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# CHURCH IN REGINA

MATT. 6:31 THEREFORE DO NOT BE ANXIOUS, SAYING, WHAT SHALL WE EAT? OR, WHAT SHALL WE DRINK? OR, WITH WHAT SHALL WE BE CLOTHED?

NEW LANGUAGE
CHRIST IS THE
FIRSTBORN OF
ALL CREATION.

## **Church Meetings:**

**Lord's Table** Lord's Day, 10:00 - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

**College Meeting** Friday, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

**Young People's Meeting** Saturday, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Children's Meeting Saturday, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Small Group Meeting Friday, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

#### Conferences & Trainings:

Chinese-Speaking Conference February 18-20, 2022

**April ITERO**April 1-3, 2022

Memorial Day Conference May 27-30, 2022

**July Semiannual Training**July 4-9 2022

October ITERO October 6-8, 2022

**Thanksgiving Conference** November 24-27, 2022

**Dec. Semiannual Training** December 26-31, 2022

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## In Nothing Be Anxious

Everyone likes to rejoice. No one likes to be sorrowful. For man to rejoice and not be sorrowful, he must not have any burden. Otherwise, he will not be able to rejoice. According to the Bible, there are two kinds of burdens: one is the burden of sin, and the other is the burden of anxiety. If the burden of sin is not resolved, there is no joy; if the burden of anxiety is not resolved, there is also no joy. If the burden of sin is resolved but the burden of anxiety is not, the joy is not complete. At the same time, if the burden of anxiety is resolved but the burden of sin is not, the joy cannot be complete either. The burdens of sin and anxiety must be resolved together in order for one to rejoice...

There are many excuses for us to be anxious. There are many good reasons in this world for us to be anxious every day. It is not difficult to find these reasons. We argue that it is unavoidable for us to be anxious when we are faced with these circumstances. But God considers that we have no excuse to be anxious. All the anxieties are without a reason. Therefore, God tells us, "In nothing be anxious." We think the problems of our living, family affairs, and personal difficulties are matters for us to be anxious about. But the Bible says, "In nothing be anxious." Not a single anxiety is legitimate, nor is it allowed by God. Every anxiety is forbidden by Him...

[Philippians] 4:6 continues, "But in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." How can you be without anxiety? "But"! As long as you follow this "but," everything will be fine. Whether you are sitting, lying down, or walking, you can make everything known to God in three ways: (1) by prayer—ordinary prayer, (2) by petition—definite and specific prayer (through prayer and petition you can tell God the requests in your heart), and (3) with thanksgiving—thanking God for everything. Through giving thanks, you also tell God your needs. You should make known everything to God by prayer, petition, and thanksgiving. But you do not; therefore, you are full of anxiety and short of joy. You have disobeyed God's commandment, and you cannot be free from anxiety.

It would be wonderful if we would commit the things we encounter into God's hand item by item. Otherwise, when the first thing comes up, we lay it upon ourselves. Then when the second and third things come up, we also lay them upon ourselves. In this way, we are pressed and lose our joy...If we do not send all the anxieties to God to let Him bear them, all the anxieties of this world will crush us to death. We must not allow the anxieties of the world to keep pressing upon us; we must place them on God's side. The moment we have anxiety, we must immediately entrust it to the Lord. We do not have to tolerantly accumulate anxieties upon ourselves item by item. There is a way out. The way is, "In everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." This is something that the world and sinners cannot do. Only Christians can do this because we have the Lord, and the Lord is near. Not only can we pray for great things, but for small things as well. We can pray for everything that we have a reason to be anxious about. Everything which affords an opportunity to worry about can be prayed for. The reason we can be anxious in nothing is not that we are naturally optimistic or that we try to be mindless in everything like foolish ones. Such conduct is indeed foolish. Rather, we can be anxious in nothing because we have One to talk to, One whom we can trust, and One who will be responsible. We can rejoice and be free from anxiety because we have God and because we can entrust all things to God through prayers. Prayer is our way out. God is our way out.

~ Excerpts from The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, Set 1. Vol. 18: Notes on Scriptural Msgs (2)

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## **Prayer Burdens:**

1. Lord, cause us to understand Your heart. You are the wise God and we trust in Your balancing hand. Teach us to gather in a way of not having any excess or lack.

- 2. Teach us to let go of our riches and to sow with blessings. Make us cheerful givers for your move today. Make our offerings grow and harvest thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and even a hundredfold.
- 3. Lord, may we all learn to sow with blessings to others so that we can reap blessings from God. May we all practice to sow more and to reap more that we may become a factor of thanksgiving to God.
- 4. Lord, thank you that there is no anxiety in the life of God. Make us faithful in fulfilling our duty to give and lay up treasures in heaven. Guard our hearts from material aspirations. Save us from useless and unnecessary endeavors.
- 5. Lord, we want to learn how to set our hope in You. Keep us from being deceived, seduced, and enslaved by the enemy.
- 6. Lord, cause us to be faithful to live for God's administration. Thank You, Lord, that You are the resurrection life that overcomes the power of mammon and material possession.

## **Europe/North America**

1. Radio broadcasts in the UK and Spain, distribution of the Recovery Version and ministry publications in the European languages, shepherding of seeking ones, and blending of the saints into the reality of the one Body.

## Church in Regina:

- 1. Pray for the 2022 church direction, especially our priestly service and our practical services. Grant each one of us a real searching of heart and a great resolution in heart.
- 2. Pray for the purchase of a lot property and meeting hall.
- 3. Pray for a regular bible distribution and the continual preaching of the gospel. May our living be a testimony for the gospel.
- 4. Lord, we pray for our individual pursuit of the Life-study messages.
- 5. Pray for Marlon and Mechelle Morco. We trust in Your sovereignty and pray that they will leave religion and see the reality of Christ and the church.

## A Timely Speaking

Receiving Christ as the Spirit of grace in our spirit is a lifelong, continuous matter; day by day a marvelous divine transmission should take place as the Triune God supplies the Spirit of grace bountifully, and we receive the Spirit of grace continually.

The New Testament believers' living under the grace of God in the economy of God - a total living of experiencing the processed and consummated Triune God as grace consummates in the church as the organic Body of Christ.

Grace is Christ as our Burden-bearer and is multiplied to us through our sufferings, limitations and weaknesses; the more burdens we have, the more opportunities we have to experience Christ as grace.

The consummate and ultimate product of the grace of God in His economy is the Body of Christ as God's poem to be the New Jerusalem as the consummation of God's righteousness in the new heavens and new earth; the riches of God Himself for our enjoyment surpass every limit and will be publicly displayed for eternity.

~Key Statements for the 2022 Intl. Chinese-Speaking Conference

## Local Announcements:

1. International Chinese-Speaking Conference.

Msg 5 - Feb. 20, 2:00pm

- 2. **Church Pursuit** on February 21 at 4pm via Zoom.
- 3. **Brothers' Pursuit Meeting** on February 27 at 6pm via Zoom