

Please pray:

- ✿ Eastern Canada young people's spring retreat (Apr 14-16): Pray for the releasing of the young people to attend this retreat; pray for the preparation of this retreat; that the young people going will receive a personal speaking from the Lord; that the Lord will gain this generation of young people for His purpose.
- ✿ European Brothers' Training (11-13 April) and International Blending Conference (14-16 April) in London, UK: May the Lord release the hospitality spaces in the homes for the visiting saints to be cherished, nourished and shepherded, and for each home to experience the blessing of Christ.
- ✿ India: Pray for the Recovery Version translation project into 7 Indian languages, that the Lord can cover and strengthen the tripartite beings of all the translators.
- ✿ Neighbourhood children's meeting: Pray for the starting of neighbourhood children's work, in raising our next generation with the proper humanity, and also a means of contacting parents of the neighbourhood children.
- ✿ The Lord's move in 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 (Berlin, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Munich, and Stuttgart) in Germany and for the labor on the college campuses.
- ✿ 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: John 18:28 – 20:22 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: The Increase of Christ for the Building Up of the Church, week 5 & 6

Announcements

- ✿ TODAY, 2nd April during lunch time in the French prophesying room, there will be a fellowship of all Group 1 children's serving ones. Let us come together to pray and have open fellowship regarding a regular corporate prayer time and prayer and coordination among the teams. Also, we need to fellowship regarding splitting group one and toddlers' service. If there are any other burdens for prayer and consideration, please feel free to bring them up.
- ✿ Summer Training registration is open. Deadline is April 30. Live training is \$200, video training is \$100. Late registration is an addition \$50 for the live or \$25 for the video training. Please register with Monica.
- ✿ 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 only a 5 hour drive from Montreal. If you are interested in attending, please fill out the google doc sent out so rides and rooms can be co-ordinated. If you don't have a room yet, check who needs a roommate to find a place to ensure you have somewhere to stay. Hotels are almost full now. 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

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
23	✿ Serving: Chinese South A
	✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ 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

2	✿	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
APRIL		
LORD'S DAY	✿	12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
3	✿	
Monday		
4	✿	7:30-9:00pm: French / Chinese / English prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday		
5	✿	
Wednesday		
6	✿	
Thursday		
7	✿	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday		
8	✿	
Saturday		
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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

In the Bible we can see many conditions for having prayers answered, but only a few of them are basic. We believe that if we meet these few conditions, our prayers will be answered. These few conditions are equally applicable to those who have prayed for many years. These are very basic conditions, and we should pay attention to them.

A. Asking

All prayers should be genuine petitions before God. After a brother was saved, he prayed every day. One day a

sister asked him, "Has God ever listened to your prayer?" He was surprised. To him prayer was just prayer; why did anyone have to bother about whether or not they were answered? From that time on, whenever he prayed, he asked God to answer his prayer. He began to consider how many of his prayers were answered. He discovered that his prayers were quite vague and capricious. It did not matter whether God answered them, and it did not matter whether God ignored them. They were like prayers to God for the sun to rise the next day; the sun would rise whether or not he prayed. He had been a Christian for a year, yet none of his prayers were answered. All that time he had been just kneeling and muttering words. He could not pinpoint what he had asked for. This amounted to not having asked for anything at all.

The Lord says, "Knock and it shall be opened to you" (Matt. 7:7). If what you are knocking on is just the wall, the Lord will not open the wall to you. But if you indeed are knocking on the door, the Lord will surely open the door to you. If you ask to go in as well, the Lord will surely let you in. The Lord said, "Seek and you shall find" (v. 7). Suppose that there are many things here. Which one do you want? You must ask for at least one thing. You cannot say that anything will do. God wants to know what you specifically want and what you specifically are asking for. Only then can He give it to you. Hence, to ask means to demand something specific. We have to ask. This is what it means to seek and to knock. Suppose you want something from your father today. You have to ask for the specific thing you want. If you go to a pharmacy for medicine, you must say exactly what medicine you want. If you go to a market to purchase vegetables, you must say what vegetables you want. It is strange that people can come to the Lord without saying what they want. This is why the Lord says that we need to ask and ask specifically. The problem with us is that we do not ask. The hindrance is on our side. In our prayers we need to speak what we need and what we want. Do not pray an all-inclusive prayer in a frivolous way, caring little whether or not it is answered.

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