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# DESTINY CALL TO ACTION: SPRING CLEANING WITH LOVE



As we move into the spring season, we have to do some "spring cleaning". This involves not only changing our winter clothes, but also changing our winter thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors. The winter behaviors that protected us from the cold weather will now need to be replaced with activities that allow cool breezes, love and support to flow through.

Physical spring cleaning usually involves taking down heavy drapery, or storing our wool coats, or washing and storing heavy winter clothes, but mental spring cleaning involves filling our thoughts, attitudes and behaviors with love. During the winter months, our thoughts about giving to others through words and works may have

been dormant, or redirected with New Year's resolutions like losing weight, saving money, and building up our inner selves. Although those are worthy winter goals, let us now focus on some worthy spring and summer goals.

Spiritual spring-cleaning removes winter's heaviness and restrictions of being self-centered to make way for the lightness of helping others with works of love, like visiting nursing homes to read or sing to the elderly. Consider teaching Sunday School or reading fairytales to children at a family shelter. Consider connecting with established organizations who feed and clothe the poor and the homeless. You could also start toiletry or sock drives through your church, your family or with your friends. Finally, share your testimony with any and everyone you meet about God's love and His goodness.

This is how you spring clean out all of winter's self-directed focus and exchange it for the outward focus of helping others with works of love.

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#### WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES



Luke 11:25
And when He comes, He finds it swept clean and put in order.

#### Matthew 25:30-40

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'



Gun violence, particularly among teens, is a heartbreaking and alarming trend that reflects deeper societal issues. While the right to bear arms is ingrained in American culture, the reality of modern weaponry, such as assault rifles and handguns, has far outpaced the original intent behind this right. The fact that these powerful, deadly tools are ending up in the hands of teenagers is a tragic sign of how far gun accessibility has spiraled out of control. The incident at Northeast High on March 27, 2025, is just one example of a broader, disturbing pattern. It highlights not only the immediate danger to students' safety but also the long-lasting emotional trauma that such events inflict on young minds. With each tragedy, the ripple effects touch families, communities, and the nation at large, raising the crucial question of how we can stem the tide of violence and better protect our youth from the devastating consequences of easy access to firearms.

#### SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT



If you're looking for a place to learn more about God and gain insight into His word see the list of suggestions below. If you know a place that provides spiritual enrichment let us know so we can add them to the list.

- '<u>Girl Talk'</u> | Every Sunday, 2pm 3 pm on : Facebook: WTGB or online: https://tgbtgb.org/girl-talk-2/
- ▶ <u>Ascension Church</u> | Services held inside Tinley Temple Methodist Church 750-62 S. Broad Street, Phila., 19146 | Pastor John Brice
- ► <u>Change Church</u> | 895 Rancocas Road, Westhampton, NJ 08060 Sunday morning worship - 1130am | Pastor Dharius Daniels
- ▶ <u>Dare to Imagine Church</u> | 6610 Anderson Street, Phila., 19119
   Sunday morning worship 9:00am and 11:00 am | Rev. James Scott, Jr.
- ► <u>Ebenezer Baptist Church</u> | 1002 N. 10th Street, Phila., 19133 Sunday morning worship – 11am | Pastor Malcom Medley
- ► <u>Mediator Lutheran Church</u> | 2845 N. 28th Street, Phila., 19132 Sunday morning worship – 11am | Pastor Regina Goodrich
- ▶ New Covenant Church of Philadelphia | 7500 Germantown Avenue, Phila., 19119
   Sunday morning worship 9:30am | Executive Pastor Bob Oliver
- Polite Temple Baptist Church
   Morning Worship 10:00am
   Pastor Bernadine Waterman
- ▶ <u>Providence Baptist Church</u> | 87 E. Haines Street, Phila., 19144 Sunday morning worship – 10am | Pastor A. Gregory Jackson
- Apostle Tomy Jordan and Pastor Stephanie D. Jordan from Abiding Love Deliverance Center, NC are streaming live on Zoom every Saturday at noon. ID: 306 155 0388, Password: JESUSJOY Dial 646-558-8656 to join them for Prayer on Tuesdays at 6pm and Wednesdays for Bible Study at 7 pm. Contact information: 267-290-0654 or abidinglovedeliverancecenter@gmail.com



# RESOURCES IN PHILADELPHIA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

At the time of publication, listed resources were available. Contact to verify that what you are interested in is still happening or accessible.

Please share the following with friends, family, neighbors, your social and ministry circles, etc.

Feel free to post on your personal social media and church bulletin boards.

#### **FOOD RESOURCES**

We are listing known food distributions, but you can also contact churches in your neighborhoods. Many of them hold weekly distributions. If you know of a resource not listed here, feel free to let us know and we will add them to future issues of the newsletter. Thank you.

#### **FREE FOOD & PRODUCE**

- ▶ JeffCARES Community Pantry 5587 Park Ave., Phila PA 19141 Tues 8am-1pm and Thu 1pm-4pm
- LemonTree Free Food in Wynnefield PA Helpline: <a href="https://www.foodhelpline.org/directory/locations/wynnefield">https://www.foodhelpline.org/directory/locations/wynnefield</a>
- Mi Salud Wellness Center, 200 E Wyoming Ave, Phila PA, 19120 | https://www.misaludwellness.org/ Mondays and Wednesdays at 6pm - first come first served until food runs out - 215.220.4421
- New Covenant Church of Philadelphia 1 7500 Germantown Ave. Phila PA 19119 1 215.247.7500 2 Fish 5 Loaves Food Pantry serves on the **2nd**, **3rd**, **4th Saturdays of the month** until food runs out. Closed during inclement weather and holidays.
- ▶ Philly Free Food and Meals: <a href="https://www.phila.gov/food/#/">https://www.phila.gov/food/#/</a>

MORE...Free Food, Nutrition Services and Public Benefits Finder: https://www.phila.gov/food/

#### **FARMERS' MARKETS**

- ▶ Rittenhouse Farmers' Market: Saturday's 10 am 2 pm : 18th & Walnut Streets, 19107 / 215.733.9599
- ▶ Chestnut Hill Farmers' Market: Saturdays 10 am 12 pm Winston Road between Germantown Avenue & Mermaid Lane, 19107 / 215.733.9599
- ▶ East Falls Farmers' Market: Saturdays 10 am 1pm 4100 Ridge Ave., 19129 Under the Twin Bridges
- ▶ Philly Farmers Markets https://www.phila.gov/farmers-markets/

#### MORE...The Food Trust: <a href="https://thefoodtrust.org/what-we-do/farmers-markets/">https://thefoodtrust.org/what-we-do/farmers-markets/</a>

Includes info for the following area in Philadelphia: 4th & Lehigh, 52nd & Haverford, Castor & Hellerman, Fairmount, Fitler Square, Frankford Transportation Center, Germantown Kitchen Garden, Grumblethorpe, Headhouse, Liberties, Philly Food Works, Weavers Way, and more.

## MORE FOOD RESOURCES...

- ▶ Share Food Program, Food Map by County: <a href="https://www.sharefoodprogram.org/">https://www.sharefoodprogram.org/</a>
- ▶ PA Food Pantries: <a href="https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/resources/ending-hunger/food-pantries.html">https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/resources/ending-hunger/food-pantries.html</a>

# **ALL AROUND RESOURCES & ASSISTANCE**

Prevention Hotline | dial 211

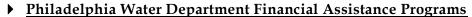
If you need to connect with resources in your community, but don't know where to look, PA 211 is a great place to start. From help with a utilities bill, to housing assistance, after-school programs for kids, and more, you can dial 211 or text your zip code to 898-211 to talk with a resource specialist for free. Our specialists will listen to your needs and give you information on programs in your community that might be able to help. Visit our <a href="mailto:search page">search page</a> to explore programs available in your community by categories such as financial assistance, housing, and food. You can also connect with a resource specialist via <a href="mailto:chat'>chat'

While the hotline provides critical support, individuals facing immediate danger should always contact 911.

# **HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES**

► Smoke Alarms - <a href="https://www.phila.gov/departments/philly311/">https://www.phila.gov/departments/philly311/</a>

Philadelphia residents call 3-1-1 to receive a free smoke alarm installation. You can also <u>submit a request to Philly 311 online</u>.



If you're having problems paying your water bill or maintaining your service, Philadelphia Water Department has programs that may help you. For a view of the options available visit: <a href="https://water.phila.gov/financial-assistance/">https://water.phila.gov/financial-assistance/</a>





## **EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES**

▶ Philadelphia School District Re-Engagement Center

The School District of Philadelphia understands that every student has unique needs. For some, life outside of school makes traditional education challenging. So, they are offering alternative schools and programs tailored to support students success, ensuring graduates are ready for college or a career. Resources include the Re-engagement Center; Programs: Accelerated, Continuation, Gateway to College and Transition; Adult Education Programs: Diploma Programs and Educational Options. For more information call <u>215-400-4000</u> or go to: https://www.philasd.org/backontrack/

▶ <u>DadLab</u> | Meetings held online with Zoom

This is a group of fathers-to-be, new fathers, and their partners who come together to share and learn what it means to be a new parent and how to build a strong bond with their baby. There are no lectures prescribing the "right" way to father. The aim of Dad Lab is to help participants get off to a good start in their new role as parent. The group



is a peer community with participants who have life experiences in common and share their parenting questions, concerns and successes. It's a safe space where members learn from each other and support each other on their parenthood journey.

Click and page through the link below for meeting dates or contact co-facilitator Clarence B. Iszard at 484-471-7005 or https://academiccommons.jefferson.edu/ext/parent\_education/index.cfm?cat=all

▶ Project Home/Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs

Check the website for FREE community events, adult learning classes, workshops, job fairs, wellness programs, volunteer opportunities, art shows and fundraisers: <a href="https://www.projecthome.org/events">https://www.projecthome.org/events</a>

- ▶ **FREE CLASSES** The Free Library of Philadelphia offers a wide variety of free classes at branches around the city. Additionally, the City of Philadelphia works with community partners to give adult learners access to education, digital skills training, and a path to job readiness.
  - Adult education at the Free Library
  - Other programs and services at the Free Library
  - Adult education through the Office of Children and Families

# COVID & HEALTH/HEALING RESOURCES

#### RELIEF FOR COVID RELATED FUNERAL EXPENSES

Philadelphians who have lost loved ones due to covid, can receive FEMA aid to cover funeral expenses, up to \$9,000 per person lost. To apply, call 844-684-6333 or visit <a href="https://www.usa.gov/covid-funeral-assistance">https://www.usa.gov/covid-funeral-assistance</a>

## Covid-19 Vaccinations

Covid-19 vaccinations and boosters are available in numerous locations throughout Philadelphia and its surrounding cities and counties.

To find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you:

- go to: <a href="https://www.phila.gov/services/mental-physical-health/get-vaccinated/get-your-covid-19-vaccine-or-booster/">https://www.phila.gov/services/mental-physical-health/get-vaccinated/get-your-covid-19-vaccine-or-booster/</a>
- Search vaccines.gov,
- Text your ZIP code to 438829, or
- Call 1-800-232-0233.
- Many neighborhood pharmacies continue to offer vaccines. Check with your local pharmacy.
- To request an in-home appointment, call 215-685-5488 (press 2 for Spanish or 3 for all other languages). Dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance.

#### Covid-19 Testing

There are many covid testing sites available. Go to: <a href="https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/">https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/</a> or access the Testing Locator at <a href="testinglocator.cdc.gov">testinglocator.cdc.gov</a>.

- North Philadelphia Resource Hub at Mi Salud Wellness Center, 200 E Wyoming Ave, 19120 https://www.misaludwellness.org/
  - Free and Confidential Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Screenings
     Every Monday and 3rd Tuesday 10am 3:30pm
  - Free Walk-in Health Screenings No ID or insurance needed (Entrance on A Street) Second and Third Tuesday of every month 1-4pm



# TRIVIA QUESTION...

What are the three types of love listed in the bible?

(Answer on last page)

# Children's Corner

**1st Things First -** The Word for this month is "MEMORIAL". Memorial Day is a day in May when family and friends celebrate the beginning of Summer. But did you know it was created to celebrate, honor and remember U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the nation's military?

**2nd Thing** - How many common words can you make out of the word **MEMORIAL**? Give it a try and come back next month to compare your list with ours.

**3rd Thing** - Last Month's word was DISCIPLE. Our Google search says there are over 171 words that can be found in DISCIPLE. Here's our top 45. How does your list compare with ours?

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5.	disc	14. lice	23. ped	32. side	41. sped
6.	dispel	15. lid	24. pic	33. sidle	42. sped
7.	epic	16. lie	25. pie	34. sip	43. spiced
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# Now on to some fun for the kids, teens and everyone!

- Free Places to Take The Kids in and around Philadelphia (PLUS Summer Camp Listings) <a href="https://philly.kidsoutandabout.com/content/free-places-take-kids-and-around-philadelphia">https://philly.kidsoutandabout.com/content/free-places-take-kids-and-around-philadelphia</a>
- Best Free Things to do in Philadelphia: <a href="https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g60795-Activities-zft11292-Philadelphia\_Pennsylvania.html">https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g60795-Activities-zft11292-Philadelphia\_Pennsylvania.html</a>
- AAMP Family Fun Days / African American Museum in Philadelphia, 701 Arch Street, Phila PA 215-574-0308 CLICK HERE FOR INFO

# Memorial Day Weekend...

- Visit Philadelphia: Memorial Day Weekend 30+ Events, Fests and Exhibitions: CLICK HERE FOR INFO
- Philadelphia Memorial Day Weekend Fireworks, Events & Parade 2025: https://rove.me/to/philadelphia/memorial-day-weekend

# More Events for the Family...

- ➤ City of Philadelphia All Events: <a href="https://www.phila.gov/the-latest/all-events/">https://www.phila.gov/the-latest/all-events/</a>
- My Guide Philadelphia May 2025 Events: https://www.myguidephiladelphia.com/events/may-2025/page/7
- Mommy Poppins Find Daily Events in Philadelphia : CLICK HERE FOR INFO
- Philadelphia Memorial Day Weekend Fireworks, Events & Parade 2025: https://rove.me/to/philadelphia/memorial-day-weekend
- ▶ Visit Philadelphia Summer 2025: https://www.visitphilly.com/events/summer-events/

# **DISCOVERY**



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#### **WORD LIST**

**Annual Event** Encourage Faith Guidance History Hope In God We Trust Invitation Life Love Meditation National Observed Proclamation Pray **Purpose** Reflect Scripture Significant Unite



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What are the three types of love listed in the bible?

# TRIVIA ANSWER...

**1. EROS LOVE** - physical or sexual love 1 Cor. 7:5 & Heb. 13:4

**2. PHILOS LOVE** - warm affection or friendship Matthew 10:37, John 11:3,36, & John 20:2

**3. AGAPĒ LOVE** - sacrificial, unconditional love of God John 3:16, Matt. 22:37, John 13:34, & 1 Corinthians 13.

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