

Monday, June 16, 2008 -- (Meditation: Matthew 5:3-8) Heavenly Father, I know poor people who are happy, and bed-ridden people who are joyful. My cousin, who was blind and ran a candy shop in a post office, had a radiant, smiling face. She made everyone feel good. Yet I know wealthy people who are unhappy, powerful people who are joyless, and healthy people who complain. God, the world's kingdom is upside down. In Your kingdom: blessed are the meek, blessed are those who mourn, blessed are the merciful, blessed are those who hunger after righteousness. Help me to be aware of Your many blessings, and grant me a grateful and loving heart. Through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Tuesday, June 17, 2008 -- (Meditation: Matthew 6:24) Dear God, some husbands and wives don't talk to each other seriously about money. They don't talk about how much they have. They don't talk about spending priorities. They don't talk about how much they should save. They don't talk about how much they should give away. They don't talk about how much to save for college tuition and retirement. God, they don't seem to trust each other to face reality. Recently I read that 70% of divorces are money related. Forgive them and teach them to trust each other with important matters. Teach them to be good stewards. Through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, June 18, 2008 -- (Meditation: John 15:12) Dear God, I am grateful for my parents, for my teachers, for those who disciplined me, for those who cared for me, for those who put up with me, for those who trusted me, for those who guided me, for those who forgave me, for those who prayed for me, and for those who introduced You to me. Thank You for working in my life through so many loving people. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Thursday, June 19, 2008 -- (Meditation: Psalm 25:4-5) God, I have a pervasive sense of urgency. I am competitive and achievement oriented. I am a "fixer." I am frequently impatient and driven. Stress and anxiety stalk my days. God, I pray that You will help me to relax my rigidity, and help me to be still and quiet. Help me to understand what I am doing. Help me to slow down, and to be more patient. Help me to put my trust in You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Friday, June 20, 2008 -- (Meditation: Psalm 34:11-14) God, bless our children and grandchildren. They are our pride and joy! But they face so many temptations -- hedonism, pre-marital sex, illegal drugs, pornography, alcohol abuse. I worry about them because peer pressure is so great. God, keep them from temptations, but if they fall, help us to forgive them and support them as they learn responsibility. And with every mistake may they learn to put their hand in Yours, and to follow You. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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