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If prayer was of primary importance to Jesus himself, we cannot afford to be slack or misinformed about this powerful tool.

“Requests, prayers, intercessions”: they are the same. Paul is merely trying to tell us that we can pray in any kind or form of prayer. We can also try to be creative especially in leading public prayer.

“Thanksgiving”: sometimes it is difficult to find a reason to thank God for, especially in times of great leadership failures resulting in social chaos. But we can thank God because God is *bigger* than our situation: God is *able* to deliver; and God is always *in control* although we may not immediately see how.

The Prayer Points

(1) “Pray for everyone”: Paul is not encouraging generalizations in prayer. For example, sometimes we pray for “all the missionaries around the world”, or “for all the children of the world.” God hears and answers all sincere and honest prayers. But we should not pray generalized prayers, when we have the information to pray specific prayers.

What Paul means is this: don’t let your prayers be tribal, elitist, political, denominational or nationalist. Pray for everyone.

(2) “Pray for the king and those in authority”: for the early church that time, this king they were commanded to pray for would be the Emperor Nero who was considered to be evil. He burned Rome and later blamed the Christians and greatly persecuted the believers. In praying for Nero, the early church embodied love and forgiveness toward the enemy. This prayer was not just an expression of faith and hope in God’s justice, but an expression of love and mercy of “God who wants all to be saved” (v.4).

In moments of great political and social crisis, all serious Christian will be asking the question: “How we can remain true to our Christian calling?” The simple answer is this: Pray-for everyone, especially for those in high position.

We cannot influence our leaders to do the right thing, or to encourage them if they are on the right, because they are distant from us. But through prayer, God can work. “Sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my petitions bear”.

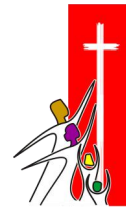
The Purpose of Prayer

“So that our people may live peaceful and quiet lives, in all godliness and holiness”. Why is this peaceful situation important to pray for? Because in peaceful situations, the Good news can spread faster, and that God’s truth will prevail. Times of political and social crisis always distracts and diverts the church from fulfilling her primary calling, i.e., to preach the Gospel.

Conclusion: How do we remain true to our Christian faith in difficult times? The simple answer is this: **Pray.** For everyone, especially those in authority.

Prayer is the first—and sometimes the only—Christ-like thing we can do in moments of great testing.

- Pastor Kedo Peseyie



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND
THE WISDOM OF GOD

City Church

VISION statement of the City Church:

City Church seeks to honor and worship Jesus Christ as Lord and the only God; and to build the Body of Christ (The Church) with all who love Him as disciples, proclaiming Him as the Savior to all nations.

AIMS of the City Church:

Worship: *To Worship God and exalt His name together as a Church.*

Fellowship: *To build the body of Christ with all who love Him through mutual sharing, help and growth.*

Evangelism: *To witness for Christ both by proclamation and by lifestyle so as to cause others to experience God’s great salvation.*

Discipleship: *To establish members as disciples of Jesus Christ through systematic Bible Studies and teaching and equip them for effective service.*

Mission: *To send out people in obedience to God’s call and command to reach the un-reached for Christ.*

Today’s Service

Leader : Esther Konyak
Speaker : Kaikhu
Pianist : Lithüngpeny Murry
Ushers : Soyimna & Kevi Myingthungo
Flower : Dr. Aphre Odyuo
Praise & Worship

Welcome & Announcement

Reading: Psalm 63

Mass Prayer (i) Your personal concerns
(ii) Church ministry concerns

Church Building Report- Dr. Sendimeren Anonk

Hymn **No.4** : Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Offertory

Message

Hymn **No.135** : I know Whom I Have Believed

Benediction

PRAISE AND PRAYER

- 1.Praise God for His awesome presence during last Sunday prayer– cum-worship service and having blessed us through His Word.
- 2.Praise God for enabling Pastor to attend Love Burma Mission Board Meeting held yesterday at Mokochung Town Baptist Church.
- 3.Pray for our Sunday School teachers who will be attending Kohima Town Baptist Churches Christian Educators Training to be held on 27th & 28th February at JMC, Lerie.
- 4.Pray for ongoing NBCC Sunday School GIFT curriculum writing project remembering all the writers including Hekali Shikhu and Pastor Kedo for wisdom and clarity.
- 5.Pray for smooth execution of Our Church Building project which is going to start shortly.
- 6.Continue to pray for our situation in the state for God’s intervention in bringing solution.

Everyone is invited to the tea fellowship after the worship service.

Psalm 63

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you,
in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.

Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

They who seek my life will be destroyed;
they will go down to the depths of the earth.

They will be given over to the sword
and become food for jackals.

But the king will rejoice in God;
all who swear by God's name will praise him,
while the mouths of liars will be silenced.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Collect forms for children's choir from the ushers after
the service. Practice will resume on **25th February**
(Coming Saturday).

citychurchkoh@gmail.com, Facebook: "City Church Kohima".

Contact: 0370-2242687 / 7085120374

Nagamese Fellowship

Self Discipline (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

Life is a battle: We need to be ready; well-trained and discipline ourselves.

We need to know our goal: Our goal is to win the race; to have victory and to reach out till the end.

We cannot save others unless: We learn first of all to discipline and train ourselves.

To be victorious in the race demands discipline (2 Tim 4:7); endurance; patience and keep faith in God.

- Robert Debarma

Enroute

John 3:16, Romans 5:8: A reminder on God's love and growing in Christ likeness. God not only taught us what love is but He even showed us His love by sending His only son to die for our sins. And as a child of God we are to:

- Believe and trust in Him
- Have a deep and intimate relationship with Him.
- Which will, in return, help us to grow in spirit and in Christ-likeness.

We also did an exercise on 1st Corinthians 13:4-7.

- Nivi Yeptho

- Enroute fellowship will be held as usual at 3pm today. Please do attend.
- Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study from 5pm to 6pm will continue as usual.
- To avail transportation for Sunday service, contact Mego Yalie @ 8131814116.
 - Thursday Women's fellowship at 4:30pm.

Sunday, February 12th, 2016

Tithes: ₹ 95,420 Offering: ₹ 11,230 Mission: ₹ 3,000 Building Fund: ₹ 7,000
Thanksgiving: ₹ 10,500 Nagamese: ₹ 290 Total: ₹ 1,27,440

Last Sunday Message.....

PRAYER FOR THE KING

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Paul wrote this letter to Timothy. However, this section was addressed to Timothy's church giving instructions for public prayers. He instructs them on the importance of prayer, the prayer points and the goal of their prayers.

The Importance of Prayer

Prayer is of primary importance. Paul tells the church led by Timothy, "First of all, pray." Jesus thought it was important because he often spent the whole night prayer. Paul often started [or ended] his letters by describing his prayer life. Everywhere he went he asked people to pray for him. He believed in prayer. The main reason for which the early church gathered each week [often everyday] was not to hear sermons, but so that they can pray. The disciples' request to Jesus was not for Jesus to teach them to preach well or do miracles, but they asked, "Lord teach us to pray." *Next page.....*