



# Morning Glory

*“The Coming of the Lord Draweth Nigh” — James 5:8*

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## Revival Preaching

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**Y**ou and I choose our destiny. You can choose to go to Heaven by repenting and confessing your sin before the Lord; asking Jesus to cleanse you of all unrighteousness, and His blood will make your soul “whiter than snow.” 1. “If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Or you can reject Jesus and refuse to obey His word, and then, the Bible says, there is no other alternative, but Hell; awaiting that individual. 2. “There is no fear of God before their eyes.” So sad but true! 3. “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God rests upon him.” What is your standing with the Lord right now? Answer that question honestly.

Recently, I read a sentence from a preacher friend in Norway. He is also an evangelist. The sentence he wrote has spoken to me every day since. “Our churches want the result of revival, but they don’t want revival preaching.” I agree with that statement! An evangelist is strong in preaching the “law.” He preaches of sins such as; gossip, swearing, cursing, greed, unfaithfulness, of people misusing God’s name, etc. People become bothered when they hear that kind of preaching and rightfully so. God wants to bring about conviction of sin in our life. The Bible tells us “to repent” of our sin. 4. “Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” A change has to take place within us.

I want to tell you of one experience I had in my home town in Norway. I had a meeting and preached every day for 6 weeks in a row except on Mondays. A number of people accepted the Lord during those weeks of meet-

ings. Towards the close of one meeting, the Spirit of God was drawing people to the Lord. While I was singing a song, the majority of the congregation just fell on their knees and started to pray. I didn’t have to say anything. The Spirit of God took over. People were confessing their sins and asking for forgiveness. These are precious moments for a believer. One senses the Lord’s presence in a marked way. Would your churches allow this to happen today, or do we follow the bulletin or the agenda so closely we don’t deviate from it?

God’s Word says, 5. “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God.” As a believer, we work together with the Lord in proclaiming the gospel. 6. “The Spirit and the Bride say “come”... The Spirit of God leads us as we preach. The Word pierces the heart so people become convicted of sin that they have committed. 7. “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” That’s when a person comes under the conviction of sin. The “law” of God has been preached, the law’s intent is to drive us to Christ. He is the remedy! He is our redeemer! I try to preach “law and gospel” when I preach.

Many people who go to church like to leave the service feeling good. They like a message of comfort or an uplifting message. Some go saying, “I just want to be fed spiritually.” This has its place in preaching the whole counsel of God. There must be a balance in our preaching.

When a person is born again we should remind one

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another as the Bible says, 8. “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you would. But if you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are plain: immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, envy, drunkenness carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” These are serious words! Make sure you don’t lose out spiritually by being deceived by fleshly desires!

Are you living a life of compromise? Many people are living that way today, some say, “Everybody else does it, so why can’t I.” They want to try to justify the way they are living even though they know it isn’t right. Don’t compromise with God. You will lose out if you do. Think of what God says in these verses. 9. “The Lord looks down from heaven and sees the whole human race. From his throne he observes all who live on the earth. He made their hearts, so he understands everything they do.”

10. “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt; who can understand it? I the LORD search the mind and try the

heart, to give to every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.” May the Lord help us to live lives pleasing in his sight. 11. “Once you were not people but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.” May the Lord help us daily to 12. “...walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.” Tell others of Him; be a witness for Him today.

If you don’t know Jesus as your Savior today, ask Him to reveal himself to you through His Word, and he will do just that! You see, He is the one seeking and calling you to come unto Himself. You will never regret getting right with the One who created you to live in fellowship with Him. 13. “And it shall be that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

- 1. 1 John 1:9. 2. Romans 3:18 3. John 3:36. 4. Romans 3:23. 5. Romans 8:14. 6. Revelation 22:17. 7. Hebrews 4:12. 8. Galatians 5:16-21. 9. Psalm 33:13-15. 10. Jeremiah 17:9-10. 11. 1 Peter 2:10. 12. 1 John 1:7. 13. Acts 2:21.

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### Texting While Driving

By Pastor Brent Juliot, Menomonie, WI

I was texting while driving the other day – something I abhor when others do it. But I told myself it was harmless, in my situation. I was just leaving church to drive home. In fact, I had already put the transmission in DRIVE when it occurred to me that my wife might need something from Kwik Trip. So, I texted her, steering with my knees as my car rolled around our spacious and completely empty parking lot. I glanced up – don’t you know why – to find my car heading squarely toward the only structure in the lot, a light tower on a round concrete base. I hit the brakes, stopping within a yard of the obstacle, thus avoiding some extensive damage, and possibly one of the most embarrassing moments of my life.

Ten minutes later, I pulled up to an intersection, first car in line at the stop light. I knew that particular light would be green for exactly 12 seconds. Seriously. So, as a courteous driver, I needed to accelerate quickly to allow a few more cars behind me to make it through. I’ve done this countless times. But this time – I don’t why – when the light turned green, I hesitated for at least a half-second. Only then did the bicyclist roll through the crosswalk right in front of me. He smiled and waved at me, I think, to express that he knew it had almost become his most embarrassing moment in life, or something much

worse.

I drove the rest of the way home reflecting on this question: Why didn’t these bad things happen? And the corollary, how many times each day am I protected from such things without being aware of it?

The answers have to do with God’s Omniscience. None of us knows what lies around the corner, or what our next moment holds. But God does. He sees what we cannot see, literally, and He knows what we cannot know regarding our future. It is a wonderful thing that God is omniscient, yet even more wonderful that God is personal – that based on His **omniscience**, He involves Himself in our existence.

The omniscient and personal God, thankfully, goes one step further. OH, HOW HE LOVES YOU AND ME. This great LOVE for us has always been, and will always be, true of GOD. But the greatest, and the only evidence of this that we need, is GOD in the ‘flesh’ coming to our world and giving Himself completely for ‘us’ on the **Cross of his Son Jesus Christ**.

Why didn’t I foolishly smash my car into a light post? Why didn’t I bear the guilt – and that bicyclist the pain – of a crosswalk collision? One more question, why won’t I suffer forever the consequences of my sin? **BECAUSE GOD** is OMNISCIENT; GOD is **personal**; **GOD LOVES me!**

Faith & Fellowship

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***“There is no culture, race or government that has escaped the blight of sin. The only difference is the degree of sophistication with which we manifest this condition.”***

(but) ***“They don’t want Christ to disturb them in their sins. The don’t want to be disturbed in their lusts. They don’t want to be disturbed in their soft materialism. So, they scoff at spiritual things.”***

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***“We have more immorality on a mass scale than probably any people in history; and GOD destroyed other nations by judgment. And you think God is going to spare us? I don’t think so, unless we turn back to Him.”***

Both quotes are from Evang. Billy Graham

## The Formal Beginning

THE FORMAL beginning of Protestantism can be dated as occurring on the eve of All Saints Day, 1517, when Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses on the church door at Wittenberg. (This was kind-of- a community 'bulletin board' of that day). In performing this act, he was not so much attacking indulgences directly as showing their uselessness and their ineffectiveness. His own words give insight into the meaning of this event; he maintained:

*“That the pope could release no punishments but what he inflicted, and indulgences could be nothing but a relaxation of ecclesiastical penalties; were not subject to canonical penances, and so could receive no benefits by indulgences; and that such as were in purgatory could not by them be delivered from the punishment of their sins; that indeed the pope did not grant indulgences to the dead, by virtue of the power of the keys, but by way of suffrage; that indulgences seldom remit all punishment; that those who believe they shall be saved by indulgences only, shall be damned with their masters; that contrition can procure remission of the fault and punishment without contrition; that the pope’s indulgence is not to be condemned, because it is the declaration of a pardon obtained of God, but only to be preached with caution, lest the people should think it preferable to good works; that Christians should be instructed, how much better it is to bound in works of mercy and charity to the poor, than to purchase a pardon; and that it is a matter of indifference either to buy, or not to buy, an indulgence; that indulgences are not to be trusted to; that it is hard to say what the treasure of the church is, which is said to be the foundation of indulgences; that it is not the merits of Christ or his saint, because they produce grace in the inner man; and crucify the outward man, without the pope’s interposing; that this treasure can be nothing but the power of the keys, or the Gospel of the glory and grace of God; that indulgences cannot remit the most venial sin in respect of guilt; that they remit nothing to them who by a sincere contrition have a right to perfect remissions; and that Christians are to be exhorted to seek pardon of theirs sins by the pains and labour of penance, rather than to get them discharged without reason.”*

(Editor’s Note: the word indulgences means purchasing the forgiveness of your sins or the sins of another.)

Luther’s reflection upon forgiveness of one’s sins through repentance and labor of penance shows the depth of his spirit. While Luther is well known for his abilities in organization and scholarship, he should be best known for his religious piety. The depth of his religious experience was catching in the lives of those who knew him.

Born to a peasant family in Eisleben, Luther was encouraged by his father to pursue law at the University of Erfurt. Here he studied philosophy and law, read the ancient classics, and received his master’s degree at twenty before taking up civil law. However, when struck by lightning which killed his companion, Luther forsook law and entered a monastery of Augustinian hermits in July, 1505. In 1507 he celebrated his first mass upon being ordained a priest. He became a lecturer at the University of Wittenberg in philosophy and biblical studies, being made a doctor of divinity at 30 years of age.

Luther’s hunger for piety was especially fed by the writings of ... But most of all the Bible spoke to the spirit of Luther. Chief among Martin Luther’s lectures at Wittenberg were those on Paul’s letter to the Romans.” It was this letter which greatly affected his theological viewpoint and caused him to become the great adherent of **“justification by faith.”** As Luther dramatically shifted from his position of a priest in the Roman Catholic Church to that of the chief instigator of the Reformation, his ideas in religion showed a number of new tendencies;

Each man was to be his own priest who could immediately approach God; the sermon became an important part of church service by which God’s GRACE aroused faith in the hearer; hymns were sung in public worship; the sacraments were diminished to two, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, since only those two, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, are mentioned in the New Testament; the BIBLE as **“the Word of God,”** rather than the authority of the Pope and the Church, became the guide for man; marriage was encouraged among the clergy; salvation by faith in Jesus Christ was at the heart of Christian thought and living...

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### REMEMBER

*The value of time.  
The success of perseverance.  
The pleasure of working.  
The dignity of simplicity.  
The worth of character.  
The power of kindness.  
The influence of example.  
The obligation of duty.  
The wisdom of economy.  
The virtue of patience.  
The improvement of talent.  
The joy of originating.*

Selected

# Editorial

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## *Check the oil stick, radiator and battery*

*“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.”*

*“For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?”*

*(II Corinthians 13:5 & 1 Peter 4:17)*

Regardless where you live; FALL is just around the corner and a tune-up is recommended by any trust-worthy mechanic. Even so with the ‘Greatest PHYSICIAN’, much more frequently than once or twice a year; we are to examine ourselves in the light of God’s Eternal Word – the Bible, as the ‘plumb-line’ is adequate and totally dependable! The medical world and health insurance companies hardily recommend a physical at least once a year; and the greatest ‘Physician’ at least daily! NONE of us can get through the journey of life without ‘sinning’; both transgression and the sin of omission. WE have a common phrase for it; (“No One is Perfect”) even for ‘born-again’ believers! The fact is we all sin because we’re born sinners. When was the last time you saw a very young child, who had to be taught to misbehave and then lie about it to cover it up? Or, for a matter of fact; which one of us are not guilty of lying, being selfish, treating others unkindly, gossiping, slandering, envying, hating, thinking sexually immoral thoughts, unforgiving, worldly, (e.g. dancing), being squeezed into the mold of this world, immodesty – both Females and Males? There’s not a single one of us who can honestly say we’ve never done any of those things. The Bible clearly shows us that we are lost sinners; who Need the Great Physician, as He came to seek and to save the lost! (Luke 19:10, “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost”) Concerning the BIBLE, it states clearly that GOD is not only perfectly RIGHTEOUS, it also says HE is perfectly JUST; which also makes HIM the perfect JUDGE. For GOD to overlook sin would mean HE has a moral flaw, which is something a perfectly moral being can’t possess. Martin Luther states that the person who is not willing to deal with his/or her own sin then the Bible is a closed Book to them! (See Isaiah 53:6)

It’s you that HE is talking to, as HE can’t make it clearer than what HE already has done!

In His medical dictionary, (the Bible), He clearly states

that being once in good health (standing) is NO guarantee for all of life’s journey. If you were once fortunately in ‘good-health’ – that is no guarantee that you are still that way, as our Holy God states clearly that one can lose the ‘GIFT of free SALVATION!’ (The word ‘Savior’ means ‘Deliverer’).

Today, Christianity has definitely become ‘lukewarm.’ We pray for a ‘revival’ but without ‘revival preaching!’ (See the article starting on pg. 1) If God’s LAW is not preached (in LOVE/concern), listened or adhered to; SIN will gradually sneak-in, either through the ‘front-door’ or the ‘back-door’! “*What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law, For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, ‘You shall not covet’. ... Therefore, the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.*” (Romans 7:7-12) God’s LAW is good for us both spiritually and secularly! “*Whoever will not observe the law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily on him. Whether it be death, or banishment, or confiscation of goods, or imprisonment.*” (Ezra 7:26) Ecclesiastes 8:11 reads, “*Because the sentence against all evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is full set in them to do evil.*” **Speedily! Because Laws are like fences.** And fences restrain, right? Ponder this story ‘Child psychologists discovered an interesting truth. Contemporary thought assumed that fences on playgrounds made children feel restricted in their recreation. A consensus was reached to remove the fences so that children wouldn’t feel confined. The opposite effect occurred. Researchers found that the children became more inhibited with their activities. They tended to huddle toward the middle of the playground and exhibited signs of insecurity. When the fences were replaced, the children played with greater enthusiasm and freedom. The writer concludes that “WE ALL

NEED BOUNDARIES – SOMETHING TO DEFINE THE LIMITS OF SAFETY AND SECURITY.” (Hank Tate) via Quest.

JESUS says clearly, **If, you love Me, you keep My commandments! (This is not a Love that has to do, but want to do).**

None of us can earn our Salvation, as our ‘righteousness’ before the Perfect God is worse than filthy garage rags. God has provided a perfect Substitute in and through His Beloved Son, as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He has paid the debt in full in and through the shed **Blood, of JESUS**, as He cried at His death, *“It Is Finished!”* (John 19:30) His Name shall be called; JESUS, for Matthew 1:21 states: *“And she will bring forth a Son and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”*

But here is where ‘human-reasoning’ runs out! Why would a perfect God, who really has no need for us; accept and want fellowship with mankind, love us so much that He’d be willing give us a perfect sacrifice as our substitute for our SIN through His beloved SON named JESUS? God’s ‘Love Letter’ to us, the Bible, clearly states why; because GOD is rich in mercy and wants to forgive sinners. That is why this Perfect Gift was given, and that by receiving HIM as our one and only Savior, we might have Eternal Life in Heaven with HIM!

***JESUS shed His life-blood to ‘cover’ our sins, and HE was resurrected back to life for our justification and is***

***set at the right-hand of God where He is interceding on our behalf and one day is coming again!***

**“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.”** (Colossians 2:6-10)

*“Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”* (Colossians 1:24) Yes, in God’s Grace and provisions, we want to reach both saved and unsaved as hearts and doors are open!

***“But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God – and righteousness and sanctification and redemption – that, as it is written, ‘He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.’”*** (I Corinthians 1:30-31)

**P. S.** Please pray much specifically for the upcoming ELECTION, and be sure to VOTE; as ‘we the people care for one another’; *and there is so much ‘political fraud’– check it out!* because EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

## Be Content

Read I Corinthians 10:1-13

The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years under Moses’ leadership. They had none of the distraction of our modern lives—no smart phones, no social media, no 24-hour news cycle. They were told to do one simple thing: follow God. As they walked, they followed God’s physical manifestation—cloud by day, fire by night. Yet, despite God’s physical presence and awesome provision, they still grumbled and set their hearts on evil things, falling into temptation (see v. 6). They were discontent with the wisdom, provision, and very presence of Almighty God.

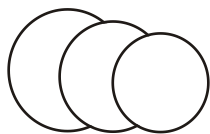
Contentment is not something we’re born with; it’s something we learn. We must train ourselves to be satisfied, and we do this by simply counting our blessings. When we count our blessings, we remember that all we have is ours by grace. Suddenly, we realize that every good thing is a gift from our living Father’s hand (see

James 1:17). And looking upon the wondrous love of our divine Creator, we come to see that He is Himself our greatest treasure.

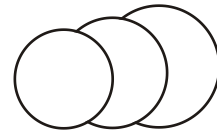
Paul cautions us with the negative example of the Israelites to warn us of the consequences of discontentment. We must not forget all we have in Jesus as heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ. (see Romans 8:17) In trying times, the temptation to despair or covet may appear more than we can handle, but no temptation can overcome us if we trust in and set our eyes on our Savior.

“And God is faithful: he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.” I Corinthians 10:13B.

*My Journal*  
By Michael Youssef



# From Our Fellowship Circle



**E. M. Eagan, MN**  
 What a blessing to have found out about the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation, thanks to my dear friend ... I've enclosed a check in the amount of ... in support of your 'ministry'. And I would like to be added to the mailing list of the *Morning Glory*.  
 Thank you, and GOD bless!

**B. & E. K. Princeton, MN**  
 Warm greetings in our Savior's name!

This year I'm grateful to the Lord for being able to reach my ... birthday. As a Pastor, this has meant likely no more church pulpits to 'fill-in' and more recently closed doors to minister at Assisted Living Centers and Nursing Homes. So, I am happy and blest in that I can still be a blessing (I trust) with my pen and paper.

The enclosed article may be too long or may need to be shortened or even not used! Whatever.

Living on Social Security doesn't allow people to have much or if any discretionary funding for giving; which limits the amount a person would like to give.

May God continue to bless you and your team who have been such a blessing to us for many years with the Morning Glory publication. Thank you so much.

P. S. In August my wife... and I will be reaching our 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. How good the Lord has been to us!

## **When Eternal Destiny Is At Stake**

***"I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing, therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live."*** Deuteronomy 30:19

In the above text, God addresses Moses and the Israeli nation, "...I have set before you life and death... choose life..." It is up to each person to make this decision of a lifetime. In the last several months, our world has been dealing with a very contagious and infectious disease, the corona virus. The result has been a protracted illness for many, with fatalities for some. For many states and the nation, hospital facilities have had to be enlarged, and needed supplies have been hard to come by. Nothing in my lifetime has had the impact of affecting nearly every aspect of a person's normal lifetime routine.

## ***Before The Time Of Death***

What if this year was going to be your final one? Hebrews 9:27 tells us, "...It is appointed for men to die once..." The Bible declares that a person who has not made Jesus Christ his/her personal Savior, are spiritually dead until such a time Jesus is made their Lord (Master). Failing to do so would be comparable to committing spiritual suicide, being a walking corpse. Ephesians 2:1, *"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins."* Since **"GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD,"** John 3:16, He wants all of us to live for HIM and then be in HEAVEN with HIM! Luke 20:35 says, "He is not a God of the dead, but of the living." One thing that occurs when we become followers of Jesus, is explained; Life on earth is to be a time of readiness as we make necessary preparation for the 'life' that is to come. Some people have meant to deal with this condition of their soul, but due to busyness or simple procrastination, it has been thus far omitted. Estrangement from God and a life defined by the seasons of pleasure, is the wrong direction to live. Our sin must be dealt with before we expire! King David put it this way regarding life and death, ***"...There is but a step between life and death,"*** 1 Samuel 7:3. Two basic elements of human existence are the uncertainties of life, and our bodies at some point shutting down. No matter how healthy we may be, or our age, our demise may come unexpectedly. **DEATH DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE.** Moving day without any prior warnings may strike us. In II Timothy 4:6 the Apostle Paul put it this way, ***"...The time of my departure is at hand."*** (his life). He was going somewhere when his life came to a close. A person can know beforehand where he will spend his existence in Eternity. Earthly death does not put an end to our being. Hebrews 11:15 speaks of those, ***"...Who all died in faith..."***

## ***At The Time Of Death***

The cessation of life for someone we know, is often met with sadness. As for the 'medical' community, they do their best to preserve life. Our CREATOR issues a summons, a time for migration. ***"The wicked is banished...but the righteous has a refuge in his death."*** Some have had the erroneous notion that when life expires, everyone goes to Heaven. One's demise cannot make the ungodly godly or righteous. That doesn't happen automatically. One's destiny is determined by the course chosen in life, be it ***"...The narrow way which leads unto life..."*** or the ***"...broad way that leads to destruction..."*** When we select God's Bible Plan of SALVATION (Deliverance) we embark on the right road. There are so many of our physi-

cal that organs can break-down and malfunction. Our transitioning to the end of life may be gradual or come suddenly. *DEATH* may come prematurely through failure of our heart, cancer, a stroke, accident, when in the military, homicide, or the suicide (Ed. Basically suicide is satanically inspired) route, etc. Unsuspected life termination points to the importance of being prepared and ready to meet our **Maker!** That would be either in Heaven, or at the Great White Throne Judgement Seat – Revelation 20:11-15. When a person leaves their body and makes their home in God’s Heavenly residence, they do so because they have had their name affixed to His **“Book Of Life.”** What a comfort a person enjoys having God’s Peace that has replaced ‘our’ sin and ‘guilt. Daniel 12:2 **“Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.”**

***After Death Has Taken Place***

The advent of the corona virus doesn’t allow us to keep things as they are. One result is keeping hospitals extremely busy, as well as funeral homes, morgues, ambulances, cemeteries and monument sales business. One never knows when they will receive God’s end of life summons. For a Christian believer, their journey will take them beyond earth’s horizon. II Corinthians 5:8 Paul explains, ...To be absent from the body and be present with the Lord.” Then in Philippians 1:21 he adds, “For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” Besides being in the visible presence of the Lord, sickness and pain will be missing! Heaven is the busiest place in the Universe, but not too busy for **God** to respond to your request to be forgiven of sin, and be granted His gracious gift of salvation and everlasting life. However, estrangement from God is to eventually face His law of retribution. You don’t want to go there, when you can instead face death in joyful confidence, since the **“sting of death”** has been removed, I Corinthians 15:55. Now is the time to make destiny preparation.

**F. C.** **Sebring, FL**  
Dear Fellow Christians,

Please accept my apology for not getting this donation to you sooner – as the works that you are doing gives many of us stay-at-home people a way to see Jesus in the Light HE needs to be seen! Pure love is the reason we are here and able to conquer our fears of this world for which we all should be so very grateful that God loves us so very much – giving His only begotten SON to cleanse us from our sins ***as we confess our sins He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purge***

***us from all unrighteousness,*** 1 John 1:9.

We are so blest to live in a Nation where we freely can worship our God, study the Bible (His Word – The Good News), praise His name in singing, praying, and living. God shows us so much grace and we must also show others these same gifts – let us be one in the Holy Spirit and keep His love alive as we know Jesus truly is the way, the truth and the life. Thank you so much for going on in keeping the love of God alive with the *Morning Glory* ...we must be aware of the many tricks Satan has out there and with this paper you are showing us just how many evil ways this world is encroaching on our freedom. Thank you and your staff – keep up the great works and let God’s light shine bright!

**C. L.** **Viroqua, WI**

I am sending your way some money for support of the Morning Glory and the rest can go in the General Fund. Most certainly, I love the paper and want to keep on getting it!

However on October 30, 2019 I fell and broke my ... bone in the right leg; so, I am a resident at ... For a while, but my real hope is based on JESUS’ Blood and Righteousness in my behalf. At my age life’s journey is likely coming to a close; but thank God He is not only able to save but to keep!

Please pray for me that I might be a true light for my Savior!

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**Thank You, God, for Little Things**

**Thank You, God for little things  
That often come our way  
The things we take for granted  
But don’t mention when we pray**

**The unexpected courtesy,  
The thoughtful kindly deed  
A hand reached out to help us  
In the time of sudden need.**

**Oh, make us more aware, Dear God,  
of little daily graces  
That come to us with “sweet surprise  
From never dreamed of places.**

Helen Steiner Rice



# Believable... Yet Unbelievable

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## President Trump Signs International Religious Freedom Order

On June 2 (2020), President Donald Trump signed an executive order on advancing international religious freedom appropriating \$50 million for programs to further religious liberty around the world.

“Religious Freedom, America’s first freedom, is a moral and national security imperative,” the order reads. “Religious freedom for all people worldwide is a foreign policy priority of the United States, and the United States will respect and vigorously promote this freedom.

“...Our founders understood religious freedom not as a creation of the state, but as a gift of God in every person and a right that is fundamental for the flourishing of our society.”

The order instructs Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to work with the U.S. Agency for International Development to develop country specific action plans for prioritizing religious freedom within 180 days.

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## Brainwashed Generations!

No doubt, some of our readers are going to not agree or like what I am about to say in regards to “Brainwashing” – but reality remains the same!

The communist are not intending to take over the great USA by invasion, but from within.

Basically it began by brainwashing in the classroom with teaching falsely about the founders of the USA and then to hate the system. This means that Marxism is being taught in the classroom and influencing the teachers, wherever it seems feasible. Following would be LAWLESS rioting in the streets; which if continued to *proceed*, leads to SOCIALISM and then in time COMMUNISM!

Hopefully, (*When this is completely accomplished???*), I am in the presence of my SAVIOR, by the Grace of God; where peace and tranquility continue for all ETERNITY! See how selfish I am, but what about today’s younger ‘generations’?

How we need to pray and work together for the extension of the Kingdom of GOD, while we have the golden opportunity and the brainwashing should not succeed; according to God’s will!

(Personal conviction – Editor)

## Mosque Remains Open

The Mosque of Jesus, Son of Mary in Syracuse, New York, is reportedly still open for daily prayers during the pandemic, while churches have been compelled to shut their doors by executive order. While some churchgoers are punished or fined for continuing to meet, the same rules apparently do not apply to all mosques. This mosque remains open, though it only allows ten worshippers in at a time. Mayor Bill de Blasio threatened to permanently shut down churches and synagogues if they refused to comply with the government’s shelter-in-place order. ...

christiannewsjournal.com (Vine & the Branches)

## Calls Greatly Increase

The suicide hotline in Los Angeles has seen an 8000% increase in the number of callers seeking assistance. The center has 70 full-time staff members and 215 volunteers to field the incoming calls. Job loss and isolation during this pandemic has led many to battle hopelessness. There has also been an increase of domestic violence and child abuse. These are just some of the adverse effects of the stay-at-home orders that have been issued. Pray that the Church (notice the capital ‘C’ which I believe is challenging to the ‘called-out-ones’, SAVED) will rise up to minister to those so terribly affected.

*Editor’s Note:* Scripture says that in the latter days men’s hearts shall fail them, because of things that are coming upon the earth – seemingly hopeless!

## Step Toward Implant?

Could the COVID-19 crisis take us a step-closer toward a mandated implantable microchip? With a greater need to identify those who have received a mandatory coronavirus vaccine that may be coming, and also potential need for food rationing, one wonders if this could hasten the implementation of a mandatory RFID chip. Already gaining in popularity around the world, the chip would contain medical records, financial records, passport, and other personal information. This would be used for financial transactions, replacing cash or credit/debit cards.

The size of a grain of rice, it is already in widespread use in countries like Sweden and India. Revelation 13:16-18 says the Antichrist “forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on

their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.”

Godreports.com (The Vine & the Branches)

## Mike Ditka to Anthem Kneelers,

Former NFL Coach for the Chicago Bears was straight forward in regards to those who ‘take a knee’ during the National Anthem. “Get the ...out of the Country!” ...

## Luther and the Plague

It is interesting to look back at when the Bubonic Plague swept through Europe during Martin Luther’s day. In 1527 the plague raged through Wittenberg, killing 70% of those who contracted it within days. Though many people fled the city, Luther and his pregnant wife, Katharina, defied the risk and decided to stay in order to minister to the sick, literally bringing them into his own home. He recognized this as an opportunity to preach the Gospel to those who were days away from death. The plague lasted about 3 months and changed their lives. Sometime shortly after this, he penned the great hymn *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God.”* Let us draw inspiration and solace from such a life.

Patheos.com

*Editor’s Note:* Will you be singing *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”* from the depths of your heart on Reformation Sunday?

## PPP Loans and the Catholic Church

When the coronavirus Pandemic caused a broad economic downturn and Depression-era unemployment rates, Washington responded with trillions of dollars in federal relief.

... An Associated analysis has found that a special exemption to the 500-employee cap set the stage for approval of at least \$1.4 billion for groups affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church, making it one of the program’s big winners. Many of those millions are going to pay salaries and other expenses in dioceses that recently paid huge financial settlements to victims of clergy sexual abuse...

Except, *Today’s Explainer*, sent-in by Mr. Peter Miller, Dayton, OH

*Editor’s Note:* Please pray much for our up-coming ELECTION and be involved. Thank You.

Please don’t vote in the emotions for those who have a pleasant personality; but ‘PRINCIPLES!’

## Prayer To Mother God

On April 28 (2020), the ELCA posted on its Twitter and Facebook accounts a prayer addressing God as Mother. The prayer read, “Mother God, you have fed us with the nourishment of your spiritual food. Raise us up into salvation and rid us of our bitterness, so that we may share the sweetness of your holy word with all the world.” The prayer was written by ELCA seminarian Elle Dowd, who identifies as a *“bi-furious seminarian”* and is known for a previous message where she said that *“Jesus...was in many ways queer.”*

Christianpost.com, exposingtheelca.com

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## Humble Pie

By Marjorie Parker

*(Please read Romans 12:10-21, First)*

The all-time favorite American dessert is said to be Apple Pie. A slice of warm pie with a wedge of nippy cheese and a good cup of coffee will brighten the dullest day. But there is another kind of pie that is probably the most un-favorite of all and this is *“humble pie.”* None of us likes to eat this kind.

It is never easy to go to someone and apologize for some wrongdoing or for a harmful word spoken in haste. Yet when the apology has been accepted in a loving spirit and fellowship has been restored, we feel such a sense of relief that we wonder why we didn’t do it sooner!

What a better place this world would be if those who love the Lord would seek for understanding and aim at reconciliation. Obedience to the Bible regarding offenses will work in a house as well as in a church.

It requires real Christian character to straighten out your grievances with others in a kind, courteous and confidential manner. Some criticisms are imaginary and others are misunderstandings. Eating a little *“humble pie”* once in a while is good for all of us!

**“But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.”** (Matthew 5:39)

*(Now please re-read Romans 12:10-21)*

## Difficulties in Prayer

To PRAY is to open our hearts to Jesus. And Jesus is all that we sinners need both for time and eternity. He “was made unto us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (I Corinthians 1:30). This gives us the Biblical view of the purpose of prayer, its place and significance in the divine dispensation of salvation.

Jesus said once, “*Apart from me ye can do nothing*” (John 15:5). He knew how literally true these words are, how entirely helpless we are without Him. But at the same time He said, “*Ask, and it shall be given you.*” All that you need and more besides.

He never grew tired of inviting, prompting, encouraging, exhorting, even commanding us to pray. The many and various admonitions to prayer in the Bible shed remarkable light upon prayer. They show us that prayer is the heart-throb in the life of a saved person.

Permit me to cite a few gracious admonitions to prayer which the Lord has given us:

*“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; for everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, who, if his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone; or if he shall ask for a fish will give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father, who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”* (Matthew 7:7-11)

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” (John 15:7)

“In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” (Philippians 4:6)

These three passages from Scripture alone, it appears to me, should be sufficient to show what Jesus means prayer to be.

If I were to give expression to this meaning in my own words, I would put it about as follows:

Jesus comes to a sinner, awakens him from his sleep in sin, converts him, forgives him his sins and makes him His child. Then He takes the weak hand of the sinner and places it in His own strong, nail-pierced hand and says: “Come now, I am going with you all the way and will bring you safely home to heaven. If you ever get into trouble or difficulty, just tell me about it. I will give you, without reproach, everything you need, and more besides, day by day, as long as you live.”

My friend, do you not also think that this is what Je-

sus really meant when He gave us prayer?

And that is the way we should make use of it. That is the way He desires to answer our prayer, graciously and abundantly. Prayer should be the means by which I, at all times, receive all that I need, and, for this reason, be my daily refuge, my daily consolation, my daily joy, my source of rich and inexhaustible joy in life.

From this it is very apparent also that a child of God can grieve Jesus in no worse way than to neglect prayer. For by so doing he severs the connection between himself and the Savior, and his inner life is doomed to be withered, and crippled, as is the case with most of us. Many neglect prayer to such an extent that their spiritual life gradually dies out.

I seem to hear some of the bitter sorrow which proceeds from the heart of God when He is compelled to say to us, “Ye have not, because ye ask not” (James 4:2).

He has all that we need, and there is nothing that He would rather do than impart to us His gifts. But we do not ask. We do not have time, we say. Or we forget to pray. The result is that we go about at home and in the assembly of believers like spiritual cripples or dwarfs, spiritually starved and emaciated, with scarcely enough strength to stand on our own feet, not to speak of fighting against sin and serving the Lord.

I have sinned a great deal against my merciful heavenly Father since I was converted, and I have grieved Him a great deal during the twenty-five years that I have lived with him. But the greatest sin that I have committed since my conversion, the way in which I have grieved my Lord the most, is in connection with prayer, my neglect of prayer. This neglect is the cause of my many other sins of omission as well as of commission.

The countless opportunities for prayer which I have failed to make use of, the many answers to prayer which God would have given me if I only had prayed, accuse me more and more violently the more I become acquainted with the holy realm of prayer.

Taken from *PRAYER* By O. Hallesby, Ph. D.

***God's Inspired Word, the BIBLE, Clearly States ALL People Are Created equal, regardless the color of skin! And thus, the BIBLE clearly teaches that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves IN sharing the LIVING WORD – JESUS; Thus, sharing and living the image of TRUTH!***

## History Of A Favorite Hymn

By Dr. Lindsay Terry

### No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus

**“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you” – 1 Peter 5:7**

**“Let’er rip!”** was an expression of one of America’s foremost gospel songwriters, Dr. Charles F. Weigle. This little expression, odd as it may seem, simply suggests that one should not worry about situations over which he has little or no control, but leave them in the hands of God. This godly attitude allowed Dr. Weigle to be a blessing and inspiration to countless thousands during his fruitful life. ... He was an elderly evangelist in his eighties. ... He was converted at the age of twelve. With the help of Christian friends and an unswerving faith in God, he became a true and faithful laborer for Jesus Christ.

Later, he felt the call of God and surrendered to preach the Gospel. His life of service to God was enhanced greatly by his ability to write gospel songs.

Dr. Weigle was not without his hours of trouble and heartache. Yet it seems that out of these grievous sorrows flowed forth one of the most beautiful and widely known of his songs, “NO ONE EVER CARED FOR ME LIKE JESUS.”

The song is so loved that it has been sung around the world and translated into many languages.

One day Dr. Weigle came home to find a note from his wife declaring that she was leaving and going into the “world” to get the things that she felt were owed to her. She no longer wanted to be the wife of an evangelist.

This situation threw him to such a state of depression that he actually thought of ending his life.

As he was wondering if anyone cared, he heard a small voice within saying, *“Charles, I haven’t forgotten you. I still care for you.”*

At this, he fell to his knees asking God to forgive him for not trusting Him completely and determined never again to let such a thought cross his mind.

In less than five years his wife was dead. While reflecting on the past experiences and the goodness of God who carried him through the heartache, he once again felt the urge to write a song.

The song would be a summation of his whole life’s experience with his wonderful LORD. He later said that “the lyrics came as fast as I could put it down.” It was the first one he had written since his world fell apart. Now he wanted everyone to know that **“No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus.”**

Sword of the Lord

## Is Jesus Very Much Alive Today? (Resurrection)

\*There were ‘hundreds’ (appr. 400) of people who saw the resurrected JESUS; which definitely rules out any kind of hallucination and many of them were to ‘die’ for this TRUTH.

\*\*The very ‘first’ witnesses of this ‘truth’ were women and there could be ONE reason why God printed this testimony in Scripture: It was TRUE.

\*\*\* Very quickly the ‘good-news’ was spread and you will notice that all the sermons Paul and Peter preached that are recorded in Holy Scripture mention the ‘resurrection/resurrected Jesus’.

\*\*\*\*Very likely it would have been almost impossible for the Christians to have started a church outside of Jerusalem where Jesus was crucified IF the claims had been false.

\*\*\*\*\*The borrowed ‘tomb’ where Jesus was buried was very ‘well-guarded’ with Roman soldiers and a huge stone was laid in front of the entrance with the Roman Emperor’s ‘seal’ upon it! The enemy of the empty CROSS and Grave would have liked to find the ‘corpse’ of JESUS and report His ‘body’ has never been found.

\*\*\*\*\* GOD/Himself clearly states that this would happen; even in the Old Testament.

**“Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8)**

Editor

### *Jumping to Conclusions?*

Our five-year-old grandson, Rhys, launched himself off the end of our neighbor’s porch. His jump resulted in a split forehead, a fractured left arm and bruises on his stomach and both of his knees.

After he had returned from the hospital emergency room, his mom asked him what he had learned about jumping off porches.

“I can’t do it again,” Rhys replied, “until the cast comes off.” – Selected

### *Water in the Carburetor*

Wife: There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor.

Husband: Water in the carburetor? That’s ridiculous.

Wife: I tell you the car has water in the carburetor.

Husband: You don’t even know what a carburetor is. I’ll check it out. Where’s the car?

Wife: In the pool. – Selected

## Deal with Your Pride

Read I Corinthians 10:1-10

Sin comes in many shapes and sizes, but deep down, every sin sprouts “from the same seed” – pride. Beneath every moral failure is a desire for *me, my, mine*. No one is immune from this brokenness. Even people who have witnessed miraculous signs and experienced God’s intervention in their lives still succumb to the lure of pride. This is Paul’s warning to the Corinthians—and us. He points us back to the people of Israel, whom God rescued out of Egypt. Although they witnessed God’s power firsthand, they yielded to temptation over and over again. As a result, most of them died in the wilderness—never to step foot in the Promised Land.

The surest way to fall into temptation and sin is to place our confidence in ourselves. That’s what the Israelites did. They even believed they were somehow entitled to the good gifts God had given them. As believers, we must learn from their mistakes and deal with our own pride and entitlement by confessing them, repenting of them, and placing them at the feet of Jesus. Only when we give our pride to Christ can we fully trust God. Only when we set our eyes on Christ can we have victory over temptation.

Pride makes us trust in ourselves so that we feel invincible. But the Truth is we are fallible, so we need to heed Paul’s warning when we are feeling puffed up: ‘*If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!*’ (I Corinthians 10:12).

“Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.” (I Corinthians 10:6).

*MY JOURNAL* By Michael Youssef

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### End – Time News

**“Now when these things begin to happen, look up... because your redemption draws near.”** (Luke 21:28 NKJV)

#### *New Translators Apps and The Tower of Babel Prophecy*

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, 2019, Microsoft touted its new technology for instant language translation by showing a little girl seeing her mom talking to overseas business partners. The mom speaks English, and her partners hear her in Japanese. They respond in Japanese, and she hears them in English.

With Microsoft Translator, you can get instant trans-

lation of **60** foreign languages. But amazing as that is, Microsoft Translator isn’t even the most used translation application. The honor belongs to iTranslate. The iTranslate app will translate text websites, and voice-to-voice conversations in over **100** languages. ...

At one time the whole world spoke a single language and used the same words. As the people migrated eastward, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia and settled there... ‘Come,’ they said, ‘Let’s build a great city with a tower that reaches to the skies – a monument to our greatness. This will bring us together and keep us from scattering all over the world.’ (Genesis 11) But the Lord came down to see the city and tower the people were building. ‘Look’! HE said, ‘if they can accomplish this when they have just begun to take advantage of their common language... just think what they will do later. Nothing will be impossible for them! Come, let’s go down and give them different languages.’

At the tower of Babel, GOD scattered the human race and confused them with different languages. In doing so, HE ended two aspects of human civilization at that time.

1. Global government, and 2. A common language

GOD said with a global government and common language, ‘nothing will be impossible’ for humans. So, what does that include? The Bible tells us. After all, it reveals a global government will return in the end times (Revelation 13:7).

When it arrives, technologies like Microsoft Translator will ensure that the world is no longer divided by language. With no nation states and no language barriers, the world will be free to work a common purpose. The world will exist in the very state God warned against! (and His people).

**“Then I saw the beast gathering the kings of the world and their armies in order to fight against the One (Jesus Christ) sitting on the horse and His army.”**  
Revelation 19:19 NLT

Reprinted in part, from *Hope For Your Heart*

### **God’s Kingdom Demands Righteousness and Perfection**

**But God provides the very thing that He needs  
from us in the Person and mission of Jesus  
Christ!**

**God will not require anything from us that He  
was not willing to do first and then provides  
what we need to accomplish that very thing.**

## Where There's a Will

***"I can will what is right, but I cannot do it."***

(Romans 7:18)

The Holy Spirit had worked in Paul the desire to do what is right; but Paul admits the discovery that he did not have the power to do the right he willed.

This condition all believers recognize as their own. They have zeal to fulfill God's will, but experience a painful lack of the ability to do so. The desire to do God's will is summarized as a hunger and thirst after righteousness to which Jesus referred in the Sermon on the Mount. (Matthew 5:6)

The more this is sensed, the more the will to do good grows. But there is always the failure to attain the high standard of fulfillment for which the heart longs.

***"Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to thy Cross I Cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Saviour, or I die!***

Augustus Montague Toplady, 1776

PRAYER: My helplessness is known to You, O Lord. Work Your works of the Spirit within me and through me, for I have nothing to claim but the merit of Your holiness imputed to me. Praises and thanks I offer in Jesus name. Amen.

*Rosenius' Daily Meditations*, by Carl O. (Olaf)  
Rosenius, Lutheran Colportage Service, Inc.

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### A Mountain Top

**And after six days Jesus taketh with Him Peter, and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart.** (Matthew 17:1)

THERE are times and happenings that make marks in our lives so deep that we never can forget them. It was such a time that John remembered when he wrote of the day he found Jesus. This impressed his soul so strongly that even in his old age he remembered the hour that he met Him. Somewhat the same was true of Matthew when he wrote: 'after six days.'

If we read the sixteenth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, we will learn a little of what happened before these six days. Jesus had spoken serious words to Peter and to the others also about taking up the cross every day, and about losing life if they wanted to save life. This gave

them something to think about; but now the stripes they received on those trying days shall be healed, and darkness shall yield to the shining sun. The time is now come when Jesus is to be transfigured before their eyes. He who gives power to the faint, and increaseth strength to him that hath no might, He knows the correct time for giving comfort; and now they move upward, away from sorrow and crying.

He who would know Jesus must first learn to know himself. Knowing ourselves brings us into conflict, discouragement, and doubt; but the knowledge of Christ gives us unspeakable and glorified joy. It is in such times that a Christian receives grace to forget himself and to see **"Jesus only."**

*Help me, for I am weak; I fight,  
Yet scarce can battle longer;  
I cling but to Thy grace and might,  
'Tis Thou must make me stronger;  
When sore temptations are my lot,  
And tempests round me lower,  
Break their power;  
So through deliverance wrought,  
I know that Thou forsak'st me not.*

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### Nothing But the Truth

**"How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the Lord?"** (II Chron. 18:5)

How dangerous it is for people to try to win souls to a man-made religion! Man does not like to face the truth, and the truth in the Bible proves man a sinner apart from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Man would like to be able to wash his own sins away, to cover himself with his own righteousness, but only the robe of Christ's righteousness is the truth. Abraham Lincoln was called "Honest Abe." His word could be relied upon. One day as he was carrying an axe to the house, his step-sister ran behind him, playfully leaped upon his back, and began to dig her knee into his back. The force of her leap upon his back brought him to the ground, causing him to drop the axe on her ankle which resulted in a big cut. While he was bandaging the cut; he asked her what she was going to tell her mother. "That I cut my ankle with the axe," said the sister. Yes, that is the truth, but it is not all the truth. You must tell

the whole truth.” She promised him she would. And when she told her mother she was cheerfully forgiven.

It is important to give forth the truth that is in Christ Jesus. What is of man will be brought to naught, but what is of God will endure.

Dear Lord Jesus, teach us Thy truth, and help us to give forth Thy truth that others will be saved. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

*I would be true, for there are those who trust me,  
I would be pure, for there are those who care;  
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer,  
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.*

*Altar Steps, by Rev. R. P. Haakonson*

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### The Prayer Taught Us by Our Lord

**“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.”** (Matthew 6:9)

Our Lord commanded us to pray in this manner. Since He has asked us to pray like this, it is a comfort to bear in mind that God surely must love to hear this prayer. When we are uncertain how to pray in accordance with God’s will, we can be certain of this when we ask what Christ has spelled out for us to pray.

This we should claim before the Lord: You have commanded me to pray like this. You have taught me to say *“Father.”* You have commanded me to pray, *“Forgive us our trespasses.”*

This leads me to understand that You do not consider anyone without *sin*. *“Hallowed be Your name.”* Keep me in pure doctrine and in a pattern of true Christian living. *“Your kingdom come.”* Let it come within *me* and be *advanced* throughout the world. *“Your will be done.”* This is Your will to give to me and all Your children. Father, as You have spoken I know You will do.

***“Lead us, O Father, in the depths of peace  
Without thy guiding hand we go astray,  
And doubts appall, and sorrows still increase;  
Lead us through Jesus,  
The true and living way.”***

William Henry Burleigh, 1812-71

*PRAYER: Father, grant the requests so often repeated in the prayer taught us by our Savior. Help me to perceive and understand the fulfillment of them according to Your promise. Amen.*

*Rosenius Daily Meditations* by Carl O. (Olaf)  
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*Editor’s Note:* According to my conviction based on

the Word of GOD, only truly those who are born-again or definitely seeking-souls (who definitely want to be saved, now!) can honestly pray this PRAYER! Remember this is a prayer petition given to the Disciples, who asked; teach us to pray.

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### Update

#### **LED BY GRACE AND LOVE**

On occasion you hear someone say: “Wait till they get what they deserve,” or “It’s about time they get what they deserve,” or “They have it coming!”

I am so thankful that I know the Living GOD who is merciful, gracious, patient, FORGIVING and unconditionally LOVES, etc., in whom I have not seen with the physical eye! **“Whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.”** (1 Peter 1:8-9)

Jesus tells us that the First Commandment is to Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart/soul/mind and then love thy neighbor as thyself. Which of us do not love ourselves? We want the best for ourselves and the vital best for our neighbor is to make sure he/she knows the way of SALVATION and nourishment for the Believer!

I also believe that we are to start in Jerusalem (our homes/family), friends, etc., unto the uttermost parts of the earth!

Need I say anymore as we seek to carry-on in a portion of God’s Kingdom Work here on Earth?

So, I am going to leave this with you as individuals, groups and congregations. (Why not include financial assistance with your congregational Giving/Budget?)

Thanks for remembering this portion of God’s Work and it can be a testimony if you leave an amount in your Last Will & Testament!

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