

Week of July 26

Persevering in Prayer While Discerning the Signs of the Times

“But we will continue steadfastly in prayer and in the ministry of the word.” (Acts 6:4)

“...The gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.” (Matt. 24:14)

In the present environment of the world, we need to devote ourselves to and persevere in prayer, while discerning “the signs of the times.” We need to pray with the full realization of God’s view of human history by seeing that the gospel is speeded up and even maximized by war, famine, and death and by seeing that we need to gain God to the fullest extent to accomplish the goal of His divine economy.

God will listen to our prayer when our prayer to God is toward Christ, the kingdom of God, and the house of God as the goal in God’s eternal economy. This means that our prayer should always be aimed at the interests of God, that is, at Christ and the church as God’s interests on earth, for the fulfilling of God’s eternal economy. (*A Timely Word concerning the World Situation and the Lord’s Recovery*, msg. 1, V, B, C.2)

Pray that we will be in our spirit in order to be men on earth with God’s heart, men to whom heaven can be opened to see the vision of God concerning the destiny of the world, who see that the world situation is the indicator of God’s move on earth, and who realize that all the major events of human history have been arranged and matched by God in His sovereign authority for His move on earth. (Beseeching.org, Day 1)

European Young People’s Conference

The European Young People’s Conference is being held online in four parts over a different time period than normal. Part 3 begins this Friday afternoon and ends Monday evening; it is the main part of this year’s conference. Corporate meetings will be held every afternoon and evening with activities in the mornings, as well as group times. Please pray for this conference, for the gathering of the young people, and for the release of the serving ones.

Lord’s Move to Africa

The theme of the June 2020 online newsletter is “Church Life Under the Pandemic” and features encouraging reports from Ethiopia, Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria, and South Africa. In the midst of the pandemic, the Lord has been blessing the churches with more blending, increased fellowship and practical care, and more saints functioning. Read more at www.lmafrica.org/newsletter.

Prayer for the Current Situation

In the midst of the pandemic in the United States and around the world, please continue to pray:

1. For the Lord to protect all His interests on earth, including the saints and the churches;
2. For the saints and churches to be open to what the Lord will accomplish during this time;
3. For the saints to persevere in prayer for the Lord’s final move to end this age; and
4. For the gospel of the kingdom to be proclaimed and the hearts of many men to be open to receive it.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 1 of *A Timely Word Concerning the World Situation and the Lord's Recovery* (Memorial Day Conference).
2. **Labor Day Weekend Blending Conference:** The churches in the entire state of California will blend together in an online conference from September 4 to 6. Details regarding the meeting schedule and the way to join will be announced in the coming weeks.
3. **Interim Instructions for Giving:** Since our meeting halls are still closed, instructions for where to mail checks and options for online giving, which now includes Zelle, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.
4. **Guidelines for in-person group meetings** are posted at www.churchinlosangeles.org/covid19. We will proceed slowly, cautiously, in loving care for one another.