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A Loving Prayer



While I have never been a proponent of the so-called health and wealth gospel, I can empathize with those who want to believe it. How many of us have rightly hoped and prayed to God, whom we know still has the power to heal, for a cure from sickness? Yes, while some prosperity preachers speak of how a little more faith can earn us a much more lavish lifestyle, there are plenty struggling to pay their most basic bills. To borrow a phrase from country singer, Alan Jackson, who couldn't use "a little bigger piece of the pie"?

Let us also not forget that Jesus taught us to pray for God to meet our daily needs, since he is "our Father in heaven", and good fathers take care of their children (Matthew 6:9, 11). And what about all those times Jesus seemed to advocate for unapologetically casting our wishes before God in prayer? Here are just a few examples:

- ·If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer (Matthew 21:22).
- •Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours (Mark 11:24).
- ·Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you (Luke 11:9).

Before assuming that Jesus was simply teaching us to ask God to fulfill our own personal wish list, consider what each preceding section to these passages have to do with us asking God to move for the well-being of others. The verses in Matthew and Mark come after Jesus curses a fig tree that is not bearing fruit and feeding others like it was designed to do. In Luke, Jesus is giving parables and examples of how friends and family intercede to fulfill the needs of others. In fact, our word for intercession comes from the Latin word intercedo, meaning "to come between."[1] Therefore, intercessory prayer is when we pray for God to move on behalf of someone else in a way that only He can do.

During February, when all the retailers are finding a way to make a dollar on love, I want to challenge you to think of others. Who is heartbroken and missing loved ones? Who has been wounded by others who failed to rightly love them? Who is searching to experience true love which can only be found in the kind of love exhibited first in Christ? Can you think of someone yet? Now, pray for them. Ask God to help them and heal them. Intercede on their behalf before God, in hopes that God may meet their deepest needs and that they may experience the love of Jesus in transformative ways. Entering a conversation with the God we are called to love for the sake of others seems like a loving practice. Now go ahead and try it! What are you waiting for? You do believe that prayer can do what God can do, don't you?

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[1] Walter A. Elwell, ed. "Entry for Intercession," Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1997).

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Music Notes

The Singing Men of Southeast Texas is our regional choir and there are six chapters of these Men's Choirs state-wide. They began in 1975, and continue to encourage worshippers throughout the state. I hope you will be able to come join us on Thursday evening, February 2, at 7 PM here at South Main for a wonderful time of listening to God's word through music.

Our youngest worshipers grades 3-6, will be giving leadership to our times of worship on Sunday, February 19, at both morning services. These groups meet on Wednesdays, from 6:15 to 7:00 PM. We know you will enjoy their leadership and energy in our services.

Student choir will travel to Christ's Church, in College Station for a student choir Converge, with 4 area choirs the weekend of February 11-12. Please pray for these groups as they travel to sing.

Adults are busy preparing music for a Maundy Thursday service. We encourage you to come join us on Wednesdays, at 7:15 PM, as this is a wonderful and encouraging service to share in.

So thankful to be a part of an intergenerational church living, loving, serving and singing together!

Bobie



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Children's Ministry





Student Ministry Intel







Women's Ministry

Upcoming Women's Events

MOPS (Moms of Preschoolers) & MOMSNEXT (Moms of School-agers)
February 3 & 17, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM, in the Main Connection. Join us for fellowship, snacks, and activities facilitated by Stacey Davis. Both groups are open to the public. Contact Stacey Davis at smcd1998@yahoo.com for more information.

Ladies Game Night

Ladies are welcome to gather for a time of fellowship, potluck dinner, and Bunco. Monday, February 27 from 6:00 — 9:00 PM, in the Main Connection (\$5 for prize donation). Contact Pat Debord at 281-487-0506 for more information.

Pathway of Hope

Main Women's widow's group will meet at SMBC and take a Harris County bus to tour the **Bluebell Creamery Friday**, **February 24**, from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. \$10 trip cost. Please contact Sandy Carter to sign up for this trip (**must pre-register**) at 281-543-6836 or for more information contact Shirley French at 713-816-0792.



Spring Bible Study

"Take Courage: A Study of Haggai" by Jennifer Rothschild

> Mondays 7:00 PM Led by Joan Neal

Tuesdays 10:00 AM Led by Barbara Gillies



Contact Trish Gibb at trish@southmain.org or at 713-419-7188 for more info about these and more upcoming events.

Notes from Jeff



Auxano 23.1 is going well. There was so much of a demand that we had to start a new class! If you haven't started this session, there are a few that you are able to join while in progress. We have two classes studying So, You Want to be like Christ? by Charles

Swindoll. Those two classes meet in North Suite 107 and 110. Trish Gibb and Lonnie Cox are co-teaching one and Michael West and I are teaching the other.

Sunday Morning Bible Study (Sunday School) is growing with several new classes. Last month I shared about the two new classes in the Young Adult Department. They are both doing very well, and plans are being made to add more. By the time you read this, a new class for women in the 40-59 age group (Median Adults) will have a launch date. More about this class will be announced as it progresses.

If you are in the **Seekers or Impact classes**, your room has moved to the **South Suite**, **Rooms 169 and 166** respectively. This allows more room for growth. I encourage all of you to be in a class this Sunday.

FLC NEWS



Upward basketball is coming to a close after a wonderful season. The players and coaches have all done a great job this year and I'm so thankful to all those who volunteered to help out.

If you have slacked off a little on your New Year's resolution of exercise, no worries, you can still come on out and see us during the week to be active.

Keep an eye out for the summer calendar and registration for our summer camp activities for kids in 1-6 grade.

Kevin