

Pray for:

- ✿ BfC Bible distribution in Montreal: the practical arrangements of hospitality, transportation and distribution places; that the Lord lead more seeking ones to these distributions; the enemy be bound so the saints can be released to participate.
- ✿ Bibles for Canada distribution in Vancouver during Winter Olympics February 12-28: that BfC would be free to distribute Bibles in SkyTrain stations and other locations; that the Recovery Version might reach seekers throughout the world; that the saints in the Vancouver area might be able to follow up on local recipients.
- ✿ International Book Fair in Cairo, Egypt January 28 to February 14: That many Arabs (especially Christian Arabs) might receive the ministry of the age; that Satan would be bound and suffer damage through the spread of the New Testament ministry.
- ✿ Campus team in Paris: shepherding of university students, especially the typically French ones; shepherding of community contacts; shepherding of teenagers in the church.
- ✿ French-speaking Europe: blending, fellowship and coordination of leading ones; immigration status and financial needs of migrating saints; gaining of local French-speaking people; translation of books and materials into French; gaining of the children of the saints in the recovery for the Lord.
- ✿ That the college/university age, the teen-agers, and the children meeting with the church in Montreal would grow to love the Lord and pursue Him.
- ✿ Shepherding and financial care of the full-timers who are migrating to Montreal; for various saints from the US, Canada, and Latin America who are considering migrating here to work or study.
- ✿ Raising up of vital groups in the church in Montreal in all the languages; that all the saints would rise up to live vitally with vital companions for prayer, gospel preaching, shepherding, and pursuing the truth.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 12, Matt 27:27 – Mark 1:13
- ✿ HWMR: The Gospel of God, Vol. 1, Week 4

Announcements

- ✿ The 2010 International Chinese-speaking Conference will be held February 12 through February 14 at the LSM campus in Anaheim. There will be translation and a limited amount of hospitality. Registration deadline is January 31, 2010
- ✿ During the period from Jan. 27 to Feb.6 when there is distribution, saints are encouraged to sign-up. The sign-up sheet and the distribution schedule will be in the bookroom.

Lord's Day Lunch Clean-up Schedule

January 24	✿ English
31	✿ Chinese (East, Central)
February 7	✿ French/Spanish/College
14	✿ Chinese (North, South, West)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ 2010, January 23 to February 8, Montreal, BfC distribution
- ✿ February 6, 2010, Montreal: BfC bible seminar
- ✿ February 12 – 14, Anaheim: 2010 International Chinese-speaking Conference
- ✿ March 19 – 21, Belleville, ON: YWS/College Conference

This Week's Activities

JANUARY 24 Lord's Day	✿ 10:00am to 12:15pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
	✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
25 Monday	✿
26 Tuesday	✿ 2pm to 4pm, Bible preparation and BfC Guidelines workshop
	✿ 7:00pm, Meeting hall: Prayer meeting by district in various homes
27 Wednesday	✿ 10-1pm and 1-4pm, Distributing bibles
28 Thursday	✿ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting
	✿ 10-1pm and 1-4pm, Distributing bibles
29 Friday	✿ 10-1pm and 1-4pm, Distributing bibles
	✿ <i>vening</i> : Various home meetings

(English / French / Chinese)

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Saturday ✿ 10-1pm and 1-4pm, Distributing bibles
✿ 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Meeting hall: Young people meeting

PRAYER

Scripture Reading: John 16:24; James 4:2-3; Luke 11:9-10; Psa. 66:18; Mark 11:24; Luke 18:1-8

II. CONDITIONS FOR PRAYERS BEING ANSWERED

E. Persevering in Asking

Another point about prayer which requires attention is that we must persevere in prayer and never stop praying. Luke 18:1 says, "They ought always to pray and not lose heart." Some prayers require perseverance. One has to pray to such an extent that the prayer seems to wear out the Lord and force Him to answer. This is another kind of faith. The Lord said, "Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?" (v. 8). This faith is different from the faith spoken of earlier, but they are not contradictory. Mark 11 says that we must pray until we have faith. Luke 18 says that we must ask again and again. We must have the faith to pray to the Lord persistently until one day He is compelled to answer our prayer. We should not care whether or not there is a promise. We should just pray until God is compelled to answer.

Many prayers are inconsistent prayers. A person can pray for one or two days. But after three months, he completely forgets it. Some people can pray about something only once. They cannot even pray a second time for it. Such ones care little whether they receive what they ask for. Please count how many of your prayers have been offered for the second time, the third time, the fifth time, or the tenth time. If you have forgotten your prayers, how can you expect God to remember them? If you do not have a heart to pray, how can you expect God to have a heart to listen? If you have forgotten your prayer, how can you expect God to remember it? Actually, you have never wanted what you asked for. A person will pray persistently only if he has a real need. One prays persistently only when he is pressed in the environment and driven by needs. In such cases he may persist for decades and still not give up praying, "Lord! If You do not answer me, I will not stop asking."

If you want to ask for something, you should trouble God about it. If you really want it, you must ask persistently until God hears you. You have to ask in such a way that God cannot do anything except answer your prayer. You have to ask until God is forced to answer you.

Once a person believes in the Lord, he must learn to pray earnestly. He must learn the lesson of prayer well before he can have a deeper knowledge of God and a fruitful future for himself.

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