

Please pray:

- ✳ **2021 December Semi-annual training:** 1) Pray that the saints would give the Lord the way that they can be gained through this time. 2) Pray for the release of the Lord's speaking to His churches for the advancement of His economy. 3) Pray that the Lord will 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.
- ✳ **GTCC in Ontario** (Jan. 21–30): Let us pray that: 1) saints can contact their prayer list of unsaved family members, gospel friends, and saints not meeting regularly; 2) small teams of local saints can call to follow up on BfC recipients; 3) saints can set aside 2-3 days to participate in blending, gospel, and shepherding of believers in the nearby localities
- ✳ **India:** Pray for the college trainings and FTTND (Full-time training in New Delhi) meetings for calling prospective trainees in various states in the month of December, that many college students may rise up to meet God's need today and answer the Lord's calling by consecrating themselves to join the full-time training.
- ✳ 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 10:5 – 12:11
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, week 9

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 TODAY.
- ✳ 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 20-25: **Semiannual Training**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

19 December LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
20 Monday	✳
21 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
22 Wednesday	✳
23	✳

Thursday

24 ✨ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings
Friday (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom

25 ✨

Saturday

26 ✨ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying
December meetings
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

E. Persevering in Asking

Another point about prayer which requires attention is that we must persevere in prayer and never stop praying. Luke 18:1 says, "They ought always to pray and not lose heart." Some prayers require perseverance. One has to pray to such an extent that the prayer seems to wear out the Lord and force Him to answer. This is another kind of faith. The Lord said, "Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?" (v. 8). This faith is different from the faith spoken of earlier, but they are not contradictory. Mark 11 says that we must pray until we have faith. Luke 18 says that we must ask again and again. We must have the faith to pray to the Lord persistently until one day He is compelled to answer our prayer. We should not care whether or not there is a promise. We should just pray until God is compelled to answer.

Many prayers are inconsistent prayers. A person can pray for one or two days. But after three months, he completely forgets it. Some people can pray about something only once. They cannot even pray a second time for it. Such ones care little whether they receive what they ask for. Please count how many of your prayers have been offered for the second time, the third time, the fifth time, or the tenth time. If you have forgotten your prayers, how can you expect God to remember them? If you do not have a heart to pray, how can you expect God to have a heart to listen? If you have forgotten your prayer, how can you expect God to remember it? Actually, you have never wanted what you asked for. A person will pray persistently only if he has a real need. One prays persistently only when he is pressed in the environment and driven by needs. In such cases he may persist for decades and still not give up praying, "Lord! If You do not answer me, I will not stop asking."

If you want to ask for something, you should trouble God about it. If you really want it, you must ask persistently until God hears you. You have to ask in such a way that God cannot do

anything except answer your prayer. You have to ask until God is forced to answer you.

III. THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER

Every Christian should have a prayer-book, one a year. He should record his prayers as one keeps books in accounting. Each page should be divided into four columns. The first column should record the date he begins to pray for something. The second column should record the prayer item. The third column should record the date the prayer is answered, and the fourth column should record how God answers the prayer. In this way, one will find out how many things he asks God for in a year, how many prayers God answers, and what prayers are still unanswered. New believers should definitely keep such a book. But it is good for those who have been believers for many years to keep a prayer-book also.

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