

Please pray:

- ✿ European Young People's Conference in Male Ciche, Poland (23-29 July): Pray that the Lord will take a further step in Europe by speaking a timely word to all the European young people and their parents.
- ✿ Germany: Over 100 saints have consecrated themselves to migrate to Germany to shepherd the newly saved migrants from the Middle East. Please pray for the emigration training that is being held in Anaheim from Jul 12 to Aug 4; pray for the local saints to open their homes to receive and shepherd the local university students; pray that some high schoolers would consider studying at one of the German universities.
- ✿ College training (Jul 14-20): As the college training is going on we stand with all the college students for their receiving of the Lord's present speaking; that the Lord would cover and strengthen their tripartite being and make them a blessing in their localities to be normal, functioning members of the Body.
- ✿ Shepherding: that we would have an intimate concern for all the saints in the church, including the ones we don't know so well; that we would take the most excellent way of love in all our dealings with each other; that our hearts would be enlarged to embrace all the brothers and sisters, regardless of their condition; that we all would be transferred from our own personal universe, concerned just for our needs and interests, into the universe of the one new man.
- ✿ Vital living to be practiced among saints in Montreal: That the Lord would draw us morning by morning to spend a personal and affectionate time with Him; that we would be adequately nourished in the Word day by day and allow Him to overflow from us; that saints would be vitally connected and built up; that our appetite and pursuit of the ministry would increase; that we would set aside definite prayer times personally in our weekly schedule; that we would labour adequately on Christ as our good land and have our portion of Christ ready to share in the prophesying meeting for the building up of His church.
- ✿ 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: 2Kin 11:1 - 19:37 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Returning to the Orthodoxy of the Church, week 7

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 9. Please register as soon as possible with Aaron.
- ✿ 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

July 16	✿ Serving: Chinese South B ✿ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)
23	✿ Serving: Chinese East ✿ Cleaning: French: (Achille, Allan responsible)
30	✿ Serving: Chinese South A ✿ Cleaning: All groups
Aug 6	✿ Serving: Chinese North ✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Aug 13-18, Upper Canada Camp, Palgrave, ON: **Eastern Canada Summer School of Truth**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

16 JULY	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY 17	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
Monday 18	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday 19	✿
Wednesday 20	✿
Thursday	✿

21 Friday	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
22 Saturday	✿
23 JULY LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

EARLY RISING

Scripture Reading: S.S. 7:12; Psa. 57:8-9; 63:1; 78:34; 90:14; 108:2-3; Exo. 16:21

III. WHAT TO DO IN THE EARLY MORNING (continued)

D. Pray

In the early morning we should fellowship, praise, and gather the manna. We must also pray to the Lord. Psalms 63:1 [KJV] and 78:34 [KJV] both say that we should seek the Lord early. The prayer spoken of in the previous paragraph is a kind of blending prayer. But the prayer we are talking about here is more specific. After one fellowships, praises, and eats manna, he has strength and can present everything in prayer before God. Prayer surely requires much strength. One must first draw near to God early in the morning and be fed. Then he can set aside about half an hour or a quarter of an hour to pray for a few urgent things. He can pray for himself, for the church, or for the world. Of course, he can pray also in the afternoon or at night. But if he takes advantage of the fresh power he has gained, the power acquired in the early morning through fellowshiping with God and eating manna, he will receive greater support.

Every believer should do these four things conscientiously before the Lord early in the morning: fellowship with Him, praise Him, read the Bible, and pray to Him. Whether or not a person has done these four things in the morning is manifested in his walk during the day. George Müller confessed that the degree to which he was fed by the Lord in the morning determined his spiritual condition throughout the whole day. His spiritual condition for the day depended on his feeding before the Lord in the morning. Many Christians find themselves weak during the day because their mornings are ill spent. Of course, there are those who are so far ahead in their spiritual journey that they can experience the total separation of the spirit from the soul. Their outward man is broken, and they are not that easily shaken by anything. However, this is another matter altogether. New believers should learn to rise up early. Once they become loose in this, they become loose in everything, and everything will go wrong. There is a great

difference between being nourished and not being nourished in the morning.

A very famous musician once said, "If I skip practicing for one day, I will notice it. If I skip practicing for two days, my friends will notice it. If I skip practicing for three days, my audience will notice it." If this is true for practicing music, it is even more true for the spiritual lesson of rising up early. If we fail to have a good morning watch before God, we will know it. Those who are experienced in the Lord also will know it when they come into contact with us. They will know that we have not touched the spiritual source. From the very first day, new believers should strictly discipline themselves. Every morning they should rise up early to exercise this way before the Lord.

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