

CCM Evangelist Blessing at Texas Encounter April 17, 2015

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INTRODUCTION BY EVANGELIST BOB SLASOR

Let me begin by sharing what the Lord has laid on my heart to do. The High Priest in Israel went into the Holy of Holies once a year to present Israel before the Lord for forgiveness. In that act the sins of the Israelites were forgiven, every person and every sin. God took that prayer of the High Priest and forgave Israel. I really felt the call to do the same as a High Priest/Evangelist to lift this people before God for forgiveness. I felt I needed to offer a prayer of forgiveness for CCM. After this prayer, Steve Calloway will offer his Evangelist Blessing prayer, followed by Jack White, and then I will offer the last sealing closing prayer. You can close your eyes, look up or do whatever you want to do to focus during this prayer.

Almighty God, you have such trust, such investment, and such a sense that CCM has been called to be by Your Spirit with a call and a mission and a path that is uniquely theirs. God, we sense often as a body that we kind of wander around, not sure of the direction we should go. But God I felt you saying to me, "Lift my body of CCM; those who are present in this room and every member of CCM wherever they are this morning lift them to me for forgiveness, and for cleansing, and to make their hearts pure. So God I do that. If anywhere there are any of our people that are carrying the burden of guilt I pray by the power of your Spirit that it would be removed from them and they would be set free. I pray, O God, in repentance for CCM for the times we have been tempted to act in the power that is ours and afraid to risk sometimes. Father, I lift CCM to you for forgiveness for those times we have thought about concern with World Church and thought in terms of division rather than unity. I pray for forgiveness for us when we have been less than forgiving when some leaders of World Church did not understand us and rejected what we are doing and we have not just offered forgiveness for them with no kind of judgment or anger. For all of the things, O God, that we may have left undone take this body of CCM into your divine presence. May we know that even in this prayer now we are made clean by the blood of Christ, by the power of forgiveness from you and we are made ready now, O God our Father, to march into the future you have called us to. Let your words be heard this morning, your Spirit touch this body this morning, and for all of those who will hear this or read this whenever it is distributed. God, may they know that this is your message to us his saints of CCM. Let's change the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER BY EVANGELIST STEVE CALLOWAY

We are grateful O God, and thank you from the depths of our hearts, that you took the coal from the altar and touched our lips and our hearts, and we have felt your cleansing spirit. In this blessed state we sense more keenly that no eye has ever seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the hearts of human kind the things you have prepared for those who love you. We rejoice therefore, at the present and coming revelations of our future in You. We come into your Presence today, praying that your kingdom might come and your will might be done on earth in the places where we walk and talk and touch other lives. We pray that we, this assembled congregation of your people, might so align our hearts with your heart that our actions and works of ministry might be a revelation of your will being done on earth as it is in heaven. Help us be receptive to the directions of your Spirit, reaching out to others in comforting and healing ministries, so that your kingdom might be seen by a hurting world. We ask that those who need the touch of your Spirit might be blessed through our faithful response to your direction because we stopped long enough to listen, thus becoming a blessing to them.

Oh Lord, as the father in the scriptures prayed, "I believe, help thou my unbelief", we also cry out, Lord we believe, but we want to grow into the spiritual realm of possibilities. Bless this people, here gathered, with the blessing of divine and joyous expectancy of the presence of your Spirit, that your will might be done in our lives. There is no deception in heaven and we pray that we might not be deceived here, so Father, help our unbelief. Bless us with an expectancy that grows with each new experience of divine intervention. Help us be joyful and valiant in testimony of those times of divine intervention, of healing, and guidance that the world sometimes sees as only coincidence. Let us be faithful to the testimony of our experiences with You. We pray, O God for the faith to touch the hem of your garment. Help us live in such a way that others might recognize that they too, can touch the hem of your garment and be blessed. Bless us, with not just verbal testimony but also living testimony. Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, prayed that we might be one, even as you and he are one. Bless us with a oneness that can transform the world, being an undeniable power and revelation of you, O most high God.

You created us and pronounced us good. You bestowed upon us many gifts and talents, some of which we are not yet even aware. We thrill at the mystery of what You long to do through our combined talents and gifts. We sense that you call us to be faithful to an exploration and greater utilization of our giftedness. In a greater spirit of oneness we feel called to find in each other the reservoir of talents and ability and giftedness that you long to release into your hurting world. Thank you that your Spirit is with us, as we have gathered in this place. We also rejoice knowing that even outside of our understandings of the dimensions of time and space, we can be one with You. Thank you for the promise that where two or three are gathered together in spiritual things, we are at one with You. May we bask in Your Presence. Help us take advantage of the healing and comforting blessings that you offer, as we commit ourselves to each other and to nurturing those gifts and talents, even those that yet lie dormant. Bless us that the world might believe in your Son, and that you have sent Him that we all may be one with you.

In the name of Jesus our Savior I pray. Amen

PRAYER BY EVANGELIST JACK WHITE

Father, you know the needs of the leadership team of CCM . I hold up before thee the leadership of this area. For truly you know their needs. You will bring them the power and the judgment and the knowledge to accomplish the path wherein you have called them. We pray not only for them but the other leadership of CCM in this area of your vineyard in CCM. May we be blessed with wisdom and knowledge, that they may accomplish the path wherein you have called them, helping us become one in Christ. We also hold others up in leadership positions such as pastors and members of the body of Christ and all who are willing to take upon them the name of Christ. Help them to keep your commandments and decrees that they may have Christ's Spirit to be with them. Father we know from reading the scripture John 3:16, the love you have for us. But help us also to remember John 3:17, "*For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but the world through him might be saved.*" So Father, we realize that you do not condemn us, therefore help us not to condemn ourselves; moving out in faith, that your work on earth may be done, work that we were created for. May personal fear be absent as we step out in faith to help bring your kingdom to come on earth even as it is in heaven. May our giftedness be magnified by the power of your Spirit for your glory.

We need to realize that you want persons to become your sons and daughters, choosing you as Father, with a loving heart. Therefore help us to let our will abide in Christ's righteous will. That we may all be one in him, even as he is one with you and you with him. May Christ's prayer in the 17th chapter in the gospel of John, become a reality for those here today. So it is Father that we pray that we may become one with him. May we

be a blessing to our families, our friends, and all others that we might be kingdom builders. May we be one of heart and one mind. May we be made free to move mountains, change courses of rivers, calm the seas, stop hail storms or even change the course of missiles for the cause of your kingdom. In short, fill us with the faith of Enoch, Abraham, Melchizedek, Moses, Job and other spiritual giants that have gone on before.

Help us to ponder righteous thoughts, rejecting quickly negative, toxic thoughts of unrighteousness and thoughts of fear. You gave us our agency of choice. Help us to ponder those thought that enter our minds that will help bring peace on earth. Thus may your Spirit be poured out upon us with power and the word. Help us abide in that which leads to eternal life in your holy presence. Help us to learn to love like your only begotten, Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

FINAL PRAYER BY EVANGELIST BOB SLASOR

And O God, in the spirit of prayer I sense you are saying to CCM, the chapter of what has been is now closed. The chapter of what can be is now open. I will pour out my Spirit upon this movement if they will but open their hearts to receive. If they will in humility bow before me and recognize that I have created them to serve me and help me bring forth the kingdom. You have spoken and said that already this morning, O God. It is the kingdom, it is Zion to which we are called and to which we need to give our allegiance, and our faith, and our trust, and our love, and our service to humanity. Almighty God, I pray the sealing of this Blessing upon CCM. I pray that every time they gather, as in Celebration this summer, there will be an increased outpouring of Holy Spirit on those who gather. And they will sense a personal touch from you as we have had here. That you are calling us to walk with you in power into the future that will change this world.

We are, O God, set apart by your Spirit to be an influence of righteousness within the Body of Christ. We are sent forth into the places we go, into the congregations or wherever we go we are sent as emissaries of your Holy Spirit. O God our Father, please, please help us not doubt ourselves, and condemn ourselves, thinking we have nothing significant to offer. God Almighty, would you take our will and make it your will so we can arise in the glory of the Lord God and of Jesus Christ. Not our glory, but your glory. There are lives right now, O God, waiting to be touched by this people in this room. They are already prepared to receive the witness and the testimony of those who leave here. That said, and we are going to seal in Communion Service this morning that we remember Jesus and take upon ourselves his name to keep his commandments and to serve him. O God our Father, that gentle, sweet, forgiving, loving presence that you bring to your people. O God, stir us up. Don't allow us to become complacent or satisfied with less than we can have spiritually for the sake of the world.

Keep us hungry, keep us hungry, keep us hungry for you, for more of you. Keep us hungry and searching and preparing. God our Father in ways that we can't even describe this morning the Spirit says to the CCM body, "It's time to strike your tents and move toward the Promised Land." God, mobilize us for the spiritual action for the salvation and the blessing and the healing of those we are sent forth to touch. Bless this movement O God, with the power that will help us be a model to others in the body of Community of Christ who will see us and say, I want to experience that." God is calling us and sending us forth. May we never doubt you, God, or ourselves, or the mission of Christ. We seal this Blessing of challenge and call in the name of Jesus, Amen.