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The Place of Supplication & Intercession

There is a great honour and prerogative that every soul who believes in Christ has. It is the avenue of access to the throne of grace of God. and to attend the church prayer meeting as a corporate body of Christ (Heb 4:16) Personal and corporate prayer is



part of the worshipping and seeking of God as a church too according to His sovereign good will. Matthew 7:7 says, 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.' We need to learn to pray according to the Word of God, asking and receiving as John in 1 John 5:14-15 reminds us. Pray for the knowledge of the unrevealed will of God in a specific situation, or need, and wait patiently upon Him.

Jer 29:12-13 says, 'Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.' We need to pray daily for the gracious intervention of God in our lives. We are not to seek signs and wonders or tongue speaking, but for God to guide us daily in situations by His grace and mercy when we pray. Is it because we did not pray that our joy is incomplete? John 16:24 says, 'Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.' We need to believe with faith too when we pray fervently and faithfully as Matthew 17:20-21 says, 'And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.'

Understanding the Meaning of Prayer

As we study the shorter catechism, we are reminded that prayer is well defined in Q98, "What is prayer? Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins,

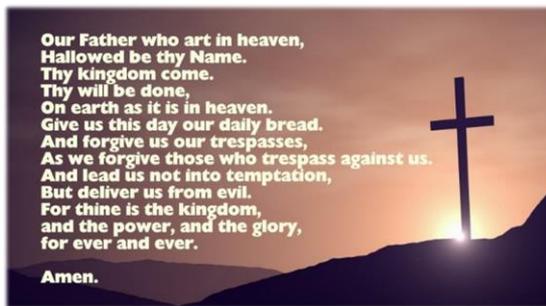
and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.' Prayer is access to heaven and a means of grace and we are to come to God always with thankful and submissive hearts. (Dan 6:10) Matthew 26:41 says, *'Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'* Prayer is to worship and seek God first and is more than just requesting things from God (Jas 4:2). Prayer is also the source of all joy when God hears us. John 16:24 says, *'Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.'*



The blessing of prayer can be the seeking God's help to deliver us out of trial and trouble (Acts 12:1-17). Prayer unlocks the treasures of God's wisdom when we humbly seek Him asking Him for wisdom. James 1:5 says, *'If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.'* Praying is a vehicle for divine grace and power and God will hear (Jer 33:3). We are told by Samuel that not to pray or prayerlessness is a sin before God. 1 Samuel 12:23 says, *'Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way.'* Salvation is through faith in Christ for the sinner who called on God in prayer. Romans 10:13 says, *'For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'* We need to sincerely pray for divine grace to pardon us and to pray for others without ceasing in the Lord or continually (1 Thess 5:17) for our sincere prayer to the Lord brings everlasting peace, comfort and hope to our souls (Psa 33:22).

Models of Prayer

There are many good examples of prayer in both the OT and NT. Christ taught the disciples how to pray (see the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13). Pray in the name of Christ submitting our petition through Him alone (John 14:13-14). The Holy Spirit guides and led us and pray



on our behalf when we are at a loss of words to pray (Rom 8:26-27). Pray that God's will is done in every aspect of your will. James 4:15 says, *'For that ye*

ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.' As we have just visited the Jewish Museum in Singapore with some students, we are soberly reminded to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the salvation and revival of God's covenant people including both Jews and Gentiles (Rom 11:26-30, Psa 122:6). This includes the whole body of Christ of both Jews and Gentiles who will one day be in the new Jerusalem when the Lord returns (Heb 10:22; Rev 3:12; 21:2, Rom 11: 26-30). Pray for God's divine protection for we need his constant care and He is our refuge and for his bountiful provision of our daily necessities (Lk 11:3).

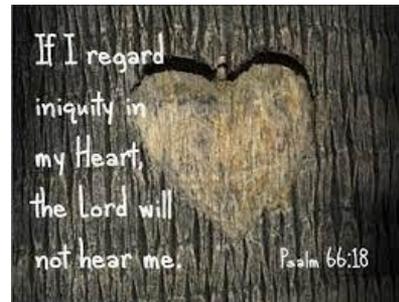
Prayer changes our lives when we are sensitive to the leading of the Lord and we humbly submit to Him. Pray for forgiveness from God and also the ability to forgive others (Matt 18:21-22). We need to learn to pray for our family, our church, ourselves in faith and trusting in God. Hebrews 11:6 says, *'But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.'*

Impediments to Prayer

There are real obstacles to an effective prayer life and we need to examine ourselves ask God to cleanse our hearts first before we pray as we seek God for forgiveness and humble our hearts and minds before God. (Psa 51 :1-4)

If there is a problem of selfishness, anger, pride or covetousness and other besetting sins (Jas 4:3, Col 3:8-10), it can hinder our prayer life. Beware of laziness, ill discipline or indifference too to the prompting of the Spirit that will inhibit our fear of God

When there is iniquity in our hearts, God will not hear us (Psa 66:18; Isa 59:1-2; John 9:31). For those who are married, note that when husbands do not honour their wives, their prayers can be hindered. 1 Peter 3:7 says, *'Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered'* and there is mutual submission too to each other and to God.



After putting on the armour of God Paul says in Eph 6:18 says, 'Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.'

As we end the year 2021 soon, consider to pray and confess your sins and repent of them and ask the Lord for forgiveness and for the revival of our hearts first before we seek and worship Him aright in our hearts. (1 Jn 1:9)

When God Answers

The question that is often asked is, "Does God answer our prayers?" Look up Jeremiah 33:3 and John 15:7 which says, *'Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.'* *'If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.'* Some may ask, Does prayer change things or make a difference at all? The answer is given in 2 Cor 1:11 which says, *'Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.'* God answers in His sovereign good will and time and it can be in 4 ways, namely, Direct (Yes), Different, Denial (No) or even a Delayed answer ie. wait and submit to the will of God.



Requirements for Answers to Prayer

Matt 21:22 says, *'And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.'* Often it can be delayed as the Lord wills. Daniel experienced delayed in his answers too from God and we need to learn to be patient and wait upon the Lord (Daniel 10:12-14). There can be much peace in our hearts even in a troubled pandemic world when we pray for Philippians 4:6-7 says, *'Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.'* We are to pray fervently for the nation and our churches and families too. With grace from above for God answers all prayers but not always exactly as we asked for. Isaiah 55:8 says, *'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.'* Above all we must endure and honour and glorify God in whatever He has for us. Hebrews 4:16 says, *'Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.'*

Word of God and Intercession

The Word of God is replete with many examples and promises on prayer. (Psa 5:3, Matt 6:9-13 on the Lord's prayer). God promises in Jer 33:3 that if we call upon Him, He will hear and answer our prayers according to His will. We must keep in mind that God may not always answer our prayers the way we would like Him to, for He knows best. We are to submit to the way of the Lord by which God answers our prayers and let us remember to pray for the needs of the church, leaders of nations and others too in intercession. (1Tim 2:1-4)

God answers our prayers in His sovereign good pleasure, will and timing as 1 John 5:14-15 says, *'And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we*



A Thanksgiving to God

First of all, I would like to say thanks to you and Angie for your love and prayer support for the work here in Myanmar.

Secondly, I would like to express my gratitude to you for sending the pandemic books with Benjamin for me and others. Thank you for helping and praying for Benjamin throughout his studies in Singapore. He will serve the Lord here as the Lord guides him.

Thank you very much for your church contributions for the work at BRS

I got the money from Bro. Jeremy. I praise God for these funds because it will be using to annex the room for the faculty on campus. It will be a big help for the cost of expanding the room. Thank you very much.

We pray to reopen the new academic year in June. We hope that there will be about 15 new students but I don't know yet about how many students actually will come to study.

I miss you and your teaching at BRS. Hope to see you soon in the near future.

May the Lord bring a happy Christmas to you and to SHBPC!

Thanks again.

In Christ,
Rev David Khobal
Principal, Biblical
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With the MMin Students and Rev David Khobal (last row, second from left) of Myanmar Theological Seminary outside the Biblical Reformed Seminary.



CHRIST CENTRED

PRINCIPLES FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

LORD'S DAY PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY - MARCH 2022

JANUARY

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| 2 | APOSTOLIC CONCERNS FOR THE CHURCH | 1:1-8 |
| 9 | THE FERVENT INTERCESSION FOR THE SAINTS | 1:9-18 |
| 16 | THE CROSSWORK OF CHRIST | 1:19-27 |
| 23 | THE EQUIPPING TOWARDS MATURITY IN CHRIST | 1:28-29 |
| 30 | THE FOUNDATION OF OUR PRE-EMINENT CHRIST | 2:1-13 |

FEBRUARY

COLOSSIANS

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| 6 | 4TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY THE VIGILANT GROWING CHURCH IN END TIMES | 2 PETER 3:9-14 |
| 13 | THE PERILS THE CHURCH FACED TODAY | 2:16-23 |
| 20 | HEAVENLY PRECEPTS FOR DAILY LIVING | 3:1-11 |
| 27 | CHRISTIAN VIRTUES TO PUT ON | 3:12-17 |

MARCH

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| 6 | BIBLICAL RULES FOR DOMESTIC LIFE | 3:18-25 |
| 13 | THE FERVENT INTERCESSION FOR THE SAINTS | 4:1-6 |
| 20 | BEING A FAITHFUL CO-LABOURER IN THE MINISTRY | 4:7-12 |
| 27 | GOSPEL SUNDAY PROBING HEAVEN AND HELL | REVELATION 20:1-15 |

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Memory Verse

Neh 13:22 And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Pastor speaks today on “**Biblical Separation Learnt & Practiced**” (*Neh 13:1-31*), concluding the quarterly theme of “**A Biblical Paradigm for Triumphant Christian Service**”.
3. Pastor speaks at our **Watchnight Service this Fri 31 Dec, 8pm** on “**A Better Heavenly Place**” (*John 14: 1-6*).
4. Pastor speaks next Sunday on “**Apostolic Concerns for the Church**” (*Col 1:1-8*), starting a quarterly theme of “Christ-Centred Principles for the Local Church”, a study on the Epistle to the Colossians.
5. Sunday School classes continues after worship service:
 - WCF Shorter Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
 - Understanding Biblical Eschatology & related Topics – Joseph
 - Studies in Numbers – Dn Kwong Leen
 - Burmese Bible Class - James
6. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. Included in the programme is a study on Church History in China on alternate Sundays. Join us for a time of profitable learning.
7. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church.
8. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class meets on next **Fri 7 Jan 2022, 7.30pm** on the study of 2 Samuel. Come and join us!
9. Fide Vitae is giving a 20% discount on all books for the month of December.
10. Those who wish to bring a new friend to the worship service, kindly inform the safety officer Dn Yue Kay or Pastor at least a day in advance.
11. The Pandemic book can be purchased through Dn Yue Kay (Hp: +65 97450311) or via email at sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com.
12. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
13. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**
