

Please pray:

- ✳ May we learn as the church, the Body of Christ, a house of prayer, to offer the prayer of the age to God that He may fulfill His desire, carry out His will, and accomplish His economy; may the Lord reveal to us that we are the Body of Christ, members one of another and that we have the same position and authority as the Head; may we learn how to pray according to what the Lord has obtained in ascension, claim His lordship over the present situation in the world and bind and loose what has already been bound and loosed in the heavens.
- ✳ Upcoming school year: Pray that the Lord will go before us to prepare the campuses, the venues, and the hearts of the students. May the Lord prepare them to be ready to receive the gospel; pray for the releasing of the ones that the Lord has already released in the heavens; pray that the ones released will be willing to be contacted by us and willing to come to the Bible studies, meetings, and/or have personal appointments with us; pray that the whole church will move with the Lord in this matter by praying and by going; pray for the Lord's strengthening and empowering of all the saints who will go out to the campuses; may the Lord give us remaining fruit this school year.
- ✳ Purchase of property in Malaga, Spain: The church in Malaga has been meeting for 33 years, and was able to purchase a small meeting hall in 2019. Since that time the church and the work in the Iberian peninsula have grown, and there is now an opportunity to purchase a property adjoining the current meeting facilities. Most of the costs have been met, but the current need to complete the purchase of the property is 18,000 euros (~21,000 USD), with a closing date of August 30. Please pray that the Lord will meet the need in the Body.
- ✳ As the government of Quebec is easing up more and more the restrictions, may we be encouraged to meet in person with proper measures; may the Lord cover all the saints and bless the assembly of the saints; may the meetings and the blending times in person be fully recovered according to the Lord's timing.
- ✳ 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: 1 Chron 15:1 – 26:32
- ✳ HWMR: The Christian Life, the Church Life, the Consummation of the Age, and the Coming of the Lord, week 6

Announcements

- ✳ We will do a whole meeting hall cleaning the first Lord's table of the Month. Please bring your lunch on that day. The cleaning will begin after lunch.
- ✳ Please consider before the Lord carefully and provide us with the prayer burdens before Saturday of every week. Please send the prayer burdens to Allan Y. His email address is allan.yeow81@gmail.com. Note that due to limited space on the newsletter, we may not be able to put all the prayer burdens that are sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✳ October 8-10, Online: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**
- ✳ November 25-28: **International Thanksgiving Weekend Conference**
- ✳ December 20-25: **Semiannual Training**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

22 August LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
23 Monday	✳
24 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
25 Wednesday	✳
26 Thursday	✳
27 Friday	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
28 Saturday	✳
29 August LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings

READING THE BIBLE

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Psa. 119:9-11, 15, 105, 140, 148

III. DIFFERENT WAYS TO READ THE BIBLE

C. Intense Study during a Specifically Apportioned Time

The first kind of daily Bible reading—praying and meditating over the Word—is a continuous lifelong practice. The second kind of reading—general reading, involving some kind of Bible study—can begin after at least six months are spent gaining some knowledge of the Bible.

Every Christian should have a definite plan of studying the Bible. If you can set aside half an hour a day, develop a plan to study the Bible for half an hour a day. If you can afford an hour each day, develop a plan that includes an hour of study. Whatever time you can afford, make a plan that will fit your schedule. The worst way to read is by "inspiration," that is, casual, unplanned reading that begins at whatever page one feels, at times reading voraciously for ten days and at other times not reading anything for ten days. This is the wrong way. We should not adopt this "inspirational" method. Everyone should have a definite plan of reading. In reading the Bible, we need to be restricted and disciplined.

However, do not set too high a standard or too long a time for yourself. If you set too long a time, it will be hard to maintain the schedule. This is worse than having no plan at all. Once you decide to do something, stick to it for five years, ten years, or fifteen years. Do not stop after two, three, five, or six months. This is why you should consider carefully before the Lord the amount of time you should set aside for your study. One hour each day should be quite sufficient. Half an hour may be too short; one may not get much done in half an hour. Of course, if time does not allow you to have an hour, half an hour is still good. One hour, however, is the optimum period of time. If one can afford two hours, it is good. Normally, there is no need to spend more than two hours. We have not seen a brother or sister who studies for three hours a day who can maintain this schedule for long.

There are twenty-eight different ways to study the Bible, which are covered in the book *The Ways to Study the Bible*. Of the twenty-eight ways, the study of the progression of truth throughout the Bible is the most difficult. For many people, this method should not be attempted until a much later time. The method of word study is a much easier approach. One can also study metals, minerals, numbers, names of persons, geography, etc. These can be supplementary studies; we do not have to devote all our time to these special ways. There are also the chronologies in the Bible. If we have the time, we can take a look at them. Besides these, there are other ways to study the Bible, like studying prophecies, types, parables, miracles, the Lord's teaching on earth, or doing a book-

by-book study, etc. We should go through all these methods one by one.

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