



**THE LORD'S SUPPER OBSERVED
JANUARY 7 IN MORNING WORSHIP**

As the New Year begins,
may you be able to forgive
all those who have hurt you
in the past, erase all the
bruises from your heart and
fill your heart with happiness
and peace.



Grief Share Support Group
Begins January 17, 2 PM
Meeting Every Wednesday
Free event open to everyone

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know." "You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?" The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing...I know my Master is there and that is enough."

**Who sat down under
a tree and asked the
Lord to take away
his life?**



Elijah (1 Kings 19:4)

**GOD'S COVENANT NAMES
WHATEVER YOU NEED**

- Jehovah-Tsidkenu - God our Righteousness
- Jehovah-M'Kaddesh - God who Sanctifies
- Jehovah-Shalom - God is our Peace
- Jehovah-Shammah - God is There
- Jehovah-Rophe - God who Heals
- Jehovah-Jireh - God who Supplies
- Jehovah-Nissi - God is my Banner
- Jehovah-Rohi - God is my Shepherd

10 Ways to Pray for Your Community

By Chuck Lawless

Frankly, I think the North American church is weak. I love the church, and I know there are strong, faithful, Great Commission-oriented churches on our continent – but I think we generally lack the power of God on what we do. One reason for our lack of power is our lack of prayer. Here are some practical ways to counter this problem by praying for your community:

1. **Pray for schools as you drive by them.** Intercede for Christian administrators, teachers, and students. Ask God to use them as light in the public school system.
2. **Pray every time you hear a siren.** That sound is most often a signal that somebody has a problem – and somebody else is putting his or her life on the line to help them.
3. **Buy a local newspaper every week, and pray for community needs.** That means, of course, that folks still read local papers. Even if you do so online, you can still pray for the obvious needs as you read.
4. **Pray for pastors as you drive by Christian local churches.** Pray they will walk with God, preach His Word, and make disciples who make more disciples.
5. **Pray for people who attend other places of worship in the community.** As you drive, watch for places where people who follow other world faiths worship. Ask God to open their eyes to the truth of the gospel and to give them courage to step out for Christ.
6. **Pray for people you regularly see.** That would include that gas station clerk, your bank teller, and anyone else whose path you cross with regularity. See every one of them as people who cannot be saved apart from a personal relationship with Jesus.
7. **Pray for your healthcare providers.** After all, they're somewhat responsible for your physical well-being, and they often deal with life-and-death issues. Yet, we too seldom pray for these folks.
8. **Pray for the families who live around you.** I may be wrong, but I suspect most believers pray very little for their neighbors—if they even know them. If you're going to pray for them, getting to know them helps a lot.
9. **Pray for government officials.** If you want to take a risk, find email addresses of your local officials, email them, and ask the how you might pray for them. You might be surprised, one way or the other
10. **Pray for children you encounter.** Whisper a prayer for every child you see. Even in our country, you might be the only person who prays for that child today. Or ever.

What other ideas might you add to this list?

Each new day is a blank page in the diary of your life. The secret of success is in turning that diary into the best story you possibly can. Wishing you a Blessed New Year and a diary full of the best stories ever written in your life.

Judging Others

When I'm busy blaming others
Looking for a fault or two
Then it's time I started counting
All the petty things I do.

There's a lot of good in others
And a lot of bad in me
So I have no right in judging
Faults of others that I see.

Thus, before I look for failings
I have found a better plan,
'Tis to keep my own house cleaner
Before I judge another man.
~Author Unknown~

Resolutions

A little less impatient with those we deem too slow;
A little less of arrogance because of all we know;
A little more humility, seeing our worth is slight;
We are trivial candles compared to stars at night!
A little more forgiving and swifter to be kind;
A little more delirious the word of praise to find;
The word of praise to utter and make a heart rejoice;
A little bit more careful to speak with gentle voice.
A little more true eagerness to understand each other;
A little more striving to help a shipwrecked brother;
A little more high courage to each task that must be done:
These are our resolutions, and God help everyone!



**CAN MY CHURCH BE PREPARED?
HOW DO WE AVOID AN INCIDENT?
WHAT SHOULD OUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE BE?**

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Creaturehood and Sonship

Jesus confronted the astonished Nicodemus and told him that the purpose of a man's being born once was that he might be born a second time, and until he was born a second time the purpose of his being born the first time remained unfulfilled. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh" (John 3:6). This is creaturehood. "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit." This is Sonship.

~Elwin Lewis~

"As the year comes to an end, don't look back on yesterday's disappointments. Look ahead to God's promises yet to unfold."



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Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16



Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one.

AWANA Resumes Wednesday, January 3, 6:26 PM

A Night of Special Singing & Testimony

Sunday, January 21, 6 PM

Who I Am In Christ

- I am God's child. John 1:12
- I am Christ's friend. John 15:15
- I have been justified. Romans 5:1
- I am united with the Lord, and I am one spirit with Him. 1 Cor. 6:17
- I have been bought with a price. I belong to God. 1 Cor. 6:19-20
- I am a member of Christ's body. 1 Cor. 12:27
- I am a saint. Eph. 1:1
- I have been adopted as God's child. Eph. 1:5

We Can Do It!



**Women's
Self Defense Training
January 13, 1-4 PM
Cost is \$35 per person
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