

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of November 18, 2007

Here is the urgency of prayer enforced by the compassions of our Lord. It is prayer born of compassion for perishing humanity. Prayer is pressed on the Church for labourers to be sent into the harvest of the Lord. The harvest will go to waste and perish without the labourers, while the labourers must be God-chosen, God-sent, and God commissioned. But God does not send these labourers into His harvest without prayer. The failure of the labourers is owing to the failure of prayer. The scarcity of labourers in the harvest is due to the fact that the Church fails to pray for labourers according to His command.

Essentials of Prayer by E. M. Bounds

The Life of Prayer

Prayer Tears

David Williamson

Do you cry? I do. I cry easily, there are many things that make me cry. One of the things that always make me cry is when people do great things for others. It can be in a movie or book, but it is even stronger if it is in real life. Recently I heard about a lady who gave up her very lucrative job, so she could spend all her time setting up celebrations for returning servicemen and women. This report just brought tears to my eyes. This is special, but extra special to me, I remember coming home at a time when no one cared and it was not even smart to wear my uniform on the way home. I am not upset about my experience; I just am moved when people do things like this lady is doing. Because of these emotional moments, I also know a little about what moves God.

He cries over people, He loves us so much He cries. He loves it when we do special things for others. I know that there was more than one person in my front room the night I saw the report about this lady. I know because God and I both cried. We were both manly about our tears, but cry we did do. It is too emotional not to cry, someone doing good out of the goodness of her heart. What is not to cry about? This is what life is to be all about. Mankind is to have the heart of the Father and care for the garden and walk with Him, with His love and compassion. We fell and now it is only for moments that we see acts of love and compassion. One example of those moments should be the time you spend in the prayer closet.

The prayer closet can be a selfish place; there are people who go there for selfish gain. They pray to get what they want and what they want is to consume more on their lusts. Some go to the closet to pray for power, not to do good things; but to control and rule over people. However, although there are negative practices by some, the prayer closet can be a place of love and compassion.

We are instructed to ask for our daily needs. This is a statement of faith and a prayer made by a responsible person. Meeting the needs of our family is part of our expression of love and

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compassion. There is a great deal of difference between the prayer of a man who longs for more to consume on his lusts, and the father seeking to provide for his family.

We are also instructed to pray for the needs of those around us. Love and compassion dictates that we pour into our prayers love for our neighbor. We are to love them just as we love ourselves. This love desires to bring salvation to our neighbor. This is a salvation where there is nothing missing and nothing broken in our lives. This was the relationship and position of Adam and Eve in the Garden before the fall. This is where and what God longs for us all to experience now, in this life. It is by prayers that salvation comes to each individual; the Holy Spirit draws men to Himself for salvation, but it is at the call of the prayer closet that He moves.

When we pray, I mean the prayers of love and compassion; we bring tears to the Father's eyes. His hand is moved by our prayers, His tears flow by our prayers. He mentioned in Isaiah that He had been looking for an intercessor. He noted His disappointment on finding none. What He wanted was for you to pray so He would move and so He could cry; cry because of His love and compassion.

His tears over you, as you pray, are payment far beyond the coin of the realm. It is of far greater benefit than riches or power. It is the whisper of the Father saying, well done my good and faithful servant, well done my son, well done my daughter. When He walked on earth, Jesus wept over Jerusalem, today He weeps over men and women of prayer. Will you pray; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit desire to cry tears of love and compassion, over your prayers.

*My eyes fail with tears,
My heart is troubled;
My bile is poured on the ground
Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people,
Because the children and the infants faint in the streets of the city.*

Lamentations 2:11 (NKJV)

*He saw that there was no man,
And wondered that there was no intercessor;
Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him;
And His own righteousness, it sustained Him.*

Isaiah 59:16 (NKJV)

Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it,
Luke 19:41 (NKJV)

*For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you,
with many tears,
not that you should be grieved,*

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but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

2 Cor. 2:4 (NKJV)

Let us Pray!

A Call for Prayer

*Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me,
and I will listen to you.*

Jeremiah 29:12 (NKJV)

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces."

For the sake of my brethren and companions,

I will now say, "Peace be within you."

Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good.

Psalm 122:6-9 (NKJV)

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and work in and around Nepal.

1. *Pastors and Leaders Conference and Healing Rallies* from 9-21st December. This will be held in different parts of east Nepal and mid central Nepal. Pray for the peace and security and for a mighty manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit. We need God's favor for this great work to take salvation, deliverance and healing to the people.

2. At the last but not least; our goal is plant 100 churches by 2010 and so far we are coming up with 42 churches and fellowships. Please pray that things in the world may not distract us from our goal and that the needs and areas of lack may not derail us from our trek to our goal.

Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach – Pray for the supply of every need. Pray specifically for the money to send all of their belongings that are in storage units to Germany.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for supply of daily needs for the students of the school.

Pray for the church in Belarus and Lithuania – Pray for opportunities for the open and free preaching of the Gospel.

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for David and Marianne and their work with young believers and making disciples.

Marek Kaminski – Pray for opportunities for sharing the Gospel.

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Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and his church, pray for opportunities to share the Gospel message.

Mark Spencer – Pray for continued faithful obedience to God's call and command.

Patty Spencer – Pray for completion of a new worship CD. Pray for the details of mastering the final product and the finances to get it produced.

John Coon – Pray for his health and safety.

Pray for William Williamson – Pray for the continued growth of his church and maturing of the believers in faith and service.

Pray for the Prayer Initiative – Pray a new understanding of God's plan for Prayer Initiative Seminars.

Pray for your Home Church – Pray for outreaches for your church. Pray that each member will do the work of the ministry as God gives them the means to do so.

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

Philip. 4:19 (NKJV)

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