Monday, October 4, 2004 -- (Meditation: Isaiah 41:10) God, I pray for those who lost their lives in the ravaging paths of hurricanes . . . for those who waited with dread while deadly winds and rain destroyed their homes and businesses. Hold them close and sustain them as they set about to rebuild and face the future. And God, I am grateful for those who generously and heroically serve hurricane victims . . . for firefighters and police . . . for doctors and nurses . . . for national guards and ministers . . . and for the thousands of volunteers who serve without being asked -- furnishing water and supplies, and comforting those who need it so desperately. God, bless them all, and redeem their suffering. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday, October 5, 2004 -- (Meditation: II Timothy 2:15) God, may we provide all of our associates with work that they can feel is their ministry . . . work that is honorable . . . work that is based on high moral values . . . work that serves others . . . work that reflects Your requirements, "to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Your God." God, grant each of us a calling, not just a job. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Wednesday, October 6, 2004 -- (Meditation: John 1:14) O Christ our Lord, You gave up the high throne of heaven for a lowly manger. You forsook heavenly streets of gold for a hay-strewn stable floor. You were rich beyond measure, but You became poor beyond belief. You Who created man, humbled Yourself and took on the appearance of man. You dwelt among us, were tempted as we are, were crucified to atone for our sins, and rose to defeat death. O Christ, our Lord, hallowed be Thy Name!

Thursday, October 7, 2004 -- (Meditation: Matthew 6:24) God, I know a lot of people who would like to have less pressure in their job. They don't want to be responsible for so many things. They long to be a specialist again. They no longer want to be responsible for what other people do, or for the "bottom line." They long for more time with their family. But changing jobs is not an option for many of them because they bear heavy financial burdens. Others are afraid of failing if they try to start over. God, I pray that they can redefine success in accordance with Your will. And I pray that they will trust in You to be the Boss. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Friday, October 8, 2004 -- (Meditation: I Timothy 6:6-9) God, I pray for those with huge debts from overspending . . . for those who tried too hard to impress too many people . . . for those who carry the weight of an overloaded home . . . for those who must now run faster, or sell more, just to keep up with monthly bills. God forgive them. Help them to ask, "How much is enough?" Free them from the worry and pressure of an overstuffed lifestyle. Show them the right balance, and grant them peace and contentment. In Jesus' name.

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