

# Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of March 2, 2008

The one great need in the modern missionary movement is intercessors. They were scarce in the days of Isaiah. This was his complaint: "And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor." So today there is great need of intercessors, first, for the needy harvest-fields of earth, born of a Christly compassion for the thousands without the Gospel; and then intercessors for labourers to be sent forth by God into the needy fields of earth. E. M. Bounds

## *The Life of Prayer*

### **Praying Bible Verses**

David Williamson

Last week I made a request: I asked you to pray for this generation of young people. I made this request: please pray this week for young people of this generation. I hope that many of you responded to my request. This generation of young people is in need of a great deal of effectual, fervent prayer. They need answers from God for many things and in many areas; these answers come through prayer. My point was, and is, that this generation needs to be snatched from the grip of the thief and gathered into the arms of Jesus who gives life, abundant life.

***The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.***

John 10:10 (NKJV)

If you responded to my request, or just continued to pray as you had been for young people because it is a normal part of your prayer life, I say, thank you! Thank you for those who have and will turn from death to life!

I would like for us to follow-up on this request this week. This is a great opportunity for a teaching on prayer. There is a world of prayer that we need to explore and we should take opportunities like this to learn all we can. There is so much for us to learn. When explorers began dealing with the vastness of the North American continent, they had no idea of how massive the area was. Expedition after expedition explored the land and still there was more and more to travel through. Prayer is like that. People have explored prayer for centuries, but there are many lessons still to learn and a great deal more to add to our common practices of prayer.

One example of this is praying Scriptures. John wrote about a world of prayer that few people have explored. Few people have learned about this area of prayer, but it is available to all of us.

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***Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 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 5:14-15 (NKJV)

This is a powerful statement on prayer. We can be confident that if we ask according to God's will, God will hear us and give us what we have asked for. "We know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him". That is effectual prayer. The key is asking according to God's will. If we know His will and ask accordingly, we will get answers. If we do not ask according to His will we are not assured of answers based on this Bible verse. That is simple enough. It demands a man or woman willing to pray, but for the willing, the key to success is to know God's will. One of the most effective ways to know God's will is very simple; His will is expressed in the Bible. For centuries we have know God's will on a wide array of issues and questions. It is recorded in the Bible.

***All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*** 2 Tim. 3:16-17 (NKJV)

The Bible was given to equip us for work. This equipping is how to live, how to love, how to minister, how to raise children, how to be a worker or employer, and how to do every aspect of life. This includes how to be equipped for prayer! We need to recognize the Bible as God's word on the subjects of life. The Bible is His will for us for every area of our life.

***Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*** Psalm 119:105 (NKJV)

***For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.*** 1 Thes. 2:13 (NKJV)

An important lesson in prayer is learning to pray Bible verses and making this part of our common practice. We know there is great power in praying God's will, so why not pray God's will as recorded in the Bible. It is simple, we need to find what He has said on the subject of our prayer and then pray those verses. For example we could pray these verses from the Psalms.

***There they are in great fear, for God is with the generation of the righteous.***  
Psalm 14:5 (NKJV)

***His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed.*** Psalm 112:2 (NKJV)

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This is God's will for this generation of young people. He wants them to be the generation of the righteous. He wants them to be the generation mighty on the earth; to be upright and blessed. It does not take much to be very excited about praying God's will in this case. We might begin to pray something down the lines of this: "Father, I thank you that you care for these young people. Your love and your mercy fail not, for you never change. You continue to reach out to the lost and hurting of every generation and especially this generation. Father, cause this generation to seek You. Break through all the hindrances and barriers that have kept them from You. Cause this generation to fear Your name and come to the point of repentance, so they can be made righteous by the blood of Jesus. Father, I thank you for making this generation the generation of the righteous."

I asked that you also pray for people and ministries that work with young people and we can pray God's will for this request as well. We could begin with something like this: "Father, guide us in showing this generation Your strength and power. Let us not withhold telling of our praise of You and of Your strength and the wonderful works You have done". Here are some specific verses we can use.

***Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come.***

Psalm 71:18 (NKJV)

***We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.***

Psalm 78:4 (NKJV)

***One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts.*** Psalm 145:4 (NKJV)

I hope you are excited about the possibilities for powerful, faith filled prayer for this generation of young people. We can pray that God's will be done here on earth as it is in Heaven. We can confidently pray for this to be the generation of those who seek God.

***This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah***

Psalm 24:6 (NKJV)

Perhaps I could make my request yet again. Please pray for young people. This week I ask that you pray for this generation of young people, and that you practice praying Bible verses. I have given you a few verses for a start. Pick one or more of these or use one of your own. (I have given you some additional verses in *A Call to Prayer*, specific for prayer for the young people of Israel). Pray God's will for the people of this generation.

*Let us Pray!*

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## A Call for Prayer

*Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.* John 14:12-14 (NKJV)

**Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem** – Pray for salvation to come to the people of Israel (especially for the young people of this nation).

*Walk about Zion, And go all around her. Count her towers; Mark well her bulwarks; Consider her palaces; That you may tell it to the generation following. For this is God, Our God forever and ever; He will be our guide Even to death.* Psalm 48:12-14 (NKJV)

*For the Lord shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory. He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, And shall not despise their prayer. This will be written for the generation to come, That a people yet to be created may praise the Lord. For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary; From heaven the Lord viewed the earth, To hear the groaning of the prisoner, To release those appointed to death,* Psalm 102:16-20 (NKJV)

**Marek Kaminski** – Pray for safety as Marek travels. Pray for young people in Marek's church and across Poland who are confronted with the tough decision concerning life and work.

**Pray for the church in Belarus and Lithuania** – Pray for opportunities to reach young people in these nations.

**Marianne and David Dean** – Pray for new opportunities to support and encourage young people on college campuses.

**Joyce Abrahamson** – Pray for safety for the young people of the school, as well as for the Joyce and the staff.

**Jacek Gromadzki** – Pray for open doors of opportunity to share the Gospel with the people of Kolobrzeg, Poland, especially the young people.

**William Williamson** – Pray for Bill and his church. Pray for the many young people of this area.

**DK Limbu Daniel** – Pray for new opportunities for planting churches and the means of doing so. Pray for the reaching of young people in these new areas.

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**Patty Spencer** – Pray for her new worship CD. Pray that it will be ready for release very soon and that it will minister life and grace to people around the world.

**Mark Spencer** – Pray for plans for outreaches and trips this spring and summer. Pray for his ministry with young people.

**John Coon** – Pray for his health and safety.

**Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach** – Pray for the supply of the needs of the family in Germany.

**Pray for David Williamson** – Pray for the completion of his first book on prayer.

**Pray for your Home Church** – Pray for your church that it would be a church of outreach to the local community and to the young people of the world.

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.* Ephes. 3:20-21 (NKJV)

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**Prayer Initiative Seminars** (If you would be interested in hosting a Prayer Initiative Seminar please contact me, David Williamson, at [dave@voiceofthanksgiving.com](mailto:dave@voiceofthanksgiving.com))

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