

Please pray:

- ✳ Prayer time with the whole church (Until Sep 07): Please pray that the Lord will encourage, strengthen, 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 the campuses during the start of the school year: 1) Pray that the Lord will brood over the campuses to find 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, various 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.
- ✳ French speaking conference in Montreal: The main topic of this conference was concerning the recovery of the Church. God created all things because of His will which is to gain the church however throughout the age the church has degraded. Therefore there is a need to recover the church back to its original state. Pray that what was spoken during this time would become our vision, our reality and our living; that the Lord will gain the church that He is after.
- ✳ Vancouver meeting hall: Please continue to pray that the construction process would be completed on schedule with no accidents; the final construction cost would be lower than the estimated budget; the Lord would release the finances through the Body to meet the need, and that we would not need any financial loans to finish this project.
- ✳ 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 12:1 – 14:12
- ✳ HWMR: The Reality of the Body of Christ, week 5

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 churches in the Maritimes welcome all saints to the Maritime Blending Conference, in Moncton, NB on Oct. 12-13, 2019. The conference will be at the Quality Inn, Dieppe and rooms there include hot breakfast, parking and wifi. Please reserve your rooms by Sept. 12 to get the group rate of \$119/room/night for up to 4 people in the room. Hotel reservations can be made at 506-858-8880. May the Lord bless this conference!
- ✳ Library serving ones are needed to help with new library. Talk to Monica or Phaik Keen if you are interested in serving.
- ✳ 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

1	Serving: Chinese South (陳世山、劉學成...)
5	Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)
8	Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...)
	Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 3 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang, Jonathan responsible)
15	Serving: French (Julie ...)
	Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
22	Serving: English (Rose...)
	Cleaning: Whole church

Upcoming Events

- ✳ Oct 12-13, 2019, Moncton, NB: **Maritimes conference**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

1	✳ 10am- 11am: Lord's Table meeting
September	✳ 11am-12:30pm: French Speaking Conference, Msg 3
LORD'S DAY	✳ 12:30pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
	✳ 2:30pm-4:30pm: French Speaking Conference, Msg 4
2	✳
Monday	
3	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	
4	✳
Wednesday	
5	✳
Thursday	
6	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
Friday	
7	✳
Saturday	

8	☼	10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
September	☼	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
LORD'S DAY		

THE PRIESTHOOD

VII. THE RECOVERY OF THE PRIESTHOOD (continued)

D. The Lord Taking the Way of Recovery

There is something I would like all of us to see: In this end time, God is doing a work of recovery; He is taking the way of recovery. I believe God is leading all of His children up to this position in this last age. Here is one segment of the pathway of the church that is waiting for a fundamental recovery—the universal priesthood of God's children. As long as a person is one of God's people, he should be a priest. There are priests today. In the kingdom to come, there also will be priests. God wants to secure His priests. He wants all of His people to be His priests.

VIII. THE SERVICE OF THE PRIESTS

As soon as you become a Christian, you become a priest. If you want to be a Christian, you have to be a priest. Do not expect anyone to be a priest for you. You have to be a priest yourself. There is no intermediary class among us. No one will attend to spiritual affairs for us. No one will work for us. Among us we must not have another class of people called workers.

A. The Need for the Whole Church to Serve

If God is merciful to us, all the brothers and sisters will spontaneously be working, preaching the gospel, and serving the Lord together. The more universal the priesthood is, the more visible the church will be. Once the priesthood becomes non-universal, we have failed and our pathway has been corrupted.

B. God Honoring Us by Allowing Us to Serve Him

We are poor, weak, blind, and crippled. For the Lord to accept persons such as ourselves to be priests is an honor to us. In the Old Testament, such people could not be priests. All who were disabled, lame, or blemished could not be priests. However, today the base, the unclean, the blind, and the disabled have all been called by God to be priests! He is the Lord. I have said this before: We should gladly give ourselves to His service even if it means crawling to His feet to beg for service. We should be happy to kneel down to beg for this honor. I am happy to crawl on my knees and plead with the Lord, "Lord, I want to serve You. I gladly offer myself to Your service. You honor me by allowing me to come to You." To be a priest is to draw near to God. To be a priest is to have no distance between us and God; it is to be

able to enter in directly and to wait for no one. To be a priest means that we can touch God ourselves.

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