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If my people, which are called by my name,
shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek
my face, and turn from their wicked ways;
then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive
their sin, and will heal their land.

Proverbs 7:14

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When We Come To A Place Of Humility

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When we come to the place of humility we earnestly surrender from everything we know and position ourselves in a humble posture of obedience rendering ourselves to the one of authority. This authority is God Almighty, the I AM that I AM. We bow down before His majesty as a sign of respect and honor. In doing so we show that we recognize Him as our Creator and Lord.

This always helps us to keep our relationship with God in the right standing. My existence goes far beyond this realm that I have been allowed to exist and thrive in and the earthly vessels to whom were the conduits for my arrival. It was His breath that has provided life to this vessel.

This is a fact that should resonate with everyone at all times not just when we are in trouble or desire something do we reference His name. But we should acknowledge Him at all times not just for convenience because someone else has told us. But out of sincerity because we have established that personal relationship with God and we love Him.

Do we just talk to Him because we can? Do we thank Him for all of the beauty and splendor that is all around us? Or have we taken the attitude of entitlement without merit, thinking God is just supposed to do this or that just because?

Have we honestly taken the time to self-reflect? Or are our motives and even missed opportunities due to our demonstrated behaviors and have we really evaluated it? Are we truly doing enough to serve the purpose for us being created? No, would be my answer and for this reason, the outcomes to which we face at present should be a clear indication that we have fallen short of the Glory of God. We can't fool ourselves into believing that it is otherwise.

If you wanted to argue the point then my question would be. Why does it take pestilence to start within the land to even get us to start to pay attention to the signs that are before us? We have been overly distracted from the truth and taken up the mindset that we have certain powers and abilities to regulate the course of mankind. This, my friend, is truly a false narrative and a seriously dangerous path.

Our will has become very destructive and created blinded eyes within mankind. We have begun to worship idol gods in many forms and neglected the true and living God. How may you ask? Through our possession cars, houses, and land. Celebrities (Television, Movies, Sports, Music, Preachers, and Politicians) to an overwhelming degree many have idolized and worshipped them more than God.

Scripture tells us in several passages "You shall have no other gods before me" Exodus 20:3, Deuteronomy 5:7, more detailed passages Psalms 81:9, "There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god."

Isaiah 45:5. I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: 6: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that *there is* none beside me. I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else. When we fail to study we fail in understanding. We have been provided a manual of instructions in the form of the Torah and the Bible to guide us towards God's will.

When deception comes it puts us on a path leading toward destruction however there are exit ramps of grace and mercy to get one back on the right path. But if one is not paying attention to the signs literally screaming at you and you are enjoying the joyride. As with all joyride they lead to destruction even to the point of death.

There was always the opportunity not to be disobedient and do the right thing and not be a participant. We all have been given choices accompanied by instructions that point out outcomes based on our individual choices. Should we be tempted sometimes, but there is not a lot of grace remaining to reach out to mercy and we will find ourselves cut off.

During this season the questions would be. Do we humble ourselves on the path towards God which requires repentance? Or does one choose the path of arrogance blaming others and not owning up to our own shortcomings, point the finger and face final judgment? These are the direct questions we must face and ask ourselves is it worth the risk not to try and answer them at this time?

Beloved it's time from everyone to pulse and have a reality check our eternal life depends on it and there really are no two ways about it. Just one independent repentance because when we meet Him, we will all stand alone. As for me, I choose Repentance because my flesh sins (even in the littlest thing) but my spirit and soul seek to obey.

THE QUESTION IS

Do you recognize and understand the signs of the times?

**In all thy getting, get an understanding.
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What would you do if Jesus
came and you were **NOT** ready?

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A statement or event that indicates a possible or impending danger, problem or order of unpleasant situation.

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Acts 1:11

A woman with her hands clasped in prayer is the central focus. Her head is bowed, and her hands are joined in a traditional prayer position. The background is dark, featuring a glowing purple and blue silhouette of the same woman in prayer. Overlaid on the scene are several glowing, semi-transparent geometric shapes, primarily squares and rectangles, some of which are slightly offset or layered, creating a sense of depth and digital or spiritual energy. The overall color palette is dominated by purples, blues, and pinks, with bright highlights from the glowing elements.

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There Is No Other Way

By Eunice A. Christian
May 8, 2020

Judges 16:28 ~ ²⁸ Then Samson called to the Lord, saying, *O Lord God, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!*

1 Samuel 12:23 ~ ²³ Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way.

Matthew 5:44 ~ ⁴⁴ *But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you....*

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Stay Encouraged

1. Pray

This month's theme is: *Humble Yourself and Pray*. To pray, in part, is a posture of humbling oneself: (i) with a mindset that demonstrates a yearning to be heard; usually in times of a need or desire; and (ii) in anticipation of being acknowledged by a presence of greater influence. *Influence?* Yes. *Why pray if your prayer has no influence? Why pray if the outcome of a prayer does not request or cause either a change, an affect; or produce an acknowledgment of some kind?* When we pray, it is a request or plea to and for a Higher Power's intervention for an effectual outcome.

From the moment that the Scripture was fulfilled (John 19:28-30), upon the cry from Jesus, ***It is finished***, we had the ability to pray in His name; being blessed with the presence, the power, and the unction of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, as our guide. We are to pray to God our heavenly Father in His Son's name, Jesus, who is the keeper of our soul (John Chapter 17). When we pray in the name of Jesus, we should have a heart and mindset for reverencing Him. It is believing in Him in faith that He Is who He declares He Is as written in the Holy Scriptures.

2. To Pray or How Not To Pray

How else should we pray? Jesus taught His disciples not to pray openly as is common among hypocrites. Jesus, knowing the hearts of men, saw that such actions were performed

so as to impress those who would see them. As it is written, God is not mocked, what a man sows, he reaps (Galatians 6:7-10). Jesus wants us to have a sincere heart when we go before our heavenly Father in prayer. Furthermore, God does not want us to pray a prayer of vengeance.

Romans 12:14-19 ~ ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. ¹⁹ Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, ***Vengeance is Mine, I will repay***, says the Lord.

3. The Disciples' Prayer

As it is written in Matthew Chapter 6, Jesus was asked by one of His disciples if He would teach him how to pray, reflecting upon how John the Baptist taught his disciples how to pray. Hence, the model prayer:

Matthew 6:9-13 ~ ⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: ***Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

The model prayer (hereafter also referred to as *the disciples' prayer*: this prayer was established with His disciples in mind), should give us confidence and serve as a guide for us today. What I found enlightening is that this disciple, who was unidentified in the direct content of these scriptures, knew that John the Baptist taught his followers how to pray (there is a possibility this disciple could have been one of John's disciples (John Chapter 1). Yet, this disciple did not rely solely upon John's teachings for prayer, but desired Jesus' teachings for prayer. *Isn't it grand that this disciple knew enough to ask Jesus how to pray so that he could be taught by the greatest teacher of all?* By asking Jesus how to pray, this disciple desired to distinguish from what he may have heard or learned from John the Baptist. *As Believers, we know that Jesus is the Messiah, God in the flesh, and who best to be taught by than the One who has the power to acknowledge and honor prayers?* The request by this disciple presented a lesson for Jesus' followers back then and for us today; that we should be mindful to model our prayers by The Source—Jesus—so that when we pray, our prayers are conducive to God's Will and plan, as well as for our spiritual growth and purpose.

4. Praying with Faith and Confidence

Matthew 6:6 ~ ⁶ ***and blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.***

We walk by faith and not according to the flesh (Romans Chapter 8). It is our faith in Jesus that fortifies our prayers. From the Old and New Testaments, we have access to passages that foretold The First Coming (Isaiah 9:6-7); and His anticipated return (The Book of Revelations 21). *So how did John teach his disciples to pray?* It is not recorded in the Holy Bible, but how Jesus wanted *His* disciples to pray was written in the scriptures. Therefore, we do not have much of an excuse that we do not know how to pray; even if we are unsure as to what to specifically pray for when it comes to daily challenges. The blessings come when we first seek God's Face and give Him glory. The model prayer gives us hope that we

are on the right path, thereby diminishing insecurities as to how to pray, and just as important, that when we pray, our focus will be in alignment to the Will of God.

Here and now, from one hour to another, or one day to another, it is sometimes difficult to handle how certain trials and tribulations occur in our lives and in the lives of others. We know according to the scriptures that this is not our world; that the adversary will continue to seek whom he can devour (1 Peter 5:8) until God's appointed time of Judgment. We know that even if we pray and do not get our desired outcome, we should know and be confident that we are still in God's unchanging Hand—that our Lord and our God are the keepers of our soul. God the Father is the Potter and we are the clay; we are His chosen and the sheep of His pasture (Psalm 100:3). We are to pray that His Will be done and that we become and remain vigilant, strengthened, and determined to handle it all. God forbid the plan and cause of Christ suffers because we are offended of Him, or that we lack faith to the point that it hinders the move of what the Holy Spirit can do in and around us. If we are offended by Him, such a transgression hinders our prayers from being effectual.

5. Humility, Corporate Prayers, and Discernment

If we are not humble and take God for granted, it could damage our testimony; thereby, impeding kingdom building. As we pray and seek the Face of God, we must remain faithful and humble.

A respectful note for consideration: Established ministries should have a church covenant to establish protocol. However, there may be encounters that cause parishioners to feel obligated to go along with every prayer that is performed in the house of worship. It is important to have spiritual discernment so that one not feel caught up in the moment, but be led by the Holy Spirit. Such recitals for prayers may be in alignment for some, but not necessarily for others; or such recited prayers may not be in alignment for each and every personal calling and purpose. As it may be difficult, we are in the flesh, we must ask for the strength to be led by the Holy Spirit in all things; in particular, for our prayer life so that if we are requested to recite a prayer that is not our own, for example, a *repeat after me* encounter, we instantly should ask the Holy Spirit to bless us with increased discernment so that we can distinguish whether the prayer at hand is a prayer that we should recite. Just as important, we should seek wisdom as to whether such a prayer will be pleasing to God the Father coming from us individually and even corporately.

Do not engage in a *repeat after me* prayer just because it sounds good or that it pleases someone else to have you engaged. Humility should not equate to being void of wisdom or common sense. If a prayer that someone wants you to engage in does not settle well with you, there may be a good reason why. Pray that the Holy Spirit increases your level of discernment for not only how to pray and what to pray for, but also who to pray with—and just as important—who hears your prayers. Not all who claim to be supportive will be, so be careful as to who knows what is on your heart.

In the name of God's beloved Son Jesus, touch and agree with someone that you have developed a level of confidence with that has a sincere heart, and if you do not feel confident, still pray knowing that our Lord and our God hears you. Being still; praying and watching, the Holy Spirit will direct; He will guide (Psalm Chapter 32). God is omniscient; He knows all. Furthermore, if you do get a praying partner, be guided as to what you share; if the

person is anointed, he or she will not have to know the details of your issues in order to bless you with an effective prayer.

6. The Significance of Prayer

The model prayer presented by Jesus is straight to the point and succinct. He presented a prayer that would be pleasing to God the Father. *Who would best know what our heavenly Father would be pleased to hear than His only begotten Son?* So, therefore, we should be mindful of the elements that the disciples' prayer presents, so that when we present our personalized prayers, we do not stray. When there are times of uncertainty, turn to the disciples' prayer as a guide because of its precious components. *What are these components?* Continue to read; I hope you are helped by what I shared.

A. Praying with Respect and Reverence

Matthew 6:9 ~ ⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.*

To know God the Father is to know to respect and reverence Him. When Jesus was asked how to pray, Jesus started the disciples' prayer by:

- 1) Initiating the prayer by respectfully acknowledging God for who He Is and what He is to us; *Our Father*;
- 2) Acknowledging His position in relation to ours; that He is not of this world, He is *in heaven*; and
- 3) He is Deity; *hallowed be Your name*. His name should not be used in vain (Exodus 20:7).

B. Praying with God in Mind First and Foremost

Matthew 6:10 ~ ¹⁰ *Your kingdom come, Your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

In the spirit of humility, always give God the first fruits of a prayer. In other words, do not leave Him for last in acknowledging Him for who He Is. Keep in mind to have positive, and not selfish, encounters during communications with God.

Ensure, based upon the Holy Scriptures, that a prayer is:

- 1) not an offence to God (The Book of Matthew 18);
- 2) in support of what you/others should be focused upon;
- 3) not promoting an act or desire in violation of God's Commandments (Exodus 20; Mark 12:28-34);
- 4) about your/our Father's business (Luke 2:49); and
- 5) not a hindrance or obstacle to yourself/others (The Book of Luke 11).

When experiencing a flash back of a serious and threatening moment in life, if you are a Believer and you are used to praying, the potential for a *Peter Prayer moment* can be real.

Matthew 14:30 ~ ³⁰ But when he [Peter] saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, *LORD, save me!*

That would be a good reason to get straight to the point! Yet still, if we cried out in prayer in such a manner, it would not offend our Lord and our God. Even in this brief cry for help, Peter first addressed Him as *Lord*. Although Jesus was in Peter's presence, Jesus was still God in the flesh (1 John 4:1-3) and believed at that moment Jesus had the power to deliver him. Whether the prayer is presented once, like Peter's cry for help, or fervent as Elijah's prayers (James 5:13-18), give God the first fruits from our lips, from the heart, in faith.

Matthew 7:11 ~ ¹¹ *If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!*

C. Pray for Strength Day by Day

Matthew 6:11 ~ ¹¹ *Give us this day our daily bread....*

Jesus taught His disciples to pray for *daily bread*. What is *daily bread*? As it is written in the Holy Scriptures, *daily bread* is another expression for Jesus; He is the Living Word (John 1:1-5). Jesus also used this analogy in reference to His body which was sacrificed on Calvary.

John 6:35 ~ ⁶ And Jesus said to them, *I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.*

John 6:51 ~ ⁵¹ *I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.*

Jesus instructed His disciples to pray in a manner that acknowledges a daily need and desire for His Word. Jesus wanted His disciples to rely upon His Word and upon His teachings in the same manner they would rely upon, want, and desire edible bread for nourishment. Realize this: Back then, edible bread was considered a staple food for many ethnic groups. So, to be without edible bread would parallel to being without a significant source of nourishment for survival. So, for us today as Believers, we should pray for daily bread as prescribed in the model prayer for spiritual protection and growth; thereby establishing and enhancing a healthy relationship with our Lord and our God.

D. Praying for Forgiveness

Matthew 6:12 ~ ¹² *and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

Forgiveness—this sentiment may be one of the hardest to process; perhaps that is why Jesus instructed His disciples to pray on this matter. When one first thinks of the concept *forgiveness*, one usually first thinks of forgiving someone else. That may be the case, but sometimes we have to keep in mind that we must also learn to forgive ourselves. Forgive ourselves because we harbored or are harboring resentment or ill-will towards someone who may or may not deserve such negative energy. Forgive ourselves for becoming distracted to the point that we lost focus on something or someone that was or is not worthy of such attention.

Jesus instructed His disciples to forgive others as God forgives them. As God's chosen, we live according to the scriptures; therefore, forgiveness is an essential aspect of a Child of God's life. We are to forgive by asking our God in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus under the power and unction of the Holy Spirit. We should ask the Holy Spirit to give us strength, grace and mercy, especially as it relates to the move of God in our lives; knowing that unforgiveness keeps us blinded from truly seeing how great our God and our Lord is towards us. Then again, we should forgive because God's Word declares that we should.

Matthew 6:14-15 ~ ¹⁴ *For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.* ¹⁵ *But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

Furthermore, a heavy heart and unforgiveness can not only place a wedge between God and desired blessings, it can hinder our physical and mental health as well. So when we pray, it

would do us well to pray with a clean heart and renewed spirit so that we not sin against the Lord and our God. How do we get a renewed spirit? We can start by singing hymns, praising God, and reading the Holy Scriptures.

Every day we need to pray for God's divine grace and mercies; without His forgiveness, we would be lost. God forbid that we should experience separation from His Holy Spirit. One way to be mindful of the importance of being humble, as well as having a loving, kind, and forgiving heart, is to continue to read and study the Word of God. It may also serve us well if we continue to reflect upon how we want God to treat us when we fall short. In the spirit of humble reflection, we should realize the error of our ways, and learn to forgive others likewise. Seeking the Holy Scriptures for clarity while dealing with such matters can be enlightening.

Matthew 18:15-20 ~ ¹⁵ Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that *by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.* ¹⁷ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.

By feeding upon our *daily bread* day by day, we can gain strength for today, tomorrow, and forevermore till we see our Maker face-to-face. Therefore, in our daily walk, we should refer to the Holy Scriptures and pray for direction and wisdom so as to avoid hindering the spirit of reconciliation between us and others.

E. Praying For Protection

Matthew 6:13 ~ ¹³ *And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Jesus knows what it is like to be tempted. Before His ministry started full force and effect here on earth, here are different situations that Jesus endured for us: (i) He was led up by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1); (ii) Jesus told His disciples that He had no where to lay His head (Matthew 8:20); and (iii) while on the road to Calvary, also known as *Golgotha (Skull)* to be crucified, He told the women who were grieving and crying that a far dire fate would be at hand (Luke 23:27). So knowing that Jesus, who knew no sin, was subjected to some of the most heinous torture treatments known to man, surely He knew that we would not be able to manage the evils of this world without His and our heavenly Father's love and protection.

Luke 23:28-31 ~ ²⁸ Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, *Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!* ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, *Fall on us!* and to the hills, *Cover us!* ³¹ For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?

That is why we should pray for protection. Very important: if Jesus knew to pray to His Father for strength, we should know that we must do so. As it is written, Jesus is the true vine, and we are the branches (The Holy Book John 15). If we are cut off, we cannot spiritually survive. We do not want the evil one to cut us off from the Lord and our God.

7. The Lord's Prayer

When Jesus approached all things being completed, He humbly prayed to His Father. Jesus prayed in great detail and length; encompassing all of the elements of the disciples' prayer (The Holy Book John 17). He: (i) acknowledged God His Father in heaven; (ii) prayed in His Father's name; and (iii) Jesus prayed for Himself—*that His relationship between His Father be restored as it was before the foundation of the world!*

Jesus acknowledged God's divine plan and purpose for and in Him; that the Will of His Father be done on earth and in heaven. Jesus prayed for His eleven disciples, having one rejected so that the Scripture would be fulfilled. Jesus did not pray for the entire world because He knew that there would be those who had and will reject Him and His Father. He prayed for His disciples' purpose and wellbeing. Jesus also prayed for future Believers to be safe from the evil one. This is the Lord's Prayer:

John 17:1-26 ~ ¹ Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: **Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,** ² **as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.** ³ **And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.** ⁴ **I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.** ⁵ **And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.**

⁶ **I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.** ⁷ **Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.** ⁸ **For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.**

⁹ **I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.** ¹⁰ **And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.** ¹¹ **Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.** ¹² **While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.** ¹³ **But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.** ¹⁴ **I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.** ¹⁵ **I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.** ¹⁶ **They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.** ¹⁷ **Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.** ¹⁸ **As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.** ¹⁹ **And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.**

²⁰ **I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;** ²¹ **that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.** ²² **And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:** ²³ **I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.**

²⁴ **Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.** ²⁵ **O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.** ²⁶ **And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.**

What an intense and detailed prayer! How great is Jesus' love for us! Jesus prayed a prayer that is so amazing, so beautiful, especially in light of the fact that He was soon to face the greatest challenge of His ministry here on earth, His crucifixion. Jesus, in the flesh, was the greatest form of Love and epitome of humility. If it had not been for the Lord who is on our side, where would we be? The answer is not only in the Holy Scriptures, it is a prayer away.

The Question Is:
How Do You Pray?
Humble Yourself And Pray
There Is No Other Way
To God Be the Glory

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I would like to express my deepest and sincerest condolences to those who are experiencing grief and hardship during this COVID-19 pandemic. As I pray for my family, friends, and those I encounter, I pray for you, too.

May God's grace and mercies keep you; and that the joy of the Lord and the love of God which surpasses all understanding strengthen and encourage you always.

May God continue to bless and uplift all those who seek His Face, and may the Spirit of the Living God bless the works of those across the nations who serve to make this world a better place.

*Eunice A. Christian
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Stay Encouraged

We cannot truly fathom how great our Lord and God is, but what we can identify with is our Lord and our God's mercies towards us. Knowing that there are recorded accounts of how Jesus walked this earth—and knowing how He lived and died for us—should cause us to serve Him with an abundance of gratitude and humility. We know that we could never repay Him for what He has done, and continues to do for us, by the power of the Holy Spirit—we know this—but the way we can honor Him is to love and obey Him.

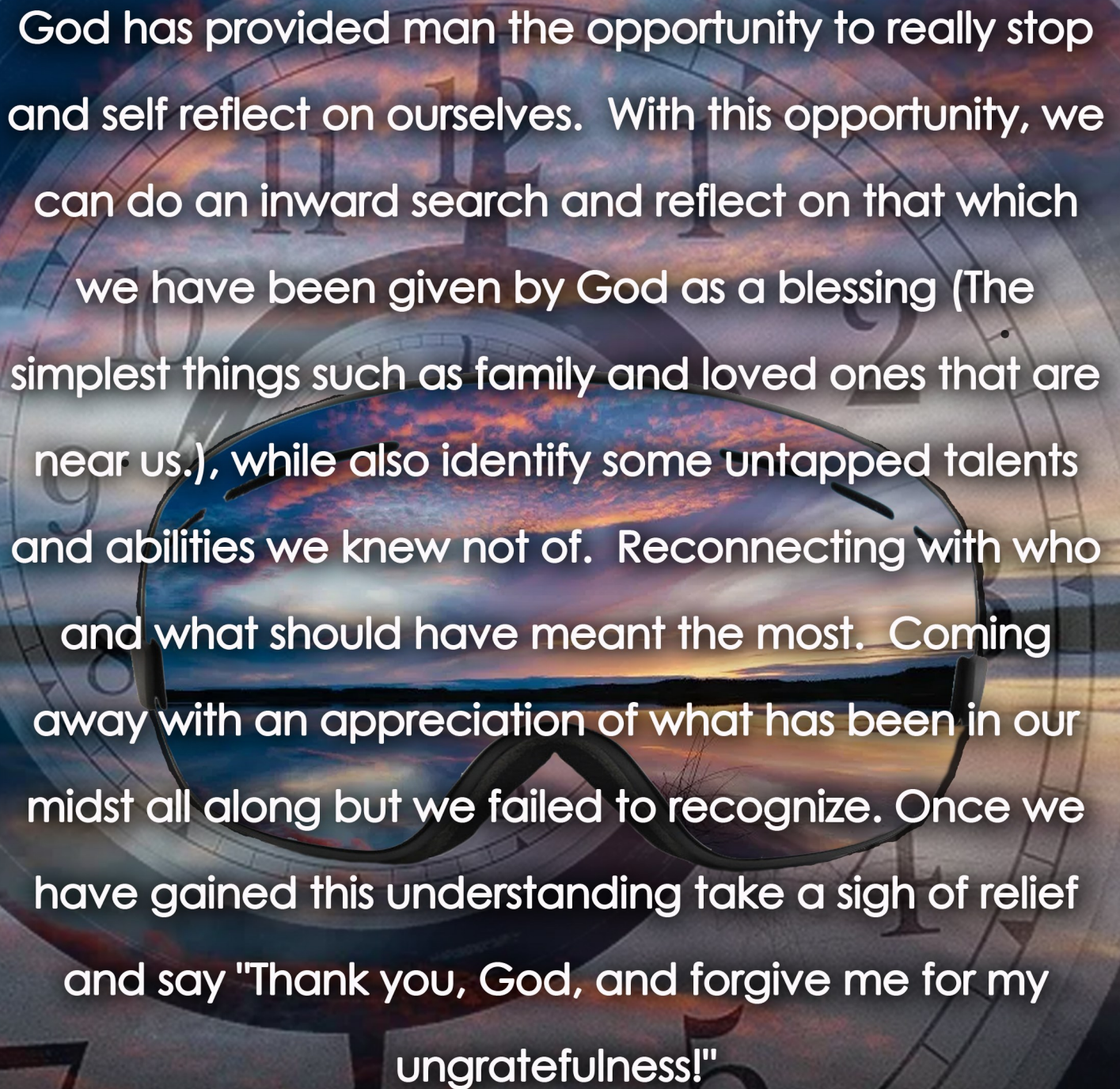
We should, therefore, be willing to spread the gospel so that the Holy Word may be received by all who will believe—and for those who truly believe, may we rejoice together, and be continually encouraged in knowing that we have a glorious expected end in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:14-16 ¹⁴Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

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***There is no greater gift than the power of God's redemption.
So, if you've have not done so already, give your heart to Jesus while you still have time.
Have a transformed mind, look to Jesus.***

Be blessed and be a blessing. ❤️



God has provided man the opportunity to really stop and self reflect on ourselves. With this opportunity, we can do an inward search and reflect on that which we have been given by God as a blessing (The simplest things such as family and loved ones that are near us.), while also identify some untapped talents and abilities we knew not of. Reconnecting with who and what should have meant the most. Coming away with an appreciation of what has been in our midst all along but we failed to recognize. Once we have gained this understanding take a sigh of relief and say "Thank you, God, and forgive me for my ungratefulness!"

TIME
for Reflection!

A hand is shown reaching upwards, with a trail of glowing orange and yellow particles following its path. The background is dark with a gradient of orange and red. The text "Pray always don't ever give up" is written in white across the middle of the image.

Pray always don't ever give up

Pray always don't ever give up

Luke 18

Minister Donna Jones

God will answer but will you hold on and get rapture ready and remain that way?

What's your prayer motive, a soft comfy seat on earth, or a Jesus Filled Life that's flight-ready at all times?

How are you approaching God, does He owe you for coming?

Do you want to show Him your scars and stripes? What are they in comparison to the wounds He took on His back?

Do you sense that He should remember your deeds?

Are you bringing the family history of preachers?

Are you coming as little children?

Have you humbled yourself?

Are you saying to Him I kept your commandments now I deserve to sit on your right side?

Let us pursue after the mercy that blind Bartimeus cried out for when he said Jesus Thou Son of David have mercy on me. Cry out the more when the world says stop. Cry out in humility instead of self-entitlement. Cry with praise to the One who owes us absolutely nothing, who hung bled, died, rose again, and will come back for us. Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, pray, and please enjoy it. Talk to Him with reverence but as a friend sit right there in your comfy spot and just let it rip, let it flow, share your Heart. Laugh, cry, and just be open.

Some people will reject people witnessing and then when trials hit they still won't yield because ugly pride says don't yield now because they'll say you learned your lesson. No, don't listen to these anti humility spirits that know nothing of our Lord. Talk to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is waiting on you to come humble yourself and pray, please. Not just on 911 situations but daily. He loves to hear from you.

Prayer:

Can you imagine all the controversial thoughts that go through minds when this word is expressed?

Personally I can say thank God that watching my mom get on her knees nightly gave me a personal desire and feel of security, acceptance, and accountability because if I had only watched my dad I would have deemed prayer as unimportant at home but a center stage performance as a deacon, as a " try-out" for being invited to other churches to pray, and a dramatization. There would've been nothing personal or intimate. But I watched my mom (with very little teaching) pray, read His word, and heard her call His Name at different emotions to say "Thank you for my children, Lord have mercy, Lord bring them home, Lord I'm your servant".

She personalized prayer like you can talk to Him any time not just kneeling down in front of a chair in the church, over a funeral, or at a church service. God is so good to help us to know Him. He personifies that He is Holy yet very approachable. He is on High yet reachable by a fervent prayer warrior. He is All-Powerful yet gentle being the Lion and the Lamb. He appreciates and honors us bowing down to His Holiness yet sitting in His Lap to be His little child, and yes I believe that He laughs with us just as we enjoy laughing with our kids.

When I think of Humility I look at motives to prayer such as the Sadducees, Pharisees, and a sold-out believer. When we don't know what to do, when we feel all is well, when we are hungry, when we are well-fed, when a home is heavenly, when home is hellish, when life is a parade, when life is a desert, when they are like the ones who cried Hosanna, or when they act like the ones that cried crucify Him, when the bank account is overflowing, when its overdrawn, when that loved one says marry me, when they say I want a divorce, that's when it's time to humble ourselves and pray.

When things are great some people are so full of self-accomplishment that they can't humble themselves, when some people.

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Seek My Face

“Humble Yourself and Pray”

“Seek My Face Humble Yourself and Pray”

II Chronicles 7:13-14

By Elder Diane Harvell

While searching the scriptures on humility, I have found that God speaks quite often about humility throughout the entire bible.

Yet as I consider the current rules of this world and see the arrogance it has against God, we as His people **must humble ourselves** and **we must pray**. God has been evicted out of the world, and the world has replaced Him with little gods of this world. Our society today is in a moral free for all. God has been removed from our culture, our constitution, and our conscience. Today we have to accept a some form of a little “god” in order to fit in as long as we don’t choose the God of the Bible. We invoke Him before a football game is played, but if we don’t invoke Him in our lives, it’s ok. But God knows how to be God without asking for our permission. He knows how to get us to put Him back where He belongs. **Ecclesiastes 12:13-“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”**

As I think about the power of God and how man always seem to reject that power, certain biblical stories come to mind concerning the wrath of God. This is what I have observed.

It only took one atheist woman and her small organization at that time to have prayer removed from the schools just as it was only one person, Jezebel that scared Elijah into seclusion for fear that Jezebel would find and kill him because he was a prophet of the Lord and Jezebel had killed many of the Lord’s prophets. Salome’ who danced before Herod and afterward Herod promised her, he would give her anything she asked for. By the influence of her Mother, Herodias, Salome’ said she wanted John the Baptist’ head on a platter because John preached repentance and told Herod that his marriage to his brother’s wife, violated Mosaic Law. Herod made good on his promise and John was beheaded, and his head was taken to Salome’ on a platter.

But as Salome was passing over a frozen river the ice broke and she fell in up to her neck and was decapitated. Those who have tried to stop God and or His people, God will destroy the work of their hands forever and all will see it. Jezebel was thrown out of a window, trampled by horses and dogs ate up her

body except for her skull, her feet and her hands. This same fate happened to Madeline O'Hare the atheist who was responsible to have prayer removed from all schools. She, her son, and her granddaughter were kidnapped by two of her under paid handymen and were dismembered. The prevalence to these stories? We cannot haughtily tell God how much we don't want Him or His people and then with even more indignation, expect to be blessed!

And so, when a nation rejects God, God will evict mercy and His indignation will not be kindled or satisfied against the people until this instruction is enforced: II Chronicles 7:13-14 when he tells Jeremiah, **"If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; 14-If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."**

Beloved, this is what God told Solomon *after* Solomon had finished building the house of God. In the previous verse of this same Chapter in Chronicles, God consecrated, or blessed **His House** and said to Solomon, **"I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice."** Because it was Solomon's desire to build a holy and righteous house for the Lord because he loved the Lord and his desire came from a pure heart.

This is the conclusion of my discourse, the house of God, the church was created by Solomon and approved by God because of Solomon's Love for God. Our Love of God or lack thereof and our mingling with the world has provoked God to jealousy and wrath. We have become a weak replica of what we should be and now we are in a state of apostasy.

The Church today does not compare to when after Solomon had finished praying in the temple, "the fire came down from heaven.....and the glory of the Lord filled the house." Like Solomon, our Love, for the house of God should never change, but when and if it did, God's remedy to us and His remedy for Him to hear us again, he told Solomon, **"if my people.....humble themselves and pray....."**

This lets me know that we have **power with God**, but we must first humble ourselves, and admit that we have individually or collectively sinned against God in some way. Then and only then, God said he will hear from heaven and heal our land.

Just take a look around us. We are in need of a lot of healing in the world today yet if we only understood that the position of humility is on our knees with our heads bowed in honor and recognition that God IS GOD, and to put anything else before Him, simply costs too much!

God Bless You All,

Elder Diane Harvell



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With all the finger-pointing that is taking place within our world. One of the easiest places for most of us to sit is in the chair of criticism of others while the most uncomfortable place is the seat of self-reflection because it requires us to face the truth. Therefore we cease to understand that from this seat comes freedom of bondage from the things that hinder our progression. It also shines a very bright light on self-truths exposing necessary changes we must make in order to reach our fullest potential, which will allow us to escape from a place of fear and complacency.

Our success in life allows us to reach our true potential and fulfill our purpose which comes when we allow ourselves to take a seat in the chair of self-reflection. Opening up our willingness to be accountable for that which we see. Then putting pride in its proper place so that it does not block God's intention for our life. As well as eliminating the blame game crutch that is the instrument of choice which we use to prop ourselves up in hopes of boosting our self-esteem. When in fact it does the complete opposite it drives us into a place of complacency where we are actually not advancing but standing still. It's not the ability to advance which is present, it's that we refuse to take the necessary steps to move forward, so we then have to wait until we yield our will and surrender to doing so.

Self-reflection helps us in identifying these places, which requires taking appropriate action so we can progress forward. We must become aware that change is necessary as well as required. Less we die to the potential that is there. I always reflect this understanding the graveyard is the richest place on earth because there lies a lot of untapped potentials, due to succumbing to our own self-inflicted virus known as pride. When we apply the required prescription as fully prescribed than the healing can and will take place. This requires no short cuts or microwave applications, but earnest obedience to come away with the desired outcome. Embrace your true reality in order to receive your healing.

My hope and prayer by sharing this would be to help someone as this has helped me within my understanding and growth. Allowing me to understand outcomes from a higher vantage point. For knowledge is power, and the power of wisdom fuels hope and drives faith. May the blessings of God be yours!

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Sometimes We Just Have To Stand Flat-footed And Say Enough!

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

Some situations in life are allowed to form in order to obtain the right outcomes. To get to those places God will expose the truth which will shine a light not always in what we hope would be favorable in order to manifest correction within our behavior.

Disobedience without correction can cause death in many forms mentally, spiritually, and physically. In any case, the outcome can be devastating, to say the least. We are in a very challenging time within the history of mankind because the battles are on many fronts. Whether we choose to acknowledge them or not. They will remain constant until such time as we do. What we are in the midst of is not isolated to just one place or one thing. It is greatly overreaching to every aspect of life. The unfortunate thing within it is we fail to take individual ownership for our contribution. Which truly does add to its overall mayhem.

It's not as if the warning signs have not been present to point out impending danger on every front because it has. We have just failed to be accountable for our own contributing part. Placing us in these current circumstances and there is only one way out. The question then becomes do we have enough knowledge and understanding to recognize the one right way out. Or do we continue to try and apply a remedy was has failed time and time again? This requires a lot of individual soul searching and that only applies to us individually first.

We always tend to request a lot from God but never seem to want to fully comply with just the basic principles. Because if we are completely honest we go slacking within a few areas. We should also understand that we don't have the justification for murmuring and complaining about the outcomes when we fail to comply. The Bible tells us that all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God. Let's own that so we can get better. Jesus said I have come that ye might have life and that more abundantly. We have to understand that this requires a change in wills. From ours to His. This has always been and will always be the criteria. Each new generation loses sight of this principle and man finds himself back in this place again.

The question now is have you had enough or can you afford to lose more?

This now becomes an individual as well as a collective question or statement however you decide to assess it. It will continue to bring forth a conclusion until we decide to administer the required correction. We have to pay attention to every detail right down to the littlest one. We have no other options.

“Humble Yourself and Pray”



Humble Yourself and Pray

Evangelist Stacie Daniels

One of the greatest qualities a person can possess is humility. Jesus is the greatest example of this truth. The Son of God, Savior of the world, Prince of Peace, Lord God Almighty who knew no sin, humbly submitted to the will of His Father in Heaven. He chose to obey and come down to a sin stricken world to die for the sins of humanity who were unworthy of this indescribable love.

The Bible says in Philippians 2:8 *“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”* He held His peace as His enemies beat Him, spit on Him, plucked out His beard, planted a crown of thorns on His head and nailed Him to a rugged cross. He could have called down angels to defend Him but Hebrews 12:2 says He chose to endure the cross despising the shame. How many people could endure such torture, shame, and agony? I know none.

Jesus continues to grant unmerited favor and mercy today even when many still choose to reject His love by disobeying His word. Being humble is executing wisdom. The Bible tells us in 1 Peter 5:5-6 “God resisteth the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.” For one to reach great heights spiritually and in the natural realm, we must humble ourselves. We need to humble ourselves and obey the word of God and not forget that it is God that has all the power. Our nations have spiraled down in abominable sin and the fruit of sin is death. There is a penalty for sin, and we witness over again in the Bible how sin will bring on the judgment of God. Proverbs 14:34 declares “Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.” Disease, peril, pestilence, and natural disasters are prevalent in our world today. Hate crimes continue to plague our streets and racial tensions are still a reality.

It is time to humble we humble ourselves and pray. The familiar scripture in 2 Chronicles 7:14 states ***“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”*** This scripture list four prerequisites for the healing of the land. This must be the posture of the people of God at the present time.

We must cast aside any form of pride and remain in a posture of repentance. If we follow the biblical recipe for healing, we will see broken relationships mended, restored families, peace treaties, and renewed love. When we humble ourselves and pray, we will also discover new revelations about oneself given by God. Prayer is the primary form of communication with God.

It is amazing to know that we can have one-on-one dialogue with God when we humble ourselves and pray. He will talk back to us. Jesus desires that we cultivate our relationship with Him through prayer, fasting and reading the Bible. Prayer is ever so vital and sometimes tough situations occur in life to bring about humility and prayer which will lead to victory.

Evangelist Stacie Daniels

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"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Proverbs 31:29 (NRSV)

To our contributing writers We
celebrate you on this day.
May God continue to bless you!

Happy Mother's Day!

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Eyes Wide Open

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During this season we have to be reflective, respectful, concerning for others, and most importantly accountable for our own actions. We cannot afford to get caught unaware or napping so to speak to our reality. We also must realize that there are two realms in operation to which we exist at the same time that generate outcomes effected on both sides by any given event. Therefore we must not be naive in this understanding because it is very much so real. If the truth be told we spend time within both consciously.

Manifesting a correct understanding goes a long way in forecasting apparent outcomes and having the ability to offset potential danger which could lead to devastation. We have to stay present at the moment in order to see it through. Noting the signs as they appear to take the proper or correct turns as

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