

PRAYERS AT WORK Oct 6-10, 2008

Monday, October 6, 2008 -- (Meditation: II Corinthians 1:3-4)

God, we pray for those whose lives have been shattered by hurricanes and tornadoes. Comfort them in their grief, and help them as they start anew. And we pray for the hundreds of thousands of caregivers who continue to hold out hands of hospitality and generosity to help the victims and evacuees recover. Unite us as a nation of caring. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Tuesday, October 7, 2008 -- (Meditation: Luke 18:6-8)

O God, revenge against those who have wronged us would be sweet. But Your Word tells us, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord" and, "Blessed are the peacemakers." God, teach us the difference between justice and revenge. Remove from us the anger that wants to hurt others more than they hurt us. Help us to forgive even the worst of sinners, for we know our own tendencies toward evil. We know how much You have forgiven in our own lives, through Your sacrifice on the Cross. Help us to seek justice for all mankind. Infuse our nation with a love of justice that restores freedom, and a merciful heart that restores love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Wednesday, October 8, 2008 -- (Meditation: Exodus 20:1-4)

God, I pray for those who confuse what they DO with who they ARE . . . for those who tie their self-worth to their work . . . for those who think their work is their life. God, help them to have no other gods before You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Thursday, October 9, 2008 -- (Meditation: I Timothy 6:18-19)

God, everything we have is Yours. We are stewards. Guide us as we consider what to do with the money we have. Help us to judge well which things are necessities, which things are wise, and which things are generous. Guide us as we consider our own needs, the needs of our church, the needs of the poor and those who suffer, the need to spread the gospel, the needs of schools and charities, and the need to save for college and for retirement. Help us to know what portion of our money we should allocate to each of these important needs. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Friday, October 10, 2008 -- (Meditation: I Corinthians 13)

God, though I work hard and am successful, and have not love, its rewards are thin and shallow. Though I have the power to influence others, and have not love, it is hollow and empty. "Though I have faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor, and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing." God, in everything I do, fill me with love . . . forgiving love . . . joyful love . . . serving love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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