



Prayer Vigil

Friday, November 13, 2020

In his book “Sense and Nonsense About Prayer”, Lehman Strauss says, “I believe it is impossible for God to answer our prayers if we have an unforgiving spirit.

In Mark 11: 24 25 26 our Lord said, “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone forgive him, so that your Father in Heaven may forgive you your sins. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in Heaven forgive you.” Christians cannot refuse to forgive anyone. When we do not forgive, we set up a roadblock in our prayer life.

We need not keep score of the number of times we have to forgive. God keeps accurate records. We should keep on forgiving up to 70 times 7 and by that time (if we must count) we should have gotten the victory over any bitterness or hatred.

God’s full and free forgiveness to us should control our behaviour toward our fellowmen. A forgiving spirit is of prime importance if we are to have our prayer answered. A Christian with an unforgiving spirit is a stumbling block to everyone he knows.”

Lehman Strauss

Covid-19

Pray that God will use this crisis to bring people to Himself. Pray that Dan and Spencer and other leaders will know the best way to reach people. Many are isolated and weighed down by depression or other illnesses. As God’s people, show us what we can do for them. May the medical people find a safe vaccine and may this plague die down soon. The many church programs need God’s protection against the virus.

Those of our group with health problems—
Jim and Brenda Doucette's daughter and family and Jim as well.
Frank Gretz and his brother Bruce – healing and to find the Lord
Walter and Joyce Hanik, Rhonda Berg, Anita Bedard
Clara Klick - in bereavement and blindness
Ernie Hoffman, Willie Kwaitkowski and Ida
Alexis' eye problems, Marv Rud, Fred Schlitt, Beryl Stevens
Mary Doerken, Neufeld family, Dan & Elsa Biech (former members)

Fort George

Praise that in the midst of covid people are still hungry to hear God's Word and seek His face.

Praise God for His faithfulness in the area of finances. We are meeting our budget and even have a little in the bank that we can use to look forward.

Praise that young children are still being reached in our neighbourhood by our kids' clubs.

Praise God that our ministry has been able to make the transition to online and in-person services

Pray for wisdom and strength for Pastor Dan as he works to discern what God wants to say to us.

Pray for wisdom and strength for Nikki as she leads the worship team. Covid has brought many challenges to this area of ministry.

Pray for wisdom and strength for Spencer as he works with our Sunday School and Kids' clubs.

Pray for wisdom and strength for our volunteers. Covid has brought a lot of challenges in this aspect of ministry.

Pray for the kids in our programs that they will be full of grace and courage to share Christ with their friends.

Pray for wisdom and strength for our people who have to discern whether it is wise for them to attend our services in person or not.

Pray for soul stamina for our people in this extended period of separation. Many in our church are struggling--

-those who cannot attend are lonely

- those who have lost loved ones during this pandemic and have not been able to have a memorial service
- those who struggle with depression

Pray for physical strength and healing for many of our people who are sick or who have sick loved ones.

Lighthouse

Praise God for an almost “full house” most Saturday evenings at Lighthouse.

Praise for young people turning their lives over to Christ and getting baptized.

Praise for the sense of desire to bring Christ in the city of PG.

Pray for wisdom for Spencer, Dan and Nikki as they seek to lead Lighthouse in the midst of covid and all the strange things it has done to “ministry as usual”. Pray for creativity and new ideas for how to engage our young people.

Pray for opportunities and open doors to shine the light of Christ in to our city, schools, friend groups and families.

Pray for boldness and courage for our young people to stand up for Christ in an increasingly difficult landscaped.

Pray for Spencer and technology team who continue to work hard to make the service available online. (It is a way bigger job than anyone knows.)

Pastor Dan, Nikki and Family, Spencer and Kiara

Give thanks for all of them. May the children be healthy and grow up to serve the Lord.

May they do well at school and be little lights for the Lord.

May God give all spiritual, emotional and physical protection and deliverance from evil as well as sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.

May God give insight into sermon preparation, counselling and other challenges.

May they all be encouraged in seeing God work.

May Kiara be protected from illness as she gives care to the sick.

Church secretary Leanne would appreciate our prayers as she tries to do her job in spite of covid.

Families

-reconciliation in families

-church marriages to be strong in the Lord

- wisdom for parents in raising their children

-those who have not attended in a long time

Our Governments

Federal, Provincial, Municipal
Our Health Authorities Dr. Tamm, Dr. Henry

Our Community

The Homeless in PG

May they turn to the Lord and be delivered from their addictions. May God give wisdom and protection for those who are trying to help. Show us how we can help. Many homeless come in to the Mission Thrift Store. Pray that the staff will be protected and know how to help and be a voice for Christ. Everyone there needs much wisdom. Pray that the store will be able to continue its ministry and be a light in a dark place. More volunteers and donations are needed.

Youth For Christ

YFC has moved away from broad based programs to smaller groups where they can distance naturally. Pray that YFC will be able to still reach many youth and be an effective witness. The afternoon drop-ins continue at Fort George and other programs go on at other churches. Breakfasts are served at Duchess Park Wednesdays and Fridays. A Loonie Lunch is available at Evangelical Free church. AJ McBain, Area Director leads the work in MacKenzie. Camille Ginnever has joined the ministry there to reach the youth in that town. A new ministry "Stepping Stones" begins in November. Jayda Boucher directs this work, a support ministry for pregnant and parenting young people in PG. Donations for young moms in crisis will be gladly received eg. Grocery store gift cards, diapers and wipes, toiletries, feminine products, formula, baby clothes. E-mail jayda@princegeorgeyfc.ca for more information. May God give special wisdom to Executive Director Steve Swan, his wife Stephanie as well as Sam, and our own Nikita.

Child Evangelism Fellowship

The summer clubs were online and many children participated. Betty Andrews is trying to get online clubs going in PG but so far only one, which started Oct.29. Betty is doing it from her home and a helper is leading the singing from her own home. Anyone can host a club and use the online material— a Bible story, verses to learn, music, a game to play and perhaps a craft to do. Pray that more children will tune in and the Gospel will be made plain in an interesting way. It is a very different and challenging way to hold club. Pray that Betty will see good results and not get discouraged.

Ness Lake Bible Camp

Praise that some smaller groups are still able to rent the facilities. The ladies' retreat was very good. They met Sat., Oct.17 and Sun. Oct. 18. No one stayed overnight. The camp is planning for the summer of 2021. The plan is to have Day Camps with busing, which will be expensive. There will be more Family Camps. The staff is trying to plan for a workable Polar Dip on Jan 1. The vision of NLBC was to win young people to Christ. That vision has not changed. Pray that the staff will know how to accomplish this in spite of covid.

Our World - Particularly the Persecuted Church

Beirut, Lebanon

The explosion Aug. 4, killed 180 people and injured more than 6,000. The city was already in need of food because of 10 months of demonstrations and government shut downs, then covid came.

People are feeling hopeless- no food- no electricity – no water – no place to live.

Hospitals were levelled and those still standing lack supplies. 70,000 people are unemployed. There are no supplies to rebuild. A counselling team speaks and prays with as many as possible. Some Christian groups are trying to help. Please pray that God will send more help and that people will turn to the Lord.

Latin America

Latin America has become the new hot spot for the spread of covid19. This has shut down churches, leaving pastors without income. Unemployment has risen dramatically leaving 1,000's without food and bare necessities. The radio Gospel ministry is more crucial than ever. Pray that Christian workers will have enough supplies to help and their presentation of the Gospel will bear fruit.

Pakistan

Arif Pervais was sentenced to death for blasphemy. There was no evidence. He was accused of sending blasphemous messages on his cell phone. A fellow worker had stolen his phone SIM card and put blasphemy on it. In Pakistan fabrications of blasphemy are widespread and have the potential to spark mob lynchings and murders. Pray also for the safety of Christian girls in Pakistan. Many have been kidnapped and forced to marry Moslem men. One 14 year old was abducted right out of her home, taken 100's of miles away, forced to marry a Muslim who says that she has now become a Muslim. Another 12 year old girl was taken. The police refuse to help the parents who are understandably distraught.

Eritrea

Eritrea is one of the most isolated, closed off countries, and run by a brutal dictator. He is committing unspeakable human rights atrocities. Christians are being hunted, imprisoned and tortured. President Afwerki used the pandemic to further intensify his power and surveillance over his citizens. Imprisonment of Christians increased. Thousands are languishing in filthy jails. He seized all hospitals and clinics founded by Christian missionaries. He refused to accept medical supplies which were offered during the pandemic, showing complete disregard for the well being of his own people. Eritreans already struggling to buy food are not able to afford medical help. Many are starving. The desert locusts have eaten up the grain crop.

Mali – West Africa

Due to heavy rains and the flooding of the Niger River, 375,000 people lost their homes. The houses and city walls are mostly of mud brick. The rains have turned them into mush. Crops and gardens, usually watered by hand are ruined, destroying their food source. The missionary children's school was flooded and had to evacuate. One of the teachers went back to rescue some supplies. The water rose so quickly, he had to swim out to safety. Some of the missionary homes have been affected as well. Never in known history has the Niger River risen so high.

China

Dictator Xi Jinping has consolidated his power and put in a clause to the effect that, there is no limit to the length of his term in office.

If citizens are Moslem or Christian they face danger of arrest and death. It has been established that their organs are harvested and sold. This is also done to aborted babies. Thousands of Christians and Moslems have been sent to "re education" camps and to forced labour. Thousands of church buildings have been destroyed or closed.

China continues to lend money to other countries who cannot afford to build naval or airports. Later when the country cannot repay, China forgives the loan and takes control of the facility. China has important agreements with Iran to use that countries oil. Pray for the Christians there and for our own governments that they will be strong and wise.

