

BBF PRAYER – March 2020

PRAISE/THANKS

As we enter the presence of God, we need to set our hearts and minds right with Him.

Have a read through this part of Psalm 100 a few times and begin by meditating on this passage.

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.*

*Serve the LORD with gladness; come into His presence with joyful songs.*

*Know that the LORD is God.*

*It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.*

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;*

*give thanks to Him and bless His name.*

*For the LORD is good,*

*and His loving devotion endures forever;*

*His faithfulness continues to all generations.*

We need to enter the presence of God with right perspective

Once you have slowed down, and read through this passage,  
begin to praise God; thank Him for our right-standing with Him!

If you start to run out of ideas, consult the passage above!

Then sit in His presence, in silence for a minute or two before we move on.

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CONFESSION:

In the old testament, we read of how priests entered the presence of God with bells attached to their robes and a rope around their waist.

They did this so that if they were struck down whilst in the presence of a Holy, perfect God, it would be heard and they could be pulled out.

On the outside, they may have been offering God a sacrifice,

but on the inside their hearts could have been turned against God.

We know that God looks at the heart, not at outward appearance.

Whilst God is a God of love, He is also a perfect and righteous God.

He cannot stand back and allow sin to go unnoticed.

Those of us who have trusted Jesus, we have the incredible gift of God's grace;

His right judgement is not over us anymore

instead we have the outrageous gift of grace

Therefore we can often forget that God is "Perfect in power, in love and purity", to quote that famous hymn.

Romans 6 says;

*What shall we say, then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? (PTO)*

*By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?  
Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?  
We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that,  
just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father,  
we too may live a new life.  
For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in  
a resurrection like his.*

Spend time confessing your sin to Him.

If you're with someone else, do this bit in silence – it's between you and God!

Sin is simply where we 'miss the mark' - it's an archery term  
it may not be 'massive', but anything that is not in line with God's perfect will is sin  
"missing the mark"

Take this time to thank God for the forgiveness found in Jesus  
we are not grovelling at the feet of a detached god  
We are thanking a righteous and just God for not treating us how we deserve.

If you're reading this and haven't yet prayed and asked for God's forgiveness;  
drop me a private email/phone call and we can have a chat about what that means

Take time to sit in His presence, in silence for a minute or two before we move on.

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READING:

Read this passage now, and pray through it.  
Ask God to speak to you whilst you read,  
and pause and pray as you feel led to.

Also take this passage into your week; read it regularly and meditate on it.  
There is so much hope that we can draw from it in a helpless world.

Psalm 91

*1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.  
2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."  
  
3 Surely he will save you  
from the fowler's snare  
and from the deadly pestilence.  
4 He will cover you with his feathers,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.  
5 You will not fear the terror of night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,  
nor the plague that destroys at midday.  
7 A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,*

*but it will not come near you.*  
8 *You will only observe with your eyes  
and see the punishment of the wicked.*

9 *If you say, "The Lord is my refuge,"  
and you make the Most High your dwelling,*  
10 *no harm will overtake you,  
no disaster will come near your tent.*  
11 *For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways;*  
12 *they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.*  
13 *You will tread on the lion and the cobra;  
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.*

14 *"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;  
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.*  
15 *He will call on me, and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble,  
I will deliver him and honor him.*  
16 *With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation."*

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## COVID-19

Take some time to pray about this virus situation, and the consequences of it  
pray as you feel led, but also feel free to use prayer points underneath

Prayer points:

- For the isolated  
Pray that they would know God's presence
- For the elderly  
Pray for their protection and security
- For those infected  
Pray for a full, speedy recovery
- For those who live in fear  
Pray that the peace of God would be known to them
- For the newly unemployed  
Pray for God's provision and comfort
- For the business owners  
Pray that they would come to put their trust in Jesus
- For our healthcare workers  
Pray for endurance, strength, rest and health for them and their families.

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REQUESTS:

Let's also ask God for our needs

In this time, let's also lift up Phil (Hilary's son-in-law)

Pray for God to do a mighty work in him and his family

Pray that this horrible situation might be used by God in a mighty way

Pray for peace, comfort and steadfastness for all parties involved

There are also many people facing similar situations throughout the world

Let's lift them up to God in prayer as well

Let's also pray for God to knit us together as a unit

That we would come back stronger

That we would know who to encourage

That we would know who to pray for

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LISTENING:

Take some time to listen to God for what He might be saying to you in this time

Prayer is a two-way conversation.

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Amen!

If you have anything you'd like to share with me, do feel free to drop me a message or email, or give me a call!

Thanks,

Adam