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Dear Believer:

It is time once again for a new monthly prayer focus, but before I get into what it will be for the month of April, I want to encourage you with these three reports. We have been hearing it said that prayer is increasing and people are talking more about the Lord. There is a Lutheran church here in the city that has started a program of prayerwalking the neighborhood around the church to pray for the people and to be a blessing to them. Additionally, there was recently a report on a local news broadcast of another church out prayerwalking. The Lord is indeed quickening His people to pray. This is a good thing and we expect it to increase. Let us continue to pray for prayer to increase and let us also pray that God would open our ears to HIM.

I also have something to mention that is not so pleasant. Recently we have taken note of a number of deaths, serious accidents, and other negative events in the lives of Christian leadership in Corpus Christi. There have also been other attacks against the Kingdom such as church break-ins and burglaries. I am very aware that some of these things might be coincidental. However, I believe that the number of occurrences is outside what might be considered normal. For example, we know of a pastor and his wife who died violently, a pastor currently suffering from terminal cancer, a pastor's wife who recently had a serious respiratory illness, and another pastor's wife who has had three surgeries since the first of the year. The latter one was not from Corpus Christi, but it is in South Texas and that makes me wonder if there is a widespread attack. I recently heard a pastor say from the pulpit that he has been very aware of the enemy fighting against him for the last three years.

I believe that God is moving more powerfully than we corporately realize and that means there will be increased attacks on leadership. We need to be praying for our leaders more, but to pray you need information. Therefore, I want to ask a favor of you. If you know of a pastor, pastor's wife, or other immediate family member that has had a significant increase in difficulty in the last three years, would you please let me know. Write or call me with enough information for us to be able to identify of whom you are speaking. We do not necessarily need a lot of details, just enough to know that we are not counting the same occurrence more than once. We need to be aware of what is happening to our leaders.

The Prayer Focus for April is the influence of a Perverse Spirit and conversely the Spirit of Holiness. A Perverse Spirit works to pervert anything and everything. It is not just about sexual perversion, but also perversion of the preaching of the Word, of relationships generally, of authority, and anything else. We need to pray that the Lord show us where we are off base and ask Him to send out a Spirit of Holiness to touch our lives and put things in Kingdom order.

We need to minister to the spiritual needs of our area, not just the physical. We need to declare in the Spirit what is and is not permissible. As we are doing this, let us also pray that there be an invasion of the Word of God in a mighty way through every kind of media in the city, so that the city will be filled with His Word. Additionally, we need to be praying that the Lord show us how to get the instruments of harvest (praise, worship, evangelism, & spiritual warfare in all its facets) ready. Harvest is coming. Let us be ready. Let us pray.

Sincerely,
William W. Lumry, II

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