

# The Church in New York City

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2024 Northeast Churches Spanish-Speaking Conference**

The Spanish-Speaking Conference of the churches in the Northeast concludes today at Camp Penuel, **September 8, 2024**.

- **Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (Sept. 20-22)**

The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast will be held at Camp Penuel from **September 20 to 22, 2024**. If you have any questions, please email [northeastyws@gmail.com](mailto:northeastyws@gmail.com).

- **2024 Northeast High School Juniors and Seniors Retreat (Sept. 27-29)**

The 2024 Northeast High School Juniors and Seniors Retreat will be held from **September 27 to 29 at KPCC**. Since 1999, we have held a special gathering every year for our high school juniors and seniors to further equip them as they transition out of high school and into college. We believe that this fellowship (including many practical matters) can be a great benefit to these high school students. We also encourage the attendance of any of the college-aged saints who can strengthen and support the time with their recent personal experiences. This weekend is a unique opportunity for our young people to blend with the college-aged and community saints in such an environment. For registration and more details, please visit [www.pursuewiththose.org](http://www.pursuewiththose.org). **The registration deadline is September 15.**

- **Upcoming Church Events: details to follow**

1. **Oct. 19 (Sat.):** Citywide Senior Saints' Conference (Hall 1 Meeting Hall)

2. **Oct. 25-27:** Conference with Brother Ed Marks (Hall 1 Meeting Hall)

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours are resumed for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving ones.

**Day & Time:** Monday through Saturday (except Wednesday), 10:30AM-11:30AM

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 378 512 3114 **Passcode:** 3131

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The burden for holding these office hours is that the hearts of the saints can be comforted and that their souls would be restored.

## PRAYER BURDENS

- All the children and young people during the upcoming school year—Thanksgiving to the Lord for all the children and all the middle school and high school young people, and prayer for each one during the upcoming school year; let us pray that they all would be preserved and that they would all let their light shine before men
- The burden for the gospel on the college campuses during the new academic year both in NYC and throughout the country
- The Spanish-speaking conference for the churches in the Northeast concludes today at Camp Penuel; the general subject of the conference is Life and Building as Revealed in Song of Songs
- The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference being held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of September 20-22
- The Lord's move in the United States—That the Lord would preserve this nation for the preaching of the gospel and for the spread of His testimony at the consummation of the age
- The follow up to the gospel outreach and Bible distribution at the 2024 Summer Olympic Games

in Paris and the ongoing gospel outreach at the Paralympic Games

- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)

## MORNING WATCH

**HWMR: 2024 INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY BLENDING CONFERENCE: The Christian Life**

**WEEK 3: *The Intrinsic Significance and Revelation of the Compound Ointment as the Holy Anointing Oil—a Full Type of the Compound, All-inclusive Spirit of the Processed Triune God***

### Portions from Days 2 & 5:

The five elements of the anointing oil—the four spices and the olive oil—all had to pass through a process that involved either pressure or cutting. For instance, if olives are not put into the press, they cannot give forth olive oil. Likewise, in order to have myrrh and cinnamon, some kind of incision must be made on the bark of a tree. ...When a tree flows out the resin of myrrh, this resin has the appearance of tears.

All the spices were prepared for use through suffering. This indicates that the Spirit of God could become the Spirit of Christ as the compound ointment only through Christ's sufferings. ...It was through the sufferings of Christ that the spices were blended with the oil to form the compound Spirit.

If we would experience the death of Christ, we need the Spirit. ...The fact revealed in Romans 6 that our old man has been crucified with Christ can only be experienced through the Spirit in Romans 8. ...Apart from the Spirit we cannot experience the death of Christ. The fact of our identification with Christ in His death is in Romans 6, but the experience of this is in Romans 8. (Life-study of Exodus, pp. 1703-1705)

With the Spirit of Jesus Christ there is a bountiful supply. This supply is an all-inclusive drink containing many ingredients. Everything we need is in this divine beverage. ...When we pray in a genuine way and when we call on the name of the Lord, the compound ointment is applied to us in our situation, and we enjoy the riches of the bountiful supply of the Spirit. ...By the petitions of the Body and by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our circumstances turn out to be for our salvation. Then

we are not put to shame in anything, but Christ is magnified in us. (Life-study of Philippians, 2nd ed., pp. 284-286)

**Corporate Reading:** *Life-study of Hebrews, msg.51*

## MINISTRY READINGS

### The Necessity of Praying in the Holy Spirit

In this chapter we will practice praying with Jude 20. This verse speaks about two things. First, it speaks of being built up in the most holy faith. This is related to reading the Word. Second, it speaks of praying in the Holy Spirit. This is related to prayer. No other verse in the Bible is as concise as this verse in the matter of prayer. Prayer should be in the Holy Spirit. Prayer, which is a matter of man cooperating with God, must possess two natures. Prayers that come only from man, which are not mingled with God, are merely religious prayers. They do not touch God, breathe in God, or reach God. This is the reason that Jude says we should pray in the Holy Spirit. The words in the Holy Spirit are very good.

The secret to the Christian life is to be mingled with the Holy Spirit. The spiritual life of a Christian is absolutely a matter of man being mingled with the Holy Spirit. When we are in the Holy Spirit, we have a spiritual life. When we are not in the Holy Spirit, we do not have a spiritual life. It is possible for us to have all kinds of religious activities, but if we are not in the Holy Spirit, there is no way for us to have a genuine spiritual life. This particularly applies to prayer. Apart from the Holy Spirit we only have religious prayers that are commonly found in Christianity. These prayers have no spiritual worth before God. If we want genuine, spiritual prayers, prayers that reach God, touch God, breathe in God, and are in God, we must pray in the Holy Spirit.

*Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 19: Exercising to Pray in the Holy Spirit (part 1)*