Monday, April 5, 2010 -- (Meditation: I Peter 4:9-10) God our hearts still ache for the people of Haiti and Chile who lost loved ones, homes, and all they had in the huge earthquakes. What a frightening and devastating experience! And the time needed for starting afresh, rebuilding, and dealing with the trauma will be long and painful. So many caring people from other countries traveled to help them, and Your love for all people has been shown in many acts of kindness and generosity. God, bind the wounds of the Haitian and Chilean people, give wisdom to their leaders, and restore to them lives rich with meaning and hope. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Tuesday, April 6, 2010 -- (Meditation: Ephesians 2:8-9) God, religious people the world over believe that they must make some kind of contribution to their own salvation. That's why so few have full assurance that they will have eternal life. They are never quite sure that they have done enough, or been good enough to deserve it. But Your Word teaches that salvation is Your GIFT, and we can do NOTHING to earn it, or deserve it, or pay for it. All we have to do is ACCEPT it. All we have to do is BELIEVE it! O God, my God, I accept Your unmerited grace, with joy and gratitude! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Wednesday, April 7, 2010 -- (Meditation: Psalm 143:10) God, time flies. Help me to use all the hours and minutes I have to live for You. I want my "To Do" list to reflect not only the things I must do, but the things YOU would have me do. Make me a good steward of the time you give me today, tomorrow, and for the rest of my life. Through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Thursday, April 8, 2010 -- (Meditation: Luke 9:23-25) Dear God, I am prone to presumption. I presume that my success has come because I work hard. I presume that You will answer my prayers MY way. I presume that I will be healthy. I presume I will always be able to take care of my family. God, forgive my presumptions, and help me to love You and trust in You, and to be aware always that who I am, and what I have, are blessings from You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Friday, April 9, 2010 -- (Meditation: I Corinthians 7:17 and 24) God, how wonderful it would be to get away from responsibility, and not have so many people depend on me. Yet, without that, I wouldn't be happy either, because most of my work is a joy. I think the freedom I really want is not freedom FROM responsibility, but the assurance that You are in charge, and that You are with me. God, forgive my doubt and fear and mistrust. Help me to follow You before I would lead. In Jesus' name. Amen.