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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.

Communion of the Saints

We have been thinking much lately about the "communion of saints." It's a phrase mentioned in the Apostles Creed as part of our confession of faith - 'I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints...'

While the scriptures do not use that specific phrase, they do point, especially in Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus, to the same intent - that the called-out ones that make up the church of Jesus Christ represent a communion, a community of believers.

In ASK over the years, we've practiced this "communion" as we've gathered on conference calls to pray together across states, zones and from coast to coast.... but COVID 19 has propelled us into the era of Zoom prayer calls.....and the number of our ASKing connections has multiplied. What a blessing this has been! Now, we see each other's faces and enjoy that up-close-and-personal interaction. It is not as great as being physically present, but it does bring a whole new dynamic to a prayer call!!

We are visually reminded that we ARE the communion of saints, whether separated by thousands of miles or next door. We are with one another, we encourage one another, and we pray with / for one another, as we "commune" together as the ASK body.

Therefore, we would like to encourage you, if you have not yet been a part of this "communion of saints" via zoom, to consider participating in one of the ASKing opportunities that are available weekly and / or monthly. Check out information for connecting to the US National Prayer Call in this edition of Cultivate or click this link to the <u>ASKing Point</u> to see other national and international Zoom prayer opportunities.

http://www.asknetwork.net/find/upload/files/ASKing Point May-June-2020p.pdf

Consider this your personal invitation to practice being the "communion of saints" as we gather around the ASK table of prayer. "I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete." 2 John: 12

In His joy, Art and Roberta We encourage everyone to read and meditate on the article by Stuart McAlpine entitled "Heaven OPEN, As Usual!"

This article is an encouragement for ASKer's to not rely on others to hear what God is saying but an invitation to hear for ourselves.

Stuart echoes the words of Jesus to Not Worry or Fear during this time of an international pandemic.



He states that "Our posture in the face of all these fearful events" (Luke 21:11) is not to cower, hide or withdraw with lowered heads, but to "stand up and lift up our heads" (Luke 21:28) Click on the following link to read the entire article: http://www.asknetwork.net/find/upload/files/ASKing_Point_May-June-2020p.pdf

Thank you Stuart for sharing with us.

PARTICIPATE

In the National Prayer Call

Third Saturday of each Month

Participate on the following Saturdays:

June 20th

July 18th

International ASKing Point

May/June 2020
ASKing for:
Oman

Chad

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

Romans 9:25 (MSG)

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NATIONAL PRAYER CALL VIA ZOOM

3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

CALL-IN TIMES
7AM — PACIFIC
8AM — MOUNTAIN
9AM — CENTRAL
10AM — EASTERN

HOW TO CONNECT TO ZOOM

CLICK ON THIS ZOOM LINK TO CONNECT TO THE PRAYER https://zoom.us/j/3928843865
PASSCODE: 426129

- IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY HAVE ZOOM ON YOUR DEVICE, A SCREEN WILL COME UP WITH AN OPTION TO DOWNLOAD. CLICK "DOWNLOAD HERE." WE RECOMMEND THIS OPTION, SO YOU CAN JOIN QUICKLY THE NEXT TIME.
- IF YOU CANNOT DOWNLOAD, OR RUN THE APPLICATION, CLICK ON "DOWNLOAD FROM YOUR BROWSER."
- ANOTHER SCREEN WILL POP UP WITH "DO YOU WANT TO ALLOW THIS PAGE TO OPEN: <u>ZOOM.US</u>?" CLICK ALLOW.
- YOU WILL BE PROMPTED TO ENTER YOUR EMAIL AND NAME.
- CHOOSE ONE OF THE AUDIO CONFERENCE OPTIONS:
 - > COMPUTER AUDIO RECOMMENDED SO YOU CAN WATCH AND LISTEN ON THE SAME DEVICE.
 - > PHONE CALL IF YOU JUST WANT TO LISTEN OR YOU DO NOT HAVE AUDIO ON THE DEVICE FROM WHICH YOU ARE WATCHING.