

Prayers at Work, February 18-22, 2008

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Monday, February 18, 2008 -- (Meditation: Matthew 6:33)

God, on this President's Day, we pray for our President, that he will be guided by You to make wise and sound decisions, that he will have courage, and that he will be strong in his faith. "Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light. Protect us by Thy might. Great God, our King." (from My Country, Tis of Thee).

Tuesday, February 19, 2008 -- (Meditation: Philippians 2:1-2)

God, in the tense hospital Waiting Room, her gnarled hands hold a handkerchief. Her wrinkled face is peaceful in acceptance. But when her friends appear at the door, she stands and hugs them, and tears stream from her eyes. Their presence says to her, "We care." God, may she feel Your presence, and know that You care for her, too. She is courageous, ready to accept the worst news, but hoping for the best. Bless her, redeem her pain, and hold her close. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Wednesday, February 20, 2008 -- (Meditation: I Thessalonians 5:12-13)

Almighty and ever merciful God, thank You for my job, and for the rewards of hard work. Thank You for the joy of knowing that my work benefits others. Thank You for a new chance when I have made a mistake. God, I have it so good, but I know there are many who don't. Be with those who have no work to do, and with those who have no fulfillment in their work. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Thursday, February 21, 2008 -- (Meditation: II Corinthians 4:18)

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of seeing the world through the eyes of faith! Your kingdom has become as much a reality to me as the kingdom of this world. Both are real. Both are near. When I am aware of Your kingdom, the world's temptations lose some of their allure. Hurtful attachments lose some of their grip. My sins lose some of their attraction. My suffering loses some of its anguish. And death loses its sting. O God, how great Thou art! Amen.

Friday, February 22, 2008 -- (Meditation: Romans 8:16-17)

God, it is more blessed to give than to receive, but sometimes it's harder for me to receive. Help me to accept the most important gifts in life -- Your love, and Your forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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