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A CALL TO PRAYER

This past Monday I had an interesting and inspiring conversation with a seasoned veteran of the church. This 99-year-old brother reminded me of the importance of prayer and how the conversation with God has been his daily regimen. Not only do we pray conversationally, but we are also called to “petition.” The Word of God provides us with a clear admonition.....“If my people, who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, they will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7 verse 14). A few weeks ago in an issue of Nazarene News, I placed heavy emphasis on our need to be a people of prayer. The call this morning is more specific.....it is a call to PRAY FOR CANADA. This is where God has placed us. In a country of under 35 million souls perhaps a remnant of believers will take God at His word. We have tried it all friends. We modern humans are good at a lot of things, but WE MUST call on the Lord for our country. In Isaiah chapter 59 v 16 God “wondered that there was no intercessor”. I don’t want God to be wondering about us, I want Him to be confident that the people called “Nazarene” in Canada are trusting Him, depending on Him, relying on Him to do what He says, that sins will be forgiven and the land will be healed, BUT, not until we humble ourselves and pray and seek His face. I am not calling on you to create another prayer movement by small groups, but I am calling on you to create a prayer movement on closet experience after another until there is a chain of power and authority that stretches from sea to sea to sea. In a little book entitled, “The Kneeling Christian” written by “An Unknown Author” we are reminded that “Prayer is measured, not by time, but by intensity”. Let us pray together each day for Canada. We are admonished in I Timothy 2 verse 2 to pray for “kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” This is not a political call to prayer. I never want to attach a political party or ideology to Christian experience and expression but I do long for Canada to come to God through His Son Jesus.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIME MINISTER AND ALL THOSE IN GOVERNMENT POSITIONS, THAT THEY WOULD BE AWARE OF THE HAND OF THE SOVEREIGN GOD IN ALL THINGS.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WOULD SEEK OFFICE THAT THEY ARE SEEKING OFFICE FOR THE MOST RIGHTEOUS OF REASONS.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT LAWS THAT THEY WOULD BE AWARE OF THE HIGHER LAW OF GOD.

PRAY FOR PROVINCIAL LEADERS AND CABINETS, PRAY FOR CITY , TOWN & HAMLET LEADERSHIP.

PRAY THAT GOD WOULD WORK MIRACLES IN THE MIDST OF OUR COUNTRY AND THAT WE WOULD BE FAITHFUL TO GIVE HONOUR AND GLORY TO HIM.

PRAY THAT GOD WOULD WORK HIS PREVENIENT GRACE UPON THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON OUR STREET, IN OUR BUILDING, IN OUR SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES, IN OUR HOMES.

PRAY THAT WE WILL BE READY TO “GIVE A REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT IS WITHIN US.”

PRAY FOR A MIGHTY REVIVAL IN OUR CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND YOUTH GROUPS AND BIBLE STUDIES, AND PERSONAL CONVERSATIONS THAT GOD DIRECTS US TO HAVE.

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