

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2021 International Chinese-Speaking Conference**

The 2021 International Chinese-Speaking Conference will be held online **from February 13 to February 14 (Saturday and Lord's Day)**. Translation will be provided in English, Spanish and Korean.

Meeting Schedule:

Message One: 9:00am, Sat., February 13
Message Two: 11:00am, Sat., February 13
Message Three: 7:30pm, Sat., February 13
Message Four: 9:00am, Lord's Day, February 14
Message Five: 11:00am, Lord's Day, February 14

Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/99416615325?pwd=Y01UdnJHZk1rVHplLaUMvenYveFJNUT09>

Meeting ID: 994 1661 5325 Passcode: 2021

Tel: +19294362866,,99416615325#

For more details, please visit the church website:

www.churchinnyc.org.

- **NYC Middle School & High School Retreat**

We will have an online retreat for the New York City young people in middle school and high school from **February 15-20, 2021 (Monday - Saturday)**. This is the annual retreat that we usually hold over the February school break. There will be fellowship and fun, recreational activities.

Registration is **closed**. Any questions can be directed to the young people serving ones in the halls or email to churchinnyc.yp@gmail.com.

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours are available for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving ones.

Day & Time: Monday through Saturday (except Wednesday), 11AM-12PM.

Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTFob3AwQlBodz09>

Dial-in by Phone: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 378 512 3114 (Password: 3131)

The burden for holding these office hours is that the hearts of the saints can be comforted and that their souls would be restored.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The International Chinese-speaking Conference (ICSC) which will be held online from February 13-14
- The upcoming winter retreat for the middle school and high school age young people in the church in NYC which will be held online from February 15-20
- Pray for the saints to be strengthened in their faith by "looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith" (Heb. 12:2)
- Homecoming--That the Lord would burden us to pray specifically for at least one or two unsaved friends, colleagues, relatives, classmates or acquaintances and/or one or two saints who have not been meeting for some time
- The strengthening of the church life in NYC:
 - a. The strengthening of the families and all the households in the church life
 - b. The service with the children and the young people
 - c. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings
- The new term of the FTTA which begins this week and the arrangements at Camp Penuel where a number of trainees are being housed

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones—October 2020

Subject: The Christian Life, The Church Life, The Consummation of the Age, and The Coming of the Lord

Week 5: The Prayer of the Age Offered to God through the Church, the Body of Christ, as a House of Prayer

Portion from Days 3 & 5:

Today as the Body of Christ, we need to claim the ground of the ascension of Christ. I believe that this was the way the disciples prayed before the day of Pentecost. I believe that by the help of the Holy Spirit they prayed that the Lord would verify His ascension to the people on the earth. We should not cry to God as poor sinners. Rather, we must take the ground of Christ's ascension and claim, "Lord, we are Your Body. We are in You. You are the Head and we are the Body. You are Head over all things to us as the Body; therefore, we claim all that You have obtained and all that You have attained."

If you really wish to have some worthwhile prayers before God, you need to be able to give out some authoritative commands before God. Standing before God, I can tell you that in the past years in some places, as we encountered some problems in the work or in the church, we prayed this kind of commanding prayer. We expressed ourselves boldly before God, saying, "God, we cannot allow this matter." If your position is wrong and your condition is not in the heavenly realm, such prayer would be an insult to God. But if your position is right and your state is in the heavenly sphere, then such prayer would be a real pleasure to Him. The words you pray are equal to God's administration; they are equivalent to executing His commands. I can testify that God answers such prayers.

When you come to the point where you have the heavenly position and the heavenly authority and are thus able to utter forth authoritative prayers, you are one who is on the throne, standing in the ruling position together with the Lord. Just as He reigns at the right hand of God, so you also reign together with Him in the heavenly realm. At this time your prayer is not only an authoritative prayer but also a reigning prayer. Your prayer is to rule with authority, executing God's orders. So at this time all your

prayers become God's administration, the execution of God's rule.

Corporate Readings: *"The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures"* Chapter 1: God's Plan

A Ministry Portion from "The Prayer Ministry of the Church":

In the Name of the Lord Jesus – God's Commitment

God commissions us to preach the gospel; He commissions us to do a certain work, and He commissions us to go to a certain place and speak for Him. All these are what God has commissioned us to do. But the meaning of being in the name of the Lord Jesus does not refer to this kind of commission. Being in the name of the Lord Jesus means that God has committed His Son to us. God is not committing us to do a work; He has committed His Son to us. God is not charging us to go; He is charging us to take His Son with us. This is the meaning of being in the name of the Lord Jesus. ...It means that the Lord is bold enough to commit His name to our hand, and He is allowing us to use this name. The Lord trusts us to the extent that He dares to commit His name to our hands and allow us to use this name. ...Being in the name of the Lord means that the Lord Jesus has given Himself to us and that He is willing to acknowledge everything that we do in His name. He is willing to bear all the consequences of us doing things in His name.

Today the Lord accomplishes His work through the church rather than directly by Himself. This is why He has committed His name to the church. But what a great responsibility He has to bear. ...All the works of the Lord Jesus today are in the church. Today the church's work is the Lord's work. Hence, He has to take responsibility for everything the church does with His name. In committing a task to someone, we have to find a reliable person. If a person is not reliable, it is hard to commit anything to him. But today the Lord Jesus is obligated to commit Himself to the church. ...Therefore, the church has the authority to use His name today. Consequently, the Lord has to take responsibility for the church's use of His name.

- Excerpts from "The Prayer Ministry of the Church", Chapter 3 In the name of the Lord Jesus – God's commitment (part one).