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Monday, October 27, 2008 -- (Meditation: Mark 10:13-16)

God, my children are in school now. They have as much competition and as many pressures as I do. Help them handle the tensions and problems they face. Help me to take time to talk with them about what is important to them, and to listen to them carefully. May our time together bring us closer together. And draw us all closer to You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Tuesday, October 28, 2008 -- (Meditation: James 1:2-4)

God, I pray for those who are moving, leaving behind the home and friends they love. They packed each box slowly, with lingering memories. They were sad as they took their last look at each room. Their home would become merely a house again, to be occupied by strangers who won't know about the joys and sorrows, the laughter and tears that have filled this house. Keep alive the memories of the home they are leaving, their times together there, and their love. God, as they move to their new house, make it a home again. Help them to make new friends. God, hold them close. In Jesus' name.

Wednesday, October 29, 2008 -- (Meditation: Isaiah 54:10)

O God, our world has reached a new low -- premeditated acts of violence that kill innocent people. For the first time, I understand why David called down Your wrath upon evil-doers: "Arise, O Lord! Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked." (Ps 3:7) "Strike them with terror, O Lord!" (Ps 9:21) I also understand much better the Psalms of lamentation. God, amid my anxious fretting, help me to be still and know that You are God, and that I am not. You've got the whole world in Your hands, so even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me. (Ps 23:4) Amen.

Thursday, October 30, 2008 -- (Meditation: Romans 8:5)

God, we talk longingly about "the simple life," but we consistently choose the complex life. We dream about "the simple life," but we choose the hyper-active life that deprives us of peace, family time, contentment, and a deep spiritual life. God, forgive us, and slow us down. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Friday, October 31, 2008 -- (Meditation: Ecclesiastes 3:11)

God, thank You for the beauty of Your creation . . . for birds scratching in the bird feeder . . . for the quiet cool of autumn evenings . . . for ripples on the lake that reflect the setting sun . . . for scudding clouds and red sunsets . . . for the night sounds of cicadas and crickets. Creator God, how great Thou art!

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