

#### **Humble Ourselves And Pray!**

## Fighting On Our Knees!

Grace and peace to you from God.

What are we fighting for? Where are our battle lines drawn? There always seems something worth fighting for... What is our strategy to win, to win the fight for Christ, for the lost, families, marriages, friends, and the church? In the words of Ms. Clara in the movie War Room "...victories don't come by accident" therefore we must plan how we to win. Firstly, I'd like to express appreciation to Pastor Emmanuel Osei for raising the profile for prayer throughout the SEC over previous years. His commitment and dedication has been invaluable. As the newly appointed SEC Prayer Ministries Coordinator, it is a privilege to partner with End Time Rain Network to develop and nurture passion within people to Know God's Heart and Seek His presence through prayer. This is something worth fighting for... Prayer is a useful weapon in any spiritual fight. It is great to know there many who know how to fight in prayer to win the battle

on their knees first before anywhere else. No doubt Bible promises are vital to any prayer strategy for our God is faithful to what He says. The Lord promises in Jeremiah 24.7 to give us a heart to know Him and to be our travel companion as we journey to His sanctuary in Psalm 84. Any time spent in prayer is no time wasted. With our busy lives and so much demanding our attention, much is in the way preventing us from spending quality time with God. Time is invaluable. Any battle plan requires these three basic elements:

bible promises, prayer and time. When we trust God and allow Him to fight for us, we shall have the victory. It is possible – it begins with prayer. I encourage each of us to ask God for someone who needs to discover the power of prayer and is willing to learn how to pray. May we do our best to coach and share insights into Knowing God's heart, Seeking His presence in order to raise a battalion of prayer warriors

#### **END TIME RAIN**

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"Prayer changes the lives of those who engage with it."





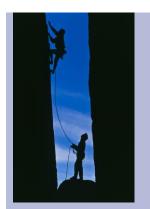
willing to fight the good fight. Battle plans are already in place. The prayer movement arises across the South England Conference (SEC) with churches reporting a variety of prayer events and initiatives throughout January. Members are sharing how vital prayer is to the success of evangelism and the saving of the lost. The Gideon 365+ Prayer Action started on 1 January 2016. There is still opportunity to join many others praying at 6am, 12pm and 6pm for evangelism and mission across the SEC. Please contact me for further details.

And this is only the beginning! Throughout the year prayer activities and initiatives are planned to increase our involvement in prayer.

I hope we will experience victory after victory won in prayer for the battles are fought on our knees to know Him and make Him known.

Veronica Williams Prayer Ministry Coordinator, SEC.

Be Blessed, Stay Blessed, Be a Blessing.



## Prayer can alter the course of nations

## **Nothing To Put Before Him**

Luke 11:6 (KJV)

"For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him."

This parable gives us insight into our need to persevere in prayer. Prayer is first and foremost our method of communication with God. Ideally described as "breath of the soul", prayer is as vital to the Christian as breathing. In our spiritual breathing we are to be in constant communication with God. It is often said that God always answers our prayers with "yes", "no" or "wait." This parable describes how we should act while we are waiting for God to answer the prayers according to his will as he responds to according to his timing.

"Jesus tells the parable of a neighbour who refuses to be neighbourly. The continuous pleas of his friend for a loaf of bread to meet a midnight emergency go in vain. But finally, even such a neighbour gives up and yields to the persistence of the continuous midnight knocks. How much more would God be toward someone persistent in prayer? Such persistence is not to change God's mind but to strengthen our trust." (Sabbath School Quarterly).

Our adversity is God's opportunity. In our selfsufficiency, many of us do not recognise the desperate daily need for God until we have run out of ideas, resources, energy or friends. God's response to all our prayers is to teach us how to pray. We may suffer from impatience. We may also have the wrong view of God's providence. God in his mercy designs all interventions in our lives to work together for our good and his glory. Perhaps we need to get to know God more intimately by spending more time with him in prayer or the word. Perhaps in making us wait he is strengthening and refining weak aspects of our character. Whatever the reason - perseverance is a prerequisite for faithbuilding. James 1:3-4 puts it like this: "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

Dear Heavenly Father, Beloved Saviour and Friend, thank you for teaching us to pray in all our experiences with you. Thank you for being an Unchanging God whose supplies of mercy and grace know no bounds. Holy Spirit come alongside us: helping us to persevere in our praying and build our faith. May our desire to pray increase. Bring us to a place where our moments in sweet communion with God are more important that than our need for answers to prayer, amen.



## **Events & Prayer Calendar January-April 2016**

January: Loving relationships: single and married men and women, young people and children

February: Unity amongst members: growth in giving: talents, time, tithes, worship and witnessing

March: Physical, spiritual, emotional healing and compassion for the elderly, sick, disabled and bereaved

April: God's providence for those who are poor, disadvantaged and facing challenges in life

January-April Events: SEC: Gideon 365 (3ABN), 1 January-31st December; Prayer Coordinators Meeting: 21 February; 8th April (High Wycombe SDA church); Youth Week of Prayer:19- 26th March; Battersea Church Monthly All Night Prayer Meeting (last Saturday 10pm-6am)

### The Silence of the Lambs

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. Matthew 7:1-2

One of my favourite fruit is the avocado pear. I have found from years of experience that the best ones have to be ripe. You cannot tell whether an avocado is ripe just by looking, you have to touch to feel whether it is soft and ripe. Even softness does not guarantee perfection. When they are too soft they can be rotten inside. So how do you make a judgment about a good and a bad avocado without a perfect science for testing it? The same problem arises with other fruits such as melons, lychees, oranges, and so on. External signs of ripeness cannot ensure sweetness. Making a judgment about which fruit to buy; when to cross the road; or when to reverse out of a turning are not the judgment calls which Christ is speaking about in Matthew's Gospel. We are expected to make every day decisions about the things that pertain to the way we live our lives. No one would have a problem with us making judgments about any of the above, right? But if a Christian makes a judgment call about a brother or sister who is openly transgressing God's law by their behaviour, they are derided ostracized and made to feel as though they have committed a great evil. Nothing should be said to the transgressor, leave him or her to continue. The apple is bruised and damaged on the outside, but so what? Put it in the basket, anyway, in a day or two when it goes off, just put it in the bin, do not say a word. Just treat the offender as a bruised apple. "Judge not, that ye be not judged." This is

how far the people the church have come - open rebellion and open apostasy of God's word. This worldly thinking is aimed directly at the youth, corrupting their young minds, so that ungodly behaviours can be indulged in, without feelings of guilt or remorse. Who has done this? You may ask. The parable of the wheat and tares found in Matthew 13 from verse 24 gives the answer from Christ Himself. Verse 28 reads "He said unto them, an enemy hath done this." We all know that the enemy of Christ is the devil himself, but with our permission the tares have flourished. In Christ's Object Lesson chapter 24, Sis White makes this statement. "The professed followers of Christ are no longer separate and peculiar people. The line of demarcation is indistinct. The people are subordinating themselves to the world, to its practices, its customs it selfishness." Daily the church is condemned on making a stand on abortion; same sex marriages, women priests, divorce and remarriage. Daily those with free unlimited access to pen and the internet shout out the loudest against God's law and His principles. Daily the mouths of God- fearing Christians are being taped shut for fear of offending anyone living outside of God's requirements, which is OBEDIENCE TO THE LAW. Daily sinners are comforted with the peace and safety promises, rather than helped to overcome sin and led to claim the Righteousness of Christ so that they can live above sin. The truths of the Bible have become an offence to the world and to many in the church. But take heed on whom the rock falls they will be crushed, but whoever falls on the Rock will be broken unto salvation. We have a duty to call all those who are walking contrary to the light of His word. That is why we are here, the commission is given to us in Matthew 28 verses 19-20. Simply paraphrased "Go, teach, baptize, observe all things commanded by Jesus. To do anything less is a SIN.

His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. (Hosea 6:3)

#### **Testimonies**

## Overcoming By The Blood And The Word Of Testimony

Please join us as we thank and praise God for his faithfulness in answering prayers.

October 2015 - Thank you for praying for C and her daughter R via ETR Facebook. She has now found a suitable home which is near her daughter's school and near a church. She is doing bible study her old school friend and is drawing closer to God. She has plans to attend the church nearby also.

November 2015 - Bro C from St Lucia has sent a video of himself and family singing praises to God for his miracle of healing to all the faithful prayer warriors who prayed for him over the past year. He only had a few months to live with an inoperable cancer of the stomach and over the past few months God has proved himself. The video of him singing is testimony of the power of fervent prayer.

December 2015 - Brother BMN says "Good friends, I posted last time to request for prayers over my off days at work. May I update you that God is good and thank you everyone for interceding for me. Today we had a fruitful discussion about the same. Finally, my colleague has agreed to give me Friday and Saturday as my days off since I'm a Sabbath keeper. This change will be effective first week of Jan 2016. Kindly pray for me once more so that he will keep his word. Thank you friends and thank you dear God for this Marvellous miracles you daily perform; we are happy to receive them. Take heed pilgrims, God is love, God bless."

Just before GC my work contract came to an end. My wife and I decided to go to GC for the first time. Since then I have been out of work (6 months). I had numerous interviews with some bad experiences. I continued to pray and trust God being very specific about job role and salary. In November I applied for two positions with the same company. One in my field position and salary I prayed for. The other not my main field higher position and £4000 more than I prayed for. The first interview was by phone did not get it as they felt I did not have the experience although it was my field with 7 years senior management experience. The second called me straight in for an interview. I got this job told by the panel it was the best interview they had for the year. I prayed for what I wanted God had something better for me something I would not have considered. His ways are not our ways; his thoughts not our thoughts. For those who are unemployed, don't give up, because God has not given up on you, he's about to deliver more than you can imagine. Stay blessed. Br LD

We salute you in the name of the Living God and praise him for the answer to our prayer requests we sent in the last report. Someone joined us to attend the children. We also will add bibles from the donations from the ETR Prayer Team. We will try to meet some of the needs of our needy members. And we also thank God for seeing us through our Children's Bible Camp as we had requested in the prayer list. Glory to God our Father and Saviour. KR East Kenya SDA.

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