

PRAYERS AT WORK Aug 4-8, 2008

Monday, August 4, 2008 -- (Meditation: Romans 8:28)

God, when someone I love dearly is seriously ill, it is hard for me to turn them over to You. It is difficult to pray, "Your will be done," when I desperately want MY will to be done. I want her to live, to be healed, to be strong again. God, I don't understand the wide latitude of what You allow. Why did You allow Job to suffer? Why do You allow some people to die prematurely? Why do You allow tragedy? Why do You allow terrorism and violence, pain and poverty? Yet, God, I don't expect everything to be perfect, for I am imperfect and disappoint You every day. Forgive me for wanting to be God, all knowing. Grant that I may live by faith, trusting Your promise that everything works together for good for those who love the Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Tuesday, August 5, 2008 -- (Meditation: Galatians 6:2)

God, thank you for caregivers . . . for their devotion to their loved ones and to their patients . . . for their perseverance and energy, when they are tired after long hours of care . . . for their patience, when the demands on them are great . . . for their vigilant waiting and watching... for their cheerful spirit in the face of discouragement and pain . . . and for their gentleness and love. God, bless these special people, and bless those whom they serve. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Wednesday August 6, 2008 -- (Meditation: Lamentations 3:31-33)

God, before 9/11/01, we didn't often think of the Muslim faith, or the differences between Shiites and Sunis. We knew little about Al Qaeda, Hezbollah, Hamas or the Taliban. Now, since our country has been attacked on our own soil, everything has changed. We no longer feel invulnerable. We know how small the world is. We know what Jesus meant when He said, "Blessed are they that mourn." And we have also learned that You've got the WHOLE WORLD in Your hands, not just America. God, help us to serve You in our shrinking world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Thursday, August 7, 2008 -- (Meditation: Micah 6:8)

God, today, whether at work or leisure, help me to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You, my God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Friday, August 8, 2008 -- (Meditation: Ephesians 2:8-9)

God, Your grace is powerful. It flows from You like electricity from a great generator, flowing through millions of wires, to supply everyone who is plugged in. Your grace flows like blood from a great heart, flowing through a million arteries, to supply life to every cell in the body. Your grace flows like water from a great reservoir, flowing through a million pipes, to supply everyone who has an open faucet. O God, how great is Your grace! How great Thou art!

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