

JANUARY

Sunday 1 January 2012

Revival Focus: What should I pray for? Pray for kings and rulers

I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men; for kings and all who are in authority; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity (1 Tim.2:1,2). What a demonstration of the belief in prayer this is! A few weak and lowly Christians strive to influence the mighty Roman rulers and attempt to bring peace and tranquility. Let us, too, believe that prayer is a power that God uses in his sovereignty over the world. Let us pray for our country and its rulers; for the rulers throughout the world; and for city leaders. When God's children are united in this, they can rest assured that their prayers will accomplish more in the invisible realm than they can ever imagine. Let faith rest on this assurance. (Adapted from *Conversation with God* by Dr. Andrew Murray).

ONE THOUGHT PRAYER FOR ONE DAY: Bitterness: Father God, grant us grace as Your church in South Africa to let all bitterness and wrath, anger and clamour, and slander be put away from us, along with all malice. (Eph.4:31).

Monday 2 January 2012

Salvation focus: Visually impaired

The written word is a key to knowledge, but it was denied to those who cannot see, until Braille was invented. A Combination of only six little dots embossed onto special paper is the lifeline of many visually impaired people. Please lift up in prayer the distribution of the Bible in Braille to those in need, especially for those who cannot afford it. Pray, also, for the translation of more material into Braille, for blind people to learn to read Braille and for many to be saved. (Blind SA. Website: www.blindsa.org.za or e-mail: president@blindsa.org.za).

One Day in the Gap: Remember to register a specific day when you will stand in the gap for the nation of South Africa at pray@jwipn.com or tel.: 012 365 3213.

Tuesday 3 January 2012

Secrets of intercession: True worship

Worship God (Rev.22:9). Why are prayer and intercession not a greater joy and delight? The chief answer to this question is undoubtedly because we know God too little. In our prayer time we do not wait upon His presence chiefly. We think mainly of our need and our weakness, our desire and our prayer, and forget that His presence should be first in our attempt at reaching Him. We must give God time to reveal Himself to us. Begin this day with the Word: Unto you, o Lord, do I lift up my soul. Bow before Him in stillness, believing that He looks on you and will reveal His presence. (Adapted from *Daily secrets for Christian living* by Dr. Andrew Murray).

Focus on Muslims in the Netherlands

A congregation in the Netherlands invites expatriate women, mostly from a Muslim background (Turkey, Iraq, Iran etc.) once a week for coffee. During these times they share thoughts from the Bible, and help them to be creative and live meaningful lives. During the week congregation members visit the women and minister to their needs. Please pray for this ministry. Pray that God will open doors for them to minister to more families from a Muslim background. Pray also for their protection and provision to continue their work. (E-mail: Marikarentier@solcon.nl).

Wednesday 4 January 2012

Secrets of intercession: God is a Spirit

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). When God created man and breathed into him of His own Spirit, man became a living soul. The soul stood midway between the spirit and the body, and had either to yield to the spirit to be lifted up to God, or to the flesh and its lusts. In the 'Fall,' man refused to listen to the spirit and the soul became the slave of the body. In regeneration the spirit is quickened and born again from above. In the regenerated life and in the fellowship with God it is the spirit of man that has ever to yield itself to the Spirit of God. The spirit is the deepest inward part of the human being. (Ps.51). Deeper than our thoughts and feelings God will in our inward part in our spirits within us teach us to worship Him in spirit and in truth. Ask Him today to do this in your life. (Adapted from *Daily secrets for Christian living* by Dr. Andrew Murray).

Focus on establishing 24-7 Houses of Prayer

Pray, by name, for God's favour to firmly establish the following growing prayer watches: Dutch Reformed Church Kuilsrivier South prayer room (Amanda, cell: 083 271 1837, e-mail: bothmaamanda@gmail.com) and Cape Town House of Prayer in the City Bowl (Jacqueline, cell: 084 620 3353, e-mail: jacqueline.vankradenburg@capetown.gov.za). Pray for believers to be bold in spending time in prayer everywhere: in the workplace, at home, at church, when they are with friends etc. Ask that as they pray for the needs of others, many will testify to God answering their prayers and so lead a great number to Christ.

Thursday 5 January 2012

Secrets of intercession: Adoration

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (Ps.96:9). God has entrusted the whole of His redemption in Christ to His people to make known and to communicate to men. Intercession is the chief and essential element in prayer because it is in it that His servants enter into the full fellowship with Christ and receive the power of the Holy Spirit as their power for service. Intercession will lead to the need of a deeper adoration. The secret of true adoration can only be known by the soul that gives time to tarry in God's presence. Adoration will indeed fit us for the great work of making God's glory known. Spent time today just waiting on the Lord and ask Him to cover you with His sweet presence. (Adapted from *Daily secrets for Christian living* by Dr. Andrew Murray).

ONE THOUGHT PRAYER FOR ONE DAY: Bearing fruit: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that unceasing prayers will be made for all believers to be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. Strengthen us all with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, always giving thanks to You (Father), who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. (Col.1.9-12).

*Please remember to prepare for the **Sanctity Life Sunday** on 15 January 2012. Pray for sanctity of life 2012, that the holiness, the respect and sanctity of life will be restored as a spiritual value in our lives.*

Friday 6 January 2012

Crime focus: SMS tip-off initiative

The Crime Line initiative was implemented in June 2007 and is aimed at getting criminals off the streets. This project is endorsed by the South African Police Service (SAPS). Any information about criminals passed on to Crime Line will be acted upon - whether the

perpetrators be murderers, rapists, robbers, hijackers, drug dealers, gangsters, child abusers, etc. (Send an SMS to 32211 or visit www.crimeline.co.za to send anonymous tip-offs relating to any crime or suspicious activity). Give thanks to the Lord for initiatives like these in answer to much prayer over the years! Pray that people will become aware of this initiative, and for many criminals to be put to trial for their deeds. Pray for the salvation of criminals. Also pray for innocent people not to be taken into custody or end up in jail.

Pray 52: Week 19: Turkey / Gabon (6-12 Jan 2012)

Pray for more believers across these countries to come together in larger groups (where possible) to have extended times of prayer for specific breakthroughs in their own nations. Pray for believers in Turkey and Gabon to have special times of prayer for the church and their nation. (Contact: pray52@supermail.co.za / Information also available in Arabic, French and Farsi. For detailed prayer information on these countries, visit: www.operationworld.org).

Saturday 7 January 2012

Focus on prayer mobilization: Jericho Walls International Prayer Network

Please pray today for the different projects of Jericho Walls International Prayer Network across the country. Pray that more individuals and groups will join, start praying together, and subscribe to the printed booklet and the weekly Global Prayer Alert to keep up to date with regular prayer-related news and events. Pray for God to raise more prayer coordinators across the country to encourage others in their cities/towns to become involved in prayer. (Jericho Walls International Prayer Network. Private bag X22, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040. Tel.: 012 365 3213, fax: 086 594 0565. Website: www.jwipn.com or e-mail: info@jwipn.com).

ONE THOUGHT PRAYER FOR ONE DAY: Baptize us: Father, grant a spirit of brokenness and repentance to the believers of the church in South Africa. (Isa.57:15).

Sunday 8 January 2012

Revival focus: How should I pray? Pray as incense before God

*Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake (Rev.8:3-5). This same incense brings the prayer of believers before God and causes fire upon the earth. Prayers that rise to heaven, play a part in the history of this world. Make sure that your prayers reach God's presence. (Adapted from *Conversation with God* by Dr. Andrew Murray).*

Monday 9 January 2012

Salvation focus: Government officials

Pray for the salvation of government officials working in each and every government building in South Africa. Ask that other Christians will boldly minister the love and compassion of Christ to them, pray with and for them, and lead them to surrender their lives to Jesus.

ONE THOUGHT PRAYER FOR ONE DAY: Backsliding: O Lord, heal our backsliding; love us freely; turn Your anger away from us. (Hos.14:4).

One Day in the Gap: Remember to register a specific day when you will stand in the gap for the nation of South Africa at pray@jwipn.com or tel.: 012 365 3213.

Tuesday 10 January 2012

Secrets of intercession: The desire for God

*What is the greatest and most glorious thing that man can see or find upon the earth? Nothing less than God Himself. Nothing less and nothing greater than to seek God, to meet Him, to worship Him to live for Him and for His glory. Begin today and take a word from the Bible to speak to God in the stillness of your soul. O God, you are my God, early will I seek You, my soul thirst for You, my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me (Ps.63:1, 8). Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart! (Ps.119:2). Repeat these words in deep reverence and childlike longing. While waiting upon God you will begin to realize what the blessedness is of meeting with Him like this. (Adapted from *Daily secrets for Christian living* by Dr. Andrew Murray).*

Wednesday 11 January 2012

Secrets of intercession: Silence

*My soul silently waits for God.... My soul waits silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him (Ps.62:1, 5). When man in his littleness and God in His glory meet, we all understand that what God says has infinitely more worth than what man says. Yet our prayers so often consist in the utterance of our thoughts of what we need that we give God no time to speak to us. Our prayers are often so indefinite and vague. To be silent unto God is the secret of true adoration. In quietness and trust shall be our strength. It is as the soul bows itself before God, that the heart will be opened to receive the divine impression of the nearness of God and the working of His power. Do not imagine it as time lost. Do not turn from it if at first it appears difficult or fruitless. Be assured that it brings you into the right relation to God. It opens the way to fellowship with Him. It will make you strong to testify for God. Meditate on this verse today: *But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him. (Hab.2:20).* (Adapted from *Daily secrets for Christian living* by Dr. Andrew Murray).*

Focus on establishing 24-7 Houses of Prayer

Pray, by name, for God's favour to firmly establish the following growing prayer watches: Dutch Reformed Church Southern Strand prayer room (Carel, cell: 072 278 9225, e-mail: carelrita@iburst.co.za) and La Motte Prayer Watch in Franschhoek (Junita, cell: 082 393 7811, or e-mail: pray@la-motte.co.za). Lord, pour out Your Spirit of prayer and supplication on Your church worldwide. Grant that houses of prayer will be established all over the world. We ask that believers will faithfully pray the promises from Your Word night-and-day so Your kingdom may come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Matt.6:10).

Thursday 12 January 2012

Secrets of intercession: The light of God's countenance

God is light (1 John 1:5). The Lord is my light and my salvation (Ps.27:1). The light of the sun shines on us all day. BUT TO ENJOY THE LIGHT OF God's countenance, the soul must turn to God and trust Him to let His light shine in upon it. Do not rest, until you know that the light of His countenance and His blessing is resting on you. Then you will experience the truth of this word: They walk in the light of Your countenance, in Your name do they rejoice all the day (Ps.89:15-16). It is the longing of your Father that you should dwell and rejoice in His light all the day. Make sure that the light of God shines upon you in the morning and you can count

upon that light being with you all day. (Adapted from *Daily secrets for Christian living* by Dr. Andrew Murray).

ONE THOUGHT PRAYER FOR ONE DAY: Authority: Pray that your pastor will preach the Word of God with power, conviction, and authority. (1 Cor.2:1-4; 2 Tim.3:16-4:4).

Friday 13 January 2012

Focus on Bikers Church

Testimony from CMA (Christian Motorcyclist Association) ministry: We have seen so many awesome miracles and have so many wonderful testimonies of how God has saved so many of the really outcast rough living bikers and their families through our CMA outreaches. Our Mission is: 'ONE HEART AT A TIME'. Truly God is faithful! The CMA outreaches slow down over December period and really pick up again at the beginning of February. Give thanks to the Lord for answering many prayers and touching numerous lives of bikers across South Africa. (Bikers Church, P.O. Box 1755, Brackenfell, 7561. Tel.: 021 982 2303, fax: 021 982 0997. E-mail: bikerCRC@mweb.co.za or leane@CMACapeTown.org.za).

Pray 52: Week 20: Sudan / Comoros (13-19 Jan 2012)

Ask the Holy Spirit to encourage believers everywhere to have prayer rooms or prayer watches where all 168 hours of the week can be covered in prayer for breakthroughs in their nations so many will come to Christ. Pray for believers in Sudan and the Comoros to have special times of prayer for the church and their nation. (Contact: pray52@supermail.co.za / Information also available in Arabic, French and Farsi. For detailed prayer information on these countries, visit: www.operationworld.org).

Saturday 14 January 2012

Focus on evangelism

Every Home for Christ, South Africa (EHCSA) is participating in Judea Harvest Ministries' 'John's Journey' outreach and discipleship program. This outreach will take place over the next seven years. Pray for EHCSA as they will provide four million "The Gospel of John/Seven Steps to Knowing God" booklets that will be used in the program. Please pray that the suppliers will extend favour and consider EHCSA's request for additional literature. (EHCSA. P.O. Box 7256, Centurion 0046. Tel.: 012 663 4587. Website: www.ehcsa.co.za or e-mail: info@ehcsa.co.za).

ONE THOUGHT PRAYER FOR ONE DAY: Anger: Convict us when we speak unkindly about people when they are not present. Reveal to us any anger against ourselves, others and also against You.

Please remember to prepare for the **Sanctity Life Sunday** on 15 January 2012. Pray for sanctity of life 2012, that the holiness, the respect and sanctity of life will be restored as a spiritual value in our lives.

Sunday 15 January 2012

Revival Focus: What should I pray for? Pray for kings and rulers

I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men; for kings and all that are in high place; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour... (1 Tim.2:1-3a). Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth (Ps.46:10). What a terrible situation we find ourselves in – the military

strengthening of the nations. What a frightening thought – the evil powers that could declare war at any moment. What a prospect of pain and destruction that will result. God can bestow peace in answer to the prayers of His children. Let us, therefore, pray that justice will prevail, through which the situation can be negated. (Adapted from *Conversation with God* by Dr. Andrew Murray).

Sanctity Life Sunday

Today is also Sanctity Life Sunday. Pastors in SA are encouraged to preach what the Bible teaches on the subject of abortion and to mobilize their congregations in prayer and repentance. If most churchgoers could understand what the Bible teaches about the beginning of life, the sanctity of life, and our Christian responsibility to stand up for the right of pre-born babies to life – then we could save thousands of precious lives from abortion. (For more info contact: Africa Christian Action. Tel.: 021 689 4480. Website: www.christianaction.org.za or e-mail: info@christianaction.org.za). Pray for political leaders that will start to speak out against the law which allows abortion. Ask for Christians in influential positions to make known their views on this issue, and who will work towards having the law abolished that gives people freedom to have abortion on demand. Pray for doctors and nurses to speak out on this issue and that they will have the freedom to refuse to perform abortions. Ask the Lord's forgiveness for our nation for allowing abortion.

Monday 16 January 2012

Salvation focus: Preachers of the gospel

Pray today for ministers, pastors, dominees and lay preachers. Ask for them for a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit and of fire (Matt.3:11) to preach the essence of the testimony of Jesus Christ again. Ask that they will have a revelation of the heart of Jesus for the lost, and that they will not be ashamed of the gospel and the name of Jesus Christ at any time or in any circumstance.

Stewardship focus: World Future Energy Summit 2012: 16-19 January 2012

The annual World Future Energy Summit (WFES) in Abu Dhabi is the world's largest meeting of influential figures from the renewable energy industry. This summit unites industry leaders, policymakers and researchers to discuss the challenges of rising energy demand and to map a cleaner and more sustainable energy future for the world. WFES 2009 received more than 1,124 delegates, 30 governments, 300 companies and 734 media. (Website: <http://tinyurl.com/3rgdxss>). Please pray for God's intervention in the hearts and minds of those attending this summit, so they will take decisions that will glorify His name with specific regard to renewable energy strategies, economics, technology, investment and education. Pray especially that political agendas will not interfere with the importance of finding solutions for this problem.

One Day in the Gap: Remember to register a specific day when you will stand in the gap for the nation of South Africa at pray@jwipn.com or tel.: 012 365 3213.

Tuesday 17 January 2012

Secrets of intercession: Faith

So Jesus answered and said to them, 'Have faith in God...' (Mk.11:22). Man was made for God, to seek Him, to find Him, to grow up into His likeness and show forth His glory, in the fullest sense to be His dwelling. How often we toil and try to waken thoughts and feelings concerning God, which are but a faint shadow, and we forget to gaze on the Incomparable Original! Without faith it is impossible to please God or to know Him. We have to pray to our

Father which is in secret. There "He hides us in the secret of His pavilion". Ponder today on this verse: *Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, wait, I say, on the Lord!* (Ps.27:14). (Adapted from *Daily secrets for Christian living* by Dr. Andrew Murray).

ONE THOUGHT PRAYER FOR ONE DAY: Acknowledge: Holy God, cause the believers of the church in South Africa to acknowledge our transgressions and to see that our sins are ever before You. (Ps.51:3).

Wednesday 18 January 2012

Secrets of intercession: Alone with God

And it happened, as he was alone praying (Lk.9:18). He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone (John 6:15). God made man for Himself, to find his life and happiness in God alone. Man needs to be alone with God. Salvation means being brought to love and to delight in the presence of God. Alone with God, that is the secret of true prayer, of true power in prayer, of real, living, face-to-face fellowship with God and of power for service. There is no true, deep conversion, no true deep holiness, no clothing with the Holy Spirit and with power, no abiding peace or joy without being daily alone with God. Let this be the one thing your heart is set on; seeking and finding and meeting God. Give heed to the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for to You I will pray (Ps.5:2). (Adapted from *Daily secrets for Christian living* by Dr. Andrew Murray).

Focus on establishing 24-7 Houses of Prayer

Pray, by name, for God's favour to firmly establish the following growing prayer watches: Mandela Park prayer room in Khayalitsha (Cynthia, cell: 078 067 1498) and City Wide Watch in Cape Town (Dave; cell: 074 155 1247, e-mail: citywatch@jwipn.com). Pray for the protection of buildings and places where Christians gather to pray, that venues will not be burned or attacked or the Christians killed. Ask for the protection of Christian leaders who call together people to pray in closed countries, that their gatherings will not be discovered and that they will be given no fines or be sentenced to imprisonment. The number of countries in which governments have used (at least some measure) of force against religious groups or individuals rose from 91 (46%) in the period ending in mid-2008 to 101 (51%) in the period ending in mid-2009. This violence was wide-ranging, including individuals being killed, physically abused, imprisoned, detained or displaced from their homes, as well as damage to or destruction of personal or religious properties.

Thursday 19 January 2012

Secrets of intercession: The knowledge of God

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God (John 17:3). The knowledge of God is absolutely necessary for the spiritual life. Not the intellectual knowledge we receive from others, or through our own power of thought, but the living experimental knowledge in which God makes Himself known to the soul of a person. Brother Lawrence (a monk that lived a few hundred years ago) had a great longing to know God. His spiritual advisers gave him prayer books to use, but he put them aside. 'It helps little to pray', he said: 'if I do not know the God to whom I pray'. God will reveal Himself as life, light, joy and strength to the soul that waits upon Him. Meditate on these scriptures today: There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?" Lord lift up the light of Your countenance upon us (Ps.4:6). Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! (Ps.46:10). (Adapted from *Daily secrets for Christian living* by Dr. Andrew Murray).

ONE THOUGHT PRAYER FOR ONE DAY: Acceptance: Lord God, we pray that You, who give endurance and encouragement, give us a spirit of unity among ourselves as we follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth we may glorify You, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to accept one another, just as Christ accepted us, in order to bring praise to You. (Rom.15:5-7).

Friday 20 January 2012

Focus on evangelism

Live School, is an initiative that trains local churches through electronic media. We will all embark upon 2012 with two emotions: one of great concern about the outcome of the world economy and its impact on missions, and the other with an expectation that God is going to do abundantly above all we can ever think of. A large portion of Live School's ministry takes part in Russian speaking areas and as well as in Central Asia. Their prayer request is the following: Pray for Gods supernatural provision, to sustain the current work of the Live School. Pray that we will be able to increase the impact of the Live School around the world. Pray that we will correctly discern the doors the Lord is opening and that we will be bold enough to walk in faith and do everything He expects of us to do. (Chrissie Naude. Tel.: 012 343 1165. Website: www.liveschool.org or www.worldmissioncentre.com or e-mail chrissien@liveschoolsa.org).

Pray 52: Week 21: Cameroon / Niger (20-26 Jan 2012)

Ask the Lord of the harvest to encourage Christians from other nations to send prayer teams to these nations and other nations during the specific week. Ask that they will stand in persevering prayer for breakthroughs for the name of Christ in these nations. Pray for believers in Cameroon and Niger to have special times of prayer for the church and their nation. (Contact: pray52@supermail.co.za / Information also available in Arabic, French and Farsi. For detailed prayer information on these countries, visit: www.operationworld.org).

Saturday 21 January 2012

Association of Christian Broadcasters (ACB)

Pray that Christian media will reflect Jesus' heart for South Africa. Pray for wisdom in establishing the Association of Christian Media (ACM) a new Christian media organization, coming out of the Association of Christian Broadcasters (ACB). Pray for the success of new groups seeking to establish Christian radio stations in secondary towns and rural areas around South Africa. Pray for Christians working in media to be bold and for much wisdom and the fullness of the Holy Spirit. (Website: www.acb.org.za or e-mail: info@acb.org.za).

Focus on Incontext Ministries

The world embraces the death of terrorists with joy, but as Christians, we should mourn the souls lost for eternity. If Christ died for all, He most certainly died for al-Qaeda, Hamas etc. If only they knew Christ. The only way to fight terrorism is with the 'weapons' of love and prayer. Pray for members of these terrorist groups and for their families. Pray for dreams and visions, heart changes and for conviction of sin. Pray for opportunities to hear the message of salvation and for the freedom to respond despite the possibilities of persecution and death as a result. (Website: www.incontext.webs.com or e-mail: helga@incontextministries.org).

Sunday 22 January 2012

Revival Focus: How should I pray? Pray with understanding

What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also... (1 Cor.14:15). We must pray with our spirit, which acts as guide whenever God's spirit intercedes for man, if we want to embrace God in faith and power. We must pray with

understanding, if we truly want to press in for the needs that we bring before Him. Take time to think, and fully realize the nature, context and urgency of the request, as well as the basis, means, and God's assurance of His promise as revealed in His Word. Let your understanding influence your heart. (Adapted from *Conversation with God* by Dr. Andrew Murray).

ONE THOUGHT PRAYER FOR ONE DAY: Fear of God: Ask God to bring a deep conviction of sin, spiritual brokenness, a holy fear of God and genuine repentance among His people. (2 Cor.7:10).

Monday 23 January 2012

Salvation focus: Bikers

Lift up in prayer today bikers across the country. This is a special kind of people, unique in their approach of life, their needs and what touches their hearts. Please pray for Christian bikers to boldly share the gospel of Jesus with other bikers in a simple way that will touch them profoundly to surrender their lives to Christ.

ONE THOUGHT PRAYER FOR ONE DAY: Family altar: Pray for Christian families to reinstate the family altar, for the needs of the family, relationships, the salvation of souls and other important matters.

One Day in the Gap: Remember to register a specific day when you will stand in the gap for the nation of South Africa at pray@jwipn.com or tel.: 012 365 3213.

Tuesday 24 January 2012

Secrets of intercession: Know God as Father

Baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost (Matt.28:19). Christ taught us to say: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name" (Lk.11:2). As God is holy, so we are to be holy too. There is no way to becoming holy but by counting that name most holy and drawing near to Him in prayer. When you pray to your Father in secret, bow very low before Him, and seek to adore His name as most holy, remember he is the Holy of Holies of prayer. Meditate on this scripture today: But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly (Matt.6:6). (Adapted from *Daily secrets for Christian living* by Dr. Andrew Murray).

Focus on piercing the Bamboo Curtain with the Word of God

An estimated 83% of Chinese are still considered to be 'unreached'. The Communist government still controls the five officially recognized religions inclusive of Protestant Christianity (which represents 7.92% of the population) through the Three-Self Patriotic Movement (TSPM). Pray that God will be pleased to use FEBC's evangelical broadcasts to dramatically increase the latter percentage. Praise God for the unparalleled growth of the Chinese Church- from 2.7 million evangelical Christians in 1975 to over 75 million in 2010! Thank the Lord for His use of radio to help accomplish this. (FEBA Radio SA. Tel 012 335 5708/764. Website: www.febaradio.co.za).

Wednesday 25 January 2012

Secrets of intercession: Know God the Son

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom.1:7). There may be times when we think mainly of God the Father and prays to Him. Later on we realize that it may cause spiritual loss if we do not grasp the truth that each day and each hour it is only

through faith in Christ that we enjoy a full and abiding fellowship with God. He is the Lamb in the midst of the throne (Rev.4:3, 5; Rev.5:6). If you would know and worship God, seek Him and worship in Christ. And if you seek Christ, seek Him and worship Him in God. Then you will understand what it is to have your life hidden with Christ in God. Take time to meditate and believe in God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. (Adapted from *Daily secrets for Christian living* by Dr. Andrew Murray).

Focus on establishing 24-7 Houses of Prayer

Pray, by name, for God's favour to firmly establish the following growing prayer watches: Woodstock Baptist prayer room in Woodstock (Jack Bruce, cell: 083 659 5119, e-mail: jkbruce@telkomsa.net) and Tygerberg Prayer Watch (Ash, cell: 072 341 8759, e-mail: oomash@telkomsa.net). Continue to pray for God to pour out His Spirit of prayer and supplication on every house of prayer across the world (Zech.12:10). Ask for strength for each intercessor, perseverance and unity among leadership, favour with believers and non-believers in the surrounding communities and the necessary funds and premises for each house of prayer to continue in their work.

Thursday 26 January 2012

Secrets of intercession: Know God the Holy Spirit

Through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father (Eph.2:18). We must guard against the danger of seeking to know God and Christ in the power of the intellect or the emotions. The Holy Spirit has been given for the express purpose that 'by him we may have access to the Father through the Son'. Let us beware lest our labour be in vain, because we do not wait for the teaching of the Holy Spirit. Meditate on this Scripture and ask the Father to baptize you with His Holy Spirit. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him (John 7:18). (Adapted from *Daily secrets for Christian living* by Dr. Andrew Murray).

ONE THOUGHT PRAYER FOR ONE DAY: Equip: God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, please equip Your church in South Africa with everything good that we may do Your will. Working in us that which is pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Heb.13.20-21).

Friday 27 January 2012

Focus on Precept Ministries SA

Precept Ministries writes: Praise God for His faithfulness during 2011! Pray for this New Year, that more groups and churches will invite us to do our free 40 Minute workshops and that we'll be able to introduce more folks to both our Afrikaans and English 40 Minute Series. Pray also for the training in East London at the end of January. Pray that it will achieve its purpose of establishing people in God's Word as they gain the skills necessary to study the Bible inductively. (Precept Ministries S.A. P.O. Box 539, Howard Place, 7450. Tel./fax: 021 531 1836. Website: www.precept.org.za or e-mail: marilizerv@precept.org.za).

Pray 52: Week 22: Bahrain / Qatar (27 Jan - 2 Feb 2012)

Ask our Father in heaven, that His Name be hallowed and for every nation worldwide to use all possible means to mobilize the church in their own country to pray for, visit and support missionaries and new believers in these nations. Pray for believers in Bahrain and Qatar to have special times of prayer for the church and their nation. (Contact: pray52@supermail.co.za)

/ Information also available in Arabic, French and Farsi. For detailed prayer information on these countries, visit: www.operationworld.org).

Saturday 28 January 2012

Focus on World Leprosy Day tomorrow

Leprosy today still strikes each year over 250,000 people, mostly those who live in poverty. According to the most recent calculations of the World Health Organisation, which refer to the year 2007, in that year there were 254,525 new leprosy cases, with 212,802 people already having been treated for the disease. (Website: <http://tinyurl.com/424uxhq>). Please pray for the estimated 40,000 children with leprosy. About 12% of all new cases of leprosy are children under the age fifteen. Pray for their salvation, for treatment and their complete healing.

ONE THOUGHT PRAYER FOR ONE DAY: Divides: Ask God to break down all racial, cultural, and denominational walls.

Sunday 29 January 2012

Revival focus: What should I pray for? Pray for the Holy Spirit to fall on Christendom

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away (2 Tim.3:5)...I know your works, that you have a name that you live, and you are dead (Rev.3:1b). There are 2 billion that call themselves Christian, but the condition of most of these is unspeakably shocking. A form of godliness, world mindedness, godliness, rejection of Christ's works, ignorance and ambivalence – to what measure do not these conditions prevail! We pray for the pagans; o, let us also pray for those who carry Christ's name. Many of them remain in darkness, as the pagans do. Are we not moved to surrender our lives to God, and to beseech Him night and day for souls to be saved? In answer to prayer, God gives us the power of the Holy Spirit. (Adapted from *Conversation with God* by Dr. Andrew Murray).

Monday 30 January 2012

Salvation focus: Presidents and kings

Lift up in prayer presidents, prime ministers, kings, princes and types of leaders of countries, tribes and nations. Ask for the Lord Jesus to be revealed to each one of them. Pray with much faith – ask for the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ to be known to them. Continue to pray for leaders of countries to come to know Jesus as the Holy Spirit leads you.

ONE THOUGHT PRAYER FOR ONE DAY: Dependence: Pray that God will create a spirit of humility and brokenness among the believers. (Isa.57:15; Jas.4:6). God will not revive those who are self-sufficient and proud. Pray for believers to see their spiritual bankruptcy and utter dependence on God.

One Day in the Gap: Remember to register a specific day when you will stand in the gap for the nation of South Africa at pray@jwipn.com or tel.: 012 365 3213.

Tuesday 31 January 2012

Secrets of intercession: Whole-heartedly for God

Who have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon the earth that I desire besides You (Ps.73:25). 'Alone' – this is a word of the deepest importance. As we find it difficult to persevere in this being 'alone with God', we begin to realize that it is because the other is lacking: we are not 'wholly for God'. Without whole-hearted surrender He cannot make His power known. Like a mother giving herself for her child, God wholly gives Himself to us. So wholly He desires that we give ourselves to Him. Let us in the inner chamber meditate on these things alone with

God: they sought Him with all their soul; and He was found by them (2 Chron.15:15). With my whole heart I have sought You (Ps.119:10). (Adapted from *Daily secrets for Christian living* by Dr. Andrew Murray).

ONE THOUGHT PRAYER FOR ONE DAY: Discernment: Pray for spiritual understanding and discernment among the people. (Eph.1:17).