

Please pray:

- ✳ **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; **4)** Pray for the gospel seminars being held by the Kitchener Chinese-speaking and Korean-speaking saints. Pray that many of their gospel friends will attend; **5)** Pray for our Young People's time, that all would attend, and through the sharing of the full-timers' testimonies, they would be inspired to give their lives to the Lord.
- ✳ **Pray for the Lord to intensify His work in us** so that we may be prepared and be ready for His coming. - "Lord, I must advance. I need Your grace to bring me onward. I do not want to remain in the work of incarnation nor even in the work of inclusion. I want to advance from inclusion to intensification. Lord, You have been intensified sevenfold, and I pray that I also will be intensified sevenfold to overcome the degradation of the church that the Body may be built up to consummate the New Jerusalem." - **Excerpt from: Incarnation, Inclusion, and Intensification, Chapter 2.** - **1)** May we renew our consecration to the Lord each day. **2)** May we learn how to cooperate with Him and His work in us everyday. **3)** May we be equipped with the truth to be the pillars and base of the truth. **4)** May we grow in life each day until we reach full maturity. **5)** May we learn how to take care and shepherd the dormant saints. - **May all His work in us be intensified.**
- ✳ **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.
- ✳ **Lord's move in Asia:** **1) Azerbaijan** - Pray for the further development of the publication work so that the ministry of the New Testament can continue to be translated into the local language, and that the Russian language publications can increase and spread here. **1) India** - Pray for the churches entering into the video training of the Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Samuel, that many saints can be ushered into the Lord's up-to-date speaking in the ministry and through His speaking the Lord can strengthen the churches. **3) Cambodia** - Pray for the gospel preaching among the local people to not only contact some open vessels but also gain some genuine seeking ones that they may become remaining fruit and building materials.

- ✳ 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 15:1 – 16:24
- ✳ HWMR: The Intrinsic and Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ, week 1

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. 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

- ✳ February 18-20, 2022, online: **International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

16	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
January	
LORD'S DAY	
17	✳
Monday	
18	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
Tuesday	
19	✳
Wednesday	
20	✳
Thursday	
21	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
Friday	
22	✳
Saturday	
23	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
January	
LORD'S DAY	

EARLY RISING

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

III. WHAT TO DO IN THE EARLY MORNING

We do not merely rise up early. There must be spiritual exercise and spiritual content to what we do. Here are a few things to do early in the morning:

A. Fellowship with God

Song of Songs 7:12 shows us that the early morning is the best time to fellowship with the Lord. To fellowship means to open up our spirit and our mind to God and allow Him to enlighten us, speak to us, impress us, and touch us (Psa. 119:105, 147). During this time our hearts are drawn near to God, and we allow God to draw near to our hearts. We should rise up early in the morning to tarry before the Lord, to meditate, to receive leading and impressions from God, to learn to touch Him, and to give Him an opportunity to speak to us.

B. Praise and Sing

There must be the sound of praise and singing in the early morning. The early morning is the best time to sing praises to God. When we offer our highest praise to God, our spirit rises to the highest peak.

C. Read the Bible

The early morning is the time for us to gather the manna (which is Christ). What does it mean to eat the manna? It means to enjoy Christ, to enjoy God's Word, and to enjoy His truth early in the morning every day. After we eat the manna, we have the strength to journey in the wilderness. The early morning is the time to gather the manna. One will not be fed spiritually or be satisfied if he spends his early morning on other things.

We have mentioned already that we should have two Bibles, one with marks and notes in it to use in the afternoon and the other with nothing in it for "eating manna" early in the morning. In the early morning, do not read too much and do not take many portions of the Word. Instead, read a single portion of the Bible carefully, always mingling your reading with unceasing communion with God and singing. This does not mean that you should fellowship with God first, praise second, and then read the Bible last. You have to blend all these things together. At the same time you should also pray. Come to God's presence and open His Word. As you read, you may be convicted to confess your sins. As you

read certain portions, you may be touched by His grace to offer up thanksgiving. You can also pray to God concerning what you have read in the Word. You can say, "Lord, this is truly what I need. This portion, this verse, this word, truly exposes my lack. Lord, fill up this lack of mine." When you find a promise, you can say, "Lord, I believe in this promise." When you find grace, you can say, "Lord, I take this grace." You can also intercede. While you are reading, you may remember the condition of those who fall short of what this portion says. You should not accuse or criticize them. Instead, you should pray, "God, fulfill this word in me. Fulfill this word also in my brother and sister." You can confess your sins and the sins of others. You can pray for yourself and for others. You can believe for yourself and for others. You can give thanks for yourself and for others. Your Bible reading in the morning should not be too long; it should not cover too much. Two, three, four, or five verses are sufficient. You can dwell on them for an hour. As you read these verses word by word, pray over them, and commune with God through them, you will be filled.

Both in the Old Testament and the New Testament, there were people who fellowshiped with God this way. They knew God and communed with God. Their fellowship with God became part of their lives.

In Psalms David interchanged the pronouns you and He freely. At one moment he would be speaking to man, and at the next moment he would be praying to God. In the same psalm, he would say a few sentences to man and then say something to God. On the one hand, David spoke to man. On the other hand, he spoke to God. The Psalms show us that David was a person who was in constant fellowship with God.

While Nehemiah was working, he would speak a few words and then offer a short prayer. When the king asked him something, he would speak to the king first and then to the Lord. He mingled his work and prayer together. He did not separate his work from his prayer.

Paul wrote the book of Romans to those in Rome. However, more than once he turned his speaking to the Lord. A few times he seemed to have forgotten the fact that he was writing to the Romans. It seemed as if he were talking to God. We can find frequent examples like this in Paul's Epistles. In an instant he could turn around and speak to God.

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