

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE



“National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2013”

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Our nation and its families are in critical need of help! There is no shortage of data indicating our bleak future if we continue our self-indulgent and self-centered course.

Watching TV and reading the dismal “studies” can lead to hand-wringing despair. For Christians, may it lead to prayer! Watch for the community prayer service May 2, attend, and above all else, PRAY.

WHAT ABOUT PRAYER?

Prayer is a much discussed

Often misunderstood, Sometimes joked-about (even spurned)

Endeavor between a believer and God.

In a country where the communist party won the elections,

An elementary teacher told her class to close eyes, bow and pray for candy:

“Now open your eyes. No candy!”

Repeat the exercise but

ask the state for candy (since obviously there is no God).

While all eyes were closed, she placed a candy bar on each desk.

“See? There is no God, but there is a state which does meet your needs and

On which you can de-

pend.”

So what about prayer?

Is it more than bowing to ask for things I want, and seeing if they happen?

Or is there far more to it?

Beliefs about prayer may

be more varied than any other doctrine of Christian truth.

Some believe that God has nothing to do with life outside of the known laws of nature. Thus prayer becomes only a personal exercise on our part to understand ourselves and those laws, then grit our teeth and face them as best we can.

Others assume God is a kind of public utility who is always at our beck and call, willing to do whatever we ask, not matter what it is.

To learn what the Bible says about Prayer, read the scriptures that deal with it. Here are a few for starters:

Matt. 6:5-15 & 7:7-12
Rom. 8:26-27 Psalm 51
Isa. 55 & 56:7 Phil. 4:4-9

Though no amount of study will answer every question we may have about it, WE CAN & MUST PRAY! Our God is listening.

--Darel Boston

The Language of God's Love

Have you ever traveled to a place where you didn't speak the language? In the absence of words, we find methods of communication out of necessity...an expression or a gesture can express our needs. By the same token, we can communicate our spiritual strength to those around us. A warm smile, a hug, a thumbs up; there are so many ways to share the language of God's love. Matthew 5:16 says, “In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Visit your house of worship this week where the language of His love transcends any other.



Weekly Scripture Reading						
1 Peter 1:1-25	1 Peter 2:1-25	1 Peter 3:1-22	1 Peter 4:1-19	1 Peter 5:1-14	2 Peter 1:1-21	2 Peter 2:1-22

Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

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