
Weekly Schedule

Wed, Jan 14th (Carrollton) Kuriachen & Neena's residence (7 PM)

Fri, Jan 16th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)

Fri, Jan 16th (Metro) Bible Study & Impact @ Metro (7 PM)

Sat, Jan 17th (Metro) Family Training Hour (FTH) @ Metro (6:45 PM)

Words of Wisdom

"It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or the other of these destinations" (C.S. Lewis *The Weight of Glory*, p. 14-15).

"The real meaning of eternal life is a life that can face anything it has to face without wavering. If we will take this view, life will become one great romance— a glorious opportunity of seeing wonderful things all the time. God is disciplining us to get us into this central place of power."
- Oswald Chambers

Prayer for the Nations: Angola (Africa)*

- Angola has suffered more than 25 years of civil war since gaining independence from Portugal in 1975. Tens of thousands of Angolans have fled the country and millions more are refugees in their own country – forced from their homes through war and living in desperate conditions in Angola's overcrowded cities.
- Landmines outnumber the population, with more than 11 million littering the land, giving Angola the highest number of amputees – caused by exploding landmines – in the world.
- In April 2002 the government and opposing rebels reached a peace agreement . Although previous attempts at peace have broken down there is hope for an end to the violence that has devastated the land and the people of Angola.
- In the first decade of violence Christians faced intense persecution and thousands were martyred or abducted. Throughout the suffering and devastation many Christians have remained strong in their faith and the church is growing. Pray that a lasting peace can be restored to Angola.
- Luanda and other cities are home to millions of refugees living in squalor and many orphaned or abandoned children struggle to survive. Pray that churches and other groups can meet the needs of all those who are suffering.

*http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=103

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I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. (Ps 69:30)

Welcome

“My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you” (John 17: 9 NLT)

Greetings and Praise the Lord. It gives us immense pleasure in welcoming you all to a time of praise and worship in the house of the Lord.

Prayer is the heart beat of the church. There is no denial of this when we see the High-Priestly prayer of Jesus Christ. His prayer is not for the world but for his chosen ones. If Jesus was careful enough to pray for his disciples how much more careful we ought to become in this holy pursuit. The General Overseer of Church of God, Raymond F Culpepper has called upon the church to seek the face of God in these changing times. He says that the church of Jesus Christ was born in the incubator of prayer.

In his article “Is prayerlessness a Sin?” in the January edition of Evangel he notes that,

“ we cannot go forward together without prayer. We might try to manipulate, or dominate, or create programs. We might try to outthink and out-strategize others. We might go to conferences and imitate other models of ministry. But without prayer, it is a sounding cymbal: over the door will be written Ichabod, “the Lord has departed.”

He further notes in his article that prayerlessness is a sin. It is a sin against the purposes of God, against his pleasure (Prov 15:8), promises of God (John 15:7), power of God and most importantly sin against the perfume of God (Rev 5: 8; 8:4)

In Revelation we read that the four living creatures and the twenty four elders all had golden bowls in their hands full of incense in the presence of God and it is filled with the prayers of the saints of God. So by not praying we are creating a lack of the aroma in the very presence of God. Yes indeed our prayers contribute to the heavenly fragrance which fills us and provides the aroma that enables us to lead a victorious life.

Brothers and sisters let’s rise in a spirit of prayer because when our prayers reach the very throne of God, God will arise for us in our situations and when He arises we shall surely find the answer to our prayers.

In Christ Alone,
Pastor Satish Kumar

Sermon Notes