

Standing in the Gap E-News

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Praying Scripture

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear (Isaiah 59:1).

Devotional Meditation – The Need and the Call: Discovering God's Imperatives (Part 1 of 3)

When need pounds at my door, is the need itself the signal that God intends me to answer the door, roll up my sleeves, and give myself to meeting that need? In other words, does need that I can meet obligate me to respond to it?

I say that the presence of need ought to push me to seek the presence of God—to hear from him concerning what his priorities are. Responding to need as if it by itself constitutes the call of God consigns me to a life of frustration and unnecessary stress.

No, if the voice of God is drowned in the noise pollution of the good thing that I am doing, then the greater need is to pull away from earth's feverish impulses and with God in the quiet of the soul's solitude to capture for myself a conviction of what his imperatives are for me.

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Prayer for Australia and the Pacific Islands

Many of the South Pacific island nations have been privileged to have heard the message of the Gospel for many years. There are cargo cults in some of the islands that keep people in the darkness. Many of the South Pacific island nations are still very animistic and practice witchcraft. These practices are often times integrated into their Christian beliefs. Marriages and families are broken by immorality, violence, misuse of family resources, alcohol and kava.

Specific Prayer Needs:

- Pray that the Christians will have a greater desire for holy living and for lives that are conformed to the image of Christ.
- Pray that God would bring light to those in darkness.
- Pray that Christ will be given central place in individual lives, marriages, homes and families.
- Pray that God will call pastors, teachers and evangelists from among the indigenous people to lead others to Christ in their nations.
- Pray that the indigenous people would be obedient to God's call to take the message of Christ to neighboring island nations.

- Pray for those who are sharing the Gospel that they would not grow weary in sharing Christ with others. Also, pray that Christians would be vocal about their faith in Christ, making the most of every opportunity, living lives filled with the love of God.

Psalm 28:9 *“Save your people, and bless your inheritance; shepherd them also, and bear them up forever.”*

taken from the *Lydia Prayer Journal*, p. 92

Prayer For Those Going Out

Please be praying for **Stephanie Hogan** as she shares a Mother’s Day devotional at a **Women’s Breakfast in Millville, New Jersey on Saturday, May 9th** and then **gives the Mother’s Day message on Sunday, May 10th** at all three worship services at the Sicklerville United Methodist Church in Sicklerville, New Jersey. Please pray that she will listen and say all and only what God would have her say, that Jesus would come to breakfast and church and that women would hunger to love Jesus with ALL of their hearts and to bear eternal fruit that will last. Thank you SO much!

Other Prayer Requests

We are so humbled and grateful at your willingness to pray and intercede to the Father on our behalf and on behalf of one another. We come before you again, on behalf of **Pam Harriman**, wife of FAS evangelist, Jim Harriman. Pam has been hospitalized with pneumonia. The doctors have said that there are a few more days to hold out hope that the pneumonia will recede, but that anything short of a miracle and Pam would not make it. Jim says, *“We desperately want the pneumonia to recede quickly now so Pam will not have to have a tracheotomy...Pray, friends, that God would spare her another operation. Pray that Pam will make it through this alive. Pray with us...I know you are. Thank you, thank you!”*

Many of us have heard **Linda Boyette** share her God-inspired message based on Scripture that **“Jesus is Enough!”** After much time in prayer, we believe God is saying now is the time for Linda to put this life-transforming message in print. From May 4 – May 14, Linda is going to be away for the specific reason of putting this message in book form. Linda needs us to cover her and her family in prayer. This is totally out of Linda’s comfort zone. We believe God wants to use this message to transform hearts and lives. With that in mind, it has not been easy for Linda to write and has sensed a strong spiritual battle.

Will you pray with us that Linda

- will not believe the lies of the enemy,
- will have freedom to hear from Jesus and have the mind of Christ,
- will be full, led, empowered and anointed by the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1,14,18)

and for a blood covering over her and her family (Exodus 12:7,13)?

If you are willing to pray for Linda for one of the days she is writing (any one day from May 4-14) or during a specific time each day, please email Stephanie at TWMinistry@aol.com. We believe this will be a real encouragement to Linda to know that so many are praying for her. We thank you!

Praises! God at Work Through Your Prayers

Thank you for praying for **Linda Boyette** as she spoke at a women’s retreat in Middleton, Ohio last weekend. Linda reports: *“Jesus DOES work beyond what we can imagine or think. JESUS CAME! Women have asked Jesus for a clean heart, filled heart and for Jesus to be enough. One woman was healed from her arthritis pain after we prayed. PRAISE JESUS! There were Presbyterians, an African Episcopal Methodist Church, and many different United Methodist Churches. The leaders, Dena and Christy, stepped out in faith, obeyed, prayed and Jesus came. Thank you for praying.”*

Thank you for praying for **Aletha Hinthorn** as she shared Jesus at a Ladies day in Ohio with the Church of the Nazarene. Many women shared that Jesus helped them. For this we praise Him!

Thank you for praying for **Dan and Katy Beth Searls** and their girls as they left for **Hungary** last Saturday. Jesus really gave the entire Coppedge family grace in saying goodbye and woke Katy Beth up with joy the morning they were to leave. We praise Jesus that they are obeying Jesus and going forward with joy to do what they were made for – leading Hungarians to Jesus! They arrived safely, were greeted by missionary and Hungarian friends, and even have their internet already set up. We praise Him!

We also received this wonderful report from **Roxanne in North Carolina**, *“The North Carolina District Church of the Nazarene Women's Conference, Women of Worth was privileged to have Linda Seaman as our speaker last weekend. The Holy Spirit came in a mighty way. It really came as no surprise as the conference had been bathed in prayer for months by our District Women's Committee as well as others. I was allowed to share with the women about the Lydia Prayer Groups and also the upcoming Come to the Fire Conference. Please pray with me that the women of North Carolina will be set on fire by the Holy Spirit. I do believe that great things are coming. I am excited to see what God is going to do in and through the women of North Carolina. Praise Jesus!!! Thanks for sharing this great news with us, Roxanne.*

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