



becoming a

House of Prayer

My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations. Mark 11:17

April 2026

“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen [or show Himself strong on behalf of NKJV] those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” (2Chron.16:9)



This is one of my favorite verses on prayer. I believe God is ready to show Himself strong through our lives and through the churches and groups of Christians we work with. One of the primary ways He wants to do this is through prayer. For example, King Asa was a righteous king of Judah who had, in the past, prayed for God's help when facing a huge army that was threatening to take over his country. God listened to his prayer and gave him victory over his enemy. Listen to his humble, faith-filled, God-moving prayer:

“Lord, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name, we have come against this vast army. O Lord, you are our God; do not let man

prevail against you.” (2Chr.14:11-15). Notice how when we take God's side in prayer, those who oppose us are then prevailing against God.

However, years later, when faced with another great army, instead of calling on the Lord for help, he resorted to paying off a foreign king to help him defeat his enemy. God sent a prophet to chastise him for not asking for His help again and instead relying on his own wheeling and dealing efforts. Even though his self-reliance methods eased the pressure for the time being, the prophet said that because he had relied on a foreign king instead of God, he would be at war the rest of his life! We must continually examine our hearts to see if we, as individuals, or our local church, or the FMCIC have in any way slipped into that mindset in how we deal with our challenges and ministries or we may always be “at war” in our own strength.

You would hope that King Asa would have welcomed this rebuke and determined to renew his commitment to seek God's help in all he did, but instead, he threw the prophet in jail! As a result, he remained stuck in his self-reliance mode of life so that when he was afflicted with a severe disease in his feet, he relied only on the physicians and died that way, refusing to seek God's help.

What challenges are you facing, personally or in your church? Are you going to God in a persistent, consistent, and insistent way about it? Are you and your church learning how to press into God and pray prayers that move God to show Himself strong on your behalf and be glorified? *“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” (Ps. 46:1)*

By Pastor Ken Roth

FMCIC Monthly National Prayer Meeting

Last month we had Pastor Cliff Fletcher share about how he is helping his church develop into a house of prayer. If you would like watch a recording of that you can find it here: <https://vimeo.com/1177331412?fl=pl&fe=sh>

This month on Wednesday, April 29 at 7pm EST, we are privileged to have Pastor Dr. Isaac Gimba share with us on the theme “Unity and Prayer”. Pastor Isaac, a Nigerian Canadian with a deep commitment to prayer, has been working with pastors and Christian leaders in the National Capital Region to foster the kind of united prayer Jesus spoke of in John 17. He founded an organization called Meeting Point Ministries that seeks to bring together people of various nationalities and Christian traditions to pray for the renewal and revival of the National Capital Region and the nation. He will share for 20 minutes, followed by a 10-minute Q&A, and then we will take the following half an hour to pray about this important topic, along with some other relevant concerns. The zoom link to join this National Prayer Meeting is included below.



Praying with you.

the FMCIC National Prayer Team

Ken Roth (Team Lead), Jervis Djokoto, David Greene, Elizabeth Gunter, Laural Jeanson

April Prayer Points

- 1) **Becoming a house of prayer:** that each pastor and congregation, board, committee and team among us will continue to grow in prayer until we become known as a house of prayer for all nations.
- 2) **Taking the gospel to the ends of the earth:** For our Director of Global Missions and International Childcare Ministries, Paula Moriarty, as she seeks to renew our efforts in this endeavor.
- 3) **Raising up more laborers:** For our Director of Ministerial Formation, Kevin Stenhouse, as he oversees several interviews with those wishing to track with us as ministerial candidates.
- 4) **Spirit-lead leadership:** That Bishop Linda and the BOA will hear from God about His priorities for us in the days ahead, as they meet April 24/25.
- 5) **Churches being renewed:** For our Director of Church Health, Jervis Djokoto, as he and his team work to help struggling churches to be renewed.
- 6) **Fresh outpouring of God’s Spirit:** For the Lord’s leading as plans are made for the Minister’s Conference in the fall and General Conference a year from now.
- 7) **Fruitful harvest:** For our camps as they get ready for this summer (Wesley Acres, Echo Lake, Pine Orchard, Severn Bridge, Maple Grove, Kakabeka Falls, Arlington Beach).
- 8) **Wise government:** That our government will desire the blessing of the Lord and not hinder the spread of the gospel through decisions like Bill-C9.

UPCOMING 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

Monthly FMCIC National Prayer Meeting

Wed. **April 29**, for one hour at 7pm EST; 6pm CST; 5pm MST; 4pm PST Via Zoom:

English speaking:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81605123945?pwd=UUxBNm5FdEdNS3lPamowakdjNE5rdz09>
Passcode: 515693 Meeting ID: 816 0512 3945

French speaking:

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