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Dear Readers,

ANSWERED PRAYER (James 5:13-20)

The Bible exhorts all Christians to pray. Lk 18:1 "That men ought always to pray and not to faint." Jesus taught His disciples to pray. Mt 6:9 "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven." Prayer should be automatic and second nature to a child of God. Rom 8:15 "But ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." When a sinner comes to God in repentance, he prays the sinner's prayer. He receives forgiveness and begins a new relationship with God.

Prayer is a means of grace whereby the child of God communicates with God the Father. It is an outpouring of love from the penitent soul seeking forgiveness and assurance from God his Creator and Redeemer. Ps 51:1 "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions." As a child speaks to his natural father, so must a Christian communicate with his Creator. Phil 4:6 "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

In communicating with God through prayer we are to conform to the will of God as we wait for answers to our prayer. The prayer of Saul demonstrates this. Acts 9:6 "And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" God has a plan and purpose for our life and through prayer God speaks to our hearts. Prayer therefore is a two way communication, we speak to God and God speaks to us. He answers our prayer. Jn 16:24 "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." (memory verse)

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING: 2 Thess 5:17

A REASONS FOR PRAYER vv13, 14

Affliction is a common experience of the child of God. Satan is now our enemy. He makes every attempt to get us to deny Christ and forsake the faith. He does so by a multitude of ways. Persecutions are common. 1 Pet 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour." Satan tempts us to sin in subtle ways. 2 Cor 11:14 "And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."

Sickness is the most common affliction. Because of the curse of sin, our physical body decays and finally dies. Job could bear the loss of property and even his loved ones. When he suffered a painful illness that he cursed the day of his birth. Job 3:3 "Let the day perish wherein I was born." Mrs Job was severely stressed as a care giver. Call for the elders of the Church and coporately intercede.

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B RESULT OF PRAYER vv15,16

Sin is that which separates God and the believer. Evil thoughts and malicious intents of the heart interfere with our prayers. Ps 66:18 "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Our sins are covered by the blood of Jesus. 1 Jn 1:9 "If we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Then the prayer of the faithful shall preserve and heal the sick.

Healing comes as a result of prayer when the brethren will confess their owns faults to each other. Corporate prayer is effective when brethren are united. The righteous man who prays is at peace with God and reconciled to one another. Harmony among the brethren is indicated in the Lord's teaching on the reconciliation procedure. Mt 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

C RESPONSIBLE PRAYER vv17,18

The prayer of Elijah is given as an example of effective prayer. The prophet is described as an ordinary man but he had an extraordinary God. He caved in under stress. 1 Ki 19:4 "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers." God sent drought and rain on Elijah's request.

Biblical counselling expounds the truth of God's Word. Scriptures are to be applied to wayward Christians. They are back slided. The truth will lead them back. In like manner Biblical truth and the moving of the Holy Spirit will convert a sinner to repentance. Jn 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Jesus is that truth.

Rev Patrick Tan

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

1 What is the "The Sinner's Prayer" and how can you help a new convert learn how to pray?

2 If we are to pray "Thy will be done" as Jesus taught His disciples, how may we pray according to the will of God?

3 Have you been tempted by the evil one? Did you come to the verge of losing your faith? How did you overcome temptation?

4 Can you give a testimony of answered prayer. Did you ever pray for healing? Give some examples.

5 If Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life" Jn 14:6, how do you apply this truth in leading a soul to salvation?



Read the Bible in A Year

Calendar of Daily readings for April 2006:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Family</u>	<u>Private</u>
1	Lev 4	Psa 1,2 Prov 19 Col 2
2	Lev 5	Psa 3,4 Prov 20 Col 3
3	Lev 6	Psa 5,6 Prov 21 Col 4
4	Lev 7	Psa 7,8 Prov 22 1 Thes 1
5	Lev 8	Psa 9 Prov 23 1 Thes 2
6	Lev 9	Psa 10 Prov 24 1 Thes 3
7	Lev 10	Psa 11,12 Prov 25 1 Thes 4
8	Lev 11,12	Psa 13,14 Prov 26 1 Thes 5
9	Lev 13	Psa 15,16 Prov 27 2 Thes 1
10	Lev 14	Psa 17 Prov 28 2 Thes 2
11	Lev 15	Psa 18 Prov 29 2 Thes 3
12	Lev 16	Psa 19 Prov 30 1 Tim 1
13	Lev 17	Psa 20,21 Prov 31 1 Tim 2
14	Lev 18	Psa 22 Eccl 1 1 Tim 3
15	Lev 19	Psa 23,24 Eccl 2 1 Tim 4
16	Lev 20	Psa 25 Eccl 3 1 Tim 5
17	Lev 21	Psa 26,27 Eccl 4 1 Tim 6
18	Lev 22	Psa 28,29 Eccl 5 2 Tim 1
19	Lev 23	Psa 30 Eccl 6 2 Tim 2
20	Lev 24	Psa 31 Eccl 7 2 Tim 3
21	Lev 25	Psa 32 Eccl 8 2 Tim 4
22	Lev 26	Psa 33 Eccl 9 Tit 1
23	Lev 27	Psa 34 Eccl 10 Tit 2
24	Num 1	Psa 35 Eccl 11 Tit 3
25	Num 2	Psa 36 Eccl 12 Phile
26	Num 3	Psa 37 Song 1 Heb 1
27	Num 4	Psa 38 Song 2 Heb 2
28	Num 5	Psa 39 Song 3 Heb 3
29	Num 6	Psa 40,41 Song 4 Heb 4
30	Num 7	Psa 42,43 Song 5 Heb 5

The Christian's Daily Remembrancer

by Ps. James Smith

16 April 2006

"I know that my Redeemer liveth." Job 19:25

THE HOPE OF DYING MEN WAS REVELAED TO JOB IN HIS MISERY. He saw the victory of the risen Christ, the hope of a dying world. Friends and relatives are constantly being taken by death. But one relative ever lives. He is our divine Kinsman. To Him the right of redemption belongs. He has paid the ransom price, and He lives in our nature at the right hand of God. He lives for us in the holiest of all. His existence is eternal, His office is untransferable. He will plead our cause. He will conquer our foes. He will perfect our graces. He will redeem us from death. He will be glorified in us, when He comes again the second time without sin unto salvation. I know Him from the revelation of His word, and by the teaching of His Holy Spirit. I know Him as the object of my trust, confidence, and desire. I know Him as my Redeemer. He has already rescued me from Satan, vile habits, and this present evil world. Into His hands I have committed my spirit, and I know that as He liveth in the character of my Kinsman Redeemer, I shall live also. Dear friends, it is sweet, peculiarly sweet, to have one ever-living, ever-loving Friend. Oh Jesus may I know and love Thee more!

I know that my Redeemer lives,
And ever pleads for me;
Salvation to my soul He gives,
And life and liberty.

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Jesus, Thy boundless love to me  
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
O bind my thankful heart to Thee,  
And reign without a rival there.  
O grant that nothing in my soul  
May dwell, but Thy Spirit alone:  
O may Thy love possess me whole,  
My joy, my treasure, and my crown.

# In Green Pastures Devotional Readings for Every Day of the Year

By J.R. Miller, D.D.

16 April 2006

## MORNING

**ACTS 9:32** "And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda."

IT is a great thing to be an encourager of others. Peter went about helping the new believers. There are always young Christians without experience who need just such aid. A brave word from one who is older gives them courage to go on. Peter "found a certain man named Aeneas".

That means that he heard of his pitiful condition and sought him out. We should not wait till people ask for comfort and help. Peter kept himself in the background and said to the man, "Jesus Christ healeth thee." If we were to do all our Christian work in this way it would have far more power.

Dorcas had won a place in people's hearts by her kindness. She was "full of good works and alms-deeds which she did," She did not merely mean to do them—she "did" them. In restoring her, Peter first bade her arise, and then gave her his hand to help her rise. This is important in all our helping of others. We must give our hand as well as speak the word of power.

## EVENING

### IN HIS NAME

IF we have the true spirit of service, we will look upon every one we meet, even casually, as one to whom we owe some debt of love, one sent to us to receive some benediction, some cheer, some comfort, some strength, some inspiration, some touch of beauty at our hand. We may never do one great or conspicuous thing of which men will talk, or which will be reported in the newspapers, but every word we speak, every smallest act, every influence we send out, even unconsciously, "in His name," merely our shadow falling on human need and pain and sorrow as we pass by, will prove sweet and blessed ministry of love, and will impart strength and help. The name of Christ consecrates every smallest deed or influence, pouring it full of love.

**WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON**  
**CHURCH THEME: STRIVING TO LIVE ABOVE OUR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS**  
**IN CHRIST (Ephesians 1:3)**

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm.**

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Invite your friends to come to Church.

| Worship Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                              |                                                             | WELCOME                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Morning</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Today: 16/04/2006</b>                     | <b>Next Week: 23/04/2006</b>                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>Chairman:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Jonathan Kim                                 | Mok Chee Cheong                                             | NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>Speaker:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Ken Chan                                     | Rev Kenneth Harris                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Evening Service:</b> Westminster Larger Catechism (WLC)</li> <li><b>This week:</b></li> <li><b>Q82: What is the communion in glory which the members of the invisible church have with Christ?</b></li> <li><b>Q83: What is the communion in glory with Christ which the members of the invisible church enjoy in this life?</b></li> <li><i>Next week:</i></li> <li><b>Q84: Shall all men die?</b></li> <li><b>Q85: Death, being the wages of sin, why are not the righteous delivered from death, seeing all their sins are forgiven in Christ?</b></li> <li><b>Q86: What is the communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death?</b></li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Do stay back and find out the answers from the Word of God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Easter Monday Gospel Rally:</b> A gospel rally will take place at 11:30am. Mok will speaking on "After Death What? (Where will you be when you die?)" Do invite family and friends to come. This will conclude with a BBQ lunch.</li> <li>• <b>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary preparations:</b> This will take place on Jun 25. For those interested in helping out, please see Mok or Jonathan.</li> <li>• <b>Book Sales:</b> All books displayed on the book table are ½ price off.</li> <li>• <b>Prayer Meetings:</b> Please purpose in your heart to come every Wednesday and Saturday for a time of corporate prayer and bible study. Prayer is the spiritual power house of the church. We need more prayer warriors like you.</li> </ul> |
| <i>Message:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | The Triumph of the Resurrection              | Tbd                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>Text:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 Corinthians 15:45-58                       | Tbd                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>Organist:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Yanning                                      | Anthony                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <i>Chairman:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Alvin Chow                                   | Lim Ming Yann                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>Speaker:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Mok Chee Cheong                              | Mok Chee Cheong                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>Message:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Communion with Christ<br>WLC Questions 82-83 | Effect of Christ on Death<br>WLC Questions 84-86            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>Pianist:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Feng Qian                                    | Yanning                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <i>Ushers</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Alvin/Daniel                                 | Ming Yann/Wah Soon                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>Sunday Sch:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | No Class                                     | Yanning                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>Singspirat'n:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Jonathan/Feng Qian                           | Yoong Chiang/Anthony                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>Lunch:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Constance                                    | Maureen                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>Washing-up:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | YAF Group 1                                  | Prema/Yetta                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>Bible Study:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | No Bible Study                               | DHW – Genesis 21                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Appointments of the Week                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                              |                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Wed 19 Apr                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 7:30 pm                                      | <b>Mid Week Prayer Meeting:</b><br>C'man: Ming Yann         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Fri 21 Apr                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 7.00 pm                                      | <b>Young Adults Fellowship:</b><br>Led by Anthony           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Sat 22 Apr                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 4.00 pm                                      | <b>Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b><br>Spkr/C'man: Tbd |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Last Week's Worship Service Collections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                              |                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Offering:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | £397.22                                      | <b>Lunch:</b>                                               | £37.12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <h3 style="margin: 0;"><u>The Shorter Catechism</u></h3> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Q.95 To whom is Baptism to be administered?</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Ans: Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible Church, - till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to Him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptised.</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>Comments: We are here taught the persons who may be baptised. They consist of two classes – adults who are Christians, but who may not have been already baptised; and the infants of church members. The former are baptised because the meaning of the ordinance is to declare that the persons baptised profess themselves to be Christians; and the latter are baptised because the promises of God to His people extend to their children as well as to themselves.</i></p> |                                              |                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |