

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of December 30, 2007

The potency of prayer hath subdued the strength of fire; it had bridled the rage of lions, hushed anarchy to rest, extinguished wars, appeased the elements, expelled demons, burst the chains of death, expanded the gates of heaven, assuaged diseases, repelled frauds, rescued cities from destruction, stayed the sun in its course, and arrested the progress of the thunderbolt. Prayer is an all-efficient panoply, a treasure undiminished, a mine which is never exhausted, a sky unobscured by clouds, a heaven unruffled by the storm. It is the root, the fountain, the mother of a thousand blessings.—CHRYSOSTOM

The Life of Prayer

Perfect and Complete

David Williamson

In a few hours the year 2008 will come rolling around the world. With it comes thoughts of what will the New Year bring. Some people have specific plans for the year and know much of what they expect to be doing. Jobs, family duties, and school fall into this category. It is very likely that on January 7 of 2008, I will be at school working with young people helping them get settled into a new semester. Many of you know of what you can expect for a large portion of your days this next year; however, there are areas of our life that we do not know about ahead of time. We have some ideas and can make plans but we do not know what the New Year will bring.

If we are men and women of faith, then we know that we will be blessed. We can have great confidence in the promises of God. His promise to us is for our betterment. His promises are surer, than money in the bank. We know He has great plans for us this year. He has been thinking about us and His thoughts toward us are for good and an expected end.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)

God's thoughts are for our betterment, for our good, for our future, and for the great ending He has planned for us. There may be some question as to our walking out His plans for us. We may choose to be foolish and miss out on some of His best for us. However, I believe that the readers of *Voice of*

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Thanksgiving long to do His will. They know it is for their best, and are noted for their obedience to Him.

***If you are willing and obedient,
You shall eat the good of the land;***

Isaiah 1:19 (NKJV)

With God's good intent and our plans for willing obedience in mind, we can wonder about the future. We can think about this year without fear and dread, but anticipation that there may be challenges to face and great blessings to be enjoyed. With this thinking it would be good for us to think about our church. What will be for our church in 2008?

One of the key duties for men and women who pray is to pray for our churches. We have a responsibility to pray for our ministers, the work and ministries of the church, and for the people of the church (both those currently attending and those who will come to make this church their home this year and in the future). This is an important part of the ministry that we are assigned to do. We are to build up the Body of Christ. This is done first by prayer and then by a wide range of actions, from living a life of faith, loving others, sharing the Gospel, to our giving. Jesus gave us our pastors and teachers, as well as the other gifts of people, to help us do the work of the church.

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Ephes. 4:11-16 (NKJV)

The effective working of the church depends on all parts of the church working. A very important part of this effort is prayer. The successful church will be based on, and blessed with prayer. It is the effective fervent prayers of the saints that will bring power to the ministry and effective working to all the parts. It is prayer that opens hearts of people to hear and receive the Gospel. It is prayer that empowers the pastors and teachers. It is prayer that brings provision for the needs of the church, as well as for its members. It is prayer that provides for the protection of the church. It is prayer that responds to the guidance and leadership of its pastor. It is prayer that changes a church from one that somehow gets by from year-to-year, to a church that is triumphant.

The goal of our prayers must be to support God's plan and goals for the church. This support takes diligent prayer. It is work to overcome the hindrances and obstacles that the Devil throws against a church. We must labor fervently in prayer, if the church is to be successful. These prayers must not

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be our will to be done, but God's will to be done. There is no place for gossip or manipulation by the members of the church. Our job is to pray for the success of the church.

Our prayers, for the people, the pastor, and the church, should include prayer that they and it will stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. Epaphras prayed this way for the churches in Laodicea and Hierapolis. With great zeal he prayed that the Devil would not hinder these churches, that is, the people, leadership, and ministry of these churches. He prayed that they would be complete. This is of full age and perfect in labor, growth, and mental and moral character. He also prayed that they would stand perfect; this means furnished with the ability and means to satisfy and execute the tasks they were assigned.

*Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you,
always laboring fervently for you in prayers,
that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.*

*For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you,
and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis.*

Col. 4:12-13 (NKJV)

Most churches have a long way to go to be fully perfect and complete. However, if we will pray, effective fervent prayers, we will see great growth and maturity come to our church and the other churches we pray for this year. Let us commit ourselves to the job of prayer. Let the bondservants of Christ pray. Let us pray for the church that God would count us worthy of His calling. Let us pray that Jesus Christ would be glorified in us this year. Let us pray that we would stand perfect and complete before God. Let us pray that the church of Jesus Christ would bring Jesus Christ to this generation.

*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)

Let us Pray!

A Call for Prayer

*Call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."*

Psalm 50:15 (NKJV)

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Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem – Pray that many in Jerusalem and throughout Israel will find the Messiah.

DK Limbu Daniel – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." – Matt 9:37-38; "Lift up your eyes and look at the fields for they are already white for harvest" – John 4:35-36;

*God is working through His people, He is partnering with His beloved people to bring as many to his kingdom (1Cor. 3:9). He is working within His people to will and to do for His good pleasure (Phil.2:13). **If we work together in prayer and in all effort then surely we achieve much!!***

I had been to east Nepal since 9th of this month doing Healing Crusades in small scale with friend. We had Healing crusades in 10-12th in Umlabari, 13-15th in Dharan and 17-19th in Hetauda and 21st in Balaju, Kathmandu. We saw mighty miracles, blind eyes were opened, and eye sights were restored, deaf heard, dumb spoke, crippled walked, stomach problems were healed, backaches were healed, and demons possessed were delivered. Many people have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. We had favor of God and people. Even though there was road blocked by political activists but God showed us special favor and we were let go. In these two months God has blessed us with many souls, and 27 people have accepted Jesus in Kathmandu. In all over our ministry, over 45 people have accepted our Lord Jesus as their personal Savior and there were 12 baptisms. Our Word to World School students is reaching people surrounding area.

Thanks for your continued prayer and standing in **FAITH** with us. We appreciate all kind of your prayers and concern to this ministry for that will help us to go beyond our ability. We are reaching Nepalese in India and Bhutan and Nepalese in Myanmar, Thailand and Malaysia are in heart. Your prayer and support can help to materialize things in our heart. Surely God does do good to you, In His Service, Bro. D. K. Limbu

Marek Kaminski – Pray for Marek and his church that they would stand perfect and complete in all of God's will.

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jacek and his church to have new opportunities and great boldness to share the Gospel in Kolobrzeg, Poland.

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for David and Marianne to meet young men and women open to the Gospel. Pray that these people will respond favorably to the call of God for salvation and to be a light to their families and communities when they go home.

Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach – Pray for provision for Bernhard, Lisa, their children, and their ministry.

Pray for the church in Belarus and Lithuania – Pray for these churches that they would stand perfect and complete in all of God's will.

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Mark Spencer – Pray for God’s provision for meeting the requests to minister in places around the world.

Pray for Prayer Initiative Seminars – Pray for opportunities to minister on prayer.

John Coon – Pray for his health and safety.

William Williamson – Bill is a pastor in a small town in eastern Colorado, pray for Bill and his church that they would stand perfect and complete in all of God’s will.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for the salvation of the boys and girls (and their families) of the school.

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.

Pray for your Home Church – Pray for your church that it would stand perfect and complete in all of God’s will.

*And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask,
we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.*

1 John 5:15 (NKJV)

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