

Pray for Laborers

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disciples that they must abide in Him in order to carry out the enormous task of preaching and of teaching all nations to do all the things that the Lord had commanded them. Christ was showing His disciples that they had access to a power much greater than they had comprehended.

Then, as if the confidence in recognizing the power that Christ imparts was not sufficient to motivate the disciples to teach all nations of Christ, Jesus gave His followers the assurance that He would constantly be present with them—He would never leave them!

Receiving the Great Commission as our own can be the means to discover the nature of God in an exciting, new way. It can show us how little we have in ourselves, but it can reveal to us the power of our risen Savior Who will be with us always, “even unto the end of the world.”

Thailand's Prayer Needs

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has its own culture, dress, customs, taboos, language, people, and religion.

While Thai is the official language, there are 75 languages spoken in all. Only 15 have a Bible, and 9 have a New Testament. Pray that the Lord would send laborers to proclaim to “the land of the free” the freedom from sin that Christ has already won on the cross.

Our Saviour longs to shine His glorious light into the hearts of those who live in Thailand. His heart aches to break their chains of bondage—He died for them. Pray that the Lord of harvest will send forth laborers into

Faithful Footsteps to Follow

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“At the close of a dark and gloomy day, I lay resting on my couch as the deeper night drew on; and though all was bright within my cozy room, some of the external darkness seemed to have entered into my soul and obscured its spiritual vision. Vainly I tried to see the Hand which I knew held mine, and guided my fog-enveloped feet along a steep and slippery path of suffering.

In sorrow of heart I asked, “Why does my Lord thus deal with His child? Why does He so often send sharp and bitter pain to visit me? Why does He permit lingering weakness to hinder the sweet service I long to render to His poor servants?”

These fretful questions were quickly answered, and through a strange language; no interpreter was needed save the conscious whisper of my heart.

For a while silence reigned in the little room, broken only by the crackling of the oak log burning in the fireplace. Suddenly I heard a sweet, soft sound, a little, clear, musical note, like the tender trill of a robin beneath my window. “What can it be? Surely no bird can be singing out there at this time of the year and night.”

Again came the faint, plaintive notes, so sweet, so melodious, yet mysterious enough to provoke our wonder. My friend exclaimed, “It comes from the log on the fire!” The fire was letting loose the imprisoned music from the old oak's inmost heart!

Perchance he had garnered up this song in the days when all was well with him, when birds twittered merrily on his branches, and the soft sunlight flecked his tender leaves with gold. But he had grown old since then, and hardened; ring after ring of knotty growth had sealed up the long-forgotten melody, until the fierce tongues of the flames came to consume his callousness, and the vehement heart of the fire wrung from him at once a song and a sacrifice. “Ah,” thought I, “when the fire of affliction draws songs of praise from us, then indeed we are purified, and our God is glorified!”

Perhaps some of us are like this old oak log, cold, hard, insensible; we should give forth no melodious sounds, were it not for the fire which kindles around us, and releases notes of trust in Him, and cheerful compliance with His will.

“As I mused the fire burned,” and my soul found sweet comfort in the parable so strangely set forth before me.

Singing in the fire! Yes, God helping us, if that is the only way to get harmony out of these hard apathetic hearts, let the furnace be heated seven times hotter than before.



A mistake is evidence that someone has tried to do something.

