

Please Pray

- ✳️ **North America Chinese-Speaking Saints Perfecting Training (July 24-28):** (1) Pray that saints of all ages attending the training would enter into the timely speaking of the age with a fresh spirit. (2) That the Lord would especially strengthen the younger saints in every church, causing them to gain more of the Lord through the training, willingly offering their bodies to serve and being transformed through the renewing of their mind. (3) That the Lord would also safeguard the saints' travel arrangements who will join the in-person training, and preserve the entire process of the training, with a sevenfold strengthening of the Spirit of the Lord, whether in person or online. Details available at <https://na-csw.org/announcement/2024-naccspt/>.
- ✳️ **Europe Blending Trip, European Young People Conference & European Family Conference (July 19-Aug 6):** Ten young people and three YP serving ones from Montréal will leave this Friday on a Europe blending trip and also attend the European Young People Conference in Poland. In addition, two families from Montréal will attend the European family conference in Poland. (1) May the Lord cover all the travelling of these dear saints. (2) May this trip be a heart enlarging trip to see the Body of Christ. (3) May the Lord gain these young people and speak to them a personal word through the blending trip and the conference for His move. (4) May the families going to the family conference be refreshed and strengthened in their going on in the Lord through this conference. (5) May the Lord gain what He is after in these conferences.
- ✳️ **The Burden for France – Borne out of the special gospel move during the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in France:** For the special gospel move, there has been much prayer by the coordinating team beginning in 2021. The entire recovery has been praying for this time. The gospel teams are formed into WhatsApp groups to meet and pray even before they arrive in France. Due to the prayers of the entire Body, we firmly believe that this special gospel move is having and will have a significant impact on France as it had with the special gospel moves in the respective countries during the London Olympic Games in 2012, during the refugee crisis in Germany in 2016, and during the refugee crisis in Poland in 2022. So far, all the gospel teams have witnessed a new phenomenon in France not seen before, that the people are more receptive to the gospel in general. In particular, the young people and college students are unprecedentedly open and eager to receive the Bible and desirous to know about God. There is a definite sense, as shown by the response of the people, that the Spirit is moving according to our petitions to the throne that the Lord would change the atmosphere and attitude of the French people toward God and His economy. A group of 11 saints from Montréal will leave on July 20 to join this gospel trip. (1) May the Lord cover all the travelling and the safety of all the saints joining these gospel trips. (2) Pray that the existing churches are strengthened by the gospel teams. (3) That the Lord would raise up new lampstands in Marseille, Toulouse, Montpellier, Rouen, Caen, Nantes, Lille, Mertzig (Luxembourg), and Geneva, Switzerland. (4) That by Summer 2025, there would be a team of 20 full-time serving ones in Paris to take care of the Lord's needs throughout France. (5) That many students, families and mature saints will within the next couple of years migrate to France for the Lord's interest.
- ✳️ **Gospel Time and Bible Distributions for the Beginning of the School Year (Aug. 19-Sep. 5):** The beginning of the school year is the season to fish on the campuses such as McGill, Concordia, UdM, HEC, and Polytechnique. We will be having gospel and Bible distribution times on all these campuses. (1) May

the Lord go before us to brood over these campuses to prepare the soil and make it ready. (2) May we have a heart to cooperate with the Lord by participating in these gospel and Bible distribution times. (3) May many seeking ones be brought to the tables. (4) May many be open to have further contacts with us. (5) May the Lord gain remaining fruit on these campuses.

- ✳️ **Pray for various local needs in Montréal:** The saints, their contacts, and for the persons in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✳️ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Lev. 23:1 – 26:46.
- ✳️ HWMR: The Enjoyment of Christ and Our Growth in Life Unto Maturity, Week 6.
- ✳️ Life-Study of Romans, Messages 36 and 37.

Announcements

- ✳️ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and email your prayer requests to Allan Yeow, allan.yeow81@gmail.com, by Wednesday evening of every week. Please also note that due to the limited space in the newsletter, we may not be able to publish all prayer burdens sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✳️ October 4-6, Warsaw, Poland: **October International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO)**.
- ✳️ Nov. 28–Dec. 1, Atlanta, GA: **International Thanksgiving Blending Conference**.
- ✳️ December 23-28, Anaheim, CA: **December Semi-Annual Training**.

This Week's Activities

Sun-Jul-12 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Jul-22	♦
Tues-Jul-23	♦ 07:30pm-09:00pm: English, French, and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Jul-24	♦
Thur-Jul-25	♦
Fri-Jul-26	♦ 06:30pm-09:00pm: English, French, and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Jul-27	♦
Sun-Jul-28 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD

Scripture Reading: Exo. 10:8-11, 21-26; 12:6-11, 37-42; 2 Cor. 6:17

II. Areas that require separation from the world (cont'd)

B. Things incompatible with the Lord

Anything that is incompatible with the Lord must also be removed. Since the Lord suffered humiliation on the earth, we should not seek glory here. Since the Lord was crucified like a robber, we should not seek to be welcomed everywhere. When our Lord was walking on the earth, He was accused of demon possession. We cannot allow people to say that we have the best mind, that we are smart, or that we are very intellectual. We have to pass through what the Lord passed through. Everything that is incompatible with the Lord must go.

The Lord said that a slave is not greater than his master and a disciple is not greater than his teacher. If the world treated our Master one way, we should not expect it to treat us another way. If it treated our Teacher one way, we should not expect it to treat us another way. If we are not treated the same as our Master, something is wrong with us, and something is definitely wrong in our relationship with the Lord. Whatever our Lord experienced on the earth should be our experience today.

To follow Jesus of Nazareth, one must be ready to suffer humiliation; this is not a thing of glory. To follow Jesus of Nazareth means to bear the cross. When others first came to the Lord, the Lord told them that they had to bear the cross in order to follow Him. According to the Lord, this is the main entrance. He does not wait until a person is in the room before He tells him this condition. Before we go in, the Lord makes it clear that we must bear the cross in order to follow Him. The Lord has called us to bear the cross. This is the way we are taking, and we can only follow the Lord according to this way. The Lord's relationship with the world should be our relationship with the world. Our relationship with the world must be compatible with our Lord's relationship with the world; we cannot take a different way.

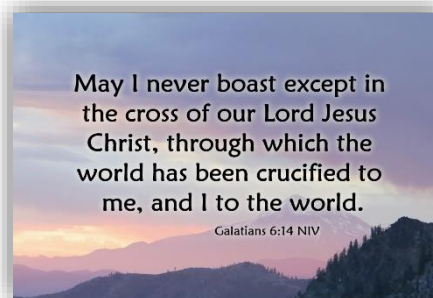
Galatians 6:14 shows us that the cross stands between the world and the Lord. The Lord is on one side, and the world is on the other side. The cross stands in between. We and the world stand on opposite sides of the cross. The world crucified our Lord on the cross; therefore, the world is on the other side of the cross. Since I am on the Lord's side, I would have to go through the cross before I could reach the world. There is no way to go around the cross because the cross is a fact; it is also history. I cannot annul this fact, and I cannot annul history. The world has crucified our Lord. I cannot take another way. If the cross is a fact, the crucifixion of the world to me is also an eternal fact. If I cannot annul the cross, I also cannot annul the fact that the world has been crucified to me. Today there is no way for me to go to the world's side, unless I remove the cross. The cross is here, and I have no way to avoid it because the crucifixion of my Lord is a fact. Today, I am a person on the other side of the cross.

Suppose a person's parents or brothers are killed. Others may offer a reasonable excuse for the murderer, but the person may say, "My folks are already dead. An excuse cannot change this fact. If my folks were not yet dead, there would be something to talk about. But now that they are dead, there is nothing more to say." In the same principle, we can say that the cross is already here; what more is there to say? The world has already crucified our Lord on the cross. Today, we are on the Lord's side, and we can only say, "World, from your point of view, I am crucified. From my point of view, you are also crucified." Today, it is impossible for these two sides to communicate. It is impossible for the world to come over. It is also impossible for us to go over. The cross is a fact. If I have no way to annul the cross, I have no way to win the world over to my side. My Lord has died, and there is no longer any possibility of reconciliation.

Once we see the cross we can say, "I boast in the cross." As far as we are concerned, the world is crucified on the cross. As far as the world is concerned, we are crucified on the cross (Gal. 6:14). The cross will be forever history and a fact. As Christians, we are on one side, while the world is on the other side. The cross is in between. As soon as we open our eyes, we will see nothing but the cross. If we want to see the world, we have to see the cross first.

A new believer must be led by the Lord to see that his condition should match the Lord's condition. Some people ask many questions. They ask, "Will we touch the world if we do this?" And they ask, "Can we do that?" We cannot tell people what to do item by item. We only need to give them the general principle. The world is against the cross; it is against our Lord. If our heart is open and soft before God and if we go to Him, the difference between the world and the cross spontaneously will become clear to us.

As soon as we go to the Lord, we will find out what the world is and what the world is not. We only need to ask, "What is my relationship with this matter, and what was the Lord Jesus' relationship with it while He was on the earth?" As long as our relationship with the world is the same as the Lord's, we are all right. If our position is different from the Lord's position, we have erred. The Lamb was slain, and we are the followers of the Lamb. We are those who follow the Lamb wherever He may go (Rev. 14:4). We take the same stand as that of the Lord. Anything that is not on the same ground as the Lord or that stands against the Lord is the world, and we must depart from it.



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