

prayer is followed by results that call forth gratitude and praise, and encourage renewed requests at the Throne of Grace.

In every land, and in most of the leading cities, the annual invitation of the Evangelical Alliance, to observe the week of prayer at the commencement of the year, has been largely and increasingly responded to. Multitudes have united with one accord to implore, in the name, and relying on the merits and mediation of our Divine Lord, that the new year may be crowned with the goodness of God, and special blessings conferred both upon the Church and the world.

The Evangelical Alliance, by its British and foreign organizations, renew their invitation for the opening of the year 1868. In doing so, they express their profound conviction that passing events are more than ever furnishing motives for a closer union among all true followers of Christ, for things pertaining to the spirituality and spread of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fellow-Christians of every land and language! In the prospect of the weighty interests and great responsibilities of the new year, let us again draw near to the Heavenly Throne, that common centre for universal prayer, and prove the Lord of Hosts according to His own word, wherein it is written, "See if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

The following topics, among others, are suggested as suitable for exhortation and intercession on the successive days of meeting:

*Sunday, January 5th.*—Sermons. Subject: The Person, Work, and Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Monday, 6th.*—Thanksgiving for general mercies during the past year, to nations, churches, and families: and confession of sin.

*Tuesday, 7th.*—Prayer for nations; for kings and all in authority; for the observance of the Lord's day: for the removal of obstacles in the way of moral and religious progress; and for internal and international peace.

*Wednesday, 8th.*—Prayer for families: for schools, colleges, and universities; and for sons and daughters in foreign countries.

*Thursday, 9th.*—Prayer for Christian ministers, and all engaged in Christ's service; for God's ancient Israel, and for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Friday 10th.*—Prayer for the sick and afflicted; for widows and orphans; and for the persecuted for righteousness' sake.

*Saturday 11th.*—Prayer for the Christian Church; for increase of holiness and activity, fidelity and love; and for grace equal to the duties and dangers of the time.

*Sunday 11th.*—Sermons; Subject: Christian Charity.—1 Cor. 13.

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