



2010 WOMEN'S RETREAT

Theme: What Happens When Women Pray

We receive what we ask for (Luke 11:9)



2010 Women's Retreat was held at CSI Wesley Church Chicago on Oct. 16th at CSI Church on 7400 W. Foster Ave., Chicago. About 100 women from Chicago and Suburbs participated in the 3rd Annual Women's Retreat. The Retreat Coordinator *Rev. Dr. Elsie Sabbithi*, well known in Indian community, put in all her heart for the success of the Retreat. *Rev. Dr. Elsie Sabbithi* is Women's Study Leader at CSI Wesley Church Chicago. Her daughter, *Miss Beta Sabbithi* is growing in her likeness. Our GOD is great.

2010 theme – ***What Happens When Women Pray*** – was well presented throughout the day by the chosen women of Jesus. The session started at 08:30am with Registration by *Miss Sanjana Bandrapalli* and *Miss Rachel Kadamandla*. Opening prayer was done by Rev. Solomon Sudhakar who prayed for special blessings for the day. Welcome note was done by *Dr. Valli Nagelli*. Group Prayer Song (Bhajan) was done by *Women of CSI – Wesley Church*, asking for God's help in daily Christian walk.

Morning Devotion was done by *Dr. Ida Madhuram*, who taught us how to direct our focus onto GOD ALMIGHTY when we pray. Solo Prayer Song showing us God's love,

was beautifully done by *Mrs. Rani Butt*. The Gospel singers were praying all along for Spirit-filling, which was indeed seen throughout the day.

15-minute Prayer Workshop was done by *Mrs. Anita Kadamandla* to refresh women's memory on Godly Woman's Prayers vs Worldly Woman's Prayers. During the workshop, there were about 25 winners in 5-minutes. The next 10-minutes were spent sending SELF-PRAYERS to GOD. 77 Pink creative Page-markers were given as reminders to keep praying for SELF, for each to become Remarkable Woman of God.

Everyone loved Intercessory Prayers done by *Mrs. Lata Kasa, Mrs. Issachar and Mrs. Jaya Bandi*. Needs in families, communities, nations, and the whole world were prayed for. Indeed, Jesus encouraged us to pray for others as well as for self in our journey.

After a brief coffee-break, personal testimony on her journey, from Mom's LIQUID-PRAYERS to her own LIQUID-PRAYERS, was touchingly shared by *Dr. Valli Nagelli*. The session moved onto Congregational Praise and Worship songs.

Prayer Skit written by *Mrs. Annie Sally*, led by *Mrs. Prasoon Bandi*, and performed by *Women of CSI Wesley Church* was cheered by many, especially when the women's prayers kept their hidden Bible in a hot oven unburnt !

Finally, came the eagerly-awaited and Spirit-led message of *Rev. Dr. Lilly Daniel* on Power of Bible Women's Prayer. The Telugu message is videotaped by *Mrs. Josephene Gosu*, and is available with special personal request.

Another personal testimony was shared by *Mrs. Sashikala Azariah* on how GOD is helping her lead many women into prayerful lives; here in the nation and also internationally. She is a shining star running to become a super star of Jesus.

CSI Wesley Church honored *Mrs. Suguna Vallabdas* with "Woman of the Year" Award, for her ongoing efforts to grow Christian Women for the glory of God. She is an excellent role model for Christian wives. She plans to attend 2011 Women's Retreat too.

Morning session ended with songs by *Dr. Sudha Nittala*, a pioneer in Telugu Christian Songs. She also encouraged us to read her Telugu translated book on "Hell" written by *Ms. Mary Baxter*. The retreat group picture is from her personal camera; thanks to her.

God bless many male helpers we had. Women couldn't have done without the help of these special helpers. Special thanks to Mr. Paul Butt, President of CSI Wesley Church. God's blessings also on children Gamma Sabbithi, Noel Kadamandla, Jeremy Gosu, Japheth Bandi, Jared Bandi, Jaden Bandi, *Katelyn Butt*, Matthew Butt, Nathan Paturi and *Anna Paturi*. Thanks to Rev. David Augustine, Rev. Thomas Pollepaka, Mr. Sharat Paturi, Mr. Wesley Nagelli, our Presbyter-in-charge Rev. Solomon Sudhakar, and many all-time helpers.

Thanks to *Mrs. Esther Kurella, Mrs. Elizabeth Nagelli, Mrs. Sashikala Sangha* for sponsoring Retreat lunch without which there wouldn't be an afternoon session. God bless each one for their participation, contribution and support – big and small.

Afternoon session started with prayer by *Mrs. Leena Pothula*. Thank God for her prayerful life; many lives are changing because of her and her daughter *Mrs. Joyce Doma*. Psalm 23 Song by *Mrs. Grace Paturi* showed us her assurance and her personal relationship with GOD.

The session moved on to The Steps of Prayer by *Mrs. Subhadra Vipparthi* who stressed on how important it is to seek His will and His kingdom in our everyday lives. She shared her new perspective on The Lord's Prayer.

The highlight of the afternoon session was The Holistic Wellness Workshop done by *Mrs. Satya Sudhakar* assisted by her daughter *Miss. Neema Sudhakar*. Practical tips were given by workshop leader *Mrs Satya Sudhakar, Mrs. Jemima Manohar* and many *other prominent women* shared their wisdom so that all women may lead a life with Spiritual, Physical, Psychological, and Financial Balance. There was consensus that only with Jesus all things are possible; when we seek Him, all these will be added to us.

Purposeful and Powerful was the message with slogan of *Mrs. Myra Lapinski* – NO PRAYER WITHOUT JESUS. *Mrs. Myra Lapinski* is leading a transformed life, and serving God-given community with joy and burden.

One memorable testimony was shared by *Mrs. Deloris Sillins*. She testified that GOD heard her prayers and healed her grand-daughter's congenital heart illness. Glory be to our GOD. Yes, testimonies are for the glory of GOD alone.

Special feature of 2010 Retreat: Christian Book Sale. Thanks to all buyers: *Mrs. Deloris Sillins, Mrs. Pramila Madella, Mrs. Prasoon Bandi, Mrs. Siphora Gulla, Mrs. Zeruya Gaddam, Mrs. Padma Kommu, Mrs. Bhagya William, Mrs. Rani Butt, Mrs. Valli Nagelli, Mrs. Lata Sangha, Mrs. Veni Wallace* and *few others*. The fastest sold book was – PRAYERS OF A GODLY WOMAN by Freeman-Smith. May GOD help us understand.

I am convinced that many lives have been touched by the Retreat: *Mrs. Suguna Bandi, Mrs. Phebe Patluri, Mrs. Sashikala Kommu, Mrs. Rosalin Chettipalli, Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Chettipalli, Mrs. Bushpaka, Mrs. Mercy Chettipalli* and *many favorite women*. Thank GOD for these wonderful women of GOD. They are a blessing to many women.

Women's Retreat will be in the month of October. Visit www.wcsichicago.org for details.

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