## Wall of Prayer

April 20, 2023

Dear Faithful Prayer Warrior,



My prayer is that we continue to enter that secret place of communion with the triune God and close the door behind us. How often do we get lost in the wonder of the majesty and greatness of our Lord? When we begin as Jesus teaches, "Our Father in heaven," do we stop to think of all those words entail? The God of all creation Who hung the moon and the stars, Who tells the ocean where to stop and Who joins the tiniest of cells from a man and a woman to create life, has adopted us as His children. He is calling us to know Him, to worship Him through the sacrifice and language of His Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. I pray with Paul, "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know Him better!<sup>1</sup>" After we pour over the many scriptures that describe His holiness and vast transcendence, (Psalm 8, Psalm 19, Job 38, Isaiah 40:12-31, 2 Corinthians 12:2-4, Revelation 4, 21; and so many more!), we say like the Psalmist, "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers... what is man that You are mindful of him...?" John would later write, "What manner of love is this that we should be called the children of God?" And how was our adoption secured? The Eternal Father, Lord of all creation, gave His only Son, who humbled Himself, setting aside His glory, to become one of us. He lived a perfect life and died that we might live. The power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him at the right hand of the Majesty on high is the same power that raised us up with Christ and seated us with the Father in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming age He might show the incomparable riches of His grace.<sup>2</sup>

Hebrews 12 tells us that we are not coming, as Moses did when he met with God, "to a mountain burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm...But we have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the first born whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant...Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire"

In view of God's mercy, Paul tells us in Romans 12, to offer ourselves as a sacrifice: alive, holy and pleasing—that this also is worship. As we pray that God's name would be hallowed in all that we do, we also pray that His kingdom would come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Many of our dear prayer warriors did not picture God's will as it has come to them in these last few weeks. As Jesus did at Lazarus' grave, we weep for the families and dear friends of those prayer warriors who are now in the very presence of our Lord. The enemy wants us to leave Christ as many did in John 6, when Jesus began to speak of suffering and sacrifice. But we reply as Peter did, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." And with the Psalmist we say, "I am continually with You; You hold my right hand. You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." (Psalm 73:23-26) Through Jesus, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of Praise to God, that is the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name." (Hebrews 13:15) Never give up!

In Him,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ephesians 1:17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ephesians 2:6-7