

PRAYERS AT WORK

Nov 19-23, 2007

Monday, November 19, 2007 -- (Meditation: Psalm 143:10) God, I have several roles, but I often overlay one to the exclusion of the others. I am a husband, father, breadwinner, son, citizen, and servant. Help me to spend quality time in each and every role, and to keep them properly balanced. Help me to review them often, for they change over time.

God, use ALL of my life to fulfill Your mission for me. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Tuesday, November 20, 2007 -- (Meditation: Romans 8:28) God, when my eyes are on You, every moment is filled with Your grace. Whether the moment brings ease or difficulty . . . whether the moment brings bliss or pain . . . whether the moment brings change or sameness

. . . whether the moment brings fulfillment or longing. Whatever the moment brings, whether life or death, I know You are in control. Whatever the moment brings, I know that You use it for good to those who love You, to those who are called according to Your purpose. I praise You, the God of every moment, and of all time! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Wednesday, November 21, 2007 -- (Meditation: Psalm 28:6-7) God, prayer is usually my first reaction when crisis strikes. Desperation doesn't quibble. When I reach the breaking point, when my life is like shattering glass, I turn instinctively to You. When my strength fails, I reach out to You. How grateful I am that when I'm desperate, my first reaction is to reach out to You and cry, "O GOD! I NEED YOU!" Thank You for giving me this instinct, but help me not to wait for a crisis before I come home to You. Through Jesus Christ, my Lord.

Amen.

Thursday, November 22, 2007 -- (Meditation: Psalm 95:1-3) God, on this Thanksgiving Day, we join our hearts in praise and gratitude to You. We are grateful for family and friends, for times together, and for happy memories. We give You thanks for our lives, for our life together, and for eternal life. God, no matter how we come to You -- whether staggering from the battles of life, or stooped in weariness, or sinking to our knees in repentance -- we come to praise Your name, to ask for Your forgiveness, and to pray for Your strength. God, amid our cornucopia of blessings this Thanksgiving, we pray for those who are hungry, for those who are in pain, for those who are oppressed, and for those who serve abroad in our armed services. God, may our thanksgiving not stop with words, but show in our actions. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Friday, November 23, 2007 -- (Meditation: Colossians 3:17) God, the parable of the good Samaritan nags at my heart. It makes me feel guilty. But I don't believe the purpose of the parable is to use guilt to motivate compassion. So what could it be? Is it about what's in my heart?

Did the Samaritan identify with the man in the ditch because he, too, felt the wounds of being a nobody? If it is, God, use my own wounds and hurts to soften my heart, and to identify with those in other

ditches. Teach me that caring for others doesn't deplete my soul -- it replenishes my soul.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Read through the prayer for the day.

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Pray your prayer to God.

Sit in quiet meditation and wait for God's leading.

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