

A WOMAN OF PRAYER

Our church lost a great woman of prayer this week with the passing of Doris Avants. I believe her commitment to and tenacity in prayer is echoed in the following article written by Robert Benson in his book, "In Constant Prayer"....

I am increasingly convinced that if the Church is to live, and actually be alive, one of the reasons, maybe the most important and maybe the only reason, will be because we have taken up our place in the line of the generations of the faithful who came before us. It will be because we pray the prayer that Christ himself prayed when he walked among us and now longs to pray through us.

It will be because we choose to no longer be among the ones who silence the prayer that Christ, through his body, prays to the Father.

It will be because we make sure that the wave of prayer that sustained the Church for all time does not stop when it is our turn to say it each day. It will be because we answer the ancient call to pray without ceasing.

Thank you Doris for teaching us to pray as Jesus did.