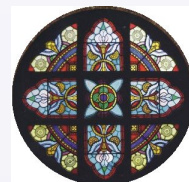


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**"He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow,
And the rod of his anger will fail. "
~ Proverbs 22:8 ~**



Justice To And From All

Emily — Farmville, Virginia July 28, 2011



I believe in the justice system. I believe in it to my core. From the local police to the president of our great nation, I believe in the justice system. I know in the future, wherever that is, I will swear to protect and serve everyone I can.

When I say the justice system, I mean the police, the courts, the prisons, the jails, the federal agencies, the state agencies, the military, and the existence of karma. One way or another, in my mind, I believe people will get what they deserve in one form or another.

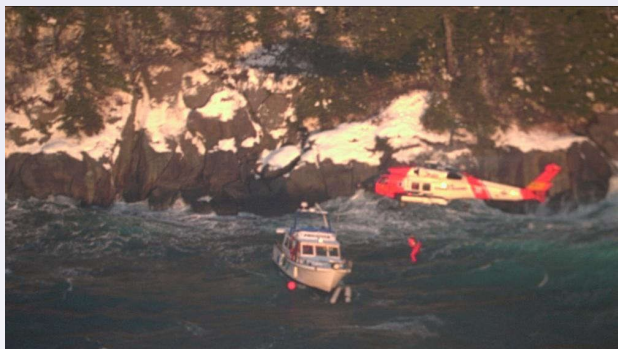
I am not religious. I believe I make whatever I choose to make of my future, and that I alone am able to make that happen. But, back to the point, the justice system of America is imbedded in my heart:

The Air Force gave my mother a means to obtain high education and life skills.

The police helped find my brother when he ran away. The juvenile court system helped my brother get on the right track.

The United States Marine Corps gave my brother a purpose in life.

The Coast Guard helped save two men and a boy, who later died, in a boating accident my dad called in.



As far as my experience with the justice system goes, it isn't very much. I have been to court once, and it was to get my driver's license, and I went to jail on a school field trip. Other than those two instances, I haven't gotten a ticket, been pulled over, summoned, subpoenaed, searched, suspected, handcuffed, or warned by any official involved in the justice system.

That is my life. I was born, raised, educated, and now I am in college. So, why do I believe so passionately in the justice system? Why do I want to pledge my life's service to accusing, catching, and/or engaging with the dangerous criminals of America? It is simple: I believe in justice to and from all.

It is not for me to decide what the people of today should do or believe. That is a freedom unto their choosing. It is my belief that everyone should be treated equally until they prove otherwise, and then they should be judged and tried upon that proof. I cannot promise that every cop is clean and to the T about the law. I cannot promise the crimes of a released man will not be recommitted. I cannot promise a murderer will stay in prison forever. I cannot promise a wrong will be made a right in the end.

I can, however, promise that I will do my best. I will justify my life and my choices to serve everyone else over myself. I know in my heart that when I stand to take my oath of service, I will be pledging myself to justice. I can promise this because I believe in justice to and from all. This I believe





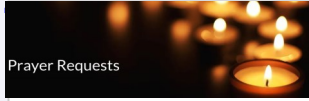
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Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



God's healing presence:

Fritz Wainwright, Eleanor Hathaway, Jean Miller, Joseph Celkupa,
Strength for Polly caring for her son-in-law Donald & her daughter Ava who has entered hospice,
Heidi Bonwell's father Robert and her brother-in-law Jimmy
Sheila Zier's daughter Brittany
For Chuck & Ginny's son Eric
For Liz's mom Cynthia
For Carol Shore's brother Dean and his caring family
For Carol Shore after her procedure and her husband Steve
Jack Harkins, Jerrie Glass, Alice Garman, & Annette Slaney
For Alan's daughter, Krista progressing in rehab

God's comfort:

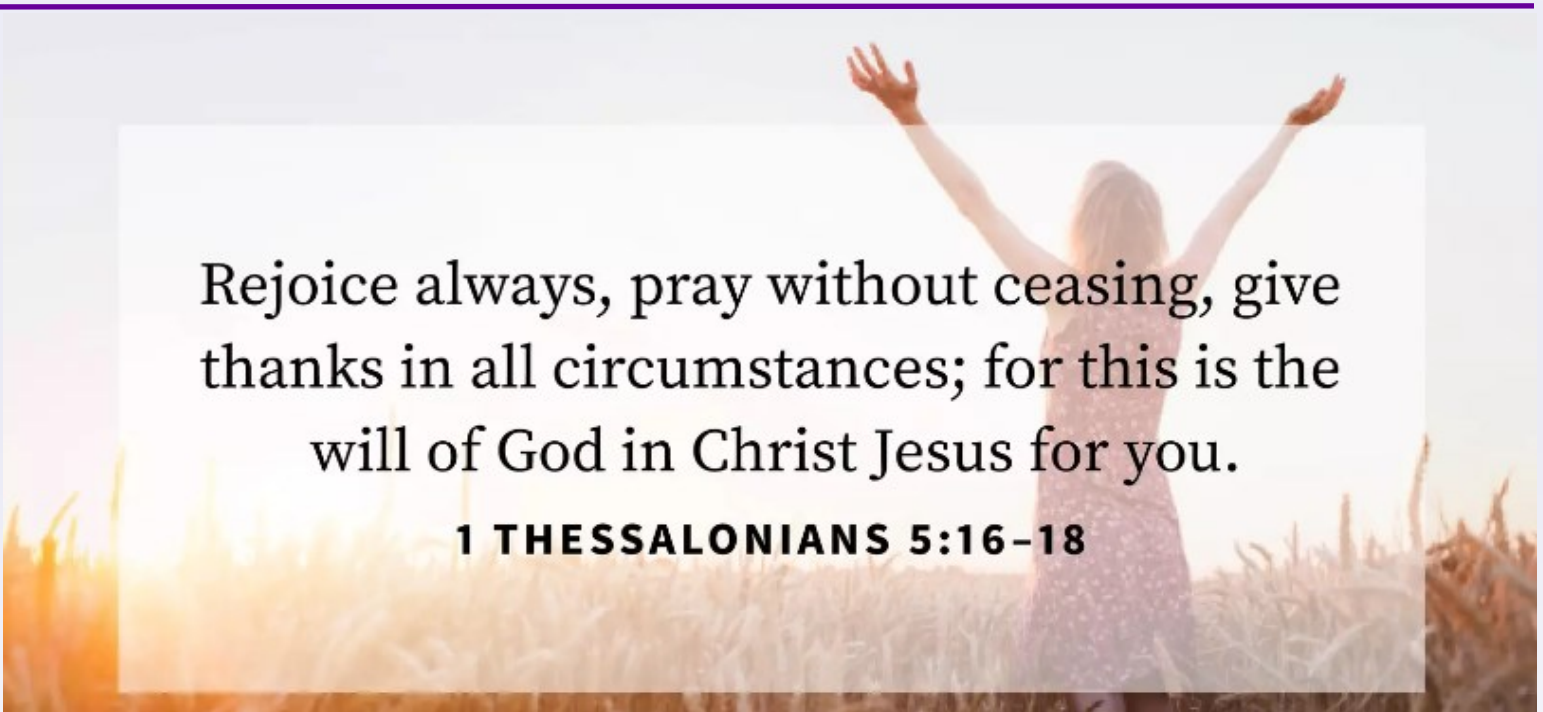
[For the people of Ukraine](#)
For Terry grieving the loss of Mike

For God's Guidance and Assistance:

Pastor Inna's mom and family in Kiev
For Pastor Inna & our Session
For a successful job search for Jess
For Heidi's son Avery strengthening his relationship with God
For our confirmation candidates Ethan, Victor, and Vaughn
For a successful job opportunity for Jonathan Cheslo

In thanks and praise to God:

For Liz's recent promotion



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18



Inna Moment



"If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well" (Matt. 9:21)
Artwork: <https://www.kcmifm.com>

When my body's in pain ...

from the book *Prayers for the Chaos & Grace of Everyday Life* by Arianne Braithwaite Lehn

Tender Holder of my
hurting body and tired heart,

I still and settle my soul
in your hands,
giving to you
the places of pain,
asking you to channel
your breath through mine,
bringing balm and comfort –
even for a moment.

You softly tend with
a soothing Spirit the
sharp spikes of pain
spearing their way
with suddenness and
stealing my breath for a second.

You don't abandon me
to face my limitations.
You are teaching me
to lean into them,
and find there a
whole new depth of
sustaining grace.

I can rest in the
cradling of your love
while together we wait
for muscles to mend,
bones to solidify,
and disease to die.

You will renew my
heart every morning with
strength to love my body
even as it feels as enemy.
This, too, will pass.

And that is sufficient hope
to get me through today.
Amen.



What's Right for You May Not Be Right for Someone Else



Barbara Hammell

Just because something is right for us doesn't mean it is right for everyone. We all like to do things different ways. Some people love to tell us how to do everything, based on how they do it and think it should be done. "I think" are two words we should say a lot less than we do.

This is especially true once our children become adults. When they are grown, we must stop trying to run their lives if we want to have good relationships

with them. This transition is very difficult for some parents to make. Their degree of pride determines how much or little they can mind their own business. We have spent eighteen years or so telling our children what to do and what not to do, and to suddenly stop doing that is challenging. We may offer an opinion if our adult children are open to one, but we should never try to force what we think is best on them. What was right for us may not be right for them.

Our intention may be to help them because we don't want them to make mistakes and hurt themselves. But they want to be free just as we did when we grew up and left home.

Let your adult children make their own decisions unless they want you involved and to allow them to deal with consequences of the decisions they make, good or bad. We often learn more from our mistakes than we do from our successes, so even if they make a mistake, God can work it out for their good.

If you need to let go trying to control an adult child, why not make it today the day you do it? Waiting will only cause more arguments. You can learn how to disagree agreeably and respectfully. Respect their right to make their own decisions even if you don't agree with them.

Work for peace and unity in all your relationships and love everyone. Even when people are hard to love, love them anyway, just as Jesus does.





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