PRAYER LIST

DANNY ANTHONY, Edna Toole's cousin - cancer CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister BECKY BROWN, Sherri Clopton's mom LINDA BULLOCK, medical issues/tests LINDA COLLIE, knee surgery recovery; Anderson South, moved to room 312: would like visitors ALAN DES ORMEAUX. Vinson friend: cancer ROBERT DUNCAN, Andy's brother, health issues TAMMIE DUNN, Linda Bullock's daughter **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** CHARLENE RALEY, Stan's mom – health issues **STAN RALEY** GRADY RICHARDSON, Angela Duncan's dad AL ST. CLAIR 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 **DICK VINSON**, Bladder Cancer; surgery 6/17 ANNIE WEBB, Cindy Harper's g-grand-daughter MAX WEBB, Cindy's grandson, deployed MEMBERS of our ARMED SERVICES **OUR GOVERNMENT - NATIONAL & STATE** CHURCH MISSION WORK WORLDWIDE

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We have learned Heaven is a prepared place, but Heaven is a place for a prepared people. We do not stumble into Heaven or go there accidently. In other words, not everybody that talks about Heaven is going there.

The Bible says "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord" (Revelation 14:13). We must be in the Lord. Galatians 3:26-27 and Romans 6:3-6 teach us we are baptized into Christ. "We must fight the good fight, finish the course, and keep the faith if the crown of life is to be ours" (II Timothy 4:7-8). "We must be faithful unto death if we are to possess the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). Those who overcome will inherit all things (Revelation 21:7). By giving us a glimpse of Heaven, Jesus is encouraging us to overcome.

We are able to get a glimpse of Heaven through the eyes of others. Paul gives us a glimpse of Heaven because of a vision he had. Paul said he was caught up into Paradise and heard unspeakable words it was not lawful for him to utter (II Corinthians 12:1-4). Paul was given a glimpse of Heaven but he wasn't allowed to tell all he saw. Paul said, "For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better" (Philippians 1:23).

Stephen was also permitted a glimpse of Heaven just before he entered Paradise. "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into Heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55-56).

John was the last to get a glimpse of Heaven. It is through this revelation of Jesus Christ to John that we are given a glimpse of Heaven. John was told, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this" (Revelation 4:1-2. John has described Heaven in terms that we can better understand. The walls are said to be of Jasper, the gates of pearl, the foundations of precious stones, and

the city of pure gold (Revelation 21). Not only has John described Heaven as a beautiful place, but also a perfect place. There is no such place in this world as a perfect place. Heaven will be a perfect place because there will be no sin there (Revelation 21:27, 22:14-15).

One of the greatest glimpse's Heaven holds is no more pain, no more sickness, no more crying, and no more death (Revelation 21:4)! Heaven is also a perfect place because of its security. God will be on His throne, Jesus will be there, and all will be secure. We will be safe in the arms of Jesus.

Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

Revelation 22:14

Heaven is a permanent place. Nothing in this world is permanent. Life in this world is for a time, but Heaven will exist forever. Heaven in the Bible is described as eternal life, everlasting life. There is no end. The Bible gives us a glimpse of Heaven. The best news we could ever hear is that we can go there! We can go to Heaven. I have always wanted to go to Hawaii. I probably will never be able to go to Hawaii. But I can go to Heaven, and you can too! Our glimpse of heaven should encourage us to have a greater desire to prepare to go to Heaven, because Heaven will surely be worth it all.

My desire to go to Heaven is greater now because of the loved ones who have gone before? MM

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