

Please pray:

- ✿ ITERO, Anaheim (March 31 - April 2): Pray that the Lord will impart a further word to all the leading and responsible brothers concerning His heart's desire in these end times; may all the local churches be brought into the same vision in order that our Lord may accomplish His eternal will.
- ✿ Israel: Please pray for the approval of permanent residence for a key young family that has been in Israel for several years by virtue of a student visa; pray that their employment need will be met.
- ✿ Germany: Pray for the month-long follow-up trips during the first half of 2017 for gospel preaching, shepherding, and perfecting of key contacts among the refugees and students, and for the increased labor on the college campuses for the gaining of typical German young people and seeking international students; pray for the emigration of burdened saints for the practical strengthening and building up of the local churches in six key cities in Germany and for the labor on the college campuses.
- ✿ We thank the Lord for His speaking during the most recent PSO conference. May the Lord cause us to see the need and the importance of the children's and young people's work; may the Lord lead us to live a life under the divine limitation to be a proper pattern and testimony for our children.
- ✿ GTCA Ottawa and Laval: Pray that the Lord would give us a heart to shepherd the new contacts; that the new contacts would be shepherded according to their needs; for the strengthening of the saints who are visiting Ottawa every week both physically and spiritually; that the Lord would give us remaining fruits; that the Lord would gain what He is after in Ottawa and Laval.
- ✿ Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: 1Sam 20:1 - 30:31 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: The Increase of Christ for the Building Up of the Church, week 3 & 4

Announcements

- ✿ The Spring YP Retreat will be held on April 14-16, in the church in Toronto meeting hall. Hospitality will be provided for all young people and serving ones. The cost for the weekend will be \$60 and the registration deadline is April 2.

- ✿ The International Memorial Day conf. will be held in White Plains, NY, May 26 to 29, 2017. It is a 5 hour drive from Montreal. If you are interested in attending, please reserve a hotel room right away as they will fill up very fast. Hotel rooms are \$129 to 149 USD per night for 1 to 4 people. Parking at the conf. is \$10/day. See conf. information on the bulletin board for more details.
- ✿ The Collected Works of Witness Lee will be completed by Aug. 2018. They will be printing only about what they have as existing orders, therefore the collection will be unable to be ordered after completion. Any who wishes to order them, can still go on standing order to receive them at a 40-45% discount. All on standing orders will get a free index book once all are printed. See pamphlet on bulletin board.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

Mar 26	✿ Serving: English B
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese Central 2 and Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
Apr 2	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1
	✿ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)
9	✿ Serving: Chinese South B
	✿ Cleaning: French: (Achille, Allan responsible)
16	✿ Serving: Chinese East
	✿ Cleaning: All groups

Upcoming Events

- ✿ March 31- Apr. 2, 2017, Anaheim: **ITERO**
 - ✿ Apr 14-16, Toronto, ON: **Eastern Canada Young People's Spring Retreat**
 - ✿ April 22-23, Paris, France: **Conference in Paris**
 - ✿ May 6-7, Sainte Anne, Guadeloupe: **Conference in Guadeloupe**
 - ✿ May 20-21, Toronto, ON: **Canada Victoria Day Conference**
 - ✿ May 26-29, 2017, White Plains, NY: **Memorial Day Conference**
 - ✿ July 3-8, 2017, Anaheim, CA: **Summer Training**
- The church website lists more events*

This Week's Activities

26	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
MARCH LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
27	✿
Monday	

28 Tuesday	✿	7:30-9:00pm: French / Chinese / English prayer meetings by districts
29 Wednesday	✿	
30 Thursday	✿	
31 Friday	✿	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
1 April Saturday	✿	
2 APRIL LORD'S DAY	✿	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

PRAYER

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

I. PRAYER BEING A BASIC CHRISTIAN RIGHT

Christians have a basic right while living on earth today, the right to receive answers to prayers. The moment a person is regenerated, God gives him the basic right to ask of Him and to be heard by Him. John 16 says that God answers when we ask in the name of the Lord so that our joy may be made full. If we pray without ceasing, we will live a Christian life that is full of joy on earth today.

If we unceasingly pray, yet God does not unceasingly answer our prayer, or if we have been a Christian for years and God hardly or never listens to our prayers, there must be something seriously wrong. If we have been a Christian for three to five years without receiving one answer to prayer, we are ineffectual Christians. We are not just a little ineffectual, but very ineffectual. We are children of God, yet our prayers are never answered! This should never be. Every Christian should experience God answering his prayers. Every Christian should have frequent experiences of prayers being answered. This is a basic experience. If God has not answered our prayers for a long time, it means that there is surely something wrong with us. There is no way to deceive ourselves in the matter of answers to prayer. If it is answered, it is answered. If it is not answered, it is not answered. If it is effectual, it is effectual. If it is ineffectual, it is ineffectual.

We would like to ask every Christian: Have you learned to pray? Has God answered your prayer? It is wrong for prayers to be left unanswered, because prayers are not just a speaking into the air. Prayers are meant to be answered. Unanswered prayers are vain prayers. Christians must learn to

have answered prayers. Since you have believed in God, your prayers should be answered by God. Your prayers are useless if God does not answer them. You must pray until your prayers are answered. Prayer is not only for spiritual cultivation but even more for receiving answers from God.

Prayer is not that easy a lesson to learn. A person may be a Christian for thirty or even fifty years and yet not learn to pray well. On the one hand, prayer is not a simple thing. On the other hand, prayer is so easy that a person can pray as soon as he believes in the Lord. Prayer can be considered the most profound as well as the simplest subject. It is so profound that some still cannot pray well despite learning about it all their lives. Many children of God feel that they do not know how to pray even up to the time they die. However, prayer is so simple that the moment a person believes in the Lord, he can start praying and have his prayers answered. If you begin your Christian life in a good way, you will always receive answers to your prayers. If you do not have a good start, you may not have an answer to prayer for three or even five years. If you do not have a proper foundation, you will need much effort to correct it later. Therefore, once a person believes in the Lord, he must learn to receive answers from God for his prayers. We hope that every believer will pay attention to this matter.

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