

## Please pray:

- ✳ **New year 2022:** Praise and thank the Lord for the year 2021. **1)** May this new year 2022 be a year consecrated to the Lord. May we consecrate our whole being, our family, our time, our relationships, our future, our finances, and all our belongings to the Lord. **2)** May this year be a year of being renewed day by day until we are fully conformed into His image. **3)** May He gain what He is after in us this year. **4)** May we learn how to cooperate with Him in His work in us this year.
- ✳ **New government restrictions for meetings:** **1)** When everything seems chaotic, may we all be like Hannah (Samuel's mother in the Old Testament) to pray with desperation and urgency, prevailing prayers for the producing of Samuels and for the establishing of God's kingdom to end this age. **2)** May each saint be taken care of during this time. **3)** May we learn how to enjoy the Lord and be built up together with the means available to us.
- ✳ **Young people & college students:** **1)** Pray for our YP in junior and senior high school and for those who attend university, that the Lord keep and preserve them, to stand against the tide of this age. Pray that they would have a heart to stand for the Lord and share Him with their classmates. **2)** Pray for our parents to have the wisdom to guide and converse with their children about healthy companions. **3)** Pray for the Lord's protection as they are confronted with many matters and teachings contrary to the truth. **4)** Pray for the ongoing shepherding of all the YP and college saints.
- ✳ **All the churches in the Lord's recovery on the earth:** **1)** Pray that all the saints would be strengthened to put on the whole armor of God to fight as the one new man. **2)** Pray that, as the pandemic still continues, the saints would be covered with the helmet of salvation to quench all the flaming darts of the enemy directed towards the mind. **3)** Pray that the wearing-out tactics of the enemy would be overthrown by our enjoyment of the resurrection life of Christ.
- ✳ **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.
- ✳ 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 34:1 – 41:34
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, week 12

## Announcements

- ✳ All children's meetings will be online until the government regulations allow us to return to the meeting hall. The new online children's meetings schedule is as follows:
  - Group 1: Lord's Day 1:30pm - 1:45pm
  - Group 2: Lord's Day 1:45pm - 2:15pm
  - Group 3: Lord's Day 11:00am - 11:45am
- ✳ 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](mailto: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



*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

<b>9</b>	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
<b>January</b>		
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>		
<b>10</b>	✳	
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>11</b>	✳	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>12</b>	✳	
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>13</b>	✳	
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>14</b>	✳	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>15</b>	✳	
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>16</b>	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
<b>January</b>		
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>		

## EARLY RISING

Scripture Reading: S.S. 7:12; Psalms 57:8-9; 63:1; 78:34; 90:14; 108:2-3; Exodus 16:21

## II. EXAMPLES OF EARLY RISING

In the Bible we find God's servants rising up early in the morning. Let us consider their examples:

1. Abraham—Genesis 19:27; 21:14; 22:3

2. Jacob—Gen. 28:18
3. Moses—Exo. 8:20; 9:13; 24:4; 34:4
4. Joshua—Josh. 3:1; 6:12; 7:16; 8:10
5. Gideon—Judg. 6:38
6. Hannah—1 Sam. 1:19
7. Samuel—1 Sam. 15:12
8. David—1 Sam. 17:20
9. Job—Job 1:5
10. Mary—Luke 24:22; Mark 16:9; John 20:1
11. The apostles—Acts 5:21

These many verses tell us that God's servants had the habit of dealing with God early in the morning. Every one of them had the habit of waking early in the morning and fellowshiping with God early in the morning. They rose up early in the morning to do many things related to God's business. They also rose up early in the morning to consecrate themselves. Although there is no commandment in the Bible that tells us to get up early, there are sufficient examples in the Bible to show us that all faithful servants of God rise up early. Even the Lord Jesus Himself rose up early. He rose up very early in the morning, while it was still night, and went away to a deserted place to pray (Mark 1:35). When He wanted to appoint the twelve apostles, He called them to Himself early in the morning (Luke 6:13). If the Lord had to rise up early to do these things, how much more do we need to rise up early?

Any brother or sister who wants to follow the Lord must never think that there is little difference in rising up an hour early. You must realize that your Bible reading becomes ineffective if you rise up an hour late. Likewise, your prayer becomes ineffective if you rise up an hour late. Although one may spend the same amount of time in reading the Bible, an hour's difference will produce very different results. Early rising brings in great blessing. We hope that you will not miss the blessing of early rising at the start of your Christian life. One brother was asked at least fifty times during his first three years as a Christian, "What time did you get up this morning?" Early rising is a great blessing. Those who have learned to rise up early know the significance of it. If you do not rise up early in the morning, you will live in spiritual poverty. Late rising brings in much loss. Many spiritual things are lost through late rising.

We have seen many examples from the Bible. How about the servants of God who are not mentioned in the Bible, like George Müller, John Wesley, and many other famous servants of God? They also rose up early in the morning. We can say that almost all the ones we know of or have read about from books, who are of any use in God's hands, pay attention to the matter of rising early. They call this early rising "morning watch." All servants of God emphasize morning watch. The term morning watch itself tells us that it is done early in the morning. Have you heard of anyone who keeps watch when the sun is already up? Never! One keeps

morning watch early in the morning. This is a good habit, and we Christians should cultivate this habit. God's children should not be sloppy people. The church has been practicing this for years. We should maintain this good habit of meeting God early in the morning. The term morning watch is not found in the Bible. We can give it another name, but no matter what name we give to it, meeting God early in the morning is a very crucial matter.

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