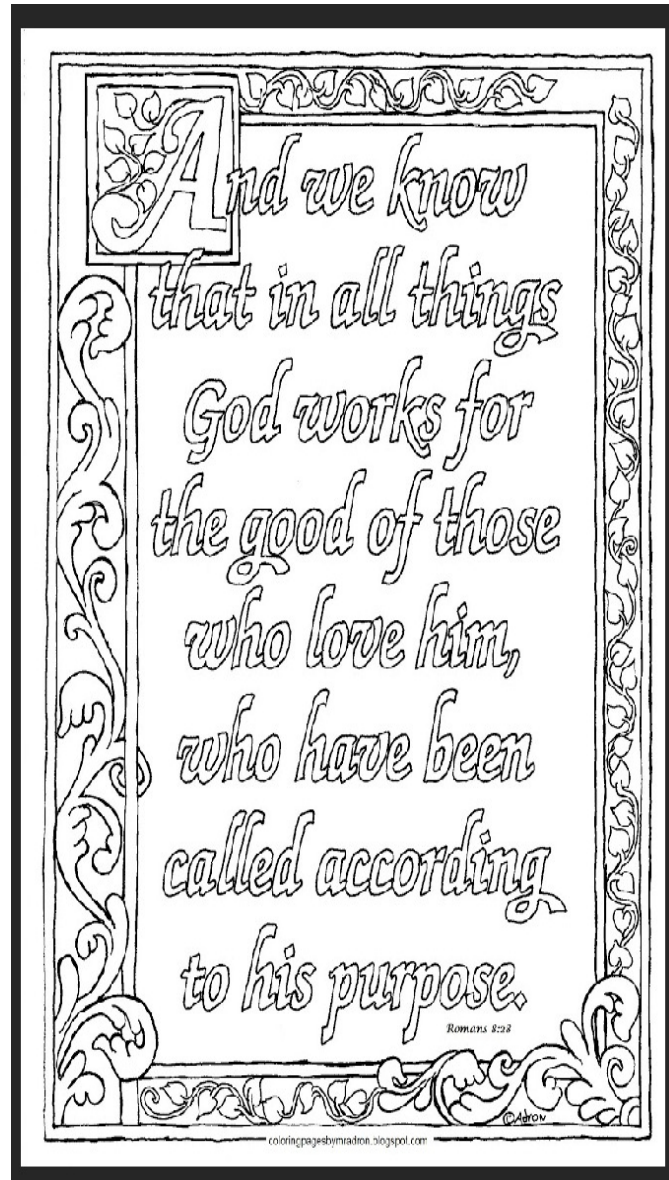


PRAYER LIST

LINDA BULLOCK, medical issues/tests
CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister
BECKY BROWN, Sherri Clopton's mom
WILLIAM CAREY's MOM
ALAN DES ORMEAUX, Vinson friend; cancer
CHRIS EMOND, Madison family friend; cancer
ALANA FAIR
JAMES GORDON, Bridget Smith's dad
ANTORIAS GROVES, Ethel Clark's son-in-law, starting cancer treatments again
EVELYN GUY, health issues
BUD HARPER, Cindy's bro-in-law, health issues
TERRY HARPER, Cindy's husband health issues
THERMAN HODGE
JACK HUNTLEY, Callens friend
BILLY JOHN health issues
JORDAN KEMBLE, Warren friend; brain tumor
WALTER KING, Lamar's dad
JACK MEARS
JAKE NESTER, Fair friend – cancer, chemo
CHARLENE RALEY, Stan's mom – health issues
STAN RALEY, accident & surgery at home
GRADY RICHARDSON, Angela Duncan's dad
RANDY RIVES
AL ST. CLAIR
MATTHEW STOKLEY, Duncan friend - cancer
RANDY SWALLOW, Linda Bullock's nephew
THELMA TALBERT, Shirley Raley's mom
RUTH TAYLOR, Brookdale/Meridian
ANNIE THOMAS, Edna Toole's mother, health
TERRY TRIBBLE, Renée Cumberland's friend
PERRY TUBBY, Brandie Madison's dad
ANNIE WEBB, Cindy Harper's g-grand-daughter
MAX WEBB, Cindy's grandson, deployed
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And Then It s Winter

I received the following thoughts by an unknown author via email this morning from one of my Christian friends and wanted to share them with my blog readers. These thoughts could very well be my thoughts, as I'm entering the latter years of my life. The thoughts expressed are something to seriously think about this day and every day that God allow us to live (Acts 17:24-25):

You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. And yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all.....

And I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams... But, here it is, the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise..... How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my babies go? And where did my youth go?

I remember well....seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is.....my friends are retired and really getting gray....they move slower and I see an older person now. Lots are in better shape than me....but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant....but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore....it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will....I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did.....

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last....this I know, that when it's over....its over....Yes , I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done....things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime....

So, if you're not in your winter yet....let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!!

Life goes by very quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life....so, live for good today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember....and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past.

"Life is a gift to you from God. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a "fantastic one!"

Live life well – Enjoy today – Do something fun – Be happy – Be thankful... ..And Praise God For all He's given you! (Psalm 150:6; James 1:17; cf. John 3:27).

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