

Please pray:

- ✳ Prayer time with the whole church: Many saints have put their names to pray with saints in various time slots for a period of 21 days or 30 days depending on which language group. Please pray that the Lord will encourage us, strengthen us, and release us to keep these prayer times; that the Lord will release many more saints to be available for these prayer time slots; that these prayer times may be a time to fight for the Lord's interest, and to lay tracks for Him to move for His Economy; may this time help us to build up a prayer life for our Christian life.
- ✳ College work on campuses during the start of the school year: 1) Pray that the Lord will brood over the campuses to seek out the sons of peace and those seeking for the Lord; 2) that the Lord will bring them to meet with us to have personal appointments, to come to the Bible studies, the meetings, and the different activities; 3) that the Lord will bless all the details of the coordination, fellowship, and preparations; 4) that the Lord will give us remaining fruit.
- ✳ Districts in Montreal: that the Lord might lead us as He multiplies us into various district meetings; for a clear and controlling vision of the oneness of the Body of Christ; genuine blending between the saints in the districts regardless of language; the Lord's burden and blessing for the propagation of the gospel of the kingdom in each of our neighbourhoods; a way to provide proper spiritual care for our children in the districts.
- ✳ French-speaking conference in Montreal (Aug 30 - Sep 1): Pray for the fellowship, speaking, services and preparations for this conference; 2) pray for the releasing of the French-speaking saints to attend this conference; 3) pray that many new ones in Montreal and the surrounding areas will also be released to come and hear the Lord's speaking; 4) pray that the Lord will gain what He is after in this conference.
- ✳ 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: Rev 8:13 – 11:19
- ✳ HWMR: The Reality of the Body of Christ, week 3

Announcements

- ✳ Prayer time with the whole church: Many saints have put their names to pray together on the phone during different times of the day for a period of 21 days for the English and French speaking and 30 days for the Chinese speaking saints. We encourage many more saints to join these prayer

times. Please give your name if you would like to join to Johnathan Lin (for the English speaking), Allan Yeow (for the French speaking), and Joe Zhou (for the Chinese speaking).

- ✳ The registration for the Montreal French Speaking Conference is now open. Please register at the link here: <https://forms.gle/geFTr8SLbbt78Tgb6>
- ✳ The Library is finishing inventory. Please ensure all material borrowed is returned. The Library will be moving location soon so any willing to help serving with the Library when it is set up, please advise Monica or Phaik Keen.
- ✳ Piano service: if anyone is able to play the piano, please consider serving. There is an urgent need for serving ones.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

18 Aug	Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie ...) Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gary Chen responsible)
25	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
1 Sep	Serving: Chinese South (陳世山、劉學成...) Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)
8	Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✳ Aug 30 to Sept 1: **French speaking conference**
 - ✳ Oct 12-13, 2019, Moncton, NB: **Maritimes conference**
- The church website lists more events*

This Week's Activities

18 August	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
19 Monday	✳
20 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
21 Wednesday	✳
22 Thursday	✳
23 Friday	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
24 Saturday	✳
25 August	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings

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THE PRIESTHOOD

VI. UPHOLDING THE PRIESTHOOD (continued)

C. The Intermediary Class Abolished When Everyone Serves

We need to abolish the intermediary class. In order for us to abolish this class, we all have to become part of it. When all of us become a part of that class, the hierarchy is gone. How can we make the three groups two groups? How can we turn three-way traffic into two-way traffic? How can these three—God, the priesthood, and the people—become two? There is no other way except to kneel down before the Lord and say, "Lord, I am willing to serve You. I am willing to be a priest." When all of God's children become His priests, the three parties will be reduced to two.

Hierarchy comes from the world, the flesh, idol worship, and the love of the world. If all the brothers deny the world and reject idolatry from the beginning, they will all offer themselves up to God. They will say, "From this day forward, I will live on earth for the sole purpose of serving God." Then hierarchy will disappear spontaneously. If all the brothers realize that their sole occupation is to serve God and if all of them will serve God in coordination, the intermediary class will disappear!

D. One Needing to Be a Priest As Long As One Is a Christian

I hope you will not allow any intermediary class to come in. Uphold this from the very beginning. Only among the fallen and backslidden ones and among those who walk according to their own way could there be the resurgence of an intermediary class. Among those defeated ones, it is natural for some to serve the Lord and some not to serve the Lord. Those who do not serve the Lord attend to their own affairs, while those who serve the Lord take care of spiritual affairs. Those who do not serve the Lord, at most, offer some money to support those who serve. They may be businessmen, teachers, or doctors, but they all attend to their own affairs and walk their own way. They do not seem to have anything to do with God's service. In this kind of setting, what does a person need to do to qualify to be a good Christian? He only needs to set aside a little time every week to attend a worship service. If he has some money, he only needs to offer a small portion of it. But this clearly makes God's people and His priests two classes of people! Today we should realize

that either we are not Christians at all or we have to be those who consecrate everything to the Lord. As long as we are Christians, we have to be priests to God.

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