

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, Covid positive
 FELICIA GROVES, Ethel's daughter, Covid positive
 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
 RANDY & GLENDA RIVES, Covid-19
 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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ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY

February 14 : Cindy Harper
 February 18 : Randy & Glenda Rives
 February 20 : Sandy Vinson

Who Will Follow Jesus?

(continued from cover)

“... me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Jesus offered freedom from the weight of unrighteousness and feeble attempts at self-righteousness. He offered true rest, found only in him. In Matthew 6:33-34, Jesus said, “*But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself...*” Jesus, speaking to people who understood firsthand the anxiety found in having little food, clothing, and shelter, provided freedom from the weight of anxiety; a freedom found through seeking God and trusting in his provision.

As followers of Jesus two-thousand years after his life, we should be thankful that Jesus' message appealed most to the broken of his day. Why? Because we too are broken, sinful people, and thanks be to God, we too are offered freedom found only in Christ Jesus. God loves you, and so do I.

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"His Eye is On The Sparrow"

How many of us have truly dwelt on these verses:

"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows." ~Matthew 10:29-31~

When troubles and sickness come our way, we usually turn to worry and fretting about our situation. Civilla Martin (1869-1948) the author of today's hymn had a friend who had learned to rely on this verse and when in 1904, sickness made her bedridden she continued to trust in God. Seeing the testimony of her friend caused Civilla Martin to pen the words to our hymn, "**His Eye is On The Sparrow**".

*Why should I feel discouraged, Why should the shadows come,
 Why should my heart be lonely and long for Heav'n and home,
 When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He;
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me,
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,
 And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
 Tho' by the path He leadeth but one step I may see;
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
 When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
 I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He cares for me;
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He cares for me.*

*I sing because I'm happy,
 I sing because I'm free,
 For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*