

The Springfield Redeemer



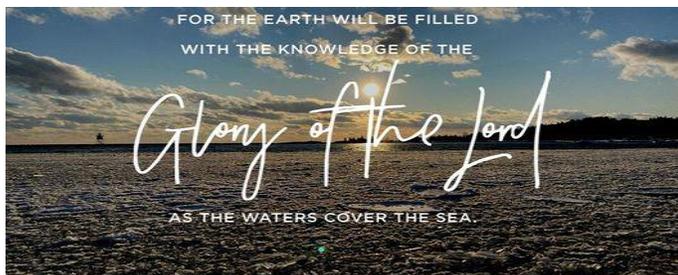
“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”

Romans 12:12

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Holyoke Hosts Unity Prayer Service by Roberta D’Amico



On Monday night, November 1, 2021, about 3 dozen people gathered in a local church in Holyoke for the most recent Unity Prayer Service, organized by Mission Pioneer Valley, and led by Daniel Torres. This gathering of local churches was for the express purpose of praying for the elections to be held in many states on November 2. The invitation declared that “It’s time to unite! Elections have consequences!”

Some of us from Holy Grounds joined Christians from across the Greater Springfield and Northern Connecticut area for a powerful night of prayer and worship. Several pastors prayed for God’s will and direction in the upcoming election and that the winners would be people that fear God.

The event was introduced by Pastor Juan Feliciano and Daniel Torres (in English and Spanish) who said, “We are all of One Blood – the Blood of Jesus our Lord! We are from many backgrounds and denominations, but are not limited to those denominations. We come together ready to worship and pray. Pray for the heart of America! What breaks the heart of God? It should break our hearts, too!” Pastor Cooley spoke next, imploring God in prayer: “We that call upon Your Name, increase our faith! Give us leaders with a mind to lead in righteousness.”

A prayer was offered for all here at the meeting who might be in need of healing: You, Lord, are a doctor above all doctors, so we ask healing for all in the hospital, in rehab, and for all believers – since we have the Mind of Christ, we claim healing of our minds and bodies! Give us wisdom about our health, give doctors true knowledge and skill, and touch those in need of healing with Your mighty power!

We prayed for an economy built on integrity and generosity; for people to be back to work; and for people like Josephs and Daniels to be in positions of influence in America. We asked that the media be used for good and not for evil; that the fear of the Lord would fall on our local government and cancel the plans of the enemy in our schools.

Reading Psalm 2, we can be confidently assured that the Lord reigns! We do not want our churches divided by politics. As citizens of the United States, we believe that our country is a great place in the world to live in, for which we can be thankful! However, it is clear in the Scriptures that God sees all “kingdoms of this world” as evil, and only God’s Kingdom is truly good. All governments are in some way in opposition to God. Greed and corruption prevail.

Without Christ they are all trapped in wickedness, opposed to God’s righteousness. If each one of us was once an enemy of God (before we were saved) it is no surprise that the world is! If we identify with Christ, we should expect the same. The world opposed Him (and still does!) They put Him to death, but God raised Him from the dead, not because He had great political power but because He was obedient to His Father in Heaven, through suffering even to death. We must be willing to do the same, trusting Jesus, not the government to save us.

God’s plan is for the church to make Him and His ways known to others, especially our leaders. If we don’t do this, how are they going to know the way of righteousness? At the core, one of the foundation truths of Christianity is that it is not our place to ask God to make our circumstances good, congenial, and happy so we will rejoice and be thankful. This seems to be the attitude at many prayer meetings. Rather, it is to make us joyful and thankful in all our circumstances. To reach this level of belief that God is in control and His way is absolutely the best way takes faith. Our faith grows as we really study God’s Word, fellowship with other believers, and spend time with God in prayer.

**October's Prayer and Praises from
Redemption Gate Mission Society (RGMS)
Evangelist Pastor Renzo Ventrice!**

On Sunday October 3rd, we visited Crossway Christian Church in Palmer, MA. We heard a great and powerful sermon from Pastor Dennis Marais. We were welcomed by many friendly people ere.

October 17th and Sunday October 31st, we visited East Brookfield Baptist Church in Central MA. On Sunday October 24th, Betsy and I visited The City Church in Springfield, MA.

We share the vision of the urgent need for New England churches to come together in fervent prayer for revival and evangelism. We have forged new relationships with about 64 Pastors since last August 2020. Our hope is to preach REVIVAL, teach Christian History Seminars/tours, and raise support for RGMS.

**CONGRATULATIONS PASTOR COOLEY
On your 24th Church Anniversary!**

The Church Anniversary Celebration was held at United Temple Church of God in Christ, 191 Walnut Street, on November 17 – 21.



Besides COGIC Missionaries Essie Wilder, Luevina Milner, and Iris Jenkins, Guest Speakers included Pastor Robert Quinones of

Motivated By Faith and Pastor Josh Eldridge of Cornerstone Church.

Ongoing Events

SUNDAY SERVICES:

10 a.m. - Motivated by Faith with Pastor Bobby and Kim Quinones.

3:00 p.m. Coffee House Church with Pastor Cooley.

MONDAY -- FRIDAY: Morning Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. ***Come and be blessed!***

WEDNESDAY: 1 pm to 4 pm – Coffee House open with Steve Morin.

THURSDAY: FIAT Thursday 7 p.m. December 9

FRIDAY: Women's Bible Study with Shelly Saunders, Fridays at 1:00 PM.

The Theme was "The Philadelphian Church" from Revelation 3:8.

SUCCESSFUL FISH FRY FUNDRAISER Nov. 12

In spite of a violent rain and wind storm on Friday, almost \$300 was collected for Sam's delicious Fish & Fries Dinner for the support of Holy Grounds Coffee House. Thank you all who participated

REVIVAL!

REVIVAL! December 1, 2, 3, Wednesday to Friday

7:30 p.m. each night at Macedonia Church of God in Christ, Tinkham Rd.

Conducted by our Pastor C.S. Cooley and Evangelist Rosemary Lockett,

hosted by Bishop Bryant Robinson Jr. Theme: "It's Restoration Time" Matt. 11:30.

Some from Holy Grounds Coffee House will be getting baptized at this event on Dec. 1!

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 11, Saturday, at United Temple. Gift pick up at the door starts at 3 p.m.