

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of January 14, 2007

*My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land,
That they may dwell with me;
He who walks in a perfect way, He shall serve me.*
Psalm 101:6 (NKJV)

The Life of Prayer

Perseverance in Prayer

David Williamson

There have been men and women who have proven faithful. They have served God by walking in His way. They have persevered in prayer. An example is the Englishman William Wilberforce. After living a frivolous life for many years Wilberforce was wonderfully saved. At the time of his conversion he strongly considered getting out of politics and getting into ministry. Several of his friends suggested that he should stay in politics; they believed God could use him in his position in the House of Commons. He stayed and began a 40 year quest to end slave trade in the British Empire. In 1807 slave trade was abolished; through bitter and difficult times he persevered.

Perseverance does not require hard times, but often the two go together. When hard times come perseverance can be demonstrated. Success comes to those who will, like Wilberforce, continue even in hard times. It is the support of Christ, when we lean on Him that can carry us through when all seems hopeless. Several times Wilberforce lost big votes. Slave trade was big business and they were not willing to lose their lucrative trade without a fight. Time after time the fight went against Wilberforce, yet he continued.

It is God who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect.

Psalm 18:32 (NKJV)

*that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory,
to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,*

Ephes. 3:16 (NKJV)

Perseverance can be demonstrated in good times as well. The life of a Christian is a call to be faithful.

*A faithful man will abound with blessings,
But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.*

Proverbs 28:20 (NKJV)

These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them,

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***for He is Lord of lords and King of kings;
and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."***

Rev. 17:14 (NKJV)

In good times and bad, through everything, the Christian walks faithful with his Lord. He or she walks day-by-day faithfully. The Christian life is walking faithful, faithful, faithful. Those who do will find that at the end of faithful, faithful, faithful is fruit.

A good example of this faithful walk is prayer. Prayer requires faithful perseverance. When we pray we can demonstrate faithfulness, God is waiting for us, waiting for our prayers; the faithful come and join with Him faithfully every day.

Another example of faithful walk in prayer is force. Prayer is the most powerful force known to man. In prayer a man can put more force on a problem than the problem can put on the man. As Wilberforce put pressure on the vested interests that wanted to continue slave trade, although they fought hard and dirty, faithful pressure made the end of the trade inevitable. Wilberforce a man of faithful prayer, put force on representatives in the House of Commons and on the general public until he forced the problem, slave trade, to yield.

Perseverance in prayer is the stepping stone to success. The faithful man or woman walk out their prayers and the faithful will be rewarded with fruit. Those who persevere in prayer will force problems to yield.

***And let us not grow weary while doing good,
for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.***

Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)

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

Ephes. 6:18 (NKJV)

But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good.

2 Thes. 3:13 (NKJV)

***Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us,
and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,***

Hebrews 12:1 (NKJV)

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 the peace of Jerusalem.

Marianne and David Dean –*Pray for a friend of mine from college, Haley Chitty. Her entire immediate family, both parents, and two younger brothers, died in a plane crash. Her father flies his own plane and the family (without Haley) was flying back from a visit with their grandparents. Please, please be lifting her up in prayer. I know that none of us can imagine the kind of pain she is suffering right now, but I know that if I really believe everything I say I believe, God has the power to bring her comfort and strength.*

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

***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)

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.

Joyce Abrahamson – *Pray that the road will not flood so we can start school on time Feb. 22. The missions committee at Los Gatos Christian Church met last week and was to consider my extra projects I sent them, at their request. i.e. Remodel the bath houses to children size stools and urinals for the boys side and new tile on the walls etc., screen for the two buildings, and some other repairs and remodeling. (gutters on the buildings too)*

Mark Spencer – *Pray for clarity in Patty and my hearing the voice of the Lord concerning personal direction, His leading for the church and ministry as well as His provision clearly seen and manifest. Also that we would take full advantage of the Spirit's declaration that the year 2007 would indeed be a year of open doors and of fruitful obedience. Thanks!*

John Coon – Pray for all the arrangements for John's trip to Poland in May.

DK Limbu Daniel –Pray for the church in Nepal; pray strengthening and for safety.
Thank you for praying for us. May God bless you, Pastor DK Daniel

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

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

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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)

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.

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