When We Pray - Things Will Change June 15th, 2019

Let Your Light Shine

Thank you Lord for being the Light within us, so we can shine brightly for the world around us. Pray that God will use us to make a difference and may we boldly let our light shine before all those around us. Pray that God will give us opportunities to lift someone up in a needed situation, to react with goodness and kindness to those around us. Pray that God will show us those crossing our paths that need to hear a word of hope, feel a touch of compassion, and see the possibility of a different future. May we be the light of Christ in the midst of their darkness. May God challenge us to keep our eyes on the Jesus, so we won't get tempted to slip into the darkness of the world ourselves. Pray that we will take Jesus's command seriously and live as light in the darkness by walking in obedience. Matthew 5:14-16 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Fathers in our Lives

We give thanks to you God, for the Father's in our lives, or those filling the void when fathers pass early or are absent. We ask you for your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed. We pray that God will give them guidance and wisdom to fulfill their role, to accept their proper place in society as fathers, following the example of Joseph the husband of Mary. Pray that as God demonstrates His amazing grace and forgiveness, that they seek to love and to know God with all their heart, soul and mind. Pray that God teaches them how to meet the needs of his child's life that are within his ability to do so, but help him to trust God for the rest. Pray that God will give them resources to provide for their families, and that God will strategically place them where they need to be, not only earn an honest living but to minister to and be ministered to.

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

A Prayer for Flag Day

As we celebrate Flag Day let us remember the courage, bravery, and vision that the men and women of yesteryear committed their lives to. We thank God for their faith in Him as they shaped a new country based on the guiding principles of the Bible. From laws formed from the Ten Commandments, to the flag that waves representing "One Nation Under God". We are a nation of many people coming together with one desire - to have the freedom to worship God. As we see the flags raised we thank God for the red, symbolizing hardiness and valor, white, symbolizing purity and innocence, and blue, symbolizing vigilance, perseverance, and justice. We pray that we might have the courage, bravery and vision to demonstrate the values our flag represents and conduct ourselves in a way that is pleasing to the God we worship.

Psalm 20:5 May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions!

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