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"Cultivate" is a bimonthly electronic publication of ASK Network USA that informs and encourages ASKers in the work of praying for the church, community and all the nations. It seeks to cultivate a deeper relationship with God and with one another.

POSTURE & RHYTHM

In these days of coronavirus, it is not difficult to be caught up in all the media coverage. We do want to keep aware of what we need to do and how we need to respond in the face of this illness, but as I have been walking through these days, two words have repeatedly been on my mind. *They are 'posture' and 'rhythm.'*

These words speak of our posture as God's people in this season and of the rhythm of our daily walk as we maintain the disciplines of life, which provide order for us.

Posture: This first word has come to me in the form of a question - what should the posture of the Lord's people to be in these days?

First, toward the Lord It sometimes seems that one of the first things to go in times of shaking is maintaining and strengthening our relationship with the Lord. "Seek the Lord while He may be found" applies in these days even more than in others.

Second, toward others Recognizing that we are in the Lord's hands and confessing that He is still the God who reigns, we go out into the world, living our lives in peace and serving others in the name of Jesus. May the peace of God transcend your hearts and minds and flow out to those you meet.

Rhythms: Maintaining daily rhythms in this season will be easier for some than for others...in some cases new rhythms will be needed (such as gathering in new ways). However, I encourage you to continue to be intentional about keeping personal "unforced rhythms of grace", i.e. times of quiet, Biblical meditation, ASKing, and service to others.

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything...then you will experience God's peace...it will guard our hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Phil 4:6-7

Art Rader
ASK USA National Director

We encourage everyone to read and meditate on the article by Stuart and Celia McAlpine entitled "Gathering ASK Network to Pray for All Nations in this Global Crisis of Covid-19." This article is one that you will want to refer to over the entirety of this pandemic.

Stuart and Celia give an important word of encouragement to the ASK'ers to take hold as never before with boldness and certainty, with faith and hope!

On the final pages of the article, there is an outline with specific scriptures to meditate and pray. Click on the following link:

<https://www.asknetworkusa.net/assets/user/literature/Global%20crisis%20of%20COVID-19%20Call%20to%20Pray.pdf>

Thank you Stuart and Celia for sharing with us what you hear the Lord saying for such a time as this.



PARTICIPATE

**In the
National Prayer Call**

**Third Saturday of each
Month**

**Participate on the
following Saturdays:**

April 18th

May 16th

International ASKing Point

March/April 2020

**ASKing for:
The Gambia**

Panama

Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation.

1 Timothy 2:2 (MSG)

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Update on the Midwest Zone

We have some very good news to report from the Midwest Zone. During the month of January, we had been fasting and praying with our National and Zone Leaders in ASK Network. During this time, one of the Scriptures that God had impressed upon our hearts was Isaiah 54:2-3. Some of our insights were to enlarge our vision and be willing to be stretched, take the limits off God and strengthen our stakes. One of our National Leaders, Art Rader, shared that God impressed upon his heart that in order for the tent (ASK Network) to remain stable the tent stakes or pegs (Fasting, Biblical Meditation, Prayer and Worship) had to be driven deep into the ground. In other words, these four spiritual disciplines were non-negotiable as we shared the vision of ASK.

A few weeks later, I was meditating in the book of Colossians. Colossians 4:2-4 just jumped off the page. "Be unwearied, steadfast and alert in your prayers and intent in your praying with thanksgiving. Moreover, at the same time pray for us that God may open a door to us for the Word---that I may proclaim it fully and make it clear as is my duty." I began to pray and ask God to open another door for the message of ASK to be shared in the Chicago/Northwest Suburbs.

At the end of January, Mick and I were at the home of Don and Mary Benjamin; they overheard me discussing Biblical Meditation. I mentioned that we needed a larger home in which to meet. They have agreed to host a monthly ASK Network Gathering in their home!

Our first meeting was scheduled for March 9, 2020. I had asked two of my local team members, Martie Eidson and Darlene Benton to join a fast with Mick and myself before this meeting, because we were experiencing strong spiritual opposition. The National Leadership and the Midwest Zone Leadership supplied the prayer covering. The day of the meeting, it was very cold and rainy. I was concerned that this bad weather would affect the attendance. Nonetheless, Mick and I arrived early and prayed with Don and Mary in faith that there would be a good group. There were fourteen in attendance, ten of those had never heard of ASK Network or Biblical Meditation. We had ten women and four men; participants ranged in age from 90 years old to a couple that were in their 40's. I shared the history and mission of ASK Network. We began with worship and then broke into three groups. The scripture we meditated on was Psalm 1:1-3. Several people shared what the Lord was speaking to them. One young woman was in tears because she heard God speak to her for the first time in over a year. Everyone was excited about this "new way to pray" they left blessed and eager to return.

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for this specific answer to our prayers! – Gerri Winfrey



NATIONAL PRAYER CALL

REMINDER OF THE TIME CHANGE

3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

CALL-IN TIMES

7AM – PACIFIC

8AM – MOUNTAIN

9AM – CENTRAL

10AM – EASTERN

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