

My Prayer Requests And Answers Log...

Date	My Prayer Request	Date	God's Answer

Devote yourselves to prayer; keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

My Prayer Requests For My Family Members...

Name

Prayer Request

Scripture To Use When Praying For This Request

Answer



Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]—to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen (so be it).

Ephesians 3: 20-21

Time For Worship!



"Yet, I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the [victorious] God of my salvation! The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]!
Habakkuk 3: 18-19

Want power in your daily walk as a Christian? Want to stand firm regardless of the storm or battle that is raging against you? Worship!

One of my favorite "battle" stories in the Bible comes from 2 Chronicles 20. In this passage, King Jehoshaphat is sent word that a "great multitude" was coming against him and his people. I don't know about you, but as for ME, I would have just freaked out! Stress is not the word! Oh, but Jehoshaphat did the RIGHT thing...he immediately "set himself determinedly, as his vital need, to seek the Lord." He proclaimed a fast in the whole land. What was the answer for the battle that was on the horizon? Praise!

Yes! The Spirit of the Lord came upon them. He instructed them to do just a few things:

1. Show up to the battlefield
2. Stand still
3. Watch God battle for them
4. And my point in sharing this passage: SING AND PRAISE God!

When we show up, stand still, look unto God, we please Him. However, nothing seems to unleash Him to do the battle like PRAISE and WORSHIP!

Oh, I am not talking about praise and worship like we have at most of our churches. I am talking about a lifestyle of praise and worship! Not just something we do for 10-15 minutes on Sunday Morning. I am talking about 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I am talking about praise and worship like David knew. You know when he could soothe his enemy with his praise and worship? When he could dance in the streets in total abandonment as a worship to the Lord in spite of the opinions of those he loved the most (his wife)? When he could pray prayers and sing songs that could woo the heart of God?

I want this kind of worship! I want to praise God with all I am. Because of this, I make praise and worship a part of every day. You can too!

The following pages are designed just to help you collect your favorite praise and worship verses from the Bible or your favorite praise and worship songs and hymns. You may also want to collect tapes or CD's that feature your favorite songs and hymns. I keep mine in

my bag, ready-to-go with me anywhere I go. I pop them in when I am working on the computer, cleaning my house, riding down the road, or sneaking away for a walk at the park! Anytime, anywhere can easily become a place of worship of our God. So, find your favorite verses...songs...or even write your own prayers of worship to God. Oh, then! Then, you can stand still, watch, and see the battle fought by your Jehovah Nissi!



"Give thanks to the Lord, for His mercy and
lovingkindness endure forever!"
2 Chronicles 20: 21

Songs of Praise and Worship...

Title
Author
Date Written
Words



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glorify Thy Name forevermore."
Psalm 86: 12

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Time For Ministry!



Ministry...such a big fancy word! Does it remind you of a big, stuffy church? TV evangelists? Africa? Oh, maybe just your precious pastor at church? Well, today I would like to encourage you to develop a different image of ministry!

Ministry is not left for others. It is not for those who devote their whole life to the call of ministry. Well, not really! Actually, it is! Ministry, plain and simply, means to serve others. It is being a REAL Christian, right where you are! So, yes, ministry is for each of us...not just for others. And, yes, ministry requires our total life devotion. Although to many, that means a fear of having to sell all you have and go to Africa to live as a missionary. God means for us to lift up all we have and all we will become to Him...allowing Him to minister through us in our sphere of influence. That means RIGHT WHERE WE ARE today! That means TODAY!

So, wondering how? That is what this section is all about! We will use the following pages to brainstorm ways that YOU can minister for the Lord through your life...right where you are...today!



A Call to Ministry...

Each of us have a call to ministry. Now, before you get real nervous, let me explain what I mean. Each of us are given special gifts that are needed right where we are to minister (serve) others around us. Have you ever thought about your gifts? Those things that you just seem to naturally do? List below some of the things that you seem to just DO because of who you are...

Now, think about how those things can practically serve others around you, right where you are. List some of your ideas below...

What about within your family? _____

Don't waste valuable time! Begin now to use those gifts. Use them right where you are. Use them in big ways. Use them in little ways. Don't wait for Africa! Well, unless you live there! 😊

Minister as a Family...

One of our greatest delights in our family is ministering TOGETHER! I think it is simply awesome to see how God wove our family together. Each of us have different, yet perfectly harmonious gifts. When we work together using our gifts, we have a full-fledge ministry. A Family Ministry!

Your family is probably much the same, whether you have realized it or not. That sibling rivalry can become a ministry when you realize that your differences can make you a great team! Oh, even the various ages in the family make a great ministry for every family! In our family, we are use all of the willing helpers we can muster together. We have so much fun doing things with parents and children. But, it gets even more fun when we bring in the grandparents or others in our family!

I know, I know! Sounds ideal? Ready to skip this page! WOE! Stay here a bit! Think about your family. What are the differences that you see in your family?

Do you know what the gifts are within your family? Think about each member...write below the gifts that you see the strongest within them...

How do the gifts seem to balance out any weaknesses of others in your family?

What are some things that all of you enjoy doing together?

How could those things become a ministry for others around you?

Several years ago, God used a dear family to teach me that those little things that we do are the greatest things in the kingdom. The little "family" things can become the greatest ministries on earth.

The Dunnaways just seemed to minister as a lifestyle. Everything in their life was a ministry to one another and to all in their sphere of influence. Not only that, but what really made an impression upon me was that each and every member of their family ministered together. Oh, not on a mission field (although now, NOT surprisingly, they do minister in a local church they planted in Kentucky). But, right where they are.

I remember one day that their ministry met me in one of my toughest moments. I had a tubal pregnancy, which resulted in a major surgery. As soon as the Dunnaways heard, their family seemed to kick into "their element." They made us a yummy meal that lasted us for days with awesome leftovers! Plus, each of the children also made cards for me. Of all of the things that ministered to me during that loss, one of my sweetest memories was opening a card that was made by one of the boys. On the front of the card it had a picture of a flattened animal with a large truck past it as if it had run over the animal. As I opened the card to read the inside, I thought I would rip my entire stomach open laughing. It said, "Don't be a road kill...get well!" Oh, yes! It was the REAL-ness of their

Time For Sermon Notes!



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

I don't know about you, but I can hardly go through a whole sermon without wanting to jot down precious gems that the Lord speaks just to me. This is now one of those "things" that we all do in our family. Because of this, I felt that this section was one of the most important sections in this notebook. As matter of fact, we have been using these pages longer than any others that we are sharing with you.

All you have to do is either take your notebook with you to church for the services (QUICK NOTE: These pages are not limited to just "Sermon Notes." They can also be used for Sunday School, Bible Study Classes, or even when you hear your favorite Bible teacher on TV or Radio.) or just take a few pages with you, tucked inside of your Bible. We carry our pages in our Bible cases, in little three-ring leather notebooks. As the Notebooks fill up, we take out our pages and add them to 3-ring binders (those with the clear covers that you can design for yourself). We date the spine of the notebook. We also divide the sections up according to any sermon series that may have been taught (so those lessons are all together for future reference). Wala! Easy reference at any time!

Ready to dig in? Oh, enjoy these pages! They are JUST for you!



Today's Sermon and Bible Study Notes...

Title

Date _____

Teacher _____

Text _____



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Bible Study Notes...

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Date _____

Teacher _____

Text _____



Seminar Notes...

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Date _____

Teacher _____

Text _____

Time For Journaling!



"Thoughts disentangle themselves over the lips and through the fingertips." ~Chuck Swindoll

One of the greatest disciplines for recording your journey with the Lord is Journaling! Oh, you do not have to have every word perfect before you record them. Chuck Swindoll once wrote, "I want to communicate to you that you have deeper thoughts than you realize, but they escape you because you do not capture them. You have wonderful insights—the cream off the top of your life—that you can pass along to someone else. There is nothing quite like the use of a journal to help you get very specific about things that the Lord is giving you and is showing you. As you record your experiences in your own words, you'll begin to see God's purpose working itself out in times of both peace and turmoil! Looking back over the pages, you'll see His hand i decisions made and paths taken."

We want for this section of your notebook to include those precious morsels that would normally slip away. You DO have wonderful insights that need to be kept. Your life DOES have much that can really minister to others. However, much will slip by unless we record the journey along the way.

Use this section as formally or informally as you feel comfortable. Jot down those Scriptures, insights, quotes, thoughts along the way that record your journey.



"WRITE the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may RUN that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it: because it will surely come, it will not tarry."

Habakkuk 2: 2

