

## Please pray:

- ✳ Prayer for mutual shepherding, cherishing and nourishing during the social distancing: pray that we would bear one another on our heart and pray for one another during this time; that we would learn how to shepherd and care by calling one another, pray that the Lord would raise up the vital groups to be built up and vitalized together; pray that each saint in the church will be taken care of and that none would be left uncared for; pray that the backsliding saints would be cherished and cared for during this time; that this cherishing and caring would eventually open their heart for the Lord to recover their desire to meet with the saints.
- ✳ Prayer for our preparation for the Lord's return: Pray that we would be the wise virgins ready for the Lord's return by buying a reserve of oil in our lamp during this time of confinement; pray that we would grasp this situation of COVID-19 to spend time with the Lord in the morning, enjoy Him in His word, be equipped and built up in the truth and cultivate a habit of prayer during the day; pray that by spending time with Him, our first love would be recovered to do the first works; pray for our growth in life during this time even unto maturity; that the Lord may gain and prepare us as His overcomers to be those who are watchful and ready for His coming back.
- ✳ Prayer for the Lord's return: For the Lord Jesus to come back quickly (Phil. 3:20; 2 Tim. 4:8; Titus 2:13; Rev. 22:20).
- ✳ Mailing of a gospel tract to the city of Berlin: Please pray for the mass mailing of a new gospel tract to the households in every postal code in Berlin. Pray that the Lord will use this tract to give all the people in Berlin an opportunity to hear the gospel, to save many people in Berlin, and to gain some for the organic building up of the church. (Note: dear saints – Please visit the Rhema website (under Articles - Recent Articles) to some e-gospel tracts that you can send to your circle of contacts. These tracts are available in multiple languages by clicking on the “Languages” button on the top right)
- ✳ FTTP & South Africa: In South Africa there is a strict lockdown, the saints can't even walk their dogs or go for a run outside. Five of the trainees from Botswana and Zimbabwe had to return home because they didn't have full time visas. They were still working out their internet to connect to do the training. Two thirds of the trainees are staying at the training center doing their self studying right now. The training is still figuring out online training. Please pray for all of these arrangements because it is very challenging in Africa to do things online.
- ✳ 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: Exo 28:1 – 31:17
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Numbers, week 13

## Announcements

- ✳ Due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Living Stream Ministry has decided to modify the format for the upcoming 2020 International Memorial Day Blending Conference. The website for streaming the conference messages is [conf.lsmwebcast.com](http://conf.lsmwebcast.com). Messages will be streamed in English, Chinese, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, and Portuguese. All the messages of the 2020 Memorial Day Conference will be streamed beginning at the following times in each locality's time zone:
  - Message 1: 7:00 p.m. Friday, 22 May 2020
  - Message 2: 10:00 a.m. Saturday, 23 May 2020
  - Message 3: 7:00 p.m. Saturday, 23 May 2020
  - Message 4: 10:00 a.m. Lord's Day, 24 May 2020
  - Message 5: 7:00 p.m. Lord's Day, 24 May 2020
  - Message 6: 7:00 p.m. Monday, 25 May 2020
- ✳ All meetings continue to take place online/via conference calls. These include the following: **Lord's Table Meeting** - Will be conducted online or via conference calls by the following districts/groups:
  1. English West - Martin P. host
  2. English Central/NDG - Dennis L. host
  3. French - Allan Y. host
  4. Chinese East 1, 2 & 3 & Central 1 & 3 - Aaron C./John Y. host
  5. Chinese South - William L./John C. host
  6. Chinese West & North - John Ya. Host
  7. Prayer meeting - By districts/groups
  8. Group meetings - By districts/groups
- ✳ The co-workers fellowshiped to extend the 21 days of round-the-clock global prayer for another 9 days, **until April 30**. To facilitate this burden, there is a website to:
  - Sign up to receive prayer burdens and reminders via email
  - Read an introductory letter from the co-workers
  - Select 15-minute daily time slots to pray
  - Pray over 21 suggested points for the saints' intercession
  - Confirm participation in this prayer ministryPlease contact the serving brothers to obtain the website link.
- ✳ To help facilitate the **daily prayer times**, the following groups have been set up. Please contact the saints in the group to join them at those times. If you already have a daily prayer time set up, feel free to continue.
  - 7:00am Lito, Liza, Anusha: Lito hosts
  - 11:00am Laura, Anusha: Laura hosts
  - 12:00pm Dennis, Brian: Dennis hosts

- 10:00pm Ivan, Johnathan, Dennis, Taras: Dennis hosts
- ✿ **The Children's Meeting** will be held via Zoom Meeting on **Saturday's at 1:00PM** for the **Toddlers to Group 2** children and at **2:00PM** for the **Group 3 and Group 4** children.

## Upcoming Events

- ✿ May 22-25, Online: **Memorial Day conference**  
*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

<b>19</b> <b>April</b> <b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
<b>20</b> <b>Monday</b>	✿
<b>21</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
<b>22</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	✿
<b>23</b> <b>Thursday</b>	✿
<b>24</b> <b>Friday</b>	✿ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom Meeting
<b>25</b> <b>Saturday</b>	✿ 1-1:30pm: Childrens Toddlers to Group 2 meeting via Zoom Meeting ✿ 2:00pm: Childrens Group 3 and 4 via Zoom Meeting
<b>26</b> <b>April</b> <b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting

## SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD

Scripture Reading: Exo. 10:8-11, 21-26; 12:6-11, 37-42; 2 Cor. 6:17

### III. COMING OUT FROM THEIR MIDST TO BE WELCOMED BY THE ALL-SUFFICIENT LORD

Second Corinthians 6:17-18 says, "Therefore `come out from their midst and be separated, says the Lord, and do not touch what is unclean; and I will welcome you'; `and I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons and daughters to Me, says the Lord Almighty.'"

In the New Testament the words Lord Almighty are used for the first time in 2 Corinthians 6. Lord Almighty is Elshadai in Hebrew. El is God, sha is a mother's breast or milk, and shadai means something that is with milk. In Hebrew shadai means "all-sufficient." The words Almighty God in the Old Testament are also

Elshadai, which should be translated as "the All-sufficient God." The mother's milk is all that a child needs. The mother's breasts contain the milk; all the supply is in the breasts. The root of the word shadai is "the mother's breast." This means that with God we have everything.

Second Corinthians 6:17 tells us that if we come out from their midst and do not touch their unclean things, God will welcome us and be a Father to us. We shall be sons and daughters to Him, says the All-sufficient Lord. We can see that these words have not been spoken lightly. The Lord is saying, "Because of Me you have left many things. You have come out from their midst and are separated from them. You have terminated your relationships with them and are no longer touching their unclean things. Your two hands are empty, and there is nothing left in you. Now that you have done all this, I will welcome you."

Please remember that everyone who feels welcomed by the Lord is separated from the world. Many people do not feel the excellency of the Lord when they come to Him because they have not counted all things as refuse. Those who have not counted all things as refuse surely consider earthly things precious. Such people do not know what it means for God to welcome them; they do not know what it means for God to be their Father and for them to be God's children. They do not know that the One who spoke these words is the all-sufficient Lord. Can you see the special significance of the word shadai? The words Lord Almighty are used here because when a person has cast away everything, he needs God as the Shadai; he needs a Father who is all-sufficient.

Psalm 27:10 tells us that if our father and mother forsake us, Jehovah will take us up. In other words, He becomes our father. Psalm 73:26 says that when our flesh and our heart fail, God is the rock of our heart and our portion forever. Herein lies the sweetness of our experience. There must be loss on one side before there can be gain on the other side. The blind man met the Lord only after he was cast out of the synagogue (John 9:35). If we remain in the synagogue, we will never meet the Lord. But when we are cast out, we see the Lord's blessing upon us immediately.

As new believers we must come out from the world. Only then will we taste the Lord's sweetness. Once we drop something on one side, we will taste the goodness of the Lord on the other side.

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