

Please pray:

- ✿ Eastern Canada College/Working saints conference (Feb 21 - 23): Pray for all the fellowship and preparation for this conference; may the Lord release the saints to attend this conference; may the Lord speak to the saints a timely word for the advancement of His work in Eastern Canada.
- ✿ Brothers and sisters' houses in Montreal: that the Lord would receive the consecration of the saints who live in these houses and strengthen them to pursue Him in corporate living; that many older saints might be burdened to individually shepherd them; that they might receive the Lord's love and might overflow to love each other in the divine love; that they might learn to take up their cross daily and live by the resurrection life; that they might grow and be perfected in their spiritual exercise and function for the building up of the church.
- ✿ 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; that we may learn how to forgive others from our hearts who have sinned against us again and again so that we may live in the kingdom life.
- ✿ Brexit: Now that the UK has left the EU, please pray for a relationship with the EU that will not hinder blending among the churches, visitation by the co-workers, or participation in trainings and conferences in the UK and Europe.
- ✿ Germany: Meeting Hall in Berlin - Thank the Lord for His faithful care through the Body to meet the financial need for the purchase of the meeting hall in Berlin. Please pray that in a timely way the Lord will grant the saints favor with the building authorities to enable them to renovate the new meeting hall to make it most useful for the Lord's interest. Meeting hall for the church in Stuttgart - Last week the church had its second appointment concerning a possibility to rent an adequate meeting place. Please pray that the owner will accept their proposed renovation plan at a reasonable and affordable price.
- ✿ 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: Gen 48:1 – Exo 3:22

- ✿ HWMR: The Development of the Kingdom of God in the Christian Life and the Church Life, week 5

Announcements

- ✿ You are invited to the wedding meeting of brother Haowei Song and sister Sissi Lin on Mar 7th at 2:30 pm.
- ✿ All Canada FTTA Short term training and blending trip is from May 1 to 9, 2020. Registration deadline is March 1.
- ✿ The monthly Ministry digest is now available for order and subscription. It is available in English, Chinese and Spanish and Korean. The purpose of this monthly digest is to help the saints get into the riches contained in the Collected Works of Witness Lee topic by topic. For more information go to ism.org. Please stop by the bookroom if you have questions or to place your standing order.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

9*	*District Meeting
Feb	Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng & Shishan responsible)
16	Serving: Chinese South (陳世山、劉學成...) Cleaning: Whole Church
23	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)
1	Serving: French (Julie ...)
Mar	Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gary Chen responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Feb 21 – 23, Toronto, ON: **College and Working Saints Conferences**
- ✿ Mar 1-2: **Gr. 5/6/YP Family blending**
- ✿ March 8: Lord's day meeting in districts
- ✿ Mar 27 - 29, Anaheim, CA: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**
- ✿ May 22-25, Atlanta, GA: **Memorial Day conference**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

9	✿ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
February	
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
10	✿
Monday	
11	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	

12	✻	
Wednesday		
13	✻	
Thursday		
14	✻	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings
Friday		(English/French/Chinese)
15	✻	
Saturday		
16	✻	10am- 12pm Lord's Table &
February		Prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	✻	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast

because in the two New Testament cases that deal with murder—one directly and the other indirectly—God did not pay attention to the rectification of the past. However, I believe that some have no peace in their conscience, not because they are suffering from ordinary accusations, but because God is working in them. In such cases, we should not stop them from expressing their regrets to the victim's family.

Note: The content is extracted from New Believers Series: #2, Terminating the Past by Watchman Nee, published by Living Stream Ministry, available at <http://www.ministrybooks.org/alphabetical.cfm>.

TERMINATING THE PAST

II. NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLES OF DEALING WITH THE PAST (continued)

C. Repaying Debts (continued)

Please remember that in the course of giving your testimony, you may be affected by personal problems. But you cannot avoid dealing with these problems. You still must deal with the problems. You can have a testimony before men only after you have dealt with your problems.

Some have committed murder in the past. What should they do now? This is a part of their past. In the Bible there are two murderers who were saved. One was involved directly with the act of murder, while the other murdered indirectly. The first one was the robber on the cross. It is clear in the Greek language that the word robber does not just mean an ordinary robber; it means a criminal who engages in such acts as murder and arson. He was not just a thief but one who robbed and killed. After he believed in the Lord, his sins were forgiven. The Bible does not tell us how he terminated his past. The other person is Paul. He was not involved in any direct murder. However, he was an accomplice in the murder of Stephen, and he watched over the garments of those who killed Stephen. After Paul was saved, nothing was said about how he dealt with this matter.

In principle I believe that once a murderer has believed in the Lord, his sins are behind him. There is no sin which cannot be cleansed by the blood. The robber did not have to do anything to terminate his past. In fact, he had no opportunity to do anything. The Lord said to him, "Today you shall be with Me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43). Therefore, when we encounter such cases, we should not overly burden the conscience of others, unless of course God has first worked in that person's heart. This is