

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of January 21, 2007

Above all things beside, Christian men and women must, primarily, be leaders in prayer. No matter how conspicuous they may be in other activities, they fail if they are not conspicuous in prayer. They must give their brain and heart to prayer. Men who make and shape the program of Christ's Church, who map out its line of activity, should, themselves, be shaped and made by prayer. Men controlling the Church finances, her thought, her action—should all be men of prayer.

E. M. Bounds

The Life of Prayer

Climate and Prayer

David Williamson

We all talk about the weather, it is too hot, too cold, too dry, too wet. People talk, but most just take what comes. There have been people who do more, they have prayed and changed the weather. The most famous example is Elijah He prayed and it did not rain for more than three years and then he prayed and it rained once again. These were earnest prayers.

***Elijah was a man with a nature like ours,
and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain;
and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.
And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.***

James 5:17-18 (NKJV)

At this time of the year, this year especially our weather is very different; some of us have had little if any snow, others are buried in snow. Some of us are having the warmest year in memory; others would like to breakout of below freezing temperatures. Some places are hot, some cold, some dry, some wet. If we were to pray for our local weather our prayers would be very different. Sometimes our prayers vary even when we are in just one location; one asks for rain for the garden, another asks for dry weather for a picnic. There is a wide spectrum among us.

As a group we do different things; we cover a wide array of jobs and occupations. We also have a wide range of ministries. Some of us are in paid ministry positions, some in unpaid position. We have people do the work of the ministry in market places, jobs, and organizations. We have teachers, housewives, and webmasters. However, regardless of where we come from, what we do, or our role in the Body of Christ, like Elijah, we all need to pray. We need to pray, pray earnest prayers, for answers to the needs of today.

Just as it was true when he prayed, so today we need change. He prayed and it did not rain, this was a huge change for that region. We must be so bold and so obedient to God's commands and pray

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for change also. Some need to pray for the love of God to shining through where clouds of doubt, fear, depression, or unbelief have blocked out faith. We need to pray for the rain of His Spirit, turning desert regions where the Gospel message has been limited, negated, prohibited, or ridiculed. We need to pray for bright light of the guidance and glory of God. It is time to pray and change the climate of you life, family, church, ministry, or nation.

*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)

Let us pray!

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 Israel, her friends are friends of God.

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

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 plan 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

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!*

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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.

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

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