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House of Prayer

My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations. Mark 11.17

Update December 2025

Prayer Evangelism

“But the angel said to him: ‘Don’t be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife will bear you a son....Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God.’ (Lu.13,16)

It is inspiring to realize how important prayer is in bringing about the salvation of people on earth. More and more I am coming to understand that prayer is the currency of the Kingdom of God. It is through prayer that God has ordained that His will and purposes are brought about on earth. This truth is very evident in the Advent story. Israel was in dire straits under Roman occupation. They were looking to God to send the Saviour that He had promised. But they weren't just watching and waiting for Him, they were also praying for Him.



The offering up of incense was a place and time of prayer that the people were invited to engage in. The priest Zechariah was ordained by God, through the casting of lots, to offer up incense on behalf of the Israelite pray-ers: ***“And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.” (Lu.1:10)***. They had been praying for many years, and then, in the fullness of time, God sends the angel Gabriel to Zechariah, while he is offering up the incense. The account tells us that the angel is standing at the right side of the altar of incense when he says to him: ***“Your prayer has been heard.” (Lu.1:13)***. What prayer immediately comes to mind? He and his wife, Elizabeth, were childless and they had prayed for a son, and even though they were past child-bearing years, God told them that He was going to give them a son! But not just an ordinary son. This son would be filled with

the Holy Spirit from birth and ***“bring many people of Israel back to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord....to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” (Lu.1:16,17)***.

Now that is what I call “prayer evangelism”. God is inviting you and I to partner with Him, through prayer, to bring about His will on earth as it is in heaven, just as the people in Zechariah’s day were doing. As we pray, God will add His incense to our prayers like we read about in the Revelation: ***“The angel was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne.” (Re.8:3)***. That is a winning partnership that brings heaven down to earth. Here is a new song sung by Charity Gale, called, “Throne Room Song” that I think will help you offer up the incense of worship and prayer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xn5n3JKP3sM>.

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.” (Mt.9:37,38 NASB)

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4th Annual FMCIC Week of Prayer and Fasting: January 25 – February 1, 2026

“Unleashing Holy Freedom” is the theme the National Leadership Team has chosen for this year’s week of prayer and fasting. This theme was confirmed by the National Prayer Team who felt the Lord give them the word “unleash” to pray into, during one of our June Prayer for Revival meetings. We believe God is up to something among us and is releasing us into greater holy freedom as we pray, preach and practice it. We hope that every one of our churches will give themselves to extra prayer during this week. We will be publishing various ways you can participate in it in the days ahead. Let’s expect great things from God!

December Prayer Requests

- 1) That the Lord the Lord will bring comfort and strength to our Sri Lankin brothers and sisters who are dealing with the effects of severe flooding and be a light of hope to those around them.
- 2) That our recent pastoral statement about Biblical sexuality, will help unleash holy freedom in the lives of our people and those who we share the gospel with.
- 3) For wisdom to prevail in the current Canadian government especially in regard to proposed Bill C-9 that could open the door to the courts criminalizing the sighting of parts of the Bible as hate speech.
- 4) That we will be so filled with the joy of the true meaning of Christmas that we will be stirred to share it with others.
- 5) That as we enter the New Year, God will use our week of prayer and fasting to help us become a house of prayer for all nations.

Just as the magi offered up incense to the Christ child, may we this season, and always, offer up a pleasing sacrifice of worship and prayer to our gracious God.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Daily Prayer for Revival at Noon Eastern

Mon. to Sat. for half an hour at 12 noon EST; 11am CST; 10am MST; 9am PST via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88532841873?pwd=SEtnSWdSK3FTTC9JUzFlaEpvTHl6Zz09> Passcode:
105833 Meeting ID: 885 3284 1873

There will be no English monthly FMCIC National Prayer Meeting normally held on the last Wednesday evening of each month in December.

If you know of someone who would like to receive this monthly email, please let us know. We can add them to our mailing list or by regular mail. We can be reached at prayerteamfmcic@gmail.com.