

June Prayer

Dear fellow prayer partners...I am enclosing some material for you to read along with suggested prayer material for the JUNE PRAYER FOCUS. I hope this is an instructive blessing for you as it has been for me. The article is not my own.

Let's Harmonize Together

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“Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven. Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven. Matthew 18:18”

Christians have a great responsibility in the earth. It doesn't matter how much we want to look away from it, God has established a part for us to play in this life. Because God put in us the ability to prompt Him to intervene in other people's lives, we then have a responsibility to use that authority and dominion to benefit other people.

God gave man the authority to bind and to loose. The Bible doesn't say “Whatsoever God shall bind...” It said, “Whatsoever ye (you) shall bind...” The word “bind” means to paralyze; to stop in its tracks. You can stop things in their tracks by the words of your mouth because Heaven is going to back or support you. On the contrary, if you don't bind it, there is nothing for Heaven to back or support. Even though God wants to help you out, if you don't stand in your own dominion and authority, nothing will happen because God is waiting on you. The same is true for whatever you loose on earth. The word “loose” means to break the grip. Whatever grip you break here on earth will be broken in Heaven.

Matthew 18:19 says that two of you can agree on something to get God's power in a situation when you ask in the Name of Jesus. Why would Jesus point out that two is better than one when one already has awesome authority? He does that because it is important for the two to agree. The Amplified Bible says, “ If two of you on earth agree (harmonize together, make a symphony together)....” For example, when an orchestra is warming up, each instrument plays its own sound. The brass, strings, percussion, and wind instruments play all kinds of sounds. Then when the conductor begins and raises his hands, they all begin to play from the same sheet of music, it all comes together with harmony.

God's desire is that we harmonize in the body of Christ. We can harmonize when we walk in love toward one another. Even though we are all different, we must come together and act on the Word of God in our relationships with each other, thereby playing from the same sheet of music. When we can have this type of agreement, there is nothing impossible for us. We are then able to pray for people who are in distress, and see them set free. Scripture reference: Amos 3:3 and I John 5:8

Prayer focus:

1. This is the 60th anniversary year of Israel's establishment as a country. The Bible tells us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. In obedience we are to do this.
2. In the past months, some major crisis were faced by countries...the life taking cyclone of Myanar (Burma) and the major earthquakes of China...with the death toll still mounting. Pray that God will move the hearts of the leaders of Burma to accept help, for the sake of their people... and pray that in China, believers will rise to servant ministry in their country. Keep in mind that most of those who lost children lost their only child since the law of China dictates that couples may have only one child. Hearts of people are afraid and sorrowing. Pray the Holy Spirit will powerfully reveal Jesus Christ in their losses.
3. Many of you wrote me regarding our prayers for the United Nations and the outcomes reported to us as to the seeking hearts and minds for God's intervention in their countries. When God brings this to mind, continue to pray for the Bible Studies being permitted there, for the Christians who work there, who pray and stand with God in the midst of difficulty dilemmas, and pray for the ministries by email and literature, etc., that goes on continually between Christian workers in ministry at the United Nations and those international hearts He has made hungry for truth. God is at work everywhere, including the halls of the U.N.
4. Remember to pray continually for the persecuted church of the world. Persecution is growing...because alongside the work God is doing, the enemy works also to defeat, destroy, and discourage, so that the Kingdom of God will not prosper and grow. If you get on the email list of Voice of the Martyrs, and I am sure other organizations, they will send weekly email prayer requests for your prayers. Thevoice@persecution.com
5. No one who lives in this country will need to be told this is an election year...many are tired of hearing about it. Our prayers should be poured out to God about this subject because our country affects the world and many of the things candidates say they will or will not do will make a major difference in our world. Many of their statements affect the entire world. To do Kingdom praying, we can ask our Father to keep all things in His hands...He is the Sovereign God and King.....Take the book of Psalms, read carefully...mark references to God's authority, control, sovereignty, plans, etc., in our world...make these your prayer requests.

6. Military people throughout the world are desperate and hopeless...suicide is common in armies of many countries, including our own. We can pray...not only for those in service, but for Chaplains and care-givers. Jesus is the only answer.