
Weekly Schedule

Wed, June 16th (Rowlett)	Ladies Prayer @ Sabu & Bindhu's res. (7 PM)
Fri, June 18th (Mesquite)	Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10:30 AM)
Sat, June 19th (Dallas)	PYCD Sports Tournament (8:30 AM) 5702 Alpha Road, Dallas, TX 75240
Sat, June 19th (Metro)	Prayer Meeting @ Metro (7 PM)

Prayer for the Nations: Guadeloupe & Guatemala (Latin America) *

Guadeloupe

- Guadeloupe lies at the northern end of the Winward Islands in the Caribbean.
- A French colony since 1635, Guadeloupe is now an Overseas Department of France.
- Culturally most people have grown up in the Catholic church but are involved with the occult as well. Pray these people looking for spiritual answers & meaning would find Jesus.

Guatemala

- Throughout history Guatemala has been controlled by plantation owners making a healthy profit and then by military dictators hungry for power.
- Years of oppression and absolute poverty exploded in 1960 into 36 years of guerilla war. During this time human rights abuses were appalling with over 40,000 people 'disappearing', widespread torture and millions left without a home.
- A peace settlement in 1996 has brought an end to warfare but there remains a culture of violence.
- The richest 10% of the country own half the country's wealth while 90% of the population live in poverty.
- Christians played a significant part in seeing Guatemala achieve a peace deal in 1996. Pray that this short time of peace would continue.
- A quarter of the population are now committed Christians - pray that every community across the country would have a dyanmic evangelical church.
- As more and more people become Christians pray that churches will be able to help them deepen their faith in God and live out what they believe each day. Pray that each new generation will respond to God for themselves, rather than just turning up to church meetings 'cos it's the thing to do!
- Pray for children across Guatemala - most live in extreme poverty and thousands have been orphaned through war. There are over 5,000 street children in the capital. Pray also for Christians who are working with them.
- In the last 15 years over 100 cross-cultural missionaries have been sent out to different countries. Pray that more would be called and trained to serve God from Guatemala.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=177 & 178



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"Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice. Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth." (Ps 96:11-13)

Welcome

“Praying the Name of the Lord: El-Shadday”

Praise the Lord. Welcome to the house of the Lord as we celebrate his presence in our midst. It is our prayer that you will be blessed this day and be enriched in the word of God.

There are several names of the Lord with which we become familiar when we read the Old Testament. Some names like these are familiar to us. El from the root “to be strong” is used 217 times in OT. Eloah from the root alah “to fear or reverence” is found 57 times in Old Testament and it means “revered one”. Elohim translated as God in our English Bibles is found in the Old Testament 2750 times comes from the root alah “to be feared” “mighty one” or “majestic one” who ought to be feared. The other name that we are familiar in the Old Testament and used over 6000 times is the word “Yahweh” which translated in our English Bible is used as “Lord” It comes from the root “haya” which means “to be” or “to have existence” Applied to God it means the one who has been existent always and needs no one for his existence.

But one name is very significantly used in the Old Testament “El Shadday” which means God All Sufficient. Some scholars understand that this word is taken from the root “sadam” which means ‘violent or destroyer’ But a careful study of the passages in the Bible where this word occurs proves otherwise. In all possibility the word seems to be taken from the root “sadah” which means “to moisten” or “breastfeed”. The word sad means “breast” and when talking about God this means God the blesser, the nourisher or provider. (Gen 17: 1-8) The same name appears in the blessing of Isaac (Gen 28: 3), and also in the blessing of Jacob (35:11) In Genesis 43: 14 Jacob prays for blessings upon his children in the name of El- Shadday. Again in Genesis 49:25 Jacob blesses Joseph with the blessings of the womb. So El-shadday in Genesis is the God who is able to succor his people and to supply all and every need.

The Psalmist reminds us in 9: 10 that those who understand his name will seek him and put their trust in Him and such people shall never be ashamed. Knowing the name of the Lord is good but we are called to trust in this name when we stand praying. The use of these names reminds us of God’s absolute power to do what his name portrays. So when we use the name of God to address him as “El-shadday” we really mean that the Lord will provide and bless his people in a mighty way. It is asking ourselves and others to put trust in the One who alone is able to succor our needs in his graciousness. It gives us immense confidence to know that our God cares for us and is ready and willing to breastfeed us as his children. Maybe it is time that we learn to understand our Lord in a fresh perspective and the knowledge of his name will allow us to put our absolute confidence and trust in His saving ways.

In Christ Alone

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Sermon Notes