



Life Lines

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PRAYING FOR THOSE IN POWER

Paul instructed Timothy, and the saints with whom he was working, to pray “for kings” and for “all that are in authority,” that they might “lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty.” (I Timothy 2:1-8) Certainly, the same holds true for us today. Realizing the great power that government wields over our lives, we need to commit to praying daily for our national, state and local leaders. In Paul’s inspired words to Timothy, we find four reasons to pray for those in power.

It is Prescribed

We read, **“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority.”** (I Timothy 2:1-2) The word “exhort” means “to call for.” By inspiration, Paul was calling Timothy and others to pray for leaders. Paul knew that government was ordained of God to be a minister for good. (Romans 13) However, he knew that government was dependant upon the prayers of Christians. (Ezra 6:10; 7:23)

It is Profitable

Paul exhorted Timothy and us to pray for those in power so that “. . . **we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty.**” (I Timothy 2:2) “Quiet” means

“tranquil” and “peaceable” means “undisturbed.” To the captives, Jeremiah wrote, **“And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it; for in peace thereof shall ye have peace.”** (Jeremiah 29:7) Those in positions of authority have a great effect upon the lives of God’s children. Some bless our lives, while others are a curse. Rulers like Cyrus and Artaxerxes were a blessing. They let captives return to their homeland and rebuild.

Other leaders like Pharaoh (Exodus 1), Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 3), Darius (Daniel 6), Herod (Matthew 2), the Jewish authorities (Acts 4:18; 5:42), and Nero (II Timothy 4:6-8) were a curse. They made the lives of God’s children extremely difficult. We need to pray for those in power so that we might have peace and prosperity.

It is Profitable

We read, **“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”** (I Timothy 2:3-4) The word “acceptable” means “agreeable.” Praying for those in authority is in agreement with God’s will. It is consistent with God’s desire for all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (II Peter 3:9; John 3:16) As you know, some governments enact policies that aid the spread of the gospel while others enact policies that hinder its spread. God wants us to pray for rulers to make the right decisions.

It is Powerful

Paul wrote, **“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man, Christ Jesus.”** (I Timothy 2:5) The prayers of saints are powerful because they are on speaking terms with the only Mediator. (Matthew 19:26; I John 5:14-15; Philippians 4:12) No one else in the nation has the privilege and source of power. Do you recall the situation in Babylon when Nebuchadnezzar had a dream and couldn’t remember it? If you do, then you recall that only Daniel and his three friends could give the dream and its interpretation because they were the only ones who knew the God who reveals secrets. (Daniel 2:24-30) Today, Christians are the ones who have the connection to the God who rules the universe. The prayers of the righteous avail much. (James 5:16-18)

Each of us needs to commit to praying daily for those in positions of power. Religious freedom, marriage, and the lives of millions of unborn babies all hang in the balance.

*Wade Webster
Power,
February 2008*

“When there is nothing left but God, that is when you find out that God is all you need.”

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Does your spiritual life ever get stale? Do you have the faith of the early Christians? Do you know what to do about it? Maybe you are attending all of the services, classes and meetings, but you still feel something missing. Is your heart into it?

Even what we consider the "best Christians" have down times. Things go wrong for all of us, regardless of what situation we are in. It rains on the just and on the unjust.

Sometimes we have a low time when things seem to be going well. Do we need a good dose of God's word? Read the Bible more. Do more for others. Who gets the most of something you do for someone else? We Do!

God put us on this earth to do His will. We are to love Him first, but secondly, we are to love our neighbors, and that's everyone.

"The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also, to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people."

G. K. Chesterton

We are to admonish and encourage each other. This does help so much. We have one hope and one purpose. We can share that together. Being around our brothers and sisters help us so much.

Someone once wrote, "Our duty is not to see through one another, but to see one another through."

If you are in a slump, talk to someone. Their problem could be worse than yours. There is always someone worse off than we are, in more pain, more financial problems, etc. Talking to someone will help lift a burden from your shoulders.

Reading God's word and prayer will help our spiritual life. We will become closer to Him again. Our life will be so good when we think of all the great and wonderful promises we have waiting for us, in that eternal home in heaven.

Remember Our Sick

James Chadwick – enlarged pulmonary artery, getting only 30% oxygen. This has to change. Pray that the doctors will be able to correct this.

Frank Colvin- age 23, swimming-pool accident. In Baptist Rehab, can move his legs some. Coming home Sept. 2nd

Melvin Davis – chemo again.

Jim Dempsey – friend of Leota Hickey, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Roger Lay – diagnosed with cancer.

Gwen Milligan – Leukemia with pneumonia.

Gary Shinn – home recovering

Earl Whitted – pray cancer test will be benign. Biopsy Tues., Aug. 25th.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: Evelyn Burton
Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:

Joyce Austin
Helen Brown
Evelyn Driver
Lorene McNutt

Stella Manor:

Louise Killer
Janice Brashear

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Iris Bates, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Susie Boley, Troy & Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Arlis Dotson, Charles Ensey, Larry & Rhonda Freeman, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joe Kline, Rose Lee, Janette Litch, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, BJ/Don Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend and Judy Will.

Special Children: Zeke Church, Garrett Hogan, Tiffany Knight, Elysia Lee, Keith Martin, Zackary Shelton, Cody Tackett and Noah Williams.

Our Military: D. J. Bandy, Jr., Travis Coe, Byron Lee, April Morgan, Billy Joe Ralston and others serving our nation.

Extravagant Love

Author Unknown

According to Reuters news agency, Daniel Lahner and his wife, Remy, were married December 12, 1993. Evidently they believe in doing up anniversaries in a big, big way.

Before they even celebrated their first anniversary, they made plans for how they would celebrate their second.

They made plans to go to one of their favorite plays, *The Phantom of the Opera*, by Andrew Lloyd Webber, which they had already seen many times.

But just going to the play was not enough to express their love. They wanted to make a grand gesture. So more than a year in advance, they bought tickets for every seat in the house of New York's Majestic Theater for December 12, 1995. That's 1609 seats.

With the date still more than a year away, how do you think they celebrated their first anniversary? That's right. They went to see *The Phantom of the Opera*.

Daniel and Remy evidently love each other, and this play, deeply. As they demonstrated, one of the marks of passionate love is extravagance.

When Jesus walked the earth, there were people who expressed their love to Him with extravagance, and Jesus calls us today to love Him with extravagant Love.

From Glad Tidings of Good Things

*Jacksonville Church of Christ
Jacksonville, Alabama*

***“Sing unto Him, sing
psalms unto Him: talk ye of
all His wondrous works.”
(Psalm 105:2)***

Events

Dover Church of Christ
Children's Church
Every Sunday

11:15 - 12:00 Noon
Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Story and
Activities
Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

Dover Lawn Care
Saturday,
September 12th
Chris Moss
Kevin Nordin

Dover Men's Devo
Thursday, 7 PM
September 10th,
Host: Allen Veasman

Dover Ladies Night
Thursday, 7 PM
September 17th
Hostess: Marilyn
Veasman

Dover Youth Night
Sunday, September 6th,
Following Sunday PM Services
Brent/Kelli Hottinger

Mark Your Calendars

Men's Business Meeting
(Second Monday)
September 14, 7 PM
Dover Church of Christ

Gospel Meeting
Hattieville Church of Christ
September 6-9, 7PM

Gospel Meeting
Higden Church of Christ
September 13-16
Mon-Wed, 7 PM
Speaker: Ed Wharton

DOVER GUARDS/GIFTS
Will meet September 20th
4:00 PM

W I N G S
(*Women in God's Service*)

Every Thursday,
From September 10th
Through October 29th
9AM – 11:30 AM
West Side Church of Christ
Russellville, AR

Dover's Young Adults
Get-together!
September 12th,
5 PM, Saturday
Russellville Bowling
Host: The Forehands
Each family is responsible for
their own expenses.

September Birthdays

02 Rhonda Creel
Johnny Estes
Ray Nichols
05 Leota Hickey
06 Deidre Luker
09 Joyce Helton
Connie Myers
16 Susan Straight
17 Danielle Stepanovic
Melissa Pagan
19 Michael Robbins
20 Jannie Myers
21 Dimitrios Tsigourlas
Michaela Walker
22 Nathan Killer
23 Rylie Boley
24 Wayne Strickland
Alan Walker
Gary Williams
25 Joshua Besterfeldt
26 Justin Vaughn
28 Yvonne Adkisson
Janie Beck
Donna Walters

If we missed your birthday,
Please let us know so it won't
happen again.

Ladies Day

Saturday, September 19th
Registration 8:45 AM
Clarksville Church of Christ
Hwy 64 West – P O B 117
Clarksville, Arkansas 72830
Phone: (479) 754-3360:
E-mail: clarkvillechurchofchrist
@yahoo.com
Speaker: Bonita Graham
Please R.S.V.P. by e-mail, phone
or letter by Monday, September
14, 2009.

THOSE TO SERVE

SPEAKER

September 06, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Chris Loper
Brett Walters

Communion

Podium: Earl Whitted
Serve: Drew Walters
Earl Stamps
Jim Killer
Gary Williams

Scripture Reading

Alan Boatright

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Brent Hottinger
Blake Walters

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

“Singing Night”

Prepare Table for Communion

Chris & Amanda Besterfeldt

Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger

Greeters

Gary & Sonia Williams

Wednesday Night Devotional

September 09, 2009

Drew Walters

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

6:30 P.M.

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Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: JoAnn Killer
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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