



# Becoming a House of Prayer

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

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***“Awake, my glory! Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn. I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the nations.” (Ps.57:8,9 NKJV)***

What do you think it means to “awaken our glory”? In Hebrew the word for “glory” is “kabowd”, which is often used to refer to God’s glory, as in the last verse of this psalm:

***“Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let your glory be above all the earth.”***

In both contexts it refers to the glory of the person being referred to, whether God or man. This means that, just as God has glory (honour or esteem or reputation), we have too – but to a much lesser degree. The question that has come to my mind is, “Am I willing to awaken my glory and offer it to God in public praise or testimony of Him?” In other words, am I ready to lose my glory that He may be glorified? In Jesus’ day, and in our day too, many prefer the praise and glory of men rather than lose it by giving praise and glory to Jesus.

***“...even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.” (Jn.12:42,43)***

When we exalt God among the nations, we are putting ourselves at risk of losing our glory. But isn’t that a small price to pay for the one who deserves all the glory and yet took on flesh and blood to be shamed, humiliated, degraded, “de-glorified” at our hands, so that someday we could share in His glory in the Kingdom of God?

November 3 is *International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church*. On that day we are reminded of the many around the world who are making that sacrifice of their glory and we are encouraged to pray for them. These people challenge and stir me to be unashamed and unafraid to lose my glory for Him, whether it be by talking to my neighbors or relatives about Him or offering up heart felt and expressive praise to Him in a public worship service. I hope you will take time to pray for them and follow their example in the days ahead.

## **Whatever You Ask stories**

Last month we encouraged you to send us stories/testimonies of how God is answering prayer among us. Here’s one:

*My husband Ovide came with me to General Conference 2024 mainly as my driver. He had no plans to attend the conference. He would fend for himself as I spent time attending conference and there would be time we would connect with our former pastor Adrian Collins and his wife Cindy. As he observed people at conference, young and older, who are serving God, he was feeling some regret in his own life. He was feeling what had he done for God? How was he serving God? Why wasn't he doing more for God? Over the course*

of the weekend he came to the praise and worship pre-business and listening to the speakers in the evening. On Saturday night at the prayer and anointing time he leaned over and asked if he was allowed to go forward and I said sure anyone can. He went forward and was anointed and prayed for by our new Bishop Linda and her husband. He came back from that very emotionally moved. It wasn't until our drive home that he said, thank you for asking me to bring you to the conference. God was at work on him there and the changes in him are very evident. He is excited to be closer to God and I see him spending time in God's word and starting his day with his own personal devotions. This experience that started at conference led him to being re-baptized in the St. Mary's River this past August. Thank You Jesus, for increasing his faith. (Debbie LaRocque, Delegate of St Joseph Island FMC and someone who attends P4R almost every day of the week)

## Resources



Bishop Linda is encouraging our pastors and prayer leaders to consider attending the following online Ignite event: **“On behalf of The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, you are invited to participate in a one-hour Zoom Presentation and Prayer gathering regarding Ignite Prayer Canada on Thursday, November 14, 2024, (8 a.m. Pacific / 9 a.m. Mountain / 10 a.m. Central / 11 a.m. Eastern / Noon Atlantic / 12:30 p.m. NL). Please check out the Ignite Prayer Canada [website](#) and consider participating.”**

## National Prayer Meeting – Prayer Points for Wednesday, August 28, 2024

1. That we will not be ashamed or “bashful” about giving praise to God in our worship and our witness.
2. That the Lord would bless the efforts of EFC and other evangelical denominations and organizations to deepen the prayer culture of the Canadian church.
3. That each of our churches will set their hearts to grow the prayer life of their church.
4. That the Lord would bless the work and growth of Ghanaian FMC church and help us to know how to partner with them (Bishop Linda and Jervis will be there next month).
5. Bishop Linda as she introduces the Sri Lankan conference to 20 other FM Asian conferences in Nov.
6. The NLT and the BOA as they meet in Nov. to clarify vision, priorities, organization and budgets.

## Corporate Prayer Opportunities:

### **DAILY “PRAYER FOR REVIVAL AT NOON EASTERN”:**

Monday to Saturday 12 noon EST; 11am CST; 10am MST; 9am PST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88532841873?pwd=SEtnSWdSK3FTTC9JUzFlaEpvTHI6Zz09>

Passcode: **105833**; Meeting ID: **885 3284 1873**; Dial by your location +1 204 272 7920; +1 438 809 7799; +1 587 328 1099; +1 647 374 4685; +1 647 558 0588; +1 778 907 2071; +1 780 666 0144 Canada

### **MONTHLY “NATIONAL PRAYER MEETING”:**

Last Wednesday of every month (Oct.30, 2024)

**Ontario & Canada West\*: 7 PM EST; 6 PM CST; 5 PM MST; 4 PM PST**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81605123945?pwd=UUxBNm5FdEdNS3lPamowakdjNE5rdz09>

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**Quebec/French-speaking : à 19h00 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/859874336>**

Code secret: **0** N° de réunion : **859-874-336** Par téléphone : 438-809-7799

**\*Please note: the Canada West National Prayer Meeting is now amalgamated with the Ontario one.**

Praying for miracles,

*Ken Roth (National Prayer Team Lead)*