

Please pray:

- ✳ Montreal college students and college work: Pray that our young people and college students may function in the meetings both practically and spiritually.
- ✳ Taking care of the young people: 1) Pray for more involvement from the parents; 2) that the next generation may be included in the home meetings.
- ✳ Church in Guelph: 1) Please pray for the release of an adequate place to meet for the Lord's day meeting and other gatherings; 2) that saints from other places in Canada would be burdened to migrate to Guelph for the Lord's move.
- ✳ GTCC in Southern Ontario: 1) May the Lord lead us in the best way to carry out GTCC in January, particularly as we identify the churches and areas where seeking ones live that could be targets for a one- or two-day GTCC visitation. 2) May venues be identified and secured for Bible/literature distribution, public seminars and blending times with the saints.
- ✳ Ministry Translation and Distribution in Africa: Currently, there are four entities in Africa under the service of the Africa Ministry Depot (AMD) that carry out the burden of spreading the ministry, including two publication centers in the east and two in the west. Ethiopia: Pray that the Lord may gain many more seekers through social media; that the Lord may bless the translation work in both the Amharic and Oromo languages; that the Lord may subdue the enemy under our feet so that we may go peacefully to these seekers for the distribution of the publication. "Now the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly" (Rom. 16:20). Ghana: That the Lord would remind all the recipients from the book fair to read the ministry books and would shine on them to see the divine economy of God. That the Lord would propagate His life into more people for His testimony in Ghana, and that more golden lampstands would be raised up through book distribution. Kenya: That many saints would pick up the burden to meet the needs in the translation and distribution work. Nigeria: Please pray that the saints in Nigeria could have a proper environment to travel in Nigeria for the spread of the high peak truth of the divine revelation.
- ✳ 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 Cor 3:10 – 6:20
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, week 5

Announcements

- ✳ The 2022 HWMR subscription is now open. The cost will be \$75 for the annual subscription. Please sign up with your district serving ones and pay the

\$75 subscription to them directly by December 19, 2021.

- ✳ The 2021 December Semiannual Training will be held December 20-25. Due to the current situation with COVID-19, only the video training will be available. The registration donation is \$155 CAD. Please contact your district serving one to register. Registration deadline is December 1.
- ✳ 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

- ✳ November 25-28: **International Thanksgiving Weekend Conference**
- ✳ December 20-25: **Semiannual Training**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

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

PRAYER

Scripture Reading: John 16:24; James 4:2-3; Luke 11:9-10; Psa. 66:18; Mark 11:24; Luke 18:1-8

II. CONDITIONS FOR PRAYERS BEING ANSWERED (continued)

B. Not Asking Evilily

We should ask, but there is a second condition to prayer; we should not ask evilily. "You ask and do not receive because you ask evilily" (James 4:3). We should ask God out of necessity. We should not ask mindlessly, unreasonably, or wildly. We should never ask carelessly or evilily for any unnecessary things according to our lust or our flesh. If we do, our prayers will be in vain. While God often gives us "superabundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20), asking evilily is a different matter.

Asking evilily means asking beyond one's capacity or real need. If you have a need, you can ask God. But you should only ask God to take care of your need. Asking beyond what you need is asking evilily. If you have a great need, it is not wrong to ask God to satisfy such a need. But if you do not have a great need, and you ask for it, you are asking evilily. You can only ask according to your capacity and need. You should never ask foolishly for this and that. Asking carelessly is to ask evilily, and such asking will not receive any answer from God. Asking evilily before God is like a four-year-old child asking his father for the moon in the sky. God is not pleased with evil asking. Every Christian should learn to confine his prayers within the proper scope. Do not open your mouth rashly and ask for more than you actually need.

C. Dealing with Sins

Some do not ask evilily, but God does not answer their prayers. This is because there is a basic barrier between them and God—sin. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, /The Lord will not hear" (Psa. 66:18). If a person has obvious and known sins in his heart, yet is unwilling to drop or part with them, the Lord will not answer his prayer. (Note the words in my heart.) The Lord cannot answer a person's prayer when there is such a great hindrance.

What does it mean to "regard iniquity in my heart"? It means to keep a sin in one's heart, being unwilling to part with it. Such a person knows something is a sin, yet he continues to cherish it. It is not only a weakness in conduct or appearance but also a craving in the heart. This is different from the person spoken of in Romans 7. Although the person in Romans 7 has failed, he hates what he is doing. The person here, however, regards iniquity in his heart. This means he keeps the iniquity to himself and is unwilling and reluctant to let go of it. The sin remains not only in his conduct but also in his heart. The Lord will not hear such a one when he prays. So long as there is one sin, it will hinder God from answering our prayer. We should not keep any favorite sin in our heart. We should acknowledge all sins as sins and should put them under the blood. The Lord can sympathize with our weakness, but

the Lord will not allow us to regard iniquity in our hearts. Our prayers will not prevail if we have removed all the sins outwardly but still regard them in our heart and are unwilling and reluctant to part with them. The moment we begin our Christian life, we have to ask for the Lord's grace to keep us from falling and to sanctify us in our conduct. At the same time, we must thoroughly reject all sins in our heart. We should not retain or regard any sin in our heart. Our prayer will be useless if sin remains in our heart. The Lord will not listen to such a prayer.

Proverbs 28:13 says, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." You must confess your sins. You must tell the Lord, "I have regarded a sin in my heart. I cannot give it up. I ask You to forgive me. I want to forsake this sin. Please deliver me from this sin. Do not let this sin remain in me. I do not want it. I want to reject it." If you confess to the Lord this way, the Lord will forgive; you will receive forgiveness. Then, your prayer will be heard. You must never be loose in this matter. You will not receive anything if you do not ask. You also will not receive anything if you ask evilily. Even if you do not ask evilily, the Lord will not answer your prayer as long as you keep back a favorite sin and regard it in your heart.

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