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DEDICATED TO ENRICHING YOUR

MIND SPIRITUALLY THROUGH GOD'S

INSPIRED WORDS OF THE BIBLE

Revelation 3;19-20 I continually discipline and punish everyone I love; so I must punish you, unless you turn from your indifference and become enthusiastic about the things of God. "Look I have been standing at the door and I am constantly knocking. If anyone hears me calling him and opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him and he with me.

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The Power Of Prayer

Going back to the days of my early days of catholic education, one word that continually rings through my memory is the word prayer. I would hear it time and time again and think to myself that it was just only another word. Back in those early days there were so many other words that were so more appealing, besides prayer was only for priest where I came from. I had no clue that prayer was a way of getting in touch with our Creator. The word prayer means an earnest request, an addressing of a divinity, or words used in praying according to the dictionary. But anybody who knows the real spiritual meaning of prayer knows that it's a lot more to it than that. I'll say it to the world if I had to, that prayer is a very special gift from our heavenly Father up above. All communications to our Supreme Creator can only be communicated through the blessing of prayer. Prayer is reassuring in times of trouble and need, in time of heartache and suffering, in times of loneliness and emptiness, in times of mental frustrations etc. , the list goes on and on. All your greatest prophets, apostles, and disciples throughout the bible, relied on prayer! The main reason they relied on prayer, was the fact that they all had to come to a place of uncertainty and confusion about themselves, before knowing the power within from prayer. You see when everything we are doing is fine and working well, there seems to be no need for prayer. To most people prayer is only a last resort. That is only because those same people have never experienced a personal relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Once you understand that our God actually longs for our prayers in everything we do and say, then we can start to enjoy the benefits. He really doesn't like it when we try to do it on our own. Just think about it for a moment, how would you feel if you created the universe and every living thing in it, and there was no more need for you any longer. To me I would feel rejected and disrespected. I can't even imagine how God must feel. So my friends in Christ try and always remember that prayer is one of the

most important tools that you will have to help you handle all the obstacles on this rough journey called life. In anything you do no matter how large or small it may seem, bring you request always to the Lord.

Prayer was important in the life of Jesus. Three of the Gospel writers speak of Jesus withdrawing to pray in private Matthew 14:23; Mark 1:35; 6:46 and Luke 6 :12. If Christ himself needed to spend time alone with his Father, how much more do we!

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father thank you from the bottom of my heart for your special gift of prayer. Thank you for making me understand the importance of daily prayer. Help me always Father to come to you in prayer for everything. Help me Father to never become complacent. Help me Father to never become arrogant and self righteous. Also help me Father not to become selfish and unkind to my neighbor.... Amen

MODEL PRAYERS FROM THE BIBLE

Of Intercession	Gen. 18:16-33 Ex.32:11-20
Of Confession	Ps 32 Ps 51 Ezra 9:9-15
Of Dedication	2 Chr. 6:14-42
Of Complaint	Num. 14:11-19
For Blessing	Ps. 90
For Healing	Isa. 38: 3,9-20
In National Crisis	2 Ki. 19:14-19
Of Thanksgiving	1 Sam.1:1-10 Ps.16
Of Trust	Ps. 23
In Despair	Ps. 73
Of Dependence	2 Chr. 20: 6-12
Of Recommitment	Jon. 2:2-9
For Deliverance	Isa. 37 :14-20
For Restoration	Dan. 9:4-19
Of Praise	Lk 1;46-55
Lord's Prayer	Mt. 6;5-13 Lk. 11:2-4
For Unity	Jn. 17
Of Petition	Acts 4:23-30
For Believers	Eph. 1:16-23 Eph.3:14-21

JULY EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

ONLY ONE WAY

Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17

A driver stopped to ask the way to a certain street. When told, he asked doubtfully, “ Is that the best way”. The man replied , “ That is the only way.” There is only one way of salvation---and that is Christ. Jesus said, “No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). Peter declared, “there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)

Is this arrogance or intolerance ? No---and Christians must never be guilty of those attitudes. We are saved solely by God’s grace; we do not deserve it. But Christ was God’s appointed means of salvation. Only Christ died for our sins; only Christ rose from the dead. God’s offer of forgiveness and new life still stands. If you have never done so, turn to Christ today. And if you do know Him, pray today for someone you know who does not yet believe, and ask God to help you tell that person of His salvation.Billy Graham

SPIRITUAL CLICHÉ’ FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Proverbs 28:27 If you give to the poor, your needs will be supplied!
But a curse upon those who close their eyes to poverty.

SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

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