



# The Church in 皮斯卡特维 *Piscataway* 召会周讯 Weekly News

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## **EXCERPT FROM MINISTRY READING (THE KINGDOM CHAPTER 6): THE GROWING OF CHRIST WITHIN US BEING THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM**

Many Christians have prayed the words Your kingdom come (6:10). Although we may have repeated the words Your kingdom come many times, the kingdom has not come because we are not poor in our spirit to receive Christ, nor are we pure in our heart toward God. No matter how many times you repeat this prayer, nothing will happen unless you are poor in spirit and pure in heart. If you pray, "Lord, Your kingdom come," the Lord will ask, "How about your spirit? How about your heart?" He is not coming in an external way but in an internal way. He is not coming from the heavens but out from within your spirit and your heart.

In order to have the coming of the kingdom, Christ must be growing within us all the time. The growing of Christ within us is the coming of the kingdom. It is good to pray, "Your kingdom come," but it is more practical to pray, "Lord, grow within me." "Your kingdom come" may be no more than a religious formula. Although this prayer has been repeated by millions of Christians for more than nineteen hundred years, still the kingdom has not come. It is not difficult for the Lord to answer that prayer, but it is difficult for us to allow Him to grow within us. The coming of the kingdom is the growing of Christ within us. By being poor in our spirit and pure in our heart, we can give the Lord the ground to grow within us, and this growth will be the real coming of the kingdom. The more quickly we allow Him to grow in us, the more we hasten the coming of the kingdom.

### **Announcement:**

1. Saints: For God's economy and His administration, we had established a global prayer and it has been extended to the month of May. Please dedicate time to pray. May we all pray individually, in 2s and 3s and/or corporately, better at a reserved time slot.
2. We would like to announce to you the upcoming International Memorial Day Blending Conference. it will take place online from 5/22 Friday 7 pm to 5/25 Monday noon. Please seize the opportunity, sanctify the time to join this online conference to listen to the Lord's timely speaking through the ministry.  
The meeting schedule is:  
Message 1: 7:00 p.m. Friday, 22 May 2020  
Message 2: 10:00 a.m. Saturday, 23 May 2020  
Message 3: 7:00 p.m. Saturday, 23 May 2020  
Message 4: 10:00 a.m. Lord's Day, 24 May 2020  
Message 5: 7:00 p.m. Lord's Day, 24 May 2020  
Message 6: 10:00 a.m. Monday, 25 May 2020  
There will be prophesying session following each message meeting.
3. District prayer meeting on the coming Tuesday 5/5 is scheduled at district prayer meeting on-line locations starting from 8 PM. We encourage the saints to separate time to attend.
4. Corporate pursuing this week: "The Kingdom" messages 5 & 6.
5. If you never receive the church email such as weekly prayer list, and would like to receive them, you can give your email to a serving brother in your district or small group, send an email to churchinpiscataway@gmail.com. The serving brothers will add you into the system. If you know any other saints never receive such emails, please also help pass the information to them.

### **Prayer Burdens:**

#### **COVID-19 Pandemic -**

- A. Brother Chu Gao-Sheng and Sister Chu Jian from District B have been confirmed infected with the Covid19 virus, please pray for their recovery.
- B. Repeat the Global Watchman's Prayer for this month. This week we'll pray for the burdens listed from Day 3 to Day 9. <https://unceasinglypray.org/>
- D. For the new model of church life, the first is to pray, to make a list of gospel friends and pray for them.

#### **The living out of Godman living during this period**

- A. Pray that the Lord strengthens all the saints in this period of time to exercise to be one with Him, to have one set of living, and to experience Him and express Him more in our daily living.
- B. Pray that through our mutual care, prayer, and connection with one another daily we may build up the Body of Christ organically.

#### **Continuing Global Watchman's Prayer in The Month of May**

- A. Pray for more saints to continue steadfastly in the praying practice daily.
- B. Pray that the saints would build up the habit to pray with companions.

### **Meeting Attendance:**

Small Groups (4/24~25): 173  
Lord's Table (4/26): 157  
Prayer Meeting (4/28): 51

# REPORT: GOSPEL MEETING DURING THE YP ONLINE CONFERENCE

Last Saturday, April 25th, the first ever virtual Spring conference for the young people concluded with a glorious gospel meeting about “peace in a time of uncertainty”. Over 800 devices joined the Zoom call, and many were shared by multiple people. The meeting began with some very encouraging songs. I personally enjoyed the song “Just as I am”, which reminded me that God desires us to come to Him no matter what condition we are in. After the singing time, the brothers shared that Christ lives in us as our hope (Colossians 1:27). Although so many things are uncertain right now, we can always trust in God to be our anchor. At the end of the meeting, 85 people raised their hands to respond in prayer and receive the Lord. One of my friends joined the meeting and said that he was touched by Brother Marvin’s testimony of growing closer to the Lord and experiencing Him as joy in times of darkness. Praise the Lord for this gospel meeting! May He bless all of the friends who attended and continue to be our hope of glory.

## TESTIMONY: 30 DAYS GLOBAL PRAYER WITH COMPANIONS

Recently, I’ve been joining in on the 30 days of global prayer with some fellow companions. It’s been a good time! Sometimes we read through the prayer burden and pray-read the verses for that day. How true it is that the Lord’s heavenly authority has been given to us, that even if just two are in harmony on the earth, we can pray with authority. I’ve also been touched by some of the fellowships posted regarding prayer. Like Daniel in the Old Testament, we want to be faithful channels of prayer and we want our prayers to count toward what God is working out in His move on the whole earth. Other times, my companions and I have simply used the prayer time to open up to one another about how we’re doing and about items in our life that need prayer. Those times have been so supplying and comforting to me. In these days, my lifeline has been prayer: prayer for God’s will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, prayer for the Lord to come quickly, praying the living word, prayer for fellowship, prayer to absorb God, prayer to contact God, just prayer.

## TESTIMONY: FRIDAY SISTERS’ PRAYER TIME (continued from last week)

**(Testimony 4)** "Sisters must be praying persons (Luk 2:36-37, Act 12:12). They need to pray for everything related to the church" "If anything were to happen in the church, sisters must have well-rounded prayers for the entire church...sisters must pick up the burden...brothers have their own responsibilities and portions, while the portion for the sisters is to pray" There are patterns in the Bible of the sister's prayer, the speaking of the ministry always helps me to see the commission and responsibility of prayer given to the sisters. For years, sisters were praying together with phone calls. Then one day, a sister said if we can come together and pray person to person, it would be all the much better.

Since then, January 4th of 2019, all the sisters who are able to spare time come together every Friday morning kneeling and praying for the need of the Lord, for the church, and for the needs of all the saints. We started with 6 companions, and now we have 9, some visiting sisters also joined us during the course.

Thank the Lord for His precious blood, which gives us the ground to co-work with the Lord. The Lord needs our prayer to co-operate with his move. We don't miss our prayers even in our weakness! Whenever I kneel down and pray together with the sisters, my spirit rises up. Many times even after the prayer is over, we still wouldn't stand up. The days of prayers are the days of warfare, although we averaged over 50 years old, yet we are the Lord's elite troops and soldiers of prayers! Lord Jesus, may you raise up more sisters to bear the burden, standing together in spirit with the monitoring brothers, and block every attack from the enemy. Pray for the gospel, pray for the building up. Make your church generate abundant ministry, and may your will be done!

*Screen shot of the Sister's prayer Wechat group  
(Friday Praying Warriors in The Meeting Hall)*

