Monday, September 14, 2009 -- (Meditation: I Corinthians 3:10-11) God, I wasn't on the Pilgrims' ship at Plymouth. I didn't light a lantern to warn neighbors, "the Redcoats are coming." I didn't declare independence or sign the Constitution. I didn't deliver wise words at Gettysburg. I didn't fight at Verdun. I didn't storm the beaches of Normandy or plant our flag on Iwo Jima. I didn't fight totalitarian regimes. I wasn't thrown into a Birmingham jail to defend the civil rights of all our citizens. God, I stand on the shoulders of those who DID act courageously. May I never take for granted my debt to those who built and protected the strong foundation on which I stand to give You thanks today.
Amen.

Tuesday, September 15, 2009 -- (Meditation: Psalm 27:1) God, I put off getting started. I do all the little things first, to keep from turning to the big task. I clean up. I reshuffle. I postpone.
Is it because I'm afraid of failing? God, forgive my fears. Forgive my procrastination.
Guide me in my work and help me to put my trust in You, and then, simply to do my best.
Amen.

Wednesday, September 16, 2009 -- (Meditation: Philippians 4:6-7) God, I know that prayer is about my relationship with You. But my prayers are often talking TO You rather than listening for Your still small voice.
So much of my praying is asking, complaining, and telling. Forgive me, O God, and help my prayers to be praising, listening, and responding.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Thursday, September 17, 2009 -- (Meditation: Proverbs 3:5-6) God, sometimes I think that yielding to Your will is easy, like saying a passive prayer. But dying to self, and yielding to You, opens Pandora's box to show me all my attachments. I see my own ego, and my anger that life is not the way I want it to be. I see that what matters most to me is how I feel, and what I want. God, give me strength to yield my life to You, one day at a time. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Friday, September 18, 2009 -- (Meditation: Romans 8:38-39) God, my prayer is an old hymn that expresses my faith: "My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed. I trust the ever-living One, His wounds for me shall plead. / Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt. A sinful soul I come to Him, He'll never cast me out. / My Great Physician heals the sick, the lost He came to save. For me His precious blood He shed, for me His life He gave. / I need no other argument, I need no other plea. It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me." Amen.

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