



Pray Without Ceasing SEC Camp Meeting 2013

Support for Prayer Ministries in the SEC

I greet you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Many people consider the work of the Ministerial Department to be mainly pastoral. The department also has responsibility for organising Prayer Ministries in the conference.

Although each department within the organisation of a church is important, I would argue that the Prayer Ministry Department is the most important. E.G White reminds us in the preface to the book Prayer that:

“When God’s people pray earnestly, sincerely, individually, and collectively, God will answer. Great things will happen in and among God’s people. And the world will feel the impact as the Holy Spirit comes to equip and empower His people”.

There can be no question that as

Christians, prayer is vital to our spiritual wellbeing. How much more so then is prayer essential to the effective work of the church to fulfil the Great Commission? Therefore every church needs a strong prayer ministry for effective evangelism

Although the Prayer Ministries plays an important part in evangelism, it is not uncommon to see churches where their team is small. Don’t be disheartened by this, just like Gideon’s 300, God is looking for people who are committed, zealous and bold. Remember that it is God’s work and even where two or more are gathered there is power. If your Prayer Ministry team is small, ask the Lord to send the right people who are willing and committed to be a part of the team.

The Ministerial Department meets with Prayer Ministry Coordinators every quarter at the Advent Centre. These meetings train and empower Coordinators to work in their local churches and communities. Meetings are also used to fellowship, pray, share resources and exchange information on upcoming events. Key dates in the Prayer Ministry Department are our All London Days of Prayer (the first one is on Sunday 23rd February 10 am -4pm at the

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- Prayer Resources for Intercessors

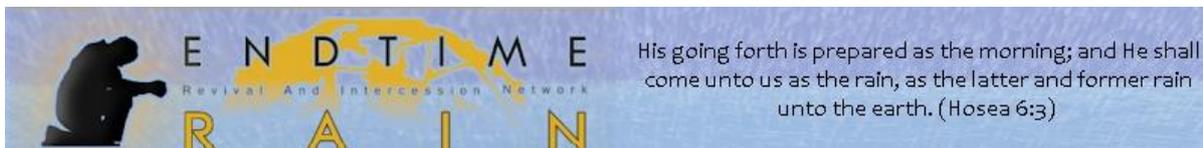
- Articles and Devotions

- Prayer Requests and Testimonies

“To be a Christian without Prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”

Martin Luther





Advent Centre) and the Prayer Ministry Retreat (Friday 8th - Sunday 10th August).

As part of my commitment to the work of prayer, I travel around churches in the south of England, helping to raise the profile of prayer with seminars, prayer groups and retreats. Please contact my secretary Rebeto Samuel-Ouadjo if you would like me to attend or facilitate a Wednesday prayer meeting at your church.

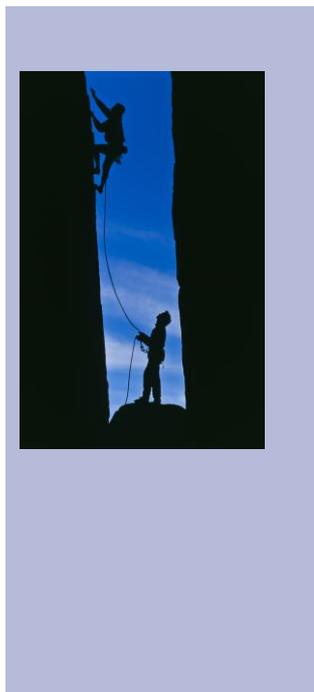
The Department is also pleased to support new initiatives. If you have an idea and would like support, please contact me.

Recent examples of projects supported by the Department are:

MOHAP (Ministry of Healing and Prayer) a special ministry with seminars, Pastoral counselling and anointing for people who are terminally or chronically ill and the Endtime Rain website.

Whether you are a Prayer Coordinator or a church member, I would like to encourage you to support your local Prayer Ministries team by getting involved in the events and programmes run throughout the year. May God richly bless you as you labour in his vineyard.

Pastor Emmanuel Osei, Ministerial Association Director, SEC.



Faith in a prayer-hearing God will make a prayer-loving Christian - Andrew Murray

Lord Teach Us to Pray!

Luke 11:1

“And it came to pass, that as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord teach us to pray”.

“Christ’s lesson in regard to prayer should be carefully considered. There is a divine science in prayer and his illustration brings to view principles that all need to understand. He shows what is the true spirit of prayer, He teaches the necessity of perseverance in presenting our requests to God, and assures us of His willingness to hear and answer prayer” (Christ Object Lessons, p 142).

We see from the scripture above that Christ had an effective habit of prayer that was noticed and sought after by his disciples. Prayer was the source of his earthly power. Empowered by love, he was able to tirelessly heal the sick, bless the multitudes, feed the hungry, comfort those in distress and forgive his enemies.

It was none other than Christ’s habit of prayer and the resulting intimate relationship with his Father that strengthened him to endure the cross.

All his commands to us as disciples of “come” “follow me” and “go” hinge on our imitating his ways. To be effective, we must first sit at his feet and learn through prayer how to do the greater things he promised that we would do (John 14:12). All these things begin and end with prayer.

Dear Saviour, like your disciples before us, we are crying out to you to “teach us to pray”. Instil in us a hunger and thirst for right living so that we can be more like you. Help us to make time to commune with you in prayer and teach us how to listen to you by spending time in your word. Enable us to prioritise this special relationship so that you can become our very best friend. In Your Precious Holy Name, Amen.



Events & Prayer Calendar- February – March 2014

February prayer: Unity amongst church members: growth in giving: talents, time, tithes; worship and witnessing (stewardship, communication, tech team, music ministries, and administrative teams: clerk, book secretary, library and treasury team).

March prayer: Physical, spiritual, emotional healing and compassion for the elderly, sick, disabled and bereaved (health and special needs ministries).

February-March events: 7th – 9th Feb Elders Retreat Wokefield Park; 23rd Feb All London Day of Prayer Advent Centre. 23rd March Prayer Ministry Coordinators Advent Centre.

Prayer Basics: Purpose & Power

The activity of prayer should be the life blood of every believer. It is our divine means of connecting with God because through prayer we are brought into His presence. Yet it is the most elusive and misunderstood practice. To understand prayer should be the desire of every man's heart.

When God said: *"Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."* (Genesis 1:26-27), He established a principle of prayer, for man to dominate the earth and this legal authority was only given to mankind as God did not include Himself. This meant that man (who is a spirit with a physical body) became the legal steward of the earth domain and any spirit without a body, is illegal on earth. Any influence or interference from the supernatural realm on earth is only legal through mankind. Even God Himself, who is a Spirit without a physical body, made Himself subject to this law.

As a result of the laws which God established, nothing can happen in the earthly realm without the active and passive permission of man, who is its legal authority. Even the Creator and heavenly beings cannot interfere in the earthly realm without the cooperation or permission of mankind.

So God must obtain the agreement and cooperation of a person for whatever He desires to do in the earth. For example, to rescue humanity from the flood, He needed Noah; to lead the nation of Israel, He needed Moses and for the salvation of mankind, He needed to become a man.

These principles give us the nature, purpose and power of prayer and it helps us to understand the true definition. Prayer is man giving God the legal right and permission to interfere in earth's affairs. We see this throughout Bible: *"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven"* (Matt. 16:19-20).

It is clear that prayer is not an option, but a divine requirement and it is up to us to take responsibility for the earth and shape what happens here by our prayers lives. Could it be that situations which are so rampant could be changed if we would only pray?

We must recognise that prayer is not a ritual, but a method to communicate with God in such a way that it touches His heart. There is an art to effective prayer and this should be learnt so our prayers can be most effective. For every prayer based on the Word of God and offered in faith by a person who is in right relationship with God is answered.

Let us learn to pray like Jesus prayed with quiet assurance expecting to be heard.

Adapted from: Understanding the Purpose and Power of Prayer by Dr Myles Munroe.

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