

# El-Shaddai Newsletter

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## Letter for Praise and Prayer

Dear Beloved Brethren:

Loving greetings to you in the Most precious name of our **Lord** and Saviour **Jesus Christ**. Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus.

## Thought for the month

*Moreover, when ye fast, ...That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. Matthew 6:16,18*

*On fasting and prayer our **Lord** counsels His people:*

1. that our fasting must be real, sincere, genuine—a thing to be seen, not of men, but of **God**;

2. that fasting in the Christian Church should be altogether private, and even secret, not only not in order to be seen of men, but absolutely hidden from them. Christianity has its godly sorrow, has its heart-grief for sin, has its fasting and mortifying of the flesh; yet we do it utter injustice unless we also make it appear that it is, taken as a whole, the only true blessedness and peace and joy, the only walk with **God** which is gladness everlasting. *(Sermon Bible)*

In the year 2020 our church promise has been "for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Matt. 17:20,21.

We had a tremendous response to the season of Fasting Prayers, *each week* during the entire year 2020. For years we used to gather once in a month. The **Lord** has been faithful in fulfilling His promise from Matt. 17:20,21 and has done that which was impossible for His people in this year.

*We received the following testimonies of the saints in answer to prayers:* Families have been united, Family prayers are restored, many have joined Morning prayers which is going on consistently, Personal Daily devotions are revived, hunger for **God's** word and fellowship, **God's** working in

personal, family and children's lives have been amazing and marvellous.

Let us look into the scriptures and draw some lessons of how when we fast and pray, the Father who sees in secret also rewards us openly.

1. **Nehemiah:** *And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the **God** of heaven. Neh. 1:4. After this Nehemiah gave a call saying, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. Instantly the response came, they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work. (2:17,18). So the wall was finished, for they perceived that this work was wrought of our **God**. Neh. 6:15, 16.*

2. **Jonah:** *And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the **LORD**, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice. I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the **LORD**. Jonah 1:17; 2:2,9. No wonder the scripture gives one sentence of the reward of his prayer in secret. So the people of Nineveh believed **God**. Jonah 3:5*

3. **Anna,** *a prophetess, a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served **God** with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks "likewise" (like simeon) unto the **Lord**, and spake of him to "all them" that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. Luke 2:36-38.*

4. **Jesus Christ** - At the beginning of his earthly ministry "he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered." Matt. 4:2. At the end of his ministry he cried "I Thirst" John 19:28. His entire life on earth was in close communion with the Father in prayer. *Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and*

*tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;* Heb. 5:7.

Nobody knows when and where **Jesus** prayed, maybe the four days he stayed back were days of prayer. When he stood at the tomb, he said, *Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.* John 11:41, and raised Lazarus from the grave.

**WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY, BLESSED, PROSPEROUS AND A FRUITFUL NEW YEAR.**

## **Secret Life of an Effective Prayer Life**

by Bro Bakht Singh

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:1-8; Psalm 20

In these two well-known portions from **God's** Word, we can see the great secret of an effective prayer life. By understanding the meaning of these portions, we can know how we can get our prayers fully answered by our living **God**. It may take a long time to get answers to our prayers but surely our prayers will be answered one day if we ask persistently.

In the parable of the unjust judge the **Lord** compares us to the widow. The first things we see here is that the poor widow was sure of her right or claim. Her case was not false. She was justified in claiming her rights. That constrained her to go to the judge again and again. We are not told what the case was. Perhaps she had some property which was taken away by force by some relatives or someone had occupied her land by force or something was taken away by her neighbours. But she had a right on that property. That is why she took her complaint to the judge. Similarly, when we pray we should be sure of our claim upon our **God**. Those who are not born again have no claim upon **God**. Whatever they receive, is because of **God's** mercy. They cannot claim anything. But those who are born again have a right to go to **God**. As **God's** redeemed children we have a strong claim over Him. When we claim our right and call upon Him then our prayers will be effective.

We should believe that as **God's** redeemed children we are very precious to Him. We are chosen by **God** for a great purpose. Our lives and our claims are very precious in His sight. In Psalm 135:4 we are called **God's** peculiar treasure. "*For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure.*" The value of that treasure can never be estimated by human knowledge. We are very very precious because the **Lord Jesus Christ** has purchased us to be His own by shedding His blood. We may be weak and foolish in the sight of people, but to **God** we are a peculiar treasure. This truth is beyond human comprehension. With that assurance we can call upon **God** for all our needs and problems. But many of us go to **God** as beggars without any faith. **God** wants us to claim our rights because we are His peculiar treasure.

Not only we are **God's** peculiar treasure but we are also His hidden treasure, according to Matt. 13:44. That treasure gives great joy to our **Lord** as we read in this verse. "*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.*"

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## *News Update - October -December 2020*

### *Thanksgiving*

*Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.*  
Psalm 140:13

### *Sick and Needy*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord for the following brothers and Sisters were being treated for various ailments and infirmities and have been recovered by your prayers.*

Sis Esther Devadoss, Bro Merari , Sis Sudhamani, Sis Cynthia Reddy, Sis Kalavathi, Bro Randy leinin, Sis Padma, Sis. Grace Edwin, Sis Priscilla, Bro. Divakar, Sis. Vasanthamma, Sis. Shakila, Sis. Hemalatha, Sis. Mary Mani, Sis. Emili Marthamma, Bro. Gajendra Paul, Sis Radha Nathaniel, Bro. Abraham, Sis. Gladys, Sis. Priyanka Rajkumar, Bro. Vinod, Bro Sanjay, Bro. Bala Chinniah, Sis. Swarna, Sis. Sujatha Srinu, Bro. John Ramana, Sis Sumathi, Sis Vedam, Bro. Ebenezer, Sis. Samuel and Sis Bharati.

### *Marriages*

Kindly pray that the Lord may bless these couples and make their home a witness and testimony to others and to build their lives in the house of God.

1. Mr. Sudhir Benjamin & Ms. Meenu (28 October 2020)
2. Dr. Ms. Jyotsna & Dr. Santosh (7 November 2020)
3. Mr. Kalyan & Ms. Saritha on (16 December 2020)
4. Mr. Isaac & Ms. Bhagya on (21 December 2020)

### *New Born*

Thank the Lord for the safe confinement given to Sis Leena John, was blessed with a baby boy, and Sis Priyanka Rajkumar, Sis Hadassah Sudershan, Sis Hadassah Kiran, were blessed with a baby girl. Pray that the Lord may give grace to the parents to bring up the child in the fear of God and the nurture of His Word.

### *Website, Youtube Channel, Elsph-app & Online Ministry*

We Thank the Lord for the answered prayers in expanding the media ministry. We have incorporated a separate Youtube channel for El-Shaddai, and we would encourage you to subscribe to our channel. The link - <https://youtube.com/c/elshaddaiprayerhouse>. Presently the website [elsph.in](http://elsph.in) is active and audio and video files can be accessed at the following link <http://elsph.in>. A Separate VIRTUAL CHANNEL for weekly messages are uploaded and can be viewed at <https://youtube.com/c/elshaddaiprayerhouse.vc>. Thank you for your prayers the El-Shaddai App has been installed in the google playstore, and apple IOS, you may access it under ELSPH.

Kindly pray for a media team who could manage this ministry. Send in your enquiries at [elshaddai.ph@gmail.com](mailto:elshaddai.ph@gmail.com), we would be happy to respond to your request.

## Prayer Requests

*In my distress I called upon the **LORD**, and cried unto my **God**: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears. Psalm 18:6*

Continue to pray for the following issues:

### 1. Recovery of Old Aged, Sick and Needy:

- a) Sis Clara John, Sis Punyakoti, Sis Grace Elizabeth, Sis Cynthia Reddy, Sis Sudhamani, Bro Bertie Datt, Sis Mary Mani, Bro & Sis Kondiah, Sis Arogyamma, Bro & Sis Obulesh, Sis Bharati, for their old age infirmities
- b) Sis Hemalatha (Radiation)
- c) Sis Esther Devadoss for regular review of treatment
- d) Sis Priscilla N Paul, for head and knee injury
- e) Bro Merari, on dialysis
- f) Bro Randy Leinin for full recovery
- g) Sis Sirisha Rajkumar under treatment
- h) Sis Deva Kanta for hernia and intestinal gangrene surgery and recovery

2. Gospel Outreach: *Ministry is being continued through Prayer and Personal Evangelism.*

### 3. Children's Ministry:

- a) Pray earnestly for the children's salvation and service for the **Lord**.
- b) Kindly pray earnestly for VBS / CBSC materials which are prepared so that the **Lord** may grant us a rich harvest and assemblies may also be stirred up through this ministry. Also pray the **Lord** may bless this ministry for the extension of His Kingdom. We covet your prayers for the coming years for volunteers to help us in this ministry. Also pray for the translation work in progress for Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, and Kanada.

4. Ministry in God's House: Youth and Counsellors are being trained to take part in the regular ministry, kindly pray that they may be teachable, accommodative and be as good disciples to grow and establish in **God's** house.

5. Inland and Overseas News: Pray for our brethren in various countries serving the Lord. In the US, Canada, Botswana, Germany, UK, New Zealand, Australia, Ukraine.

### 6. Regular points for prayer:

- a) Salvation of unsaved
- b) Pray for the believers who have been baptized to stand for the **Lord** and maintain a good testimony and live a victorious life.
- e) Pray for those in the family way, need of Jobs, financial difficulties.
- f) Pray for the Army brethren who are in the border areas for their protection and testimony.
- g) Pray for the Youth students who will be joining various colleges, for degree and professional courses, to be kept from wrong influences and friendships and be strong in faith and word.
- h) Pray for life settlements for our youth and their future decisions on study and job.
- i) Pray fervently for the political situation both at the Centre and States of India.
- j) Pray for Israel for its protection and **God's** purpose to be fulfilled in the coming days.
- k) As the Lord has been bringing conviction and reconciliation among believers, the enemy has also started bringing slowly some discouragement and hindrances among believers and especially within the families. So kindly pray earnestly that the Lord may give us burden to pray and wisdom to deal such issues.
- l) Pray with burden especially for the situation at Hebron, so that there will be peace and harmony among the brethren and the ministry may not be hindered.

Yours in **Christ**,  
Church at El-Shaddai