

THE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS MESSENGER

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A Prayer

My Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Please give me the words to express Your greatness and majesty to everyone. Please give me a heart eager to meditate upon all that You are and all that You would have me to be. Who am I, that You would listen to me? What have I done, that You would desire to hear my words? Dare one such as myself approach to petition You? Yes, because You desire it. Yes, because You have opened a way of communication that does not close. Yes, because You wish me to be with You in heaven and have opened a path to make it possible.

Father, my weaknesses try me and temptation lurks around every corner. Make mine a heart set for truth and willing to engage the enemy when he prowls. Make mine a light shining for all the world to see without a shred of compromise or hypocrisy to cause it to dim. Increase my love for Your Word for it is there that I must flee when Satan attacks. Help me to learn Your laws and precepts better so to fire my will to overcome sin. When I do miss the mark and fall short, make mine a heart moved by godly sorrow so that I will not hesitate a moment in repenting and seeking Your forgiveness. Thank You for Your willingness to forgive.

Just as I am not perfect, neither are my fellow Christians. When a fellow saint wounds me and sins against me, please give them a willingness to seek Your forgiveness. Having done so, please make mine a heart willing to forgive when they seek my forgiveness. Please remind me that Your forgiveness of me ends when my willingness to forgive my fellow saint does.

I thank You for my brethren. Nothing is so wonderful as brethren of one heart and one mind dwelling together in unity. It fills my heart to experience the care and concern of saints who have allowed Your Word to take root in their hearts. Their love never wanes and their good works are constant. Help me to learn from the example that they have set. Make me as they are; trees planted by water, always bearing fruit and whose leaf never withers. When a brother or sister shows signs of spiritual weakness, help me to be observant enough to detect it. Give me the love to act quickly and the wisdom to act as You would have me act. Help me to be firm, yet empathetic; uncompromising, yet compassionate. I, too, am subject to stumbling.

Father, use me and work through me in reaching the lost. Give me the willingness and conviction to seek out opportunities to speak Your Word to those in desperate need of it. When I am opposed, remind me of Your protection as you did Paul so long ago. There will be revilers and those who scorn anyone who speaks Your Word. When I am confronted by them my own weakness and frailty may tempt me to no longer speak in Your name. Never let me be ashamed of You or Your Gospel! If the day ever comes when shame closes my mouth, chastise and discipline me immediately,

Lord! Remind me that it is only the one who endures to the end who will be saved. I need Your aid to endure, Father. Help me!

Above all, thank You for Your Son. Thank You for Your plan of salvation and Jesus' willingness to act according to Your will. Let His willingness to obey be an example to me. Father, without that terrible sacrifice what hope would I have? Yet Your love moved You to act as You did in seeking my salvation. Help my love for You to grow so that it will motivate me to demonstrate my appreciation for all that You have done for me in my words and actions every day. Never let me forget that without You I would be nothing. Only because of Your mercy and grace am I what I am. Only because of Your mercy and grace do I stand saved. Thank You, Father!

Father, please increase my faith in You and Your Word each day of my life. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

Passage to Remember

“Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping. The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer.” Psalm 6:6-7

In Need of Prayers	General Information
<p>Edwin Brown continues to improve as he recovers from his heart attack.</p> <p>Adam Daniels' friend, Will Markem, continues to recover from his motorcycle accident. My understanding is that he has yet to come out of his coma, but continues to show favorable signs that he may wake soon.</p> <p>The doctor's believe that after Jackie's latest stay in the hospital her fluid levels will be sufficient for the medicine to really kick in and make a difference.</p>	<p>The member information sheets are still in the back. If you have yet to fill one out, please do so and return it to Garry Banks. Please remember that husbands and wives (and children, as the case may be) should fill out individual sheets to help avoid confusion. When all the sheets are received, we can begin updating the directory. Thanks!</p> <p>Remember that the congregational information meeting will be this afternoon at 5:00. Please make your plans to attend.</p> <p>My new cell number is 859-492-9406 and Jackie's is 859-396-6152.</p>

