Week of February 5

Prayer According to God's Will

"And Jesus answered and said to them, Truly I say to you, If you have faith and do not doubt...even if you say to this mountain, Be taken up and cast into the sea, it will happen. And all that you ask in prayer, if you believe, you will receive." (Matt. 21:21-22)

The first God-man's teaching here was according to God's will for the accomplishment of His economy. Not many see that the Lord's teaching on prayer is related to God's economy, which is to be accomplished by His faithful people doing His will....This is God's will not in small matters, such as where we should move, but His great will for the accomplishment of God's economy. Many Christians today use the term the will of God in a very shallow and light way. We should be those who are carrying out God's will to accomplish God's economy....What is the real will of God that we have to carry out? It is to take care of the producing and building up of God's organism, which is the Body of Christ that will consummate the New Jerusalem.

We must first be the right persons before God, persons who are one with God. Then we can have God as our faith and pray according to our knowledge of God's will for the fulfillment of His economy....This is the experience of having faith in God without doubting, and believing that we have received what we have asked for so that we receive it. We have to pray according to God's will for the fulfillment of His economy. Then we are one with God and the right persons in God's eyes. Then we have the assurance that we have received what we have prayed for. (*The God-man Living*, pp. 142-143, 146-145)

ICSC

The 2023 International Chinese-speaking Conference will be held at the Ministry Conference Center in Anaheim from Friday, February 17 through Lord's Day, February 19. All the saints are invited to attend in person at the MCC or by live webcast at <u>live.lsmwebcast.com</u>. More information about schedule and translation is posted at <u>www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer</u>. Please pray for Lord to take more crucial steps in the advancement of His purpose during this gathering.

Bibles for America

In 2022, BfA gave away a record 184,000 copies of the NT Recovery Version—57,000 more than any year before. We are thankful to the Lord that so many people in this country are seeking and hungry for the Word of God.

This increase in orders means that a larger number of Bibles need to be packaged and shipped out each week. Please pray that the BfA staff and volunteers laboring at our distribution center would be supplied and strengthened to fulfill all of these orders. Pray also for the Lord to cover every step of the process so that the Bibles could go out in a timely way.

FTTA Gospel Trips – Hayward and Rohnert Park

Please continue to remember the FTTA gospel trips in prayer; they continue until February 11. Specific prayer burdens and updates are at <u>ftta.org/gospeltrips</u>.

In California, from January 27 to February 11, a gospel team is visiting several churches in the Bay Area—Hayward, Morgan Hill, Palo Alto, and Rohnert Park. The saints preached the gospel and passed out flyers, tracts, Bibles and booklets at Cal State East Bay in Hayward and Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park. Please pray:

- For those who signed up to have follow-up contact and become remaining fruit on these two campuses.
- That the Lord would establish a group of new core students for the Bible Club at Sonoma State University this year.
- That the Lord would add young couples and families to the church in Rohnert Park.

Ukraine

Please continue to pray that:

- The Lord will keep all the saints in the involved countries open to Him for their experience of the divine dispensing in all the situations of their daily living.
- The Lord will meet all the practical needs of the saints as the cold weather of winter settles in.
- The brothers who are fighting in the war will be preserved by the Lord in their tripartite being.
- The Lord will shepherd the refugees and establish them in the church life.
- The local saints, serving ones, and trainees will be blended with the refugees by being through the cross and by the Spirit to minister Christ to one another for the building up of the Body.
- The saints in the involved countries involved will be kept in the oneness of the Body and the reality of the new man.
- The tripartite being of saints in besieged cities will be protected and preserved for the Lord's interests.
- The Lord will comfort and sustain those who have lost loved ones in the war.
- The enemy will be bound in his attack on the Lord's interests in Russia, Ukraine, and Europe.

Timor-Leste

Timor-Leste, or East Timor, is a Southeast Asian nation with fewer than 1.5 million inhabitants, most of whom are Catholic. The two official languages are Portuguese and Tetum, with English and Indonesian designated as working languages. Currently there are 21 saints in the capital Dili; half are Tetum- or Indonesian-speaking, half are Chinese-speaking. Please pray:

- For the saints in Dili to be healthy, rich, building, and functioning members to build up the Body of Christ for His increase.
- For the completion of a newly constructed meeting hall.
- For the language learning of recently migrated saints.

For a detailed report with photos, see the January 2023 issue of the Lord's Move to Asia newsletter:

- <u>reurl.cc/OEZgD3</u> (English)
- reurl.cc/6LoMkd (Chinese)

Announcements

- 1. **Morning Reviva**l: Week 4 of our guided reading through the Gospel of Matthew. On February 20, we will begin *The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity for the Divine Economy* (Thanksgiving Conf).
- 2. **ICSC:** The International Chinese-speaking Conference will be held February 17 to 19 in Anaheim. All saints welcome! Those needing translation into English, Korean or Spanish should bring their own FM radio headset or install the free Listen Everywhere app on their <u>iPhone</u> or <u>Android</u> phone.
- 3. Free e-Booklets: Living Stream Ministry offers a series of free e-booklets to read and share at www.lsm.org/booklets, including "Life's Setting Free—the Need of Those under the Bondage of Sin."
- 4. Bibles for America's latest post is available to read and share at <u>blog.biblesforamerica.org</u>.
- 5. Living to Him has a podcast series particularly helpful to working saints, available on all major podcasting services at <u>livingtohim.com/the-living-to-him-podcast</u>.
- 6. **A Timely Speaking of Supply:** Enjoy a free weekly video from messages given by Brother Lee at <u>lsm.org/timely-speaking.html</u>.
- 7. Ways to Give: Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at <u>www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings</u>.