

Week of September 4

Praying for the Lord's Coming

“He who testifies these things says, Yes, I come quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” (Rev. 22:20)

The first part of this verse is the Lord's third warning in chapter twenty-two of Revelation regarding His soon coming. The last part is the apostle John's prayer and response to the Lord's warning. It is also the last prayer in the Bible. After reading the book of Revelation, we also should have such a prayer and response—“Come, Lord Jesus!” This was John's desire expressed as a prayer. Therefore, the whole Bible concludes with a desire for the Lord's coming expressed as a prayer. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament: The Believers*, vol. 2, p. 1946)

“When He comes, faith will be turned to facts, and praise will replace prayer. Love will consummate in a shadowless perfection, and we will serve Him in the sinless domain. What a day that will be! Lord Jesus, come quickly!” (Watchman Nee, *The Song of Songs*, p. 126).

Pray that the word released in the Southern California Labor Day Conference would operate in all the saints. May we follow the pattern of the Apostle John and Brother Nee to hasten the day of the Lord's return by praying, “Lord Jesus, come quickly!”

Loving the Lord with the First Love

The Lord's recovery is a recovery of loving the Lord with the first love, the best love, and of eating the Lord Jesus as the tree of life for the building up of the organic Body of Christ, which is the building up of the New Jerusalem as the goal of God's eternal economy.

To enjoy the Lord as the tree of life, we must tell Him all the time, “Lord Jesus, I love You.” If we have a burning love toward the Lord Jesus, giving Him the first place in all things, we will enjoy all that He is.

When we love Him, He will manifest Himself to us, and He and the Father will come to us and make Their abode with us. Thus, we need to pray prayers such as, “Lord, show me Your love, and constrain me with Your love that I may love You and live to You”; “Lord, keep me loving You all the time.” We must continually tell the Lord, “Lord Jesus, I love You; Lord, keep me in Your love! Attract me with Yourself! Keep me all the time in Your loving and present presence.” (*Taking the Way of Enjoying Christ as the Tree of Life*, msg. 3, III, A, E)

GTCA Cities – Memphis

Please continue to pray for the migration of burdened saints and the strengthening of the Lord's testimony in our target cities (Cincinnati and Columbus, OH; Memphis and Nashville, TN; Normal, IL; Omaha, NE; St. Louis, MO; Tampa, FL; and Virginia Beach, VA) and campus teams (Cincinnati and Columbus, OH; Lexington, KY; Pittsburgh, PA; Columbia SC; St. Louis, MO; and Tampa, FL).

This Saturday, September 10 there will be a virtual tour of Memphis at 3:00 pm PT). Information and links will be posted at gtca.us.

European University Training

The upcoming European University Training will take place in France (September 9 to 11), UK and Ireland (September 11 to 16), and Germany (September 20 to 24). The general subject is “God's Economy, Which Is in Faith” and also covers the preaching of the gospel for the new academic semester.

Please pray for the shepherding and perfecting of the European university students at the three regional trainings so that their faith will grow, and for the preaching of the gospel by the spirit of faith so that many Europeans will be added to the household of faith.

Germany and Switzerland

The churches in Germany and Switzerland extend a warm invitation to all the saints in the recovery to join their campus labor at the beginning of the university year in October. Please pray that the Lord will gain many young Germans and Swiss as remaining fruit, and for the spread of the Lord's testimony in all the cities through these gospel trips. For more information, go to tinyurl.com/2022GermanyGospelTrips.

Ukraine

Please continue to pray that:

- The Warsaw extension of FTT Moscow will be under the Lord's blessing as the new semester begins.
- The Lord will use the fourth cycle of the gospel and shepherding trips, from 8-25 September, to care for the Ukrainian refugees in Poland in Warsaw, Krakow, and Wrocław (pronounced *Vroh-tswaf*).
- The local saints and serving ones will be blended with the Ukrainian refugees for the strengthening and building up of the Lord's testimony in key European cities.
- The saints in Russia and Ukraine will be kept in the oneness of the Body and the reality of the new man, where Christ is all the members and in all the members.

Announcement

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 3 of *Taking the Way of Enjoying Christ as the Tree of Life*.
2. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** Live broadcast this Wednesday 7:25 pm at lsm.org/live.
3. **Benson Phillips Memorial Meeting:** A memorial meeting for Brother Benson Phillips will take place in Irving, TX this Lord's Day, September 11 at 12:30 p.m. PDT. The meeting will be streamed live at memorial-meeting.org.
4. **Young People's Blending Meeting:** Saturday, September 17 in Arcadia; details at scyp.com/blending.
5. **Bibles for America's** latest post at blog.biblesforamerica.org is entitled "What Is Spiritual Growth?"
6. **Thanksgiving Conference:** All the churches and individuals are invited from November 24 to 27. Saints from LA planning to attend the in-person sessions in Washington, DC should RSVP no later than October 31 at tinyurl.com/thanksgivingconfla (adults) and tinyurl.com/thanksgivingchildrenla (children). More conference and hotel information is posted at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer.
7. **A Timely Speaking of Supply:** Enjoy a free weekly video from messages given by Brother Lee at lsm.org/timely-speaking.html. The current series is *The Secret of God's Organic Salvation—“the Spirit Himself with Our Spirit”*.
8. **Ways to Give:** Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.