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Monday, October 11, 2004 -- (Meditation: Romans 14:7-9) God, every day we are shocked by news of terrorists and suicide bombers. It is difficult to imagine how it feels to see a car coming down the street and to be afraid that it contains a bomb. It is difficult to imagine taking your children for the first day of school, where they are held hostage and killed by suicide bombers. God, be with those who face death, fears, and anguish that we can only imagine. We pray for the victims, and for their families. May good yet come from the evil that shocks us almost every day. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday, October 12, 2004 -- (Meditation: Psalm 136:3-5) God, You made this planet and set it in its course. You made all human beings in Your image. You breathed life into me in my mother's womb. You chose me to follow You. You have blessed me every day of my life. I praise You, O God, for Your steadfast love endures forever! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Wednesday, October 13, 2004 -- (Meditation: Psalm 92:1-2) Dear God, on seeing the new light of morning, my first thought is of Your providence . . . Your faithfulness . . . Your love. Each day sunlight comes . . . whether clouded or bright . . . in season after season . . . and I praise You for Your creation and for Your constant care. God, teach me in the dawn's early light how to be faithful . . . how to be genuine . . . how to be loving, all the day through. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Thursday, October 14, 2004 -- (Meditation: Psalm 85:10-11) God, my friend has cared for his sick wife for years. How helpless he must feel to see her strength drain slowly away. He doesn't know if she can hear him, but he talks to her, and holds her hand every day. God, his faithfulness to her, his acceptance of what he cannot change, and his unfailing love for her make a beautiful witness to Your love, and an inspiration to all of us who know and love them both. Thank you for my friend. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Friday, October 15, 2004 -- (Meditation: Matthew 6:9-15) God, I don't like it when You get specific. I want to be forgiven in general, but it's hard to accept forgiveness for my selfish ambitions and my over-indulgences. I want to enjoy freedom in general; but not freedom from my opinions, or freedom from hurting others to get ahead. I know that I should love my neighbor in general; but I don't like it when this means to love the ungrateful. I know I should love my enemies in general, but I don't like it when that includes terrorists around the world. God, help me to pray, "Thy will be done" in ALL of my life. Amen.

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