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IRON SHARPENS IRON

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens the face of his neighbor. (**Proverb 27:17**) The phrase from “Iron sharpens” is almost universally seen as positive; wise] people should be questioning, encouraging, coaching, and challenging each other. This simple statement has been calling for all these years to understand that no one is alone. That in order to make yourself better, there is a mutual benefit making others better through mentorship, following, and leading.

Bryon Gould, Northeastern Jurisdiction Prayer Advocate President

Scriptures of the Month for being courageous

“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not vain”

1 Corinthians 15:58

“Be strong in the Lord and his mighty power” **Ephesians 6:10**

“Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood” **Isaiah 54:4**

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. **John 27:17**



When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise— in God, I trust and I am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

Psalms 56: 3-4

For the Spirit of God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self discipline

2 Timothy 1:7

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight **Proverbs 3: 5-6**

Praying that we stand firm & be courageous

HAVE AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Daniel 9:17- “Now therefore, our O God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord make your face shine upon your sanctuary which is desolate”

God answers prayers based on his great mercies and not because Israel deserves it. This prayer pleased the heart of God. Daniels bold confidence rest in God's grace. God does not bless us because of righteous deeds, but because of your great mercies. Mercy is grace in action. The door of mercy is wide open to those who accept the principle of grace. Coming to the climax of his prayer, Daniel humbly ask God hear, forgive, listen and act and not delay. He does not demand that God do so. Daniel appeals to the motivation of God's reputation for answering prayer. This deliverance will carry God's name and glorify God. God always blesses us because of grace rather than works. God does not bless us of who or what we are. He blesses us of who and what Jesus is and does We do not earn or deserve anything from God. Jesus does all the earning and deserving.

Although we are unworthy in God's eye, we find comfort in knowing that our God keeps covenant and promises. We allow failure and sins to get us down at times. In these situations, we must remember that God's mercy is everlasting. He will forgive if we confess. There are no strings attached to the confession of sin. 1 John 1:9 says **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful, and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”** The more we grasp the true holiness of God, the more we will humble ourselves upon God's mercy and accept his forgiveness. We have an attitude of gratitude to appreciate the goodness of God. God does answers our prayers in his own time. We have to wait on the Lord and be of good courage. Daniel said he was lying with his face down in the lion's den, when he felt someone touch him, and he was brought to his hand and knees. The man, who was angel told Daniel to stand up. God heard Daniel's prayer and it was in response to his prayer that the angel to him in this vision. The story of Daniel is man of God being faithful to God, More importantly, the life of Daniel recorded in the Old Testament gives evidence of God's faithfulness. God knew Daniel like he knows all of us. He knew his needs and what Daniel was struggling with. It was clear that cared for Daniel.

As people of God we have to give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” And let the peace of Christ rules in our hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body and be thankful. Have an attitude of gratitude

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Proverbs 11: 6 – 8 – The righteousness of the upright delivers them, but the unfaithful are trapped by evil desires. Hopes placed in mortals die with them; all the promise of their power comes to nothing. The righteous person is rescued from trouble and it falls on the wicked instead.

Walk in Integrity

Life is somewhat a minefield- with injury or death only a step away. Most rush ignorantly through life without caution, discipline, or direction. They greedily pursue sinful ambitions, and they fall head first into dysfunction, destruction, and death. You may think this description as too dramatic or extreme.

Perfect men and women, who fear obey God and live righteously, are led safely through life's hazards and into heaven by their good and wise choices at life's decision points. God inspired Solomon to write Proverbs to help you live righteously and acquire wisdom to direct your life. If you rebel against such help, you must love death.

In a world that many follow or copycat what empty minded people do, they don't realize these decisions are leading them to disaster. Without regard for God or man, they push forward in lust for pleasure and evil desires, but end up falling flat for their Ungodly desires. Who is the perfect? A man, who fears God and keeps his commandments, The Lord forgives his sins and counts him perfect. Such a man has good guidance from the word of God.

The word of God helps this man reject the foolish thinking of fools which leads to destruction. His life improves more and more each day by following the commandments of the Lord.

How does the perfect man learn righteousness? He starts by fearing God, and then he adds the knowledge of the Bible and Godly counselors. The fear of God is wisdom and light for life. The Bible is the manual for wise and righteous living. Godly counselors are pastors and friends who also fear the the Lord.

The wicked love the world's sinful ideas on how to live, and received from other fools and their own devilish hearts. They wander in darkness and fall into traps. The rebellious man approach on life brings wrath from God for their sins Consider addiction, sexual lust, drunkenness, adultery and murder, are somethings that will bring wrath from God.

To some the world seems to be getting worse because of the evil we see around us. It is published in the newspaper, seen on television and the internet, and heard on the radio. The bad news is always seems to be heard first before you hear about the good news. But please understand there more good things that are happening in this world than bad.

The word of God assures that goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of life here on earth, and we will live in the house of the Lord forever and forever. Walk and live in integrity and the righteous man and woman will see the glory of God.

Bryon Gould - NEJ UMM Prayer Advocate Chairperson

WHAT THE PEOPLE OF GOD NEED TO PRAY FOR

ASK GOD FOR HOLY BOLDNESS

Ask God to give you Holy Boldness
Let you be a strong warrior for the
God you serve in your life. Push
you through the fear to the other
side, to the promise land with your
name on it.

PRAY TO STAND FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Pray that righteousness motivates
all of your actions, and not yourself.
Pray that God creates in you a clean
and renew the right spirit in you.

A PRAYER THAT YOU BEAR THE CROSS

Ask God for the strength to bear
your own cross and carry through
life. Give you the faith to preserve it
so that God gets all the Glory. Thank
him for the suffering you may en-
dure and bear it just like Jesus did.

THANK GOD FOR HEALING YOU

We cry out to God during an illness
and ask for recovery. However do
we thank God when we recover.
While we may not always see his
hand in our cure, we should realize
that God is always there and is a
principal agent in recovery.

A PRAYER TO STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE

Ask God to grant you strength to hold
fast to our vows,. When we got married
we promised to love, honor and to
cherish each other as long you both
shall live, And so we ask that God
teaches us how to love the way that we
should, with patience, kindness, for-
giveness, and grace.





PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD



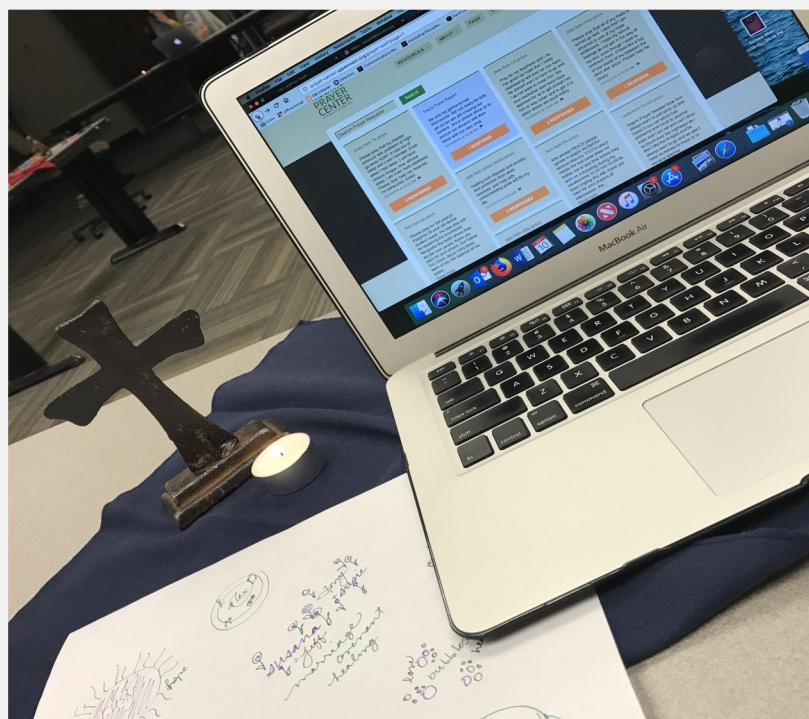
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"Praying like Jesus"



We have unlimited openings for motivated prayer warriors to meet the need of God's people. Start immediately. Responsibilities include performing random acts of kindness, serving, and pleasing God, and doing what He commissions you to do. No experience is needed, God will equip you with on job training, Benefits will include growth opportunities leading to one incredible raise at the end of your service. You will need to:

- (1) Recognize God's voice-Discover God's plan for our lives
- (2) To discern God's will-Understand how to apply God's word
- (3) To make wise decisions- Everyday is filled with decisions
- (4) Be humble and have compassion for those who are hurting
- (5) To distinguish good from best- We need to thrive for greatness

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The Power of Prayer

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Zoom ID 964 845 3714 Every Sunday from 2 to 4pm

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Hosted by Richard Campbell and Morgan Smith

Zoom ID 862 4489 7410 pass code 768838

Every Thursday Evening 7pm –8 pm

Baltimore Metropolitan District UMM

Hosted by Bryon Gould

Zoom ID 318 690 0495

Every Saturday Morning 10 am – 11:30 am

Binghamton District UMM

Hosted by John Conklin

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Every Monday evening at 7 pm

THE UNITED MEN FOR CHRIST CREED



I am a United Man for Christ I am a man as human and as sinful as any other man. However, I have been changed forever by the merciful grace of GOD, grounded in his word, and attempting, with his help, to live out my faith in the world. I feel especially called to a ministry to men and desire to see that every man reach the fullness of God and experience the wonderful saving grace of our Lord and Savior whom I am privileged to know.

I am a United Man for Christ I belong to community of men within the Global United church who share my call to ministry and who are moved action by the whispers of the holy Spirit. Together, we are committed to serving God through the word and deed and strive to live out our faith as we take up our cross and follow him.

I am a United Man for Christ I struggle with demons of the flesh as I live in the world even though I am not of this world. I strive to spend with him daily in prayer and meditation and look to the word for guidance and inspiration. I believe in his power working through me as I seek to bring other men to him.

I am a United Man for Christ I take seriously Jesus' words "Come follow me" I have a special concern for the sick, the marginalized, and the needy. I assist the young through the scouting ministry of my church, honor the military and first responders with copies of Strength for Service, and help the hungry through participating in events led by Stop Hunger Now and the Society of St. Andrew. I want to respond in a healing way to the brokenness of the world in which I live.

I am a United Man for Christ I will honor and uphold the traditions, polity and structure of the Global United Church. We can accomplish more together than we can as individuals I believe our Wesleyan heritage makes us unique and well equipped to witness our faith to a dying and sinful world. Our connectedness gives us strength to respond to God's call to love others as we would love him. I encourage my local fellowship to charter annually in order to support ministries beyond the local church.

I am a United Man for Christ God's call on my life and my obedience to him makes me a radiating power. Through the faithfulness of my commitment to him. I become a living symbol, the hands and feet of Jesus, a sign of his Kingdom here on earth.