

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP November 25, 2012

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ Response to Thanksgiving Conference
- ⊗ Irvine
- ⊗ Saints struggling with health conditions, unemployment, loss of family, and other personal matters.

For additional details regarding some of the above prayer items, please refer to Detailed Prayer Burdens.

Weekly Truth Pursuit

The *Life-Study of Ephesians* will be suspended temporarily. Please substitute your reading with the following portions of ministry from *The Collected Works of Watchman Nee*:

1. *The Prayer Ministry of the Church*, chapter 1.
2. "What is Prayer?" *The Present Testimony* (Set 1, Vol. 8, Ch. 3).

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1456-1457	676
Tuesday	1458-1459	677
Wednesday	1460-1461	678
Thursday	1462-1463	679
Friday	1464-1465	680
Saturday	1466-1467	681

Morning Revival

The Prayer of the Age (Thanksgiving Conference 2009), Week 3

Word of the Week

Entreat

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Thanksgiving Conference

- ⊗ Pray for the response in the churches to the Lord's speaking in the recent Thanksgiving Conference that saints in every church would rise up to participate in Christ's interceding life that an army would be formed on this earth for God's move on earth.

Local: Irvine

- ⊗ Pray that the church here will become a praying church, persevering and continu-

ing steadfastly in prayer to enter into the ministry and service of prayer that the Lord would have an unhindered way in the church here.

- ⊗ Pray that every saint will give themselves to pray individually and corporately with others for at least 1 hour each day during the first 3 weeks in December and that through this prayer we would experience Christ in His interceding life for God's move.

THREE WEEKS OF PRAYER

Dear saints,

The church in Irvine has decided to join many of the local churches in the U.S. to take part in a special three week season of prayer from Dec. 1-21. The burden is to intensify the prayer life of the saints and thus the ministerial prayer of the church for the accomplishment of God's will in these days.

It was exactly fifty years ago in November 1962 when three brothers (including brother Witness Lee) knelt and prayed in a house in Los Angeles for several hours each day for 21 days that the work of the Lord in His recovery was initiated in the western world. The powerful result of that petition and intercession is readily seen all over the globe today in the form of thousands of churches and hundreds of thousands of saints and a still-advancing recovery! Now in this 50th anniversary the co-workers in America have a strong burden that all the churches would persevere in that line of prayer, to pave the way for the Lord's move in the coming years.

The leading brothers of the church in Irvine urge as many local saints as possible to participate in this special prayer time by committing to AT LEAST one hour (cumulative) of prayer each day for 21 days (in addition to the church prayer meetings and other regular prayer times). We suggest the following steps to prepare yourself for this time:

1. Consecrate yourself to the Lord again with a special vow to pray in these three weeks.
2. Set up a daily schedule of prayer with a specific time, duration, and perhaps location, e.g., 15 minutes in the morning and evening.
3. Find a few (1-4) companions who pledge to each other to pray together as a group (physically or by phone or Skype, etc.) at a set time on a daily basis.

4. Attend all the corporate prayer meetings of the church on Tuesday nights.

5. Plan to pray for 10-15 minutes at the end of all weekly home group meetings.

In addition, we propose that there be 2 church-wide sisters' prayer times (Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00-11:00am at Hall 2) and 2 special brothers' prayer times (Wednesdays and Fridays 7:00-8:00am at Hall 3) during the three weeks of prayer.

Further, the following are planned to strengthen the saints during this period:

1. For 4 weeks, the regular HWMR will be suspended and replaced by outlines and messages on prayer from the 2009 and 2012 Thanksgiving conferences.

2. Suggested content of prayer (and other ministry references on the subject with links to printed material and A/V files) will be posted on beseeching.org.

It is our earnest hope that many saints will have mercy from the Lord to take part in this unprecedented move in the local churches, where so many saints will be lifting up holy hands to carry out the most important work of the church in one accord. We can truly anticipate the Lord's answer and blessing as we devote ourselves to such a ministry of prayer.

The following are two chapters from the *Collected Works of Watchman Nee* on the desperate need of the prayer of the church to channel God's will to the earth. We highly recommend them for your reading as you prepare yourself for the coming weeks: (1.) Chapter 1 of *The Prayer Ministry of the Church*; and (2.) "What is Prayer?", Issue No. 1 of *The Present Testimony*.

In Him,

The Leading Brothers of the Church

Upcoming Events

☉ Monday, Dec. 24 - Saturday, Dec. 29,
Winter Training, Anaheim, CA

Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org

Blog: churchinirvine.org/Members

Audio: recentaudio.churchinirvine.org

Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org

Gospel: gospel.churchinirvine.org

Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org

YA: youngadults.churchinirvine.org

YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

This Week

25TH ☉ 9:30am –12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and Thanksgiving
Conference Webcast Ses-
sion 5 at Halls 1, 2 and 3
☉ 4:00pm Thanksgiving Con-
ference Webcast Session 6
at Halls 1 & 3

27TH ☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meet-
Tuesday ing by districts

28TH ☉ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry
Wednesday meeting in Anaheim at
MCC and simulcast in
Irvine at Hall 3

29TH ☉ 10:00am Sisters' prayer
Thursday time at Hall 2

30TH ☉ 4:00pm Community Gos-
Friday pel (meet at Hall 2)
☉ Evening Small groups in
the homes

1ST ☉ 8:30am Brothers' prayer
Saturday and coordination by dis-
tricts
☉ 2:45pm Community Gos-
pel (in Quail Hill)
☉ 5:00pm Young people's
progressive dinner

2ND ☉ 9:30am –12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings by districts
☉ 2:30pm Community Gos-
pel (in Oak Creek)

THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE BANNERS 2012

We need to participate in Christ's interceding life,
praying that an army will be formed of mature believers
so that God can move on earth.

We need to persevere in prayer, pray at every time in spirit,
and be on the alert for the maintaining of the prayer life.

We need to cooperate with the Lord and be one with Him
in praying for the move of the great wheel of the divine economy.

We need to be prayerful and stand against the sin of prayerlessness
in order to be a praying church in the unique stream of the work of God.

THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE MESSAGE TITLES

Message 1

The Significance of Prayer,
the Principle of Prayer, and
the Prayer Ministry of the Church

Message 2

A Man of Prayer

Message 3

Praying at the Incense Altar for
the Formation of an Army
to Fight for God's Move on Earth

Message 4

Persevering in Prayer

Message 5

Being One with the Triune God in the Move
of the Great Wheel of His Economy

Message 6

A Praying Church in the Unique Stream
of the Work of God

WORD OF THE WEEK: "ENTREAT"

Read Some Helpful Ministry...

Psalm 119:58 says, "I entreated thy face with my whole heart" (Heb.). The King James Version uses the word favor instead of face. To seek a person's face is actually to seek his favor. **If we entreat the Lord's face, His countenance, we shall receive bounty. Often little children will earnestly seek the face of their mother. To them nothing is more dear than beholding their mother's face. We also should seek the Lord in such an intimate way, entreating His countenance.** The Lord's countenance brings His favor to the seeking one. For whatever the psalmist needed, he would entreat God's countenance (*Life-Study of Exodus*, Chapter 56).

In verse 38 [Matthew 9] the Lord told us to beseech the Lord of the harvest that He may thrust out workers into His harvest. First, in His economy, God has a plan to accomplish; then there is the need for His people to beseech Him, to pray to Him, concerning it... Many times when we sense the need for workers, we sound out the call for help. But from now on, whenever you sense the need for workers, you must first pray to the Lord of the harvest, saying, "Lord, here is Your harvest. You are the Lord of the harvest. We call on You to thrust out some reapers. Lord, send more reapers into Your harvest." Praying like this will make a difference (*The Holy Word for Morning Revival, Matthew, Vol. 2 (8:1-13:52)*, Chapter 2).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

☉ YP Progressive Dinner

The young people will have their Progressive Dinner on Saturday, December 1. We need about 20 homes to host either appetizer or main dish for about 10-15 young people. If you can host, please email Isaac Acosta (Isaac.Acosta@gmail.com).

☉ Change to Community Gospel Time

Because of the International Thanksgiving Conference, there will not be any community gospel time today. We will resume next week.