

PRAYERS AT WORK]June 9-13, 2008

Monday, June 9, 2008 -- (Meditation: II Corinthians 5:18-19)

God, when someone asks me, "How are you doing?", I always say, "I'm fine." But I'm not fine. Things at work have come unglued. Office politics, taking sides, name calling, back biting -- all these have me in knots. I'm living life with a tight jaw. God, help me to be a healer at work, a reconciler. Help me, to ask more questions, to listen completely, to ask, "But what's REALLY bothering you?" Help me not to be defensive. Help me to understand differing positions, and understand why it's thoroughly plausible to them. O God, I pray for my associates. Restore our feeling of community and friendship. Through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Tuesday, June 10, 2008 -- (Meditation: James 1:17)

God, yesterday, I sat out on my patio to be alone, relax, and be quiet. Soon, I realized I was not alone at all. Overhead, a mourning dove sat quietly on a limb. A sparrow hawk perched on a distant church spire. Nearby, I saw a robin sitting contentedly on her nest. God, I am not alone. Your creation and Your glory are all around me. Praise be to You, O God! Amen.

Wednesday, June 11, 2008 -- (Meditation: Mark 8:36)

God, when we build houses, ever grander, are we insulating our hearts from those who live in mud huts with thatched roofs, or in inner-city slums? When we buy cars, ever grander, do we isolate our hearts from those who walk barefoot, carrying children on their backs, and heavy burdens on their heads? Can we expand our houses without shrinking our hearts? Can we equip our cars without stripping our souls? God, teach us Your truth. In Jesus' PRAYERS AT WORK] June 9-13, 2008

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Thursday, June 12, 2008 -- (Meditation: Romans 8:26-27)

God, teach me how to pray. Help my time of prayer to be a time of reflection. Make my meditation a time of listening . . . a time of resting . . . a time of accepting . . . a time of yielding . . . a time of restoration . . . a time of growth. Speak, O God, for your servant listens.

Friday, June 13, 2008 -- (Meditation: Ephesians 5:31-32)

Father God, this Sunday we honor very special men on Father's Day. Thank You for fathers who love their wives, for fathers who spend time with their children, and who lead their families to a close relationship with Christ. God, bless these fathers -- they have so many false goals luring them, and so many demands on their time, yet they are gentle and loving. Thank You for godly fathers. And God, thank You for being such a wonderful heavenly Father to us all. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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