

# RELIGION

## A Prayer For A Day

BY MATTIE ANN CALLIER-SPEARS

One day, I heard an old preacher-man say these words with much exuberance. "You gotta pray!" he admonished his congregation. "When you in trouble", he continued, "...pray! And--the Lawd will surely hear you. Yes, He will!" Everything that he said was correct; however, some people misuse their privilege.

Prayer is a privilege that everyone has not attained. "What are you talking about?"--as Arnold would say. Everyone who has not accepted Christ, as their personal Savior, cannot call on the Lord or address Him as their Father. They have not accepted new birth; they have not accepted the act of accountability nor have they asked forgiveness for their sins; nor--have they relinquished their worldly ties--nor do they intend to do so.

I, personally, have overheard someone praying to the Lord, in a time of trouble, and making some empty promises as if God is stupid and didn't know that they never intended to keep those promises. It is high time for people to stop taking God for granted. Time is so short! And--we're running out of it very fast. Stop fooling around with the Holy Spirit!

Mankind has truly over extended himself--as far as God is concerned; yet, God continues to bless us. God has shown his mercy over and over again. Mankind continues to falter.

It seems that some Christians think being a child of God gives them a license to mess up whenever the whim strikes. You will usually hear them sporting this statement, "Oh, God loves me and I know that he won't punish me. Anyway, I've done this before and nothing happened."

Storms, earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, illness, death and accidents seem to have increased in overwhelming proportions--and, people are still making promises to God and they are not keeping them. As soon as the feat of impending danger has passed, the promises are quickly forgotten. Don't they know by now that God does not play?

It would seem that the history in the Holy Bible would serve as lasting warnings; but, I guess time has not had very full classes or many were asleep during the main lectures. Maybe that's it. There has to be a rational answer for such blatant stupidity.

Are you one of those people who sees trouble coming and immediately you begin praying and promising, then, as soon as the trouble passes--it's back to "Life as usual?" If you are, you need to change now before it is too late. Ask God's forgiveness for the lies you have told and pray that God gives you a clean heart so that you can truly follow him in truth and in love.

"The prayers of a righteous man availeth much." [James 5:16 KJV]

When a person has accepted Christ as their personal Savior they accept all the benefits as well as the punishments. Benefits for doing the will of the Father, and, punishments for grieving the Holy Spirit and doing things repeatedly that are known to be wrong in the sight of the Lord.

So--why should you be so amazed when something tumultuous occurs in your life or to another Christian--knowing well what you have wrought?

God is just and God is merciful, and also, God is full of love and kind-

ness. But--God will knock the mess out of anyone who crosses him. Is that plain enough?

Didn't you ever get a spanking from your mother or father (or both) when you did wrong? Well--isn't God our heavenly Father? Just as our earthly parents scold and correct us when we misbehave--so does our heavenly Father have the right to scold and correct us. However, personally, I would rather be disciplined by my earthly parents than by my Heavenly parent.

AT&T advertises that their services brings families closer together. Prayer brings Christians closer to God. Prayer is having a conversation with God: having an audience with him. When you kneel or lift your eyes or just whisper in your heart, God will hear you. But--God will not acknowledge foolishness. God knows your heart before you begin to pray. [Psalms 139, Jeremiah 17:9-10, Matthew 15:16-20, Luke 16:15, Hebrew 4:12 KJV]. Prayer is not for just one day; but, it is for every hour of every day.

I admonish you to Pray, so you can make it through another day, Pray when your skies are gray, Pray when all hope seems to be gone, Pray when you're left alone, Pray when the sun is shining bright, Pray when nothing seems to be going right, Pray with love and truth in your heart, Pray when your world is falling apart, Instead of grumbling and weeping, Lift up your faith and pray without ceasing. --MAC Spears 1993.

### In Loving Memory Devante Baker (Tatertot)



December 24, 1992 to May 16, 1993  
God's Little Angel  
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### New Beginnings Host Spiritual Warfare Conference

A Spiritual Warfare Conference entitled "Called To Conqueror" will be hosted by the New Beginnings Christian Center, located at 7600 NE Glisan. The conference will be presented May 20th through 23rd. The host pastor is senior pastor Larry Hutch and his wife Tiz. There are services schedule at 7pm each evening May 20th through 22nd. Sunday services on May 23 are scheduled for 10am and 6pm. Guest speakers are Mike Purkey, Mario Murillo, Jeff Fenholt and Dr. Lawrence Kennedy.

## REFLECTIONS

Scripture: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men..." Galatians 6:9 and 10b.

### Hurry, Hurry, There's Not Enough Time, We're Too Busy!

Sometimes we find ourselves with too much to do and not enough time to do it all. For days we race around from one task to another, and not really finish or accomplish any one task, or if we do we have to do it over because in our haste we missed something or didn't quite do it right. In some cases, we simply forget to do it at all. We are so busy that we ignore everything and everybody around us. Family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, sick and shut-ins, the elderly, etc.

The other day I was sitting in the doctors office and as usual, I picked up a magazine to keep from being bored. One of the magazines had conducted a survey or study as you would call it. This study had taken place at one of the "name brand" universities. There were fifteen students divided into groups of three. Each group was told they had to go to a building across campus to take a test, and if they were late their grade would be lowered.

The first group was told to report to the building immediately. They were identified as the "high hurry" group. The second group was told to arrive at the building within fifteen minutes. They were the "moderate hurry" group. The third group, known as the "no hurry" group, were simply told to report to the building any time that afternoon. (The students were not aware that they had

been placed in categorized grouping.)

There were 'spies' or 'plants' along the route to the specified building that pretended to be: sick, in need of something, or just plain crying. There were even those who had car trouble or a flat tire, or other needs that required help.

According to the study, not one of the students in the "high hurry" or the "moderate hurry" groups stopped to offer help, but everyone of the "no hurry" group did. The study concluded that when our hurry increases, our caring decreases. We ignore needs to which we would ordinarily respond.

As I left the doctor's office, I mulled over what I had read. I found my self wondering how many of us are in the "high hurry group." Then I thought: maybe because of our times and environments we tend not to assist anyone in need like we used to do. But then I thought that is not valid! Even if, we are afraid, we could at least notify the proper authorities, or whom ever could aid in the situation, whatever that might be.

How many times have we turned our heads the other way, or went around the block to avoid the assistance someone might desperately need. Lord don't let us get in such a hurry that we overlook what is really important--the caring of others around us!

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Denise Bell

## Mt. Sinai Hosts Senior Wellness Seminar

The Mt. Sinai Baptist Church hosts the Senior Wellness Seminar, Saturday, May 22, 1993 from 9am to 1pm, 602 NE Prescott. There will be a free Continental breakfast and free lunch. For more information, please call Mrs. Elizabeth Warren 288-1381.

## Richard Marlon Clark

The funeral for Richard Marlon Clark will be held at 2pm today Wednesday, at the First A.M.E. Zion Church, 4304 N. Vancouver Ave. (Corner of N. Skidmore).

Mr. Clark was born February 12, 1973, in Portland, Oregon and passed on May 14, 1993.

Clark attended Woodlawn Elementary, Fernwood Middle School, and Wilson High School.

He is survived his companion Conswayla Gunn; two children, Latrice M. and Richard M. Clark Jr.; his mother, Bonnie K. Clark; father, Harold Clark; brothers, Christopher and Maryon Clark, and N. Kenyatta Mays.

The family suggests that memorials in his name be contribution to First A.M.E. Zion Church, 4304 N. Vancouver Ave., Portland, Oregon.

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"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whomsoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Rev. Robert Weaver, Associate Minister  
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### COME! SEE! HEAR!

- Witness the manifestation of the Power of God
  - Feel the thrill of the touch of the unseen.
  - Receive healings for your spirit, soul and body.
- Bring the sick, the shut-in, the careless and unconcerned.  
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