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# United Prayer

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## Invitation

**I**F you believe in the power of prayer, we invite you to join our fellowship in prayer. Our end is those quiet transformations in individual and social life which can be wrought only by the Holy Spirit. Our method is united prayer. Small groups meeting for united prayer are being formed in different parts of the city. You are invited to form a group or to join an already existing group. If you desire to share in this fellowship, please let the fact be known to us and we will coordinate your efforts with those of others of like purpose. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

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## Special Objects for Prayer for the Month of February

1. Pray that God may unite in a deeper spiritual union all the Christian workers of this city.
  2. Pray that there may be a spiritual awakening in this city, leaving times and seasons and methods to Him.
  3. Pray for a wide response to the Call for Prayer issued by the General Committee of the World's Christian Student Federation composed of John R. Mott, C. T. Wang, Michi Kawai, and Ruth Rouse. They have designated February 26th, 1922 as a Universal Day of Prayer for Students.
  4. Pray for the deepening and spread of the spiritual awakening in Scotland. Do you know about it?
  5. Pray for the constant spiritual success of our friend Ralph Harlow as he visits the students of Egypt, India, Ceylon, the Philippines, Japan and China.
  6. Pray for your neighbors.
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## Report of Meeting of the Christian Workers' Union held Saturday February 4th, 1922

SIXTY persons were present Saturday afternoon February 4th, at the Young Women's Christian Association Service Center in Pera. At least ten different organizations were represented. Dr. Fisher of Robert College by his conduct of the opening season of praise and prayer helped to create the atmosphere which made the meeting a success. He spoke of the triumphant spiritual attitude of Jesus as he faced his critical and indifferent home community in Nazareth, as recorded in Luke 4. Prof. Loutfi Levonian spoke to the subject of **The Spiritual Needs of Constantinople, The Present Opportunity and Our Methods of Approach.** He spoke out of the experience of four months' intensive study of the situation during which he has paid special attention to the tone of the press. It is hardly too much to say that many of his hearers were surprised as they learned the deeper facts concerning an environment in which we live and move, and yet very imperfectly understand. Prof. Levonian's earnest and constructive suggestions for the spiritualization of all our efforts led us to a deeper desire for spiritual strength through unity in prayer, "looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

**The Remarks by President Gates of Robert College** at the close of Prof. Levonian's address were at once a testimony and a challenge. He said in part:

"We are all appalled at the increase of vice and crime in Constantinople. The conditions are appalling and the means used to stem this tide of evil are altogether inadequate.

I am very glad that Professor Levonian has laid such emphasis upon Christ as the great need for meeting this crisis. I agree with him in this and I think we need to emphasize that Jesus Christ alone can overcome this evil because there is a very strong and very insidious temptation to put Christ in the background and to emphasize most strongly those truths in regard to which Christians can agree with non-Christians. This is, I think, a fatal mistake because it robs Christians of their power which lies in Christ. What we need now and here is a deep, strong work of the Holy Spirit. If we look back on the history of the Christian Church we shall see that such seasons of the active working of the Holy Spirit have always come when Jesus Christ was presented to man as their Savior from sin and their Lord to whom they own loyalty and obedience.

This is the law of the working of the Holy Spirit as we see it in experience, and it was announced by Jesus Christ when he said: "He (the Holy Spirit) shall not speak from himself — he shall take of mine and shall declare unto you."

If we put Jesus Christ on one side in order to win agreement with men, tell me what power have we left with which to win men to God? For us Christians the power of God is bound up with Jesus Christ. You and I must first of all reestablish our own fellowship with this Divine Savior by reading and rereading His life and by talking with Him in prayer and then we can bring Christ to the multitudes who need Him so much. "Give ye them to eat," he says to us as he said to His disciples of old, and we as they must receive the bread of life from His hands before we can give it to the hungry people."





## Suggested Daily Bible Readings

In spiritual life and Christian service let us not be the children of "status quo" but the children of Faith.

### 1. How to run the race ?

Feb. 12	Heb. 12	1, 2.
" 13	Luke 9	23.
" 14	" 14	33.
" 15	Rom. 13	12.
" 16	1 Cor. 9	25-27.
" 17	Phil. 3	13, 14.
" 18	Hos. 6	3.

### 3. Serving the Lord.

Feb. 26	2 Cor. 4	7.
" 27	Acts 20	19.
" 28	Matt. 20	26-28.
March 1	Gal. 6	3.
" 2	Rom. 12	3.
" 3	Luke 17	10.
" 4	2 Cor. 1	12.

### 2. The offense of the Cross.

Feb. 19	Gal. 5	11.
" 20	Matt. 16	24.
" 21	James 4	4.
" 22	1 Pet. 3	7, 8
" 23	Gal. 6	14.
" 24	Gal. 2	20.
" 25	Gal. 5	24.

#### From the Constitution of the Constantinople

#### Christian Workers' Union

The Constantinople Christian Workers' Union is a voluntary association of persons engaged in some definite form of Christian work in the City of Constantinople.

The purpose of this Union is to promote a spirit of fellowship in prayer and Christian growth, and unity in effort and service.

Any person signifying the desire to cooperate in this Union by signing the constitution and paying the annual dues shall thereby become a member of the Union.

## Call for the Observance of the Universal Day of Prayer for Students

**E**ACH year, since its foundation over a quarter of a century ago, the World's Student Christian Federation has summoned the Christian Movements of the world and the leaders and members of the Christian Church to remember with special thanksgiving and intercession the moral and spiritual welfare of students the



world over. This has been one of the principal sources of the growth and power of the Federation, which now embraces nearly 200,000 students and professors banded together in local Christian associations or unions in over 2,500 universities, colleges, and higher schools. In accordance with this vital custom, the General Committee of the Federation hereby designates February 26, 1922, as a Universal Day of Prayer for Students, and calls upon all who have at heart the spiritual life and service of students to unite in the observance of the day.

The universities and colleges have ever been mountains of vision and training grounds for unselfish leadership. Never before has the world stood in greater need of these two great offices on the part of the universities. There is a superhuman factor in the imparting of vision and in the raising up of great leaders; it is the great factor. How transcendently important it is, therefore, that the coming Day of Prayer for Students be characterized by reality, intensity, and unity.

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### The Holy Spirit.

**W**HAT do we most chiefly learn, from history and our own experience, concerning the Holy Spirit?

First, the Holy Spirit is patient. He waits long. He endures all things.

Secondly, His only force is love. Otherwise He is defenceless.

Thirdly, He is, by His unresting care, drawing all men, if they will but let Him, to the Father, that at last the will of the world shall be brought into the Will of God.

Finally, He holds before the world the Perfect Love of Christ, that every man, being made glad by His friendship both human and divine, may share with Christ His everlasting victory.

CHARLES LEWIS SLATTERY, *in The Light Within.*

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### A Prayer for Early Morning.

**A**Lmighty God, grant that I may awake to the joy of this day, finding gladness in all its toil and difficulty, in all its pleasure and success, in all its failure and sorrow; Cause me to throw open the windows of my life, that I may look always away from myself and behold the need of the world. Give me the will and strength to bring the gift of thy gladness to others of thy children, that with them I may stand to bear the burden and heat of the day and offer thee the praise of work well done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Grace Church, New York.*

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### Copies of Prof. Levonian's Address

A limited number of copies of Prof. Levonian's address are available. Send twenty-five piasters to Room 16, Bible House with your name and address and a copy will be sent you.