

Pray for:

- ✿ The Defense and Confirmation Project, in its continuing ministry of confirming the truths of and defending attacks against the New Testament ministry of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee; pray concerning recent lawsuits against some co-workers and against LSM.
- ✿ Slovakia: shepherding of university-age new ones; building up of the church in Bratislava with the help of three recent FTT graduates; a property to be purchased for the use of the church in Bratislava and the Lord's move in Slovakia.
- ✿ Italy: the beginning of a sisters' house; follow-up of campus contacts in Milan; shepherding of the saints, the young people, and the children in Milan, Rome, Florence, Vicenza, Venice, Ancona, Catania, Turin, and other cities; for the obtaining of meeting halls in Milan and Rome; the preparation of the Rhema books for free distribution and the ongoing publication of the ministry books in Italian.
- ✿ Follow-up of Bible distribution in 30 cities in North America in January and February; in Canada, the focus is on Hamilton and Guelph, Ontario; Halifax, Nova Scotia; and Coquitlam, BC.
- ✿ Pray for the binding of Satan against his recent attacks against the church in Montreal, with various saints dying, being seriously ill, occupied with work, and in other ways being limited in their function for the building up of the church.
- ✿ Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 68, Eph 4:11 – 5:33
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Isaiah, Vol 1, Week 5
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: *The Economy of God*, Chapter 19

Announcements

- ✿ There is a conference for college and young working saints in Belleville, March 18-20. Deadline for registration is on Feb 20. And the payment of \$100 due by March 6th. Please register and pay the fee to Monica.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving & Clean-up Schedule

Feb 20	✿ Serving: N.D.G
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese (East, Central)
	✿ Whole meeting hall cleaning
27	✿ Serving: Chinese YW
	✿ Cleaning: English
Mar 6	✿ Serving: Chinese Central (A)
	✿ Cleaning: French/Spanish
13	✿ Serving: English (B)
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese (North, South, West)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Feb. 18-20, 2011, Anaheim, CA: **Chinese-speaking New Year's International Conference**
- ✿ **Mar. 18-20, Belleville, ON:** Belleville Conference for College and Young working saints
- ✿ April 1-3, 2011, Anaheim, CA: **International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones.**
- ✿ May 12-14, 2011, Karei Deshe on the Sea of Galilee, Israel: **Spring Conference in Israel**

This Week's Activities

FEB 20	✿ 10am to 12:30 pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
21 Monday	
22 Tuesday	✿ 7:30pm: District prayer meetings at various homes
23 Wednesday	✿ 7pm – 8:30pm, Andrea's place: College meeting
24 Thursday	✿
25 Friday	✿ Various home meetings (Chinese/ English / French)
26 Saturday	✿ 7pm – 9:30pm, 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

B. Not Asking Evilly

We should ask, but there is a second condition to prayer; we should not ask evilly. "You ask and do not receive because you ask evilly" (James 4:3). We should ask God out of necessity. We should not ask mindlessly, unreasonably, or wildly. We should never ask carelessly or evilly for any unnecessary things according to our lust or our flesh. If we do, our prayers will be in vain. While God often gives us "superabundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20), asking evilly is a different matter.

Asking evilly means asking beyond one's capacity or real need. If you have a need, you can ask God. But you should only ask God to take care of your need. Asking beyond what you need is asking evilly. If you have a great need, it is not wrong to ask God to satisfy such a need. But if you do not have a great need, and you ask for it, you are asking evilly. You can only ask according to your capacity and need. You should never ask foolishly for this and that. Asking carelessly is to ask evilly, and such asking will not receive any answer from God. Asking evilly before God is like a four-year-old child asking his father for the moon in the sky. God is not pleased with evil asking. Every Christian should learn to confine his prayers within the proper scope. Do not open your mouth rashly and ask for more than you actually need.

C. Dealing with Sins

Some do not ask evilly, but God does not answer their prayers. This is because there is a basic barrier between them and God—sin. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, /The Lord will not hear" (Psa. 66:18). If a person has obvious and known sins in his heart, yet is unwilling to drop or part with them, the Lord will not answer his prayer. (Note the words in my heart.) The Lord cannot answer a person's prayer when there is such a great hindrance.

What does it mean to "regard iniquity in my heart"? It means to keep a sin in one's heart, being unwilling to part with it. Such a person knows something is a sin, yet he continues to cherish it. It is not only a weakness in conduct or appearance but also a craving in the heart. This is different from the person spoken of in Romans 7. Although the person in Romans 7 has failed, he hates what he is doing. The person here, however, regards

iniquity in his heart. This means he keeps the iniquity to himself and is unwilling and reluctant to let go of it. The sin remains not only in his conduct but also in his heart. The Lord will not hear such a one when he prays. So long as there is one sin, it will hinder God from answering our prayer. We should not keep any favorite sin in our heart. We should acknowledge all sins as sins and should put them under the blood. The Lord can sympathize with our weakness, but the Lord will not allow us to regard iniquity in our hearts. Our prayers will not prevail if we have removed all the sins outwardly but still regard them in our heart and are unwilling and reluctant to part with them. The moment we begin our Christian life, we have to ask for the Lord's grace to keep us from falling and to sanctify us in our conduct. At the same time, we must thoroughly reject all sins in our heart. We should not retain or regard any sin in our heart. Our prayer will be useless if sin remains in our heart. The Lord will not listen to such a prayer.

Proverbs 28:13 says, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." You must confess your sins. You must tell the Lord, "I have regarded a sin in my heart. I cannot give it up. I ask You to forgive me. I want to forsake this sin. Please deliver me from this sin. Do not let this sin remain in me. I do not want it. I want to reject it." If you confess to the Lord this way, the Lord will forgive; you will receive forgiveness. Then, your prayer will be heard. You must never be loose in this matter. You will not receive anything if you do not ask. You also will not receive anything if you ask evilly. Even if you do not ask evilly, the Lord will not answer your prayer as long as you keep back a favorite sin and regard it in your heart.

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