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## Weekly Schedule

- Tues, Mar 10th (Flower Mound) Sis. Chinamma Varkey's residence (7 PM)
- Thurs, Mar 12th (Mesquite) Saju and Alice's residence (7 PM)
- Fri, Mar 13th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)
- Fri, Mar 13th (Dallas) PYCD Inaugural Mtg @ IPC Tabernacle (7 PM)  
9121 Ferguson Rd Dallas, TX 75228
- Sat, Mar 14th (Dallas) PYCD Inaugural Mtg @ IPC Tabernacle (7 PM)
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### Condolences

As a church, we would like to extend our deep condolences to Sis Daisy, Br. Sam and family for the loss of their loved one, Sis Mary Varghese. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and may God's peace and comfort be with the grieving family.

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### Prayer for the Nations: Comoro Islands and Mayotte (Africa) \*

- The Comoro Islands lie off the east African coast between Mozambique and the island of Madagascar.
- The islands are poor and overcrowded – they make money from selling exotic spices like ylang-ylang and vanilla abroad, but need to import basic food supplies.
- The Comores declared themselves independent from France in 1975. One island, Mayotte, decided to stay with France, but the rest of the islands still claim Mayotte as part of their territory. Frequent military takeovers and times of violence trouble the islands – tension exists on the two smaller islands who want to be separate.
- Almost the entire population of the Comores are Muslim, with 780 mosques but no official churches. Although many people are disillusioned with Islamic society telling people about Christianity is absolutely forbidden. Pray that the few Christians on the island would still find opportunities to share their faith.
- Mayotte also has a Muslim majority, but mosque attendance is low and there is complete freedom for Christians to meet openly and tell others about Jesus

\* [http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country\\_id=66](http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=66)

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Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart. But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works. (Ps 71:23)

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# Welcome

"Watch and Pray"(Matt 26: 38)

Praise the Lord. Welcome to the house of the Lord for a time of praise and worship. Let's continue to ponder on the possibilities of prayer especially as it comes to us in the express request by our Lord Jesus to watch and pray.

E M Bounds puts this more clearly when he states that<sup>1</sup>;

"The utmost possibilities of prayer have rarely been realized. The promises of God are so great to those who truly pray, when He puts Himself so fully into the hands of the praying ones, that it almost staggers our faith and causes us to hesitate with astonishment. His promise to answer, and to do and to give "all things," "anything," "whatsoever," and "all things whatsoever," are so large, so great, so exceeding broad, that we stand back in amazement and give ourselves to questioning and doubt. We "stagger at the promises through unbelief." Really the promises of God to prayer have been pared down by us to our little faith, and have been brought down to the low level of our narrow notions about God's ability, liberality and resources. Let us ever keep in mind and never for one moment allow ourselves to doubt the statement that God means what He says in all of His promises. God's promises are His own word. His veracity is at stake in them. To question them is to doubt His veracity. He cannot afford to prove faithless to His word. "In hope of eternal life, which God that cannot lie, promised before the world began." His promises are for plain people, and He means to do for all who pray just what He says He will do. "For He is faithful that hath promised."

"Unfortunately we have failed to lay ourselves out in praying. We have limited the Holy One of Israel. The ability to pray can be secured by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, but it demands so strenuous and high a character that it is a rare thing for a man or woman to be on "praying ground and on pleading terms with God." It is as true to-day as it was in the days of Elijah, that "the fervent, effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth much." How much such a prayer avails, who can tell?

"The possibilities of prayer are the possibilities of faith. Prayer and faith are Siamese twins. One heart animates them both. Faith is always praying. Prayer is always believing. Faith must have a tongue by which it can speak. Prayer is the tongue of faith. Faith must receive. Prayer is the hand of faith stretched out to receive. Prayer must rise and soar. Faith must give prayer the wings to fly and soar. Prayer must have an audience with God. Faith opens the door, and access and audience are given. Prayer asks. Faith lays its hand on the thing asked for.

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# Sermon Notes

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"God's omnipotent power is the basis of omnipotent faith and omnipotent praying. "All things are possible to him that believeth," and "all things whatsoever" are given to him who prays. God's decree and death yield readily to Hezekiah's faith and prayer. When God's promise and man's praying are united by faith, then "nothing shall be impossible." Importunate prayer is so all-powerful and irresistible that it obtains promises, or wins where the prospect and the promise seem to be against it. In fact, the New Testament promise includes all things in heaven and in earth. God, by promise, puts all things He possesses into man's hands. Prayer and faith put man in possession of this boundless inheritance.

"Prayer is not an indifferent or a small thing. It is not a sweet little privilege. It is a great prerogative, far-reaching in its effects. Failure to pray entails losses far beyond the person who neglects it. Prayer is not a mere episode of the Christian life. Rather the whole life is a preparation for and the result of prayer. In its condition, prayer is the sum of religion. Faith is but a channel of prayer. Faith gives it wings and swiftness. Prayer is the lungs through which holiness breathes. Prayer is not only the language of spiritual life, but makes its very essence and forms its real character."<sup>1</sup>

In Christ Alone,  
Pr. Satish Kumar

1. E.M Bounds, The Possibilities of Prayer, chapter 4