

# The Daily Newspaper As A Prayer List?

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It is one of the best. A daily reminder of those who most need prayer. Tragedy on the front page? Pray for those involved.

Someone's house burned—victims in critical condition in the local hospital? Pray!

Auto accident—two youths killed? Identify with their parents' agony and pray for them in their need. You might even write them a note telling them of your prayer—or visit them, offer your love and support.

Public officials are always in the news and whatever our political convictions, we ought to pray for them—more than ever if they are in trouble. After all, praying for those in government is not optional. . . We are mandated by the Word of God to pray for “. . . Kings and for all that are in authority; . . .” (1 Tim. 2:2).

If government is “of the people, by the people, and for the people,” —the people have a profound obligation to pray. It is conceivable that a failure of government can be laid as much at the feet of prayerless citizens as to incompetent or corrupt public servants.

Assuming you believe in prayer—can you imagine what a difference it would make if all who did use the daily paper as a prayer list? Millions mobilized simultaneously to pray for the same needs locally, nationally and worldwide.

“Pray without ceasing . . .”

- via *Bulletin Digest*

## The Ize Have It

**Memorize** at least one great truth every day. It may be a helpful scripture, an inspiring poem, or a favorite quotation. What you memorize becomes a part of your life, your character and your future.

**Neutralize** your fears, your doubts, and your anxieties through Bible study, prayer and a positive mental attitude.

**Specialize** in some particular field of endeavor. Become an expert, and you will soon become indispensable. Become an authority on some subject or in some field, and inevitably you will be sought after.

**Minimize** your shortcomings, your liabilities, and your deficiencies. You were designed by the Master Architect, you are greater than you think.

**Maximize** the good in others, the beauty of friendship, the look of love, and the joy of service. Train your eyes to look for the best in others, and invariably others will see the best in you.

- Clearlake Chronicle, Springfield, IL, via *Bulletin Digest*

Are your promises to God as binding as those you made to the bank?

### News & Notes

**SYMPATHY:** To Bob Murdock at the recent passing of his sister, Billie Mangum in Durham, NC. God bless and comfort Bob and the family at this time.

**LADIES PLANNING MEETING:** Tonight following the evening service. This is to work out the details for the next ladies work day for making and distributing care baskets.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All the ladies are invited to participate.

**ELDERS TO SPEAK:** Sunday evening, Jan 28th. This has become an annual event for our elders and the church here. Plan to be here for a review of the past year and the plans for 2007.

**SUNDAY NIGHT SINGING:** Following the service Jan. 28th.

**PANTRY:** Pancake mix & syrup.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** TRINITY WEST, STEUBENVILLE: Karen Rice. AT HOME: Skip Haught, Shirley Beagle, Mary Beth Robinson, Denise Noland, Lloyd Cowdery, Mabel Sprout, Virginia Rickerd, Bette Gentry, Fred & Jean Larrimore, Sr., Fred Larrimore, Jr., Cheryl Stackpole, George & Betty Dunn (Pat Wright's parents). NURSING HOMES: Fox: Ray Baker, Ruth McMahan. Calcutta Health Care: Glenn Beagle, Virginia Clutter (sister-in-law of Eva Stefl). Nentwick: Ruby Kenny. Rivendale: Ione Asher. Weirton Geriatric Center: Edna McKitrick, Ila Plum.

## WE STILL NEED THE BIBLE

“The earth is degenerating these days. Bribery and corruption abound. Children no longer mind their parents. Every man wants to write a book, and it is evident that the end of the world is fast approaching.” Sound familiar? Read on.

“Our youth love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for their elders, and love to chatter in place of exercise. Children are now tyrants. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble their food, and tyrannize their teachers.” Is this an apt description of today's situation?

You may be surprised to learn that neither of the foregoing observations was made with our time in mind. The first is taken from an ancient Assyrian Tablet, dated 2800 B.C., and the second was written by Socrates nearly four hundred years before the days of Christ's flesh.

Have things really changed all that much in the years, the generations since? Styles of dress and living have changed. Science and technology are always advancing. But people, and the problems they face, remain the same, regardless when, regardless where.

Thankfully, the “*living and active*” word of God (Hebrews 4:12, ASV), is still as relevant to our needs today as it was when first written. “*The word of the Lord endures forever*” (1 Peter 1:25). Have you read your Bible today?

- Dalton Key, via *Gospel Gleaner, Mabelvale, AR*