

# PRAYER LIST

**CHERYL BARRON**, Stan Raley's sister  
**BECKY BROWN**, Sherri Clopton's mom  
**LINDA BULLOCK**, medical issues/tests  
**WILLIAM CAREY's MOM**  
**ALAN DES ORMEAUX**, Vinson friend; cancer  
**CHARLES DOOLEY**, upcoming surgery  
**TAMMIE DUNN**, Linda Bullock's daughter  
**CHRIS EMOND**, Madison family friend; cancer  
**ALANA FAIR**  
**JAMES GORDON**, Bridget Smith's dad  
**ANTORIAS GROVES**, Ethel Clark's son-in-law,  
**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  
**LAMAR KING**  
**WALTER KING**, Lamar's dad  
**JACK MEARS**  
**JAKE NESTER**, Fair friend – cancer, chemo  
**CHARLENE RALEY**, Stan's mom – health issues  
**STAN RALEY**  
**GRADY RICHARDSON**, Angela Duncan's dad  
**AL ST. CLAIR**  
**MATTHEW STOKLEY**, Duncan friend - cancer  
**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

April 15 : Eli Agan  
 April 15 : Ashley King  
 April 15 : John & Cathy Reeves

But Whom Do You Say That I AM?

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Door Emmanuel Everlasting Faithful and True First and Last Forerunner Foundation Governor Head High Priest Holy and Just One Horn of Salvation I AM Jesus Judge King King of Kings Lamb of God	Lawgiver Life Light Lion of Judah Lord Lord of Lords Master Master Mediator Messiah Mighty God Morning Star Nazarene Only Begotten Son Passover Priest Prince of Peace Prophet	Redeemer Resurrection Rock Savior Servant Shepherd Son of David Son of God Son of Man Vine Way Wonderful Word

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## “Lieutenant Dan Syndrome”

One of the great characters in Forrest Gump is Lieutenant Dan Taylor, played by Gary Sinise. His character has long been known by the moniker given him by Gump, “Lieutenant Dan” (Lt. Dan).

Lt. Dan came from a long line of military service. He had a relative killed in every American war beginning in 1778. He believed it was his destiny to die on the battlefield as his predecessors had done.

During a battle with the Vietcong, Lt. Dan is seriously injured. Against his wishes, he is rescued by Forrest, who is also injured in the rescue attempt. Later, in the hospital where they are both recovering, Lt. Dan rails at Forrest for saving his life and robbing him of his destiny to die like a hero.

After the war, Forrest moves to the Gulf and becomes a shrimp boat captain. Lt. Dan, keeping his word given to Gump, joins him as his first mate. They eventually become wealthy and Lt. Dan eventually thanks Forrest for saving his life.

In modern religious circles, there are many who suffer from what I have coined “Lieutenant Dan Syndrome.” They are so tied to their families and their religious heritage that they are unwilling to consider that their perceived destiny has in fact become their damnation. Despite the testimony of text after text, they stubbornly refuse to be moved. “My (parents, grandparents, etc.) were members of this religious group going back for generations, and I intend to continue as I am and as they were.”

Such share the same shortsightedness as Lt. Dan, namely, would any of one’s predecessors killed in action wish the same on their progeny? What would these long-deceased soldiers say, given the opportunity? Who ever said, (Muslims notwithstanding), “I wish my children or grandchildren would be killed in war”?

Would they not rather wish for something different, something better for their offspring? Would they not encourage them to pursue a better course of action leading to a better life and a better eternal reward? The rich man of Luke 16 did not want his brothers to follow in his steps. He wanted them to know better than to do as he did.

In the case of Lt. Dan, though angered at first, he learned to be thankful that someone cared enough to give him an opportunity for a better destiny than the one he had chosen. In like fashion, many have finally submitted to the will of God and abandoned the vain conduct inherited through the tradition of their families (c.f. 1 Peter 1:18-19). These have finally tasted that the Lord is indeed gracious (1 Peter 2:2).

Do you need to choose a different destiny than your current one? No one can pick you up and rescue you against your will. You must choose to accept the salvation offered by God through obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Make a change today!

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