

Please pray:

- ✳️ **2021 December Semi-annual training:** 1) Pray for the ministering brothers, that they may be anointed and burdened from the Lord with His utterance. 2) Pray that the saints would give the Lord the way that they can be gained through this time. 3) Pray that the saints will register without delay or hesitation. 4) Pray for the release of the Lord's speaking to His churches for the advancement of His economy.
- ✳️ **Chinese speaking homecoming meeting** (Dec 18, 2021): 1) May the Lord use this opportunity to draw the dormant saints back to the Father's house. 2) May this time be a time of recovering, cherishing, shepherding, rejoicing, feasting, blending, and building up. 3) May the Lord gain what He is after in this time.
- ✳️ **End of year 2021:** Praise and thank the Lord for year 2021. 1) May we count the Lord's blessing and thank Him for all that He had done this year. 2) May we prepare ourselves for the year 2022 by reconsecrating ourselves, our whole being and all our belongings to the Lord.
- ✳️ **Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba** (regarding 10.6 acre land): 1) Pray for the Lord to lead us through the steps the consultant has proposed for us for the land. 2) Pray for the Lord's will to be made known on how to use this land for His interest in Canada.
- ✳️ **Israel:** Last week two Recovery Version recipients in two different cities introduced us to brothers and sisters that they fellowship with. During the home meetings with them, we were refreshed by their openness, and the Lord's presence really seemed to be with us. Also, several of them asked for a Recovery Version, and we were able to give them these "gold bars". Please pray that they would have eyes to see the deeper matters in His word and ears to hear the Lord's voice.
- ✳️ 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: Job 6:1 – 19:29
- ✳️ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, week 8

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.
- ✳️ 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.

- ✳️ The 2021 Semi-annual English Video Training schedule is as followed: (*Zoom only meetings)

Video Training Schedule December 2021						
Lord's Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25
		Msg 1* (7pm - 8:45pm)	Study Session* (5pm - 6pm) Msg 2* (7pm - 8:45pm)	Study Session* (5pm - 6pm) Msg 3* (7pm - 8:45pm)		Study Session (9am - 9:50am) Msg 4 (10am - 11:45am) Msg 5 (1pm - 2:45pm)
Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31	Jan 1
Msg 6 (11am - 12:30pm) Msg 7 (1:30pm - 3:15pm)	Study Session (9am - 9:50am) Msg 8 (10am - 11:45am) Msg 9 (1:00pm - 2:45pm)	Study Session* (9am - 11am) Msg 10* (7pm - 8:45pm)	Study Session* (9am - 11am) Msg 11* (7pm - 8:45pm)	Study Session* (9am - 11am) Msg 12* (7pm - 8:45pm)		

Upcoming Events

- ✳️ December 18: **Chinese speaking Homecoming Meeting**
- ✳️ December 20-25: **Semiannual Training**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

12 December LORD'S DAY	✳️ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
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Monday		
14	✳	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
Tuesday		
15	✳	
Wednesday		
16	✳	
Thursday		
17	✳	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
Friday		
18	✳	
Saturday		
19	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
December LORD'S DAY		

PRAYER

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

II. CONDITIONS FOR PRAYERS BEING ANSWERED

3. The Lord's Act—God Has Done (continued)

We hope that new believers will know what faith is, and we hope that they will learn to pray. Perhaps, you have prayed continually for three or five days, a month, or even a year, and still your hands are empty. But deep in your heart, you have a little assurance that the matter will eventually be accomplished. At that time you should begin to praise God. You should continue praising Him until you have received the thing in your hand. Simply put, the first stage is to pray from nothing to having faith, and the second stage is to praise from having faith to actually receiving.

Why should we divide our prayers into these two stages? Suppose a person prays from having nothing to having faith. If he continues to pray, he may lose his faith. Once a person has acquired faith, he should begin praising. If he continues to pray, he may pray away his faith and not receive anything in the end. "You will have it" is an actual having in the hands, while "you have received it" is a having in the spirit. If the faith is already there, but the things have not materialized, one has to remind God with praise; he should not try to remind Him with prayer. If God has said that He will give us something, what else do we need to say? If we have the inward assurance that "we have received it," what more do we need to pray for? Many Christians have the experience that as soon as their prayer strikes faith, they can no longer continue to pray. They can only say, "Lord! I praise You." They have to keep

their faith and praise, "Lord! I praise You. You have heard my prayer. I praise You because You answered my prayer a month ago." If you do this, you will receive. Unfortunately, some people do not have the knowledge. God has already promised them something, yet they still pray. In the end their prayer drives away their faith. This is a great loss.

The word in Mark 11:24 is too precious. In the whole New Testament, we cannot find another passage that explains faith as clearly as this one. "All things that you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and you will have them." If a person sees this, he will know what prayer really is, and prayer will be a powerful tool in his hands.

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