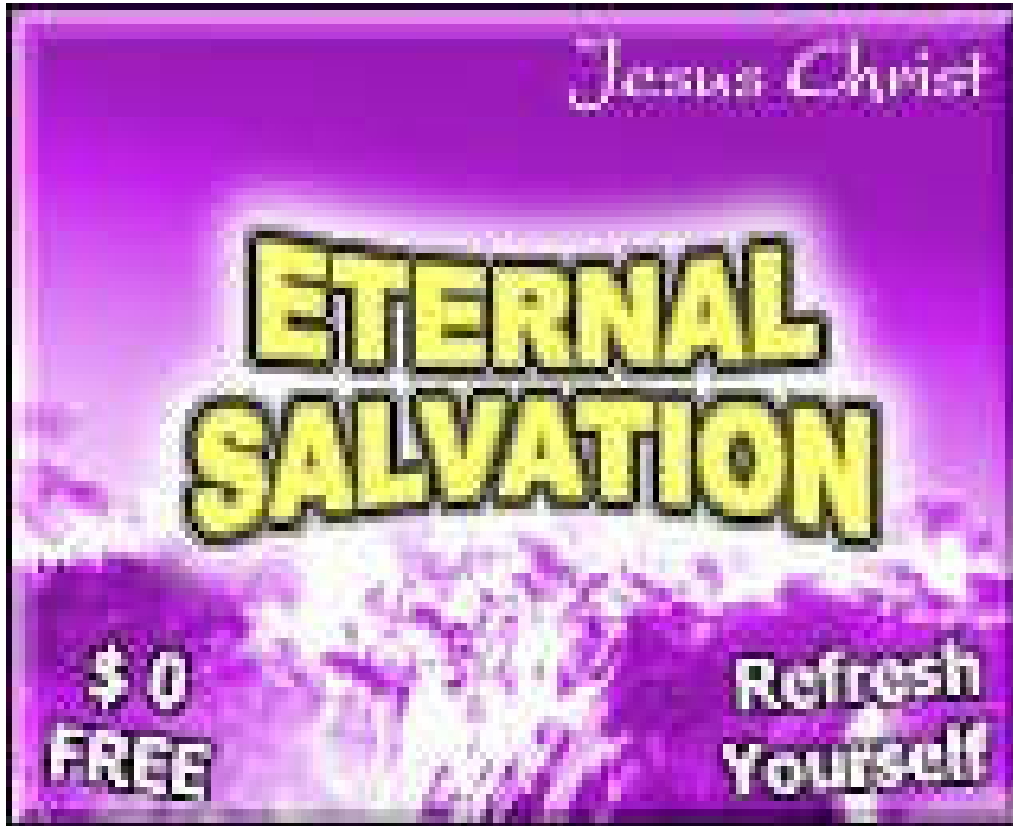


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Hebrews 5:7-9 During the days of Jesus life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the One who could save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverent submission. Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from what He suffered and once made perfect, He became the source of Eternal Salvation for all who obey Him.

REVERENT PRAYER

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Dear Heavenly Father up above, we thank You, we praise You, and we bless You, for another spiritually inspired message this month. May we all continue to grow together in Your infinite words of wisdom. May Your Divine hand, touch all the hearts of this world, to start each and every day with reverent prayers to You Father. I ask this in the name of Your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ..... Amen.

This month, I am going to try and help you to understand through God's sacred scriptures, the importance of daily reverent prayers to the Lord. Before the Lord taught me about the importance of reverent prayer, I use to wake up every morning with all kinds of anxiety, fears, guilt, and confusion. I did not know which end was up at times. I even sometimes got depressed. It use to feel like I was in some kind of fog at times. It seemed like I could not shake it off, or make any sense of it at that time. At first, I thought it was only me who felt this way. But after talking to different people here and there, I started to realize that it wasn't just me. As time went by, I started to get use to the way I was feeling day after day. These daily feelings inside of me, used to keep me off balance all the time. I never could really find any real sense of meaning in my life, before Jesus. After years of struggling with this problem, suddenly my life took a turn in another direction. That new direction was, the healing power of Jesus Christ. One of the main things that Jesus taught me through many years of trials and tribulations, was the importance of daily reverent prayer. He taught me to always bring my daily sins and petitions to His Father, in His name.

The Lord says in Acts 13:38 **“Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.”**

One of my favorite scriptures that is always implanted in my brain when it comes to opening the door to prayer is in Matthew 7:7-8 The Lord says: **Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.**

How great are those words the Lord gives all of us, to draw upon. There are numerous scriptures in the Bible, where the Lord gives all of us, an open invitation to come to Him boldly with all our daily sins, and petitions. One of the main reasons why I use to wake up all mixed up and depressed, was the fact that I was wallowing in all my sins. Sin and the devil, kept me off balance for most of my life. I had no place to go and find any relief from this pain. I even went for some counseling for a while, but it seemed like

with secular counseling, I was only putting a bandage on my problems. The counseling that started to make the real difference in my life, did not come from any secular sense, but from a higher spiritual sense.

This higher spiritual sense that I am talking about, can only be found in Christ Jesus . Until you are really ready to see for yourself the real difference the Lord can make, sin will always have it's way in your life forever.

We all struggle daily with sin and guilt. The difference the Lord taught me through the Holy Spirit, was the fact that we are all prone to sin in this world. In fact we were all born into sin through are original parents, Adam and Eve. I find the best way to get my day off to a good start every morning, is to go to a quiet place, and give thanks and praise to the Lord.

Not only do I give Him thanks and praise, but I also ask Him to help me work on my daily sins. We all have an advocate in the Lord to help us deal with our sins. Try and always remember, according to the Holy Bible, we are all dead in our sins. But thanks to our savior Christ Jesus, all who are in Him are free from the eternal death from sin.

Eternal death from sin, is the only death that really counts. That death has to do with our **Eternal Salvation** , not the here and now. Don't let sin, rob you of your glory in Heaven with the Lord. So try and always remember, that there is only one place to go with our sins, and that place, is in Jesus Christ. The Lord says in Acts 10:43 “ **All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.**” How refreshing is that scripture to all of us sinners. Try and understand, that if we are in Christ, it does not give us the right to sin. On the other hand, if we do sin, we can find forgiveness in the Lord.

In 1 John 2:1-2 the Lord says: **But if anybody does sin, we have One who speaks to the Father in our defense-Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also the sins of the whole world.**

To summarize this months spiritual message, I believe that in order to keep a good spiritual foundation, we all need to build our lives upon the rock, and that rock is Christ Jesus. What seems so dismal and confusing at this time, can become clear and exciting, with daily **Reverent Prayer** to the Lord Jesus Christ. So my brothers and sisters, lets all give thanks and praise to the Lord always, hallelujahAmen.

Let us pray: Father please forgive us when we sin against Your will. Help us all find forgiveness through Your Son Jesus Christ. Help us to stay real close to Your Word. Help us all to grow in the knowledge and wisdom that is in You alone Lord, and not this world. I ask this always in the name of the one and only Savior of this dark world, Your Son, Jesus Christ....Amen.

FEBRUARYS EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

ALWAYS WITH US *By Billy Graham*

Psalms 84:11 **No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

Many times we make the mistake of thinking that Christ's help is needed only for sickrooms or in times of overwhelming sorrow and suffering. This is not true. Certainly, God is with us in times of distress, and that is a comforting truth. But listen: Jesus wants to be part of **every** experience and **every** moment of our lives.

He went to the wedding at Cana as well as to the home of Mary and Martha when Lazarus died. He wept with those who wept and rejoiced with those who rejoiced. Someone has said, "There are just as many stars in the sky at noon as at midnight, although we can not see them in the sun's glare."

I seriously doubt if we will ever understand our trials and adversities until we are safely in heaven. Then when we look back we are going to be absolutely amazed at how God took care of us and blessed us even in the storms of life. But God is with us in the good times also, and we should thank Him for them and commit them to Him just as surely as we do in the hard times.

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SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK AND THE LOST

**Paul Burton Joe Hinley John Aquilino Janet Neil Michael Morales
Vince Philipelli George Deustch**

Also a special prayer in general for all the sick, the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the afflicted, the persecuted, the broken hearted, and the lost souls etc. Also a special prayer for our government and all the governments of this world, to learn with God's help how to live in peace with one another.

I ask these special prayers to you Father, in Jesus nameAmen.

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