

## **PRAYER LETTER – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2019**

***„Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat — for he grants sleep to those he loves.” Psalm 127:1-2***

Every house had its host and managers. Every town had its king, and each night guards protected it against danger. The Bible talks of us as foremen in the Lord's house, and we are to do the tasks God has entrusted us with, until He comes again. We are not alone in this – He is the orchestrator of our calling. That is why we need to have a relationship with Him, and we should be asking the Host of the household about our calling and serving. The builders labour in vain if they don't have a building plan or an aim. The guards watch in vain if they don't know what the danger is, when and where it is coming. If the power of the enemy is greater than defense, there is no gain.

Solomon's Psalm 127 reminds me of how much we ought to depend on our Lord and what relationship we ought to have with Him, looking after what He has entrusted us with. The Apostle John wrote that greater is He than the one who is in the world. Jesus said that He'd build His church and the gates of hell would not overcome it. He will build it, and it is His property. He gives the abundance of strength to all those He has invited to build with Him. That is why the Lord wants to be our eyes, our mind and our heart. My soul needs Him daily, like air, to live! I can't do this without Him, but when I know He is working, I can work too – not blindly, not alone, but with Him, according to His eternal plan. When you know you don't walk alone, you experience peace instead of uncertainty. Let us build with our Lord – He works even when we are sleeping. He supports His beloved ones – therefore we pray that He will encourage His work.

***„Indeed, he who watches over Israel, will neither slumber nor sleep.” Ps.124:4***

Dear ones, I felt I wanted to share this with you. We have experienced weakness, as well as God's presence. It's amazing what He has done. Lately, I had the flu and couldn't do much apart from being bedridden for a week. But even then, I was able to witness God in action: when my temperature dropped, I struggled with my throat as I wasn't able to speak for longer than a few minutes without coughing. After standing up for more than 10 minutes, I would break out in a cold sweat due to feeling so weak. I prayed asking the Lord to give me strength to preach as I had prepared a sermon on how success can be achieved and how humility is important in this process (based on Luke 10: 13-20). The Lord lifted me up and made it possible for me to preach on Sunday morning. The following Sunday I struggled with my throat again and yet again, the Lord gave me strength to be able to share about what it meant to be a good servant (Luke 12:35-48). May His be the glory for giving us the strength and power in abundance.

Here are our prayer requests:

1. For a year, we have been raising funds for a new church building. We are thankful to God that He has touched people's hearts to support us in this project. Our current funds do not allow us to purchase a building in a fair condition just yet, but perhaps one that requires total renovation. We have looked for land for sale, but a good location can be expensive. That is why we want to be good foremen of the entrusted goods – we pray and check every new property being advertised. We are aware that our journey of faith is a long distance one and requires patience despite the time that's passing. Please support us with your prayers.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> November, we are going to have a brothers' meeting, praying and asking the Lord for further guidance in this matter. We will be praying for the givers and thanking the Lord for having led us so far.

2. I thank the Lord for bringing new people to our church, however slowly. We have three new people: Ewa, Bartek and Zuzanna who are going to get baptized. We pray for Damian, Ewa's husband, who has recently become a Christian, to grow in his faith.
3. We pray for our project "Through Sport to Jesus." Last week, we started a new season. Blazej, who is the captain, encourages whole families to take part. This is an opportunity for us all to invite other families, not affiliated with any church, organize events where they feel included, and build bridges for evangelism.
4. We pray for the Sunday school ministry. Due to our limitations to do with accommodation, we run the school on Tuesdays. Kamilla is one of those involved in ministering to the young ones. Lately, the children have been learning about what it means that the Bible is our light and Jesus is the light of the world.
5. We pray for the students of the 3-year program whom we help to grow in faith. Evening fellowship is a chance for me to share something practical with them and teach from the Bible.
6. We pray for the conference for parents to bear fruit. A family lawyer and a mission employee ran the sessions. One particular session touched the parents and resonated in their hearts with the following statement: "We are too busy to provide our children with what we didn't have, that we haven't got enough time to give them what we do have."
7. I thank the Lord for being able to share about the life story of Abraham during our weekly Bible studies. His stories are fascinating and easy to comprehend in the world of constant challenges, needs and temptations. Thankfully, the Scriptures don't hide Abraham's failures from us, so we are able to learn from his mistakes. Further chapters in the Book of Genesis help us understand what faith is and how obedience is born from it.
8. We pray for the youth work – we have over 20 young people of mixed age groups and have to run our sessions together due to their parents' schedules and meeting location. We encourage the older ones to look after the young. Although this isn't a project, it works on the same principle as "Older brother, older sister" where the older ones pray and look after the younger ones. That is how discipleship starts among the youth.
9. We pray and have been preparing for street evangelism on December 6<sup>th</sup> as well as an evangelistic concert on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Prior to that, in November, we are starting a new season of men's breakfasts when a guest speaker will be sharing about a topic chosen by them inspired by the thought "Let's talk about...". This is supposed to touch upon bothering issues and post a challenge to confront our lives with what the Bible teaches us.

In November, we are also having another session for students on our course. We pray for blessing for the 30 students who have been training for ministry. In mid-November, we are going to have a meeting of all evangelical pastors. We need many prayers to be able to realize God's vision for evangelism, growth, and church planting in our country.

Thank you for your sincere cooperation, support, and all your prayers.  
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