

# CPC This Week

## OCTOBER 7, 2009

### **KEEPING OUR COMMITMENTS BY TOM STEIN**

"This then, is how you should pray..." (Matthew 6:9)

With those words, Jesus begins the prayer we know as the Lord's Prayer. It is wonderfully short and simple, and one of the petitions is, "Your kingdom come."

As believers in Jesus Christ, we pray that in all things, the kingdom of God will be advanced. Right? Right. But how do we pray in this way?

I believe a great way to pray is to pray God's words back to him. As we dig into the glory of the Bible, we discover that we have abundant direction for how God's kingdom will be built.

So, in keeping with our first commitment - the commitment to worship and prayer - I have prepared a 31 day prayer guide for you to use. They will be available this Sunday.

Here is how it works. Each day of the month has a different theme. For example, on the 18th day of the month, you can pray for our next generation. You will see a list of requests that you can make, rooted in the Scriptures about the next generation. You can pray through those requests, and add requests of your own, and you will be praying for God's kingdom to come through our young people - now and later.

I believe this is a useful tool, and I encourage you to use it. If you are like me, you need direction in your prayer - lest you wander or babble (or fall asleep!). When our prayers are driven by the truth of God, we are praying with great power. May we be committed to being a people of such prayer.

#### **The Persecuted Church: INDIA**

Voice of the Martyrs reports the bombing of a camp for Christian victims of Hindu violence.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

We will have a Congregational Meeting during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, October 25. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- \* Present the church budget for the fiscal year that began October 1.
- \* Present, for approval, a new set of by-laws to guide the church's work. Copies of the proposed new by-laws will be available this Sunday. Please review them in advance of the meeting.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

MISSIONS FALL FESTIVAL: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

THANKSGIVING SERVICE/KIDS MUSICAL: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

**THIS SUNDAY'S SERMON TEXT:  
JAMES 5:1-6**

**OCTOBER VERSES TO  
MEMORIZE: JAMES 1:2-5**