There are many other areas of support, needs and opportunities, all awaiting our prayers. This is the time for men and women to take up the mantle of prayer. It is time to pray with the intensity and passion of a mother caring for her child.

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 for safety for the people and the land of Israel.

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.

DK Limbu Daniel –Pray for Daniel and his pastors and pray for men and women of Nepal to be 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 opportunities to speak out the Gospel message.

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

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – pray for the men and women who will attend 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)

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)

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

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

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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)

Pray for the Inntal Prayer Initiative – Pray for our 2007 outreaches 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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