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"Pray While Persecuted"

Christ prayed upon the Cross. Luke tells us "Two other men, both criminals were also led out with Him [Jesus] to be executed." Jesus prayed for those who crucified Him, "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23: 32- 34) Christ, always thinking of His Father's perfect will and of the greatest need of others, takes time to utter this prayer for His enemies, a picture of love and forgiveness.

Jesus' praying for those who crucified Him was a fulfillment of Isaiah 53:12, "For He bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

When we are being persecuted by those in the world, only through leading of the Holy Spirit can we be like Christ. He gives us the understanding that they are blind and cannot see. Christians who are surrendered to the Holy Spirit in prayer for those who mistreat or persecute them can be like Steven who followed the example of Christ. He prayed for those who stoned him. (Acts 7:60) These Christians are able to see God's enemies as Christ did.

The Holy Spirit moved the apostle to write, "None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory." Our goal is to become like Christ. This can be done as we let the Holy Spirit put this understanding within our hearts, "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of glory of Christ, who is the image of God." (2 Corinthians 4:4) It must be understood that it was not only the Romans who crucified Christ, it was also the Jewish people and religious leaders. Just as Christ was a prophet and teacher of God's truth, the Lord has apportioned men/women to proclaim truth. The Bible warns, "yet snares await [them] on all [their] paths and hostility in the house of his God." (Hosea 9:8)

The Spirit of Christ who indwells Christians can cause us to pray as Christ did, in submission to God's will. Where does the Holy Spirit of Christ find you with regard to praying for those who run you down so as to build themselves up? How much time do you spend in prayer for the lost, or for those who dislike or hate you because you are a Christian as compared to time spent in prayer for you own needs, pleasures and desires?

Pray for Those Who Persecute You!

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Worship With Us

THIS SUNDAY



NORTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The Rev. Herman Lambrecht
805 W. Wilberforce, Norton
SUNDAY — 8:00 a.m. Early Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
MONDAY — 6:00-8:00 p.m. TOPS

EDMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The Rev. Herman Lambrecht
SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner

CROSSROADS MINISTRIES
Preacher/Teacher Terry L. Laughlin
603 Sunset Dr., Norton, KS 67654
(785) 877-2567
e-mail - crossroads@ruraltel.net
www.standatthecrossroads.com

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Alberta Slaby, Senior Warden
102 E. Waverly, Norton
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Celebrant, Fr. Barney Gordon
Lay Reader, Georgia Briery
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour Host, Don and Elaine Mann
3:00-4:00 p.m. God's Pantry, Don Johnson

CROSSROADS CHURCH
313 West Lincoln Street
Interim Pastor, Ron Scheimo
Phone: 877-2416
SATURDAY — 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer
SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
WEDNESDAY — 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Vincent Thu Laing
877-2234
sfranci@ruraltel.net
108 S. Wabash, Norton

Mass Schedule
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass
Wednesday — 7:15 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.
Thursday 7:30 a.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m.
Saturday 7 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
4 p.m. Saturday, 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment
TUESDAY — 7 p.m. Bingo
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. SYF (K-8)
First Friday of the Month — Adoration following Morning Mass
First Saturday of the Month — 8 a.m. Marian Devotions
K of C Third Monday of Month at 7:30 p.m.

NORTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE
Andbe Home Services, 2 p.m. and Norton Manor Services 3 p.m.
There is no meeting of the alliance during the summer months

PRAIRIE VIEW REFORMED CHURCH
The Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele
410 Holland, Prairie View
973-2794
SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Morning Worship

LUCTOR CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
2 miles east and 3 miles north of Prairie View
The Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele
973-2794
SUNDAY — 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN(WELS)
805 West Holme Street
West Hwy. 36, Norton
877-3138/3824
timmomeyer@ruraltel.net
Pastor Timm O. Meyer
SATURDAY — 1:00 p.m. NCF Worship
SUNDAY — 7:00 a.m. Time of Grace on Fox TV
9:05 a.m. Goodness from the Good Shepherd Radio Broadcast, KQNK, 106.7FM/1530AM
9:30 a.m. Communion Service
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:55 a.m. Bible Study
12:01 p.m. NCF Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Worship Service at Hays, KS
TUESDAY — 6:00 and 7:30 p.m., NCF Bible Studies
SATURDAY — 1:00 p.m., NCF Worship Service

NORTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Jeff Nielsen, Minister
Mike Sander, Youth Minister
Cody Petersen, Intern
e-mail: ncc_office@sbglobal.net
208 N. Kansas, 877-2871
SUNDAY — 8:00 a.m. Early Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship Service
5:15-5:45 p.m. Prayer Warrior for "The Rock" at The Rock
6:30 p.m. "Quarry" "Milk or Steak"
MONDAY — Office Closed
WEDNESDAY — 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Pure Prairie
9:00 a.m. Prayer and Fellowship
6:15 P.M. AWANA and TREK



8:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting
THURSDAY — 2:00 p.m. Women's Council
SUNDAY (Small Group Kickoff) — 8:00 a.m. Early Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship Service
Noon — Fellowship Dinner
1:00 p.m. Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. "Ignite" Spam Olympics

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
Pastor Terrill Worthington
1010 Churchhill Dr.
877-2181
SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Time of Prayer (Adults)
9:30 a.m. Time of Prayer (Children in kitchen)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6 p.m. Choir Practice
7 p.m. Evening Service
WEDNESDAY — 6 p.m. 3D at Parsonage
7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, King's Kids, Jr. High and High School Worship
8 p.m. Committee Meetings, Team Practice
2nd THURSDAY of each month — 7 p.m. Women of the Church of God
3rd SATURDAY of each month — 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Rev. Rick Rostek
814 N. Second, Norton
877-2430
SUNDAY — 9:00 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
TUESDAY — 9:30 a.m. Circuit Pastors, Colby; 7:00 p.m. Church Council
WEDNESDAY — 2:00 p.m. Andbe Home
5:15 p.m. Choir
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation
LWML Kansas Assembly of Leaders, Salina

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ALMENA
Kirk Kasson, Pastor
e-mail: congo@ruraltel.net
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Church Services
6 p.m. Bible Study at Kim and Kirk's
7 p.m. Teens For Christ
TUESDAY — 7:15 a.m. Teen Women's Discipleship
THURSDAY — 7:15 a.m. Teen Men's Discipleship

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LOGAN
Father Ben Saw
SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Mass
MONDAY — 5:30 p.m. Mass

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LOGAN
Pastor Troy Buss
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Church services
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Larry Danforth
669-2554
SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Church School
11 a.m. Worship Service, Choir

LENORA CHURCH OF GOD
Pastor Maurita Lymer
785-567-4459
SUNDAY — 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
THURSDAY — 7 p.m. Evening Bible Study

NORTON SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
105 S. Case Street
Pastor Jerry Nowack
SATURDAY SERVICES — 9:45 a.m. Church Services
10:45 a.m. Sabbath School

LONG ISLAND UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH
The Rev. Dean Gilbert
554 Washington, 854-7626
SUNDAY — 11 a.m. Morning Worship
FIRST SUNDAY — 12 noon Fellowship Dinner
1 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting
FIRST WEDNESDAY — 2 p.m. United Methodist Women's Meeting in Fall, Winter and Spring

NORTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Charles Ross
112 S. Archer, 877-5214
SUNDAY — 11 a.m. Worship Service
6 p.m. Evening Service
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

LIVING HOPE FELLOWSHIP
One mile south of Norton at corner of PDRA road
Pastor Jerry Cummings
877-2426
SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Worship and Praise Service
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Youth and Children's Programs
7 p.m. Adult Home Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
Phillipsburg Ward
Tom Arnett, Bishop
SUNDAY — 10:00 a.m. Sacrament meeting
11:15 a.m. Sunday School
Noon — Priesthood and Relief Society
WEDNESDAY — Young Men/Young Women, Ages 12-18

LOGAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The Rev. Dean Gilbert
303 W. Church, 689-4350
SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Fifth Sunday song service
FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS — 6:30 p.m. UMYF
SECOND WEDNESDAY — 1:30 p.m. United Methodist Women
THIRD WEDNESDAY — 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

UNITED PARISH OF LENORA
The Rev. Gary Dudder
140 E. Iowa, 567-4420
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Social Hour
10:30 a.m. Worship Services.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Guest Speakers Each Sunday
SUNDAY — 8 a.m. Worship Service
TUESDAY — Sewing at the Community Building

MAPLE GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Lee Preston
Darrel Boston for September 9
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SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
4th Tuesday, Women's Fellowship
3rd Sunday, Noon, carry-in dinner

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW ALMELO
stjosephcc@ruraltel.net
Father Vincent Thu Laing
SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Mass
FRIDAY and MONDAY — 8 a.m. Scripture Communion Service
Weekday Mass Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

ALMENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Larry Danforth
669-2554
SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Worship
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY and THURSDAY — 9 a.m. Vita Band Exercise Class, Everyone Welcome
7 p.m. Bible Study at Grace Reeves

HENDLEY/WILSONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES
The Rev. R.L. Malchow
10 a.m. Sunday Worship Hour
1st and 3rd Sundays, Hendley
2nd and 4th Sundays, Wilsonville
Coffee Fellowship after service
3rd Thursday U.M.W.

WILSONVILLE UNITED BAPTIST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Minister, Keith Theobald
SUNDAY — 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship and Communion
1st Thursday, B.C.W. 9 a.m.

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Larry Danforth
693-4519
SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Worship Service
MONDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study at Fellowship Hall

THE ROCK
FRIDAY — 7:00-10:00 p.m. Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Graders
First Sunday Night of the Month — Quarry, 6:30 p.m. Junior and Senior High Worship Event