

With great enthusiasm I greet you in the MIGHTY NAME of JESUS CHRIST, our blessed LORD who gives us PEACE, JOY & HOPE. I pray that HIS LOVE & GRACE touches you in a NEW way. GOD LOVES those dearly who seek HIS face DAILY & HIS LOVE is EVERLASTING (Jer. 31:3). In these dark days, bathe yourself in HIS LOVE, knowing that HE is ALWAYS with us (Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5; Deu. 31:6).

June was an extra special month for me. Ministry, of course, my birthday (every year I'm like Jack Benny, 39), Father's Day & a wonderful 5 days with my daughter Lea, grandchild Elijah & son-in-law Doug. They sent me a plane ticket for my birthday gift & I flew to Oregon after ministering at 12 services in 9 days. Every moment with them was a blessing. Elijah, who will be 7 in September & I had a lot of bonding fun together. My beloved brother, Robert sent me a beautiful card & inspiring words along with a generous gift (also his quarterly gift of \$300 to Heavenly Manna). My other daughter Nikol spent the day with me & it was a blessed time. GOD is love & my family is love.

There were over 350 this month whose names are written in the Book of Life, praying JESUS into their hearts during 19 services plus 8 hours of counseling at the L.A. Co. Jail. The services there have been averaging 90 to 110 inmates & I preach an hour & fifteen minute sermon. ALL receive the Arsenal Prayer & most are praying it DAILY, dressing for each day's battle in the belly of the beast. The Long Beach Rescue Mission, L.A. Mission & Union Rescue Mission Services all were well attended & attentive. Many came to me for prayer & Bibles. I've been giving Bibles out of my car trunk for 27 years & Gallo, a brother in CHRIST from Bellaire Pres. Church donated 5 boxes of glasses. When I give out Bibles, some will say, "Well, my eyes are bad & I can't read." I give them glasses (for the past 7 years) & say, "No excuse now bro., READ THE WORD!"

Chino Women's Prison, as always, was packed with a nice harvest. Some of them have the Arsenal Prayer memorized. My home Bible Study (27 years) averages 10 to 12 with 4 completed Jews for Jesus. It is an intense 2 hour study every other Monday. All are welcome! I was a guest speaker at Sister Luz's International Philippino Church & was again blessed to speak at the Full Gospel Fellowship Breakfast on my birthday. I thought it would be a good time to minister & I ministered at the Long Beach Rescue Mission on Father's Day. My gift to FATHER GOD was to preach HIS Word & win souls.

To you who faithfully pray for me, I am extremely grateful. This brought to mind my favorite disciple next to JESUS, Paul, whose prayers were hard to beat. I came across one of his magnificent petitions recently in the 1st chapter of his letter to the Thessalonians' Church. Paul composed the letter to dispel unfounded fears (II Tim. 1:7) they had developed about "the day of the LORD." Paul's prayer in the opening chapter was & still is a hearty encouragement for PURPOSEFUL MEANINGFUL CHRISTIAN LIVING. "To this end also we pray for you always, that our GOD will count you worthy of your calling & fulfill every desire for goodness & the work of faith with power." (2 Thes. 1:11). I believe there is great power when we invoke the prayers of Scripture. Obviously, Paul's petition was specifically for the believers in Thessalonica, but since it is incorporated into the Spirit-inspired body of Scripture, the thrust of the request is applicable to the body of CHRIST today.

When Paul prays that "GOD will count you worthy of your calling," he talks of the Christians calling as a "saint" & as a "son." (Romans 1:7; Eph. 1:5; Gal. 3:26). The definition for saint is "holy one." Please see Heb. 10:10 & Rom. 15:16. We are "set aside" for JESUS (Sanctification) & are ALL called to SERVE (Matt. 20:28 & Mark 10:45). NOBODY is turned away from JESUS CHRIST & Salvation (II Peter 3:9; I Tim., 2:4). As you read this, WHAT IS YOUR CALLING? Ps. 32:8 is a perfect one to direct you. The LORD, who gives us the HOLY SPIRIT to help us grow in holiness, desires for us to conduct ALL of our affairs in a godly manner. Stay humble, be honest & do NOT gloat or boast. Always look to PLEASE GOD. Cultivate patience & keep your temper in check (Ps. 141:3). Pray for those who mistreat or wrong you (Luke 6:28; Matt. 5:44; Rom. 12:14). Sin is a dead end street & hazardous. AVOID

IT! We are also called a ìsonî of the heavenly FATHER. At salvation we were adopted into GODÍS household (Rom. 8:15). We have forgiveness & intimacy with GOD, so DONÍT LET GUILT & SHAME keep you from the FATHERÍS Love. (Isa. 43:25; Ps. 103:12; Jer. 31:34b; Isa. 44:22; Micah 7:19).

Paul also prays for you that GOD will ìfulfill every desire for goodness & the work of faith with power.î Any dreams or goals that now seem remote & unattainable? Check your motivation; give them to GOD & TRUST HIM to fulfill them in HIS OWN SUPERNATURAL WAY. Please see Ps. 138:8; Ps. 20:4 & Eph. 3:20. Donít give up! (Luke 18:1). GOD NEVER GIVES UP ON YOU. The LORD has the power to make incredible things happen (Luke 1:37; Jer. 32:17, 27). Our will MUST conform to HIS & then WATCH (Ps. 62:5).

To you who sent love offerings, I thank you & praise HIM. LORD BLESS YOU.

In His Majestyís Service,

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