

## The Garden of Gethsemane Prayer Newsletter

May, 2022



## **Rock Me To Sleep by Elizabeth Allen**

Mother, dear mother, the years have been long, since I last listened to your lullaby song: Sing , then, and unto my soul it shall seem womanhood's years have only been a dream. Clasped to your heart in a loving embrace, with your light lashes just seeping my face, never hereafter to wake or to weep: Rock me to sleep, mother,- rock me to sleep!

Bryon Gould, Northeastern Jurisdiction Prayer Advocate President

## Scriptures of the Month For Mothers

"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest your forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children - Deuteronomy 4:9 – 10

Everyone of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God Leviticus 19:3

The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish on e tears it down– Proverbs 14:3

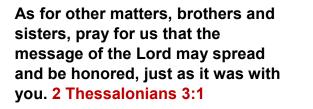
Her children rise up and call her blessed: her husband also, and he praises her : many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31: 28-29





" Honor your father and your mother that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.-Exodus 20:12

May the LORD make you increase, both you and your children. May you be blessed by the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 115:14-15



## Keep Praying for all the Mothers of the world

#### **The Powerful Wonders of God**

Psalm 139: 1-4– You have searched me LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit, you know when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD know it completely.

The psalmist acknowledges that God has searched him and knows him. It makes sense that God would know the psalmist, God created him. He designed him from scratch and brought his design to completion. Just as an engineer would understand his engine that he designed: or as an artist would know a painting or a sculpture that he created; the same way God would naturally know the people he had created. But the verse takes it a step further. The psalmist says that God has searched him. He has made a deliberate effort to know him.

Today with surveillance cameras and tracking devices, it no longer seems odd that someone might know our sitting down and rising up. But for most human history, people didn't know each other's movement to the extent unless they were living in the same house. But God knows even more than our sitting down and rising up. He knows our every movement hour by hour and day by day. And he knows even more. He knows our thoughts from afar, However, God is never far from us. The psalmist also says, " for you are with me". He is not describing an occasional presence, but one that is ongoing and enduring.

God has taken the initiative to know the psalmist in depth, which sounds like a lover seeking to understand the beloved. One image comes to mind is a mother tending to her child. Hers is a 24/7 job, at least while the child is small. Unless the child is asleep or confined to a play pen, she must know minute by minute where the child is and what he/she is doing. God is all knowing, his knowledge is not limited. Knowing God creates gratitude and praise for who he is and what he does for us. We are made to glorify God. Knowledge of God directly affects our reactions, especially in times of hardship, injustice, and pain. Our heartfelt journey with God through the good, bad challenging, and unbelievable, God remains alive and reliable in all situations of life.

God has perfect knowledge of us, in all our thoughts and actions are open before him. We cannot control the thoughts popping into our minds all day long, every day. But we do have some say over what happens to them once they arrive. Scripture advises to take our thoughts captive. Some unusual thoughts that enter our minds are absolutely crazy! God sees everyone of them. He knows our words before we let them exit our mouths. He knows what we will do. He has numbered our days. We are well known by God, not just outwardly, but inwardly. God is always there. He is not surprised by our physical or mental struggle. Being known by our sovereign God means we are not hidden from anything that we do. God's forgiveness , his mercies, and the grace available to us through Chris Jesus are new each day.

Revelation 3:20 – "Hear I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me"

## Who's knocking at your door?

Who's knocking at your door? It could be publisher's clearing house prize patrol which has been a dream of most Americans for decades. Publisher's clearing house was founded in 1953 in Port Washington, New York, by Harold Mertz, a former manager of a door to door sales team for magazine subscriptions. The company started in Mertz's basement with help from his wife Lu Esther and his daughter Joyce.

The chances of the prize patrol knocking on your door are 1 in 1.75 billion chances that the prize patrol will knock on your door. I remember my wife got excited for a while when she got involved with publisher's clearing house. The ideal of becoming a millionaire and maybe having all you want. That's' the poor man's dream! These things can come today and be gone tomorrow. Things of this world never last forever. I don't care what it is.

She went through so much to really end up causing more stress than it was really worth. The anticipation of winning wears you down. They keep sending you notices that you are one step closer each time they send you a letter. After all the build up and hype. She finally got a notice that she that was a winner and they would be contacting her very soon. Well the day finally came and received a check from them to find it was only worth ten dollars. What a let down!

When we think of the thought of Jesus knocking on our door this brings us to a different thought of life. Christ's appeal of him standing at your door is heartfelt and urgent. "Listen! I am standing at the door and knocking! "If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in to his home and share a meal with him and he with me". The Lord's words were so personal. He spoke to individuals using plan words like anyone else. He is inviting every-one to experience an intimate relationship with him. Even though his was for the whole church to respond and open the door to him, ultimately it was up to the individual to decide. His call too many lukewarm and harden hearts remain on false righteousness. To these Jesus will say" I never knew you apart from me". Sadly they will never enter the kingdom of heaven. To those who open the door, Jesus promised a fellowship, pictured as enjoying a meal together. And he offered a great reward. "The one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down at my father's throne. These words from Christ were his commitment to God's people.

### WHAT THE PEOPLE OF GOD NEED TO PRAY FOR

#### CONFESSION

Confess your short comings. We Are weak without him and if we Acknowledge our challenges, God can help us.

#### THANKSGIVING

Thank God for good times and in the tough times. It's easy to thank God when life is going according to plan, but we Should do our best to see light in the Dark times.

WAR

War is difficult topic to discuss and hard

To make sense of. Ask God to bring peace

and allow the countries in war lay down

their weapons peacefully, for the good.

#### WORK RELATIONSHIPS

At work we come into contact with People from various backgrounds. We won't always understand each Other's perspective and we may Disagree.

#### **CURE FOR ALL DISEASES**

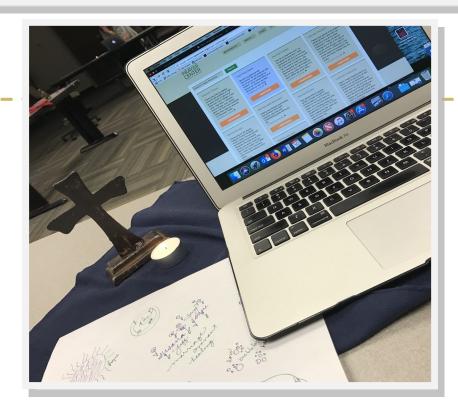
Medicine has come a long way in past 100 years, however, there are still diseases That we can't cure. Even if you don't like Their prices, drug, companies employ Bright people who discover cure for Disease– God creates bright people Every day so add this to your list.



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- (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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## **LET US JOIN TOGETHER IN PRAYER**

**The Power of Prayer** 

The NYAC UMC/UMM NY/CT District

Hosted by Paul Wheatley

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

Pass code: 121500

Annapolis District UMM

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

Zoom ID 863 6352 7822

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. How ever, 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 hm.

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 forChrist 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.