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please pray for peace, understanding, and unity in America and around the world.

One Shepherd's Thoughts....





Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote "Intercessory prayer is the purifying bath into which the individual and the fellowship must enter every day."

This type of prayer is a form of loving the other. I imagine lifting people into God's light and love. This powerful prayer practice can be as a pointed, persistent pleading on behalf of someone else for a deep need.

Some intercessory prayers are general: "Lord I pray for those forgotten or those suffering in such and such country." Or they can be specific: "Lord draw Tom closer to you and give him strength to get through this difficult time."

Often I simply say, "Lord you know best what she needs today. Help her know your love." Jane Vennard teaches about another form of intercessory prayer is called "arrow prayers." It is like holding a bow, pulling the string back, and letting the arrow fly. This form is spontaneous — the times that prayers for others are pulled right out of me, such as hearing an ambulance siren, or passing a homeless person, or reading of a tragedy in the newspaper.

Sunday's newspaper contains photos of people wanted for various crimes. Pause, and lift each of them up by name. I often wondered if I am the only one to pray for them.

"The purest form of love is given with no expectation of return. Measured by this standard, earnest prayer for others is a magnificent act of love." --David Hubbard

The two biggest hurdles I have with intercessory prayer is remembering to pray for someone when asked to or nudged by God, and the sometimes long period of time—at least in the human mind and my impatience—to know if the prayer will be answered. In my black notebook I keep a list of family, friends, and others to pray for daily. This reminds me. Often I tuck in the church bulletin there too where our congregation prayer needs are listed.

Then I remember to be persistent—I keep praying as the Spirit inspires me. I hold others up lightly releasing them to God who understands and know what they need more than mere mortal me. I do occasionally give God "suggestions" or ask him to hurry up a bit – but so far, I don't think he has taken up my advice. :-D

How do you pray for others? When you promise to pray for someone, how do you remember to follow up and intercede for them? God IS with us! Rev Day

Bible Study with Reverend Day

Rev. Day will be starting a new Bible Study October 21 at 2:00. We will be walking through Isaiah, Jeramiah, and Lamentations. Two Major Prophets and Jeramiah's lament over the destruction of Jerusalem. A truly appropriate study series for the current times.

Study guides are available for \$12.99 plus shipping. If you are interested please email the office and let us know by October 7 so we can place the order.

This Bible Study will take place on Zoom.

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Appreciation Day

2020

You can add the cost to your tithe if you are sending in a check, or in Give Plus there is a line for Christian Education, that is another option available for payment.

As always, please feel free to contact the office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

This Sunday, October 11, is Pastor Appreciation Day, and kicks off The Week of Ministry.

Please join with us as we celebrate Reverend Day and her 15 years of ministerial service to Brandon Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

We are blessed and grateful to have such a wonderful Senior Pastor as her!

Our Identity

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

Disciples of Christ Identity Statement

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