

Please pray:

- ✿ French translation work: The translation work in French is on track to translate 2500 pages this year. However, the financial fund for the translation work is currently low. Please pray for translator and editor fund support.
- ✿ Lord's move in Germany: Please 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; 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.
- ✿ Italy: Please pray for the gaining of local Italians, the raising up of more lampstands and the strengthening of the existing lampstands in this country.
- ✿ Bibles for America Midwest Tour: During the first week of May, saints in the Midwest visited eight cities in Minnesota and Wisconsin. They set up BfA tables at diverse venues. Many people were open and happy to speak with the saints, and over 250 received a free Bible. Several also prayed to receive the Lord. Please pray that the saints would be able to have continued contact with the open people they met and that they would be supplied abundantly for the shepherding labor; pray that all the Bibles sown would find the good earth to take root and grow.
- ✿ 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; that the Lord would give us remaining fruit; 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: Acts 8:1 - 10:33 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Exodus, week 44

Announcements

- ✿ The translation work in French is on track to translate 2500 pages this year. However, there is a continued need for translator and editor support. The French translation fund is currently low. Please pray for this need.
- ✿ The Eastern Canada Summer School of Truth will be held August 13-18 at Upper Canada Camp, Palgrave, Ontario.

The cost is \$290 and the registration deadline is July 23. Please register as soon as possible with Aaron.

- ✿ Summer Training registration is still open for late registration. Video training is \$125, including the late registration fee. If you are planning on attending, even part-time, please sign up to ensure you receive an outline. Please register with Monica.
- ✿ 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 go on standing order to receive them at a 40-45% discount. There are several payment plans available.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

May 28	✿ Serving: Chinese South B
	✿ Cleaning: French: (Achille, Allan responsible)
June 4	✿ Serving: Chinese East
	✿ Cleaning: All groups
11	✿ Serving: Chinese South A
	✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)
18	✿ Serving: Chinese North
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ July 3-8, 2017, Anaheim, CA: **Summer Training**
- ✿ July 4 - July 11, Meeting hall: **English/French Video training**
- ✿ Aug 13-18, Upper Canada Camp, Palgrave, ON: **The Eastern Canada Summer School of Truth**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

28	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
MAY	
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
29	✿
Monday	
30	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: French / Chinese / English prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	
31	✿
Wednesday	
1	✿
JUNE	

Thursday

2 ☼ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday

3 ☼

Saturday

4 ☼ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting

MAY LORD'S DAY ☼ 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

II. CONDITIONS FOR PRAYERS BEING ANSWERED (continued)

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.

III. THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER

Every Christian should have a prayer-book, one a year. He should record his prayers as one keeps books in accounting. Each page should be divided into four columns. The first column should record the date he begins to pray for something. The second column should record the prayer item. The third column should record the date the prayer is answered, and the fourth column should record how God answers the prayer. In this way, one will find out how many things he asks God for in a year, how many prayers God answers, and what prayers are still unanswered. New believers should definitely keep such a book. But it is good for those who have been believers for many years to keep a prayer-book also.

The advantage of writing things down in a prayer-book is that it shows us whether or not God is answering our prayers. Once God's answers stop, something must be wrong. It is good for Christians to be zealous in serving the Lord, but such service is useless if their prayers are not answered. If a man's way to God is blocked, his way to men is also blocked. If a man has no power before God, he will have no power before men. We must first seek to be a man of power before God before we can be useful before men.

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