



Food For The Journey

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We pray
Thee to
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our
home
today.

Prayers of ECC

Dear ECC Friends, Our focus throughout Lent was Prayer, This publication of "Food For The Journey" includes the prayers that members and friends shared either on Sunday morning,

A MORNING PRAYER

Submitted by: Jeannette May

Father in Heaven, we turn unto Thee
in the morning of this new day,
in loving gratitude for thy care over us
through the past night.

We thank Thee for home and food and clothing,
for service to which Thou hast called us,
and for a measure of health and strength to serve Thee,
for friends to love and serve

And above all, for the revelation of Thyself
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We pray Thee to bless our home today;
guard each of us in the hour of temptation;
keep our feet from the paths of sin;
keep us from using selfishly any of the blessings
that Thou hast bestowed upon us.

Fill our lives with the joy, peace and satisfaction
That comes from living in obedience to Thee.

Grant to every one we love Thy richest
and fullest blessings for this day.

We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen



Thank You.

Submitted by: Chris Lambrecht

Prayer of Jabez Submitted by: Gary Severson

In I Chronicles 4: 10 we read: **And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, “Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain.” So God granted him what he requested.**

I first became aware of I Chronicles 4:10 in the dark days of 2001 following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. I became aware because of the unrelenting attacks by the left, and reported by the media, on President George W. Bush for giving copies of Dr. Bruce Wilkinson’s book entitled *The Prayer of Jabez*, (Multnomah Publishing Company, 2000), to all of his cabinet members and other key administration officials. The legion of media reported that President Bush gave his cabinet members the book as an indoctrination to his presidency so that they would selfishly pray for more power and control for the Bush administration.

I had learned to be highly skeptical of the reporting of the media and I thought that if a little book written by a Christian could stir up such vehemence and vitriol, I had to read it for myself. I purchased the book, read it - and it changed my life! By the way, I had occasion to visit with Dr. Elaine Chao, Secretary of Labor from 2001 to 2009 in her office in Washington, DC and the little book *The Prayer of Jabez* was in prominent view on her coffee table. After reading the book, it became obvious than the critical media had not read it, because if they had they would have discovered that its message was 180 degrees opposite of what they were reporting.

I have prayed the Prayer of Jabez almost every morning for the past thirteen years and it has now become the Prayer of Gary Severson and the way I begin my day. Here is how I pray, using *The Prayer of Jabez* as an outline:

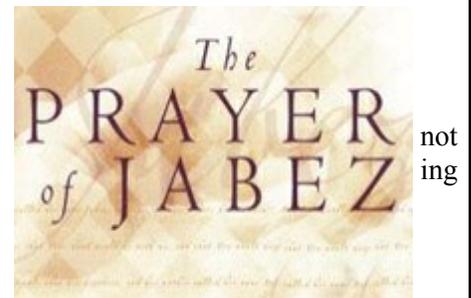
“Oh, that You would bless me indeed!

Gracious and loving Father, bless me today with more of You. Give me eyes to see You in the beauty of Your Creation, in the faces of others that I meet and in the circumstances in which I find myself today. Give me ears to hear Your voice in the reading of Your Word and in the whispering of the Holy Spirit in all of my activities today. Give me wisdom and sensitivity to feel the love of Your presence at all times in all things. Bless me with more of You.

I ask that You would expand my territory Lord. You have given me a place and a purpose on this earth and I ask that you would make me mindful of those around me. Today, please bring new people across my path or old acquaintances in a new way, so that I may share Your love that flows through me with them. Please guide and direct my thoughts, words, and actions regarding others so that they may catch a glimpse of You through me, bringing honor and glory to You.

I ask that Your hand be with me. Thank you for my life, both physical and spiritual and I ask that they may be used for your purpose today. You are the Potter and I am the clay; mold me into what You would have me be and use me according to Your will today and for the rest of my life on this earth. Please keep reminding me through Your Holy Spirit that when I am weak, You are strong and that nothing is impossible with You.

I pray that You will keep me from evil. Lord, I know that I was born a sinner, but through Your son Jesus and his sacrificial grace, you paid the ultimate price to bring me home to You; please don’t ever let me take that for granted. Lord, I ask this morning that you would keep me from the evil that lurks within my heart. Allow me to respond to others and all things with You, me. And I also ask that You would keep me from the evil of this world, keep me safe within Your loving embrace for You are my refuge and my fortress – You are my God in whom I trust. Amen



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Haitian Prayer

Submitted by: Michael Yarbrough

Senye, Tout la vi mwen, mwen te tankou yon raje;
men lot jou ou te rache m e ou te plante m nan jaden w
nan. Mwen vin tounen yon fle. Mwen jenn e mwen vle
grandi e kiltive pou m sa vin pi bel toujou.

Lord,

*All my life, I have been just a week; but the other
day you pulled me up and planted me in your gar-
den. I became a flower.*

*I am young and I want to grow and be cultivated so
I can become more beautiful. AMEN.*

*I am
young
and want
to grow...*

O Lord,

*May I be wakeful at sun-
rise to begin a new day for
you;*

*Cheerful at sunset for hav-
ing done my work for you:
Thankful at moonrise and
under star shine for the
beauty of your universe.*

*And may I add what little I
have in me to add to your
great world.*

Submitted by: Sherry Boyd



The Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Jesus

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be
done, on earth as it is in heav-
en.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our debts, As we
forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into tempta-
tion, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory, forever.
AMEN



*Thanks
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You are invited to use this "Food for the Evergreen Journey" for such reading. Leave the publication somewhere you can have easy access to it. God might move you to receive its blessings at different times during the day, week, or month. Perhaps you will want to go back and read its offerings several times. Each time, God may reveal something new to you. Perhaps there will be a word or a phrase within this publication which moves you deeply and opens you to the fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control.

Pay attention to those words and phrases. They are God's word for your life today.

If you would like to contribute to this publication, please write or call Rev. Miller. The only requirement is that all submitted items be uplifting and convey some quality of the fruit of the Spirit as found in Galatians 5: 22-23.



Prayer In The Spirit Of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred,
Let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, truth;
Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, Joy.

O Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. AMEN.

"I
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can, please
do & Thank
you !!!"

Submitted by: Jeanine Armstrong

