

Please Pray

- ✳ **International Thanksgiving Blending Conference (November 27-30):** The International Thanksgiving Blending Conference will be held in Indianapolis, U.S. We will also have a schedule to watch it together in different languages. (1) May the Lord cover all the travelling of the saints to and from the conference. (2) May the Lord strengthen all the serving ones in the preparation of this conference. (3) May the speaking brothers be covered and strengthened by the Lord to speak forth His word. (4) May the Lord release what is on His heart for the churches during this time. (5) May we have ears to hear what the Spirit is speaking to the churches. (6) May the Lord bless all the blending of the churches.
- ✳ **The Direction of the Church in Montréal:** The Lord desires to move forward and increase in Montréal, and He desires that we cooperate with Him. May the Lord continue to head up and direct all the responsible ones in each service in their considerations with the two meeting halls. May many more saints rise up to serve, function, and take more responsibilities in the church. May we take this opportunity to learn how to depend on the Lord for our services. May the Lord bless us with much increase in life and in number.
- ✳ **Gospel trips during the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy (3 December 2025—23 February 2026):** The 2026 Winter Olympic Games will be held in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. Gospel trips during the time of the Torch Relay and the Olympic Games will be conducted from 3 December 2025 through 23 February 2026. Please pray: (1) That the Lord will be wisdom to His Body on how to take advantage of this opportunity to sow Christ as the seed of the kingdom into many who attend this event. (2) That the Lord will use the upcoming months to prepare the hearts of many seeking people to receive Christ in His word and be added to the Lord's testimony in Italy and other parts of Europe. (3) That the Lord will grace the serving saints to prepare the most effective ministry publications for distribution to the seeking ones. (4) That the Lord will blend the saints together for the spreading of the lampstands in Italy and will advance His move in His recovery.
- ✳ **FIFA World Cup 2026 (soccer) in North America:** The world's most watched sport will be hosted by Canada, U.S., and Mexico in June and July of 2026. Toronto and Vancouver will be hosting the games in Canada. The leading brothers in both localities and throughout Canada felt good to grasp this opportunity to advance the divine history in the midst of this event in the human history. Let us first of all cooperate with the Lord by praying. Let's pray for the sanctifying work of the Spirit to prepare the sons of peace; pray for the fellowship and coordination among the brothers and localities; may the Lord release the proper venues and permits for the distributions.
- ✳ **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: Nehemiah 9:1 – Esther 3:15.
- ✳ HWMR: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (2), Vol. 4, Week 22.
- ✳ Life-Study of Ephesians, Messages 61 and 62.

Announcements

- ✳ The 2026 HWMR annual subscription is now open at the cost of \$80.00. Please sign up and make your payment directly with your respective district serving ones by December 20, 2025.
- ✳ 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

- ✳ November 27-30, Indianapolis, IN: **International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.**
- ✳ December 22-27, Anaheim, CA: **December Semi-Annual Training.**

This Week's Activities

Sun-Nov-23 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Nov-24	✳
Tues-Nov-25	✳ 07:30pm-09:00pm: English, French, and Chinese prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Nov-26	✳
Thur-Nov-27	✳
Fri-Nov-28	✳ 06:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Nov-29	✳
Sun-Nov-30 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

19. LEADING MEN TO CHRIST

Scripture Reading: Rom. 1:16; 10:14; 1 Tim. 2:1, 4; Mark 16:15

Leading men to Christ

I. Going to God on man's behalf (cont'd)

C. The greatest obstacle to prayer being sin (cont'd)

On the subjective side, sin damages man's conscience. When a person sins, no matter what he says to himself, how much he reads the Bible, how many promises there are in the Word, how much grace God has, and how much He accepts him, his conscience will be weakened and bound. First Timothy 1:19 says, "Holding faith and a good conscience, concerning which some, thrusting these away, have become shipwrecked regarding the faith." A ship may be old or small, but it cannot leak. Similarly, our conscience must not have a leak. As soon as the conscience is not at peace, many prayers cannot be uttered. Thus, there are obstacles not only before God but even within man himself. The relationship between faith and conscience is just like that between a ship and its cargo. Faith is like the cargo, and the conscience is like a ship. When the ship has a leak, the cargo will be damaged. When the conscience is strong, faith will be strong. But when there is a leak in the conscience, faith will be gone. If our heart blames us, God is greater than our heart and knows all things (1 John 3:20).

If you want to be a man of prayer, you must deal with sin thoroughly. You lived in sin for a long time in the past. If you are not careful with it now, you will not be totally free from it. You have to deal with sin seriously; you have to come before God to confess every sin, putting every sin under the blood, refusing it, and coming out from it. Then your conscience will be recovered. As soon as the blood cleanses, the conscience is recovered. There will be no condemnation, and spontaneously you will see God's face. Never give in to sin. This will weaken you before the Lord. If you are weak before the Lord, you will not be able to intercede for others. As long as sin remains, you will not be able to utter anything in your prayer. Sin is the number one problem. You should pay attention to it all the time, even daily. If one deals with sin properly before the Lord, he will be able to offer proper prayers, and others will be brought to the Lord through him.

D. Praying with faith

Another important thing is to have faith in our prayers. If the conscience is blameless, it is easy for faith to be strong, and if faith is strong, spontaneously our prayers will be answered.

What is faith? Faith is freedom from doubt. It is to accept God's promises in our prayers. It is God who asks us to pray and who wants us to pray. God said, "Concerning the work of My hands, command Me" (Isa. 45:11). If we pray, God has to answer us. Jesus said, "Knock and it shall be opened to you" (Matt. 7:7). It is impossible for Him not to open after we have knocked. Jesus said, "Seek and you shall find." It is impossible for us not to find after we have sought. Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given to you." It is impossible for us to ask and yet not receive. If we do not believe this, what kind of God do we think our God is? We must see that God's promises are faithful and dependable.

Faith is based on our knowledge of God. The more we know God, the stronger our faith will be. We are saved already; we know God already. Therefore, we can believe; there should not be any difficulty at all for us to believe. When we believe, God will answer our prayers. Learn to be a person full of faith from the very beginning. We should not trust in our feelings or our mind. Instead, we should believe in God's word. God's promises are like cash; they work. In fact, God's promises are God's work. The promises tell us of God's work, while His work is the manifestation of His promises. We have to accept God's promises in the same way we accept His work. When we believe God's word, abiding in faith rather than in doubt, we will see how real God's words are and we will find answers to our prayers.

E. Aspiring to be a praying person

We need to have the ambition to be a praying person, a person with power before God. Some people are powerful before God, while others are not. When some people speak, God listens. When others speak, He does not listen. What does it mean to be powerful before God? It simply means that God listens to the person when he speaks. It is as if God is happy to be influenced by such a one. Some people can influence God. Being powerless before God means that God does not listen to the person when he speaks. Such a one may spend much time before God, but God ignores him. We must have the desire and the aspiration to see that God often answers our prayers. No blessing can be greater than God answering our prayers all the time. We have to pray to Him, "May every request of ours be pleasing to Your ears." It is a most glorious thing for God to incline His ear to us. It is a tremendous thing for God to trust us to the extent that He can give us whatever we ask.

You have to present to the Lord the names that you are burdened with and pray for them one by one. See how long it takes for God to save them. If your prayers are unanswered after a long period, you have to deal with yourself and with God. In order for your prayers to be answered, it is often necessary to go through specific dealings. Unanswered prayer means that there is sickness somewhere. If you do not mean business in this matter, you will always fail.

This is why you need a record book. The record book will show you whether or not your prayers are answered. Many people do not know whether their prayers are answered because they do not have a record of anything. Newly saved brothers and sisters should learn to have such a record book. Then they will know whether or not their prayers are answered. They will know whether there is a problem between them and the Lord. They will know also when they have to deal with themselves and when they have to deal with God.

If you have prayed for a long time and there is still no answer, you should realize that there must be some hindrance. The hindrances always occur because there is sin in your conscience or there is a problem with your faith. New believers need not worry about the deeper aspects of prayer. They need only to pay attention to their conscience and their faith. Before the Lord, we have to confess, deal with, and refuse our sins. At the same time we have to genuinely and fully trust in God's promises. If we do this, we will see people being saved one by one, and our lives will be full of answers to prayer.

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