

Week of January 9

Cooperating and Working with God for His Will and Purpose

“Set your mind on the things which are above, not on the things which are on the earth.” (Col. 3:2)

“Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” (Eph. 5:17)

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Cor. 15:58)

God can carry out on earth what He has planned in heaven only when He has people who will cooperate with Him. God needs to gain people on earth who will cooperate with Him and work with Him according to His mind. As long as there are those who are of the same mind as God and are willing to work with Him, God’s work will be carried out on earth.

As members of Christ’s organic, mystical Body, we are either expressing Him or limiting Him. The Lord needs to bring us to the point where we have nothing to hinder Him from doing whatever He wills. Once the Lord has brought us to a place of total responsiveness to Him, He will have a free and unhindered way to accomplish His will. Then there will be nothing that God cannot do to carry out His purpose on earth. (*Meeting God’s Need and Present Needs in the Lord’s Recovery*, msg. 1, I.A.1-2, B.3.a-b)

College Students in Los Angeles

Although UCLA and USC have postponed the start of in-person classes until at least the end of January, a good number of students are already in Los Angeles and able to gather for fellowship. CSUN starts towards the end of January as well. Please pray that:

1. The students would not be discouraged but would enjoy the Lord from the very start of their semester/quarter.
2. We would have solid follow-up with many new students from last quarter/semester, quickly re-establishing regular fellowship with them.
3. Students could be further connected with community saints in small groups and brought into the church life.
4. We have the proper balance of safe yet engaging activities for the students in light of the pandemic.

Young People in Los Angeles

Let us stand with our young people in prayer as they continue to navigate the effects of the pandemic on their lives, education, and mental health. Please pray for the following matters:

1. On Tuesday, January 11, LAUSD begins its spring semester. Other schools in the Los Angeles area have already begun or will be starting shortly as well. Pray that the Lord would be peace to the young people from all anxiety, cover their health and safety, and shine brightly from them to their classmates.
2. From February 11 to 13 there will be a hybrid YP Blending Conference for the young people across Southern California. Pray for the preparation of this conference, and that it would be an encouragement for all of our young people to go on in the Lord together.

SoCal Spanish-speaking Conference

The Southern California Spanish-speaking conference is this weekend, January 14 and 15. Conference meetings are 7:30 pm Friday, and 4:00 and 7:00 pm Saturday, spoken in Spanish with translation to English. Conference outlines and the Zoom link will be available Wednesday at www.socalspanish.org. There is also a meeting for children and parents from 11:00 to 11:45 am Saturday at the same Zoom link, in English with translation to Spanish; the subject is “God Cares for Us.” Unlike other years, the YP blending conference will not be held simultaneously, but will be February 11 to 13.

Pray that the Lord bless this time with His presence and with His fresh speaking full of life and light.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 1 of *Meeting God's Need and Present Needs in the Lord's Recovery*.
2. **Free e-Booklets:** Living Stream Ministry has made their rainbow booklets available as free e-booklets to read and to share with others. They are at www.lsm.org/lifes-principle where there is a menu with links to six more e-booklets.
3. **Living Stream Ministry:** The [December digital newsletter](#) explains the significance of crystallization-studies, a report on the Recovery Version translation in India, and helpful videos on getting the most out of the Recovery Version App.
4. **Lord's Move to Europe:** Please visit amanatrust.org.uk/page/reports for video and written updates on Europe prepared for the recent December Semiannual Training.
5. **Ways to Give:** Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.