

February 23, 2005

Dear Believer:

It is time for the prayer focus for March, but first I want to tell you that there is growing evidence of the Lord working in our city. For example, I was at a prayer meeting today that I had not attended for some time. I found that they had been praying for the love of God to be poured out upon the church of the city. This is the same thing that the Lord has had us praying for several weeks now in another meeting that I attend.

In addition to that I spoke with a man yesterday who told me of a strong sense from the Lord that the snow at Christmas was a sign from God. I have little trouble believing that because when it happened we heard even some, who we might consider unbelievers, speaking of it as a gift from the Lord. As the man was speaking the scripture that came to my mind was the one about though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow. I have also heard that all around the world the news of the snow was broadcast mentioning Corpus Christi not Brownsville, Victoria, or some other city. God was and is indeed doing something here. May God grant us ears to hear what the Spirit is saying and eyes to see what He is doing.

It is my belief that the Lord wants me to start sharing things that we understand to be the will of God through a regular bi-weekly prayer meeting that I attend. This is so that we as a city of prayer may grow in praying in unity toward the transformation of Corpus Christi and the surrounding area. Please join us in praying for:

- 1) the love of God to be manifested in and through the church.
- 2) the people of prayer, especially intercessors, to draw more closely together.
- 3) all Christian leaders (pastoral, business, education etc.) to draw together.
- 4) the leaders and the people of prayer draw together.
- 5) a fresh revelation of God's love and forgiveness.

The prayer focus for March is a Spirit of Heaviness. It brings a sense of hopelessness, rejection, mourning, grief, self-pity, and it can open the way for infirmities. The response is to ask the Lord to pour out a Spirit of Counsel and Might so that through the grace of God we might have the might to walk in the counsel of His will. For example, understanding that the joy of the Lord is our strength, let us rejoice in the Lord in all circumstances. As Paul said in Philippians 4:4 *Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.* Let us choose to follow Paul's admonition. Let our joy be a weapon in the hand of God.

Two things are always found where God is moving powerfully: persevering leadership and prevailing prayer. Without these two nothing else happens. It is time for them to grow and take their place here in our area. If you have a prayer group, please let us know. Also please let us know how God is directing you to pray.

Sincerely,
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