

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of February 28, 2010

We must pray in the Spirit, in the Holy Ghost, if we would pray at all. Lay this, I beseech you, to heart. Do not address yourselves to prayer as to a work to be accomplished in your own natural strength. It is a work of God, of God the Holy Ghost, a work of His in you and by you, and in which you must be fellow-workers with Him—but His work notwithstanding.

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The Life of Prayer

Rock the House

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In schools there are several general groupings of students. They sometimes change their group or are in several different groups, but most often they fall naturally into a group and act and think like the other members of that group. There is the group that goes to school because they have to and their actions are an outgrowth of being forced to go to school. They say, okay I'll go, but I'm not going to do anything more than I have to. The next group goes to school because it is the thing to do. They go to enjoy the social life and activities. If they have classes and some learning that is okay as long as it does not interfere with socializing. This group loves texting, because it helps break up those long periods between the breaks, the time called classes.

The next two groups go to school to get an education. The first of these are not sure what they are doing or how to do this school thing. They often do what they see others do, or what they think they should be doing. Every day is business as usual trying to do school and get what ever comes with schooling. The final group is those students who are hungry. They go to school to get something they want. Students from this last group were always fun to teach; they draw information and training out of the teacher. Even a few students from this group push other students and even the entire class along to accomplish great things.

This same type of grouping is found in Christians as well. Once again people may not fit in a group all the time or they may move from one group to another. The first group is filled with people who do church and religious things because they have to. They see the activities of church as required to avoid that Hell thing. The membership of the group does not really want to do the few things they do, but do so because their religious thinking or pressure from family or society, says they must. The next group finds or makes Christianity a social club. They do things because that's where they meet friends and have activities. Church is their club or circle, their points of contact with people. Christian activities fall into one of two categories; the first is things that are done to be with their social group. The second are things that have to be done to maintain their membership in the club. Worship and prayer are things that club members do.

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The third group of Christians is often the main body of a church. They love the Lord and acknowledge the debt they owe Him for life. They read their Bible, attend meetings, serve, and pray. The fourth group take things further, they hunger and thirst after righteousness. In this article the focus is on prayer, but much of what is written here applies to all Christian life and ministry.

Jesus is looking for people who hunger and thirst after righteousness. Righteousness is correctness of character and action. This is what we should be seeking. This is what He wants in our living, our dealing with others, and in our prayers.

Prayer is God's strength manifest. This sounds strange to most people and even many Christians. The view of the world concerning prayer is people mumbling some words spoken to an unseen God. Many in the Body of Christ have bought into this errant view of prayer. They know nothing of the power and victory that is in prayer. They do not know of God's mighty power working in and through prayer. However there are Christians who hunger and thirst after righteousness in prayer. They know God hears prayers and answers. They know that God's power is mighty, timely, and effective.

The fourth group of Christians "Rock the House". They know that prayer makes all the difference and they know they must make a difference for others. They seek after God and His righteousness, in their life and in their prayers. They know the power is in abiding, so anything that hinders abiding must change or leave their life. They know that the power is in seeking God's will to be done, so anything that glorifies or elevates their own will over God's will must change or leave their life. So the "Rocking of the House" is making any and all changes needed to their personal life. Their motto could be, "I "Rock my House" so I can be with the Father and a vessel of God's power manifest in prayer."

"Rocking the House" also applies to their prayers for other people, situations, and nations. They will not sit idly by and watch life go by. They know that prayer is God's strength manifest. But more importantly, they believe and insist on the fact that their prayer is God's strength manifest. And they are hungry and thirsty to pray and see God move mightily.

There are people who know their God and will be strong and do exploits. The key word here means to seize, be strong, courageous, to strengthen, cure, help, repair, fortify, bind, restrain, or conquer. I know this is a description of you. You hunger and thirst for righteousness. You "Rock the House." Continue in the faith, pray and make a difference.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

Matthew 5:6 (NKJV)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV)

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To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.
Colossians 1:29 (NKJV)

Your prayers are God's strength manifest.

Let us pray!

A Call for Prayer

Pray for Israel and the peace of Jerusalem

Pray for Christian Ministries – Pray that they will stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. Pray for Joyce, her staff, and students. Pray for protection and provision. Pray for John to have open doors of opportunity and guidance to complete God's call and ministry. Pray for Marianne and David that they would reach a generation of young people with the Gospel. Pray for Lori that she would have the grace to reach young people with salvation. Pray for Bernd and Heike that they would support, guide, and help Christians and ministers.

Then pray for ministries near to your heart. There is great need; finances, workers, open doors, and opportunities. Please pray and remember you by your prayers "Rock the House."

Continue Faithful in Prayer

Continue to pray for the ministries listed here and use this as a spring board for praying for nations, churches, pastors, ministries, and people close to your heart and according to the Spirit's direction. Your faithful prayers make a difference!

Pray for Pastors of Churches

DK Limbu Daniel – Pastor of a church in Nepal
Jacek Gromadzki – Pastor of a church in Kolobrzeg, Poland
Mark and Patty Spencer – Pastors of a church in Longmont, Colorado
William (Bill) Williamson – Pastor of a church in Cedaredge, Colorado
Charles and Janice Wilson – Pastors in Wyola, Montana

Pray for Nations and the Churches of Nations

Israel and the peace of Jerusalem
Churches in Belarus
Churches in Lithuania

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Pray for Leadership over multiple Churches

DK Limbu Daniel – Church planter among Nepalese people

Marek Kaminski – Bishop of Poland and co-founder and leader of the BBB Conference

Pray for Christian Ministries

Joyce Abrahamson – Head of a Christian school in Brazil

John Coon – Ministry in Europe and the USA

Marianne and David Dean – Missionaries on college campuses in East Asia

Lori Farquhar – Children’s Ministry Director

Bernd and Heike Pastor – Ministry in Germany

Mark Spencer – Worldwide ministry, and co-founder and leader of BBB Conference

Patty Spencer – Worship leader, and musician

William (Bill) Williamson – Leader of a mission outreach to India

David Williamson – Writer and editor of *Voice of Thanksgiving*

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