

*Monday, 6 February 2012*

*Psalm 122:6-9 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces." For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, "Peace be within you." Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.*

Lord, bring revival to the Church in this nation. She is floundering, awash in the filth of the society in which she lives, unable and unwilling to take a stand for the Gospel of the Kingdom. Cleanse her, move in power through her to cause an explosion, an outpouring of love and obedience. Bless Your people, bring them to repentance and restore them to Your side as Your Bride.

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*Tuesday, 7 February 2012*

*Acts 7:54-60 Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.*

Another example of unrequested forgiveness. And in the face of extreme harm! Lord, what impact did this have on Saul, was his rage ("raging fury" was his description in Acts 26:11) a response to the testimony of Stephen as he forgave his killers? Was Saul storming against the power that was revealed in this moment? What could drive a man to forgive his attackers at the very moment of his death?

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*Wednesday, 8 February 2012*

*Psalm 123:1-2 A Song of Ascents. To you I lift up my eyes, O you*

*who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us.*

Lord, I renew my vow to seek to serve You without reservation or hesitation in all things. This cannot be done in my strength but in Yours; I am weak and willful but You are omnipotent and omniscient. Lord, I seek to obey You in all things, in every circumstances and before all the nations. I am Your slave.

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*Thursday, 9 February 2012*

*Psalm 123:3-4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.*

Lord, I have sworn fealty to You. I stand under the shelter of Your wings, expecting that Your mercy and grace will keep me safe and guide me through every attack, every insidious temptation, every scornful action from and by those who despise You. Lead me in the righteousness, peace and joy that is life in Your Kingdom.

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*Friday, 10 February 2012*

*Hebrews 13:1-6 Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"*

Lord, there are many who face daily persecution for their faith, even in this country that was founded as a Christian nation. The President and Attorney General are leading the charge against Your Church; Your Church is under attack

and not even recognizing the danger. Sleeping and content, while the devil is preparing the siege works.

We do not hold marriage in honor, we hold mammon above You, we plan and scheme to ensure that our funds are sufficient for our wants; it is no wonder that we are unable to claim Your shield over us and about us. Lord, bring awareness to Your Church.

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*Saturday, 11 February 2012*

*Psalm 124:1-5 A Song of Ascents. Of David. If it had not been the LORD who was on our side-- let Israel now say--if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.*

Lord, what a precious Psalm as Your Church faces attacks on every side. But You stand before us, beside us, behind us, over us and under us; You are our breastplate of hope and salvation; You are our strong and mighty arm if we will but heed Your word to fear and love You with all our hearts, souls, minds and strengths.

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*Lord's Day, 12 February 2012*

*Psalm 119:133 Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.*

Yes, Lord, watch over my every step for each one presents an opportunity to the Evil One to twist my ankle and cause me to stumble. But You are with me, Your rod and staff both comfort and protect me. Lord, give me the ears to hear and the will to obey.

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