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O Come, All Ye Faithful!



Welcome to the last issue of Faith Magazine that you'll receive this year, Dear Friend! It's Christmastime, and we know you may be getting ready for lots of visitors, family or friends.

We salute this spiritual season with the headline above; "*O Come, All Ye Faithful!*" That is the name of a popular Christmas carol, of course, but it also calls

out the strong faith of our Members around the World, and invites all of you into the pages of this FAITH.

We have tried to include something for everyone here, from the stories of heroic courage demonstrated by some of your Fellowship Friends, uplifting prayers and Bible Verses, to tasty recipes and fun One-Sentence

Sermons. The common bond for all of our Friends is an unwavering belief in God, and faith that He will answer when they pray for His help.

For example, on Page 19 you'll learn about Member Carolyn W., of Georgia, who found herself in a life-threatening situation when her car rolled back in her driveway, knocking her down and trapping her underneath.

"I began calling on the name of Jesus, with all my might," she recalled, pleading, *"God, please help me! Lord, help me push this car off my leg!"*

I started pushing the tire with all my might, and with the help of God I was able to push the tire off my thigh. It then grabbed the inside of my leg, and still in pain, I began calling for God again. I said, *"Lord, You said whatever I ask in Your name You will do it. Lord, let someone hear me or come down the street."*

Amazingly, Carolyn's neighbor's dog watched her entire ordeal, and walked out into the street when the neighbor's daughter drove up. The dog actually indicated something was wrong by staring at Carolyn, until the daughter walked over to see what the dog was looking at.

Carolyn is certain the Lord had a Hand in everything that transpired.

God has a way of sending people to help at the right time, and He used a dog as an angel to call attention to my plight. Thanks

to Him, I'm alive!"

Carolyn's faith certainly played a role in keeping her calm throughout her ordeal, and we're glad she's going to be OK.

Then, on Page 11 Kaley S. of Alabama thought an airplane detour to a different airport would force her to miss a long-awaited Christmas reunion. But she prayed to God asking for a solution to the problem, and was overjoyed when a relative walked into the airport to pick her up.

Faith is the unbreakable bond that links these two Members, and supports you as well. For we know the Lord watches out for us and helps us resolve problems, according to our needs. We hope you find our magazine lifts up your faith, Dear Friend, and that the New Year is a bright and rewarding one for you!

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Bless This Home

Helpful Household Hints

Christmastime has arrived and everyone is running around to get ready. We can all use a little help in saving time and money and our Fellow Members are always up to that challenge! We've gathered some of their best ideas to share with you.

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TURKEY TIPS

For those who like their leftover holiday turkey served warm: Heat a little milk over a low fire, add some turkey slices and simmer until barely warm, about a minute. It will be as moist and delicious as fresh cooked!

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HOLIDAY CANDLES

Did your big fat holiday candles burn down to where they won't light anymore? Place votive candles inside the old ones and you will be able to keep your candles glowing through the holidays!

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STOCK UP FOR SAVINGS

Stock up on Christmas cards, gift wrap and ribbon during holiday sales. Get in the habit of shopping for the next holiday season right after the current one is over. Those after Christmas sales are a good way to save money for those of us on a budget, which just

leaves more money for presents and treats during the holidays!

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PARTY TIP

Are you having a party? Drape an ironing board with a large, decorative paper table cloth and use it for a festive buffet from which you can serve food and drinks! You can change table cloth themes to match the season.

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SEASONAL SCENTS

Keep a pot of water with a few cinnamon sticks and some cloves simmering on the stove. It will make the whole house smell like Christmas!

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SWEET IDEA

When rolling Christmas cookies use powdered sugar on the dough board. It will make the cookies a bit sweeter, and they won't be as tough as they would be with flour!

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SAVE AND RE-USE

The holidays are over but you may be stuck with stale crackers and cookies. Well, don't throw them out, because here's a tip to make them tasty again. Spread them out on a cookie sheet, heat on low for 5 minutes or so and they'll crisp up nicely.

NOVEMBER — My DAILY BIBLE VERSES

Dear Member, We have much to be thankful for, including God's golden lessons as taught in the Bible. These Verses for every day of November will add gratitude to your heart and peace to your mind. You may want to take them with you wherever you go.

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| 1. <i>"Be strong and of a good courage"</i>
Joshua 1:9 | 16. <i>"Thou believest that there is one God"</i>
James 2:19 |
| 2. <i>"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear"</i>
II Timothy 1:7 | 17. <i>"So then faith cometh by hearing"</i> Romans 10:17 |
| 3. <i>"Delight thyself also in the Lord"</i> Psalms 37:4 | 18. <i>"He is a rewarder of them"</i>
Hebrews 11:6 |
| 4. <i>"Every word of God is pure"</i> Proverbs 30:5 | 19. <i>"Faith should not stand in the wisdom of men"</i>
I Corin. 2:5 |
| 5. <i>"With my song will I praise Him"</i> Psalms 28:7 | 20. <i>"Faith is the substance"</i>
Hebrews 11:1 |
| 6. <i>"God hath not appointed us to wrath"</i> I Thess. 5:9 | 21. <i>"By grace are ye saved through faith"</i>
Ephesians 2:8 |
| 7. <i>"I can do all things through Christ"</i>
Philippians 4:13 | 22. <i>"By works a man is justified"</i> James 2:24 |
| 8. <i>"I sought the Lord, and He heard me"</i>
Psalms 34:4 | 23. <i>"Ye are not under the law"</i>
Romans 6:14 |
| 9. <i>"Lean upon the Lord"</i>
Micah 3:11 | 24. <i>"The Lord is not slack"</i>
II Peter 3:9 |
| 10. <i>"Be careful to maintain good works"</i> Titus 3:8 | 25. <i>"They shall mount up with wings as eagles"</i>
Isaiah 40:31 |
| 11. <i>"Cast thy burden upon the Lord"</i> Psalms 55:22 | 26. <i>"Great is His mercy"</i>
Psalm 103:11 |
| 12. <i>"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you"</i>
Jeremiah 29:11 | 27. <i>"I will hope continually"</i>
Psalms 71:14 |
| 13. <i>"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy"</i>
Psalms 126:5 | 28. <i>"If thou canst believe, all things are possible"</i>
Mark 9:23 |
| 14. <i>"The word of God is quick and powerful"</i>
Hebrews 4:12 | 29. <i>"God shall wipe away all tears"</i> Revelation 21:4 |
| 15. <i>"Minister grace unto the hearers"</i> Ephesians 4:29 | 30. <i>"For God so loved the World"</i> John 3:16 |

NOVEMBER — Fellowship's DAILY PRAYERS

Let us make every day of this month one in which we appreciate the power of united prayer, Dear Friend. We can be thankful to God for this opportunity to join our fellow Members in offering these Three Daily Prayers to express our gratefulness for His blessings

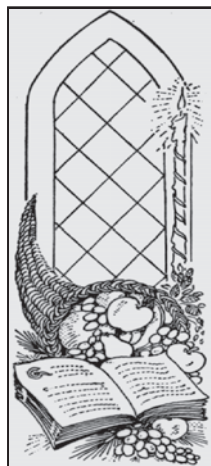
“Knock, and it shall be opened unto you!”

Luke 11:9

8:00 A.M. Prayer for Guidance

Heavenly Father, this morning I am happy to join my Friends in Fellowship everywhere to offer these words of prayer. Guide and protect us today, and grant us happiness. We follow You gladly, Lord, for we know our footsteps will be sure as we walk along Your path on this November morning. Thank You for Your blessings today, and in the future.

— Amen



12:00 Noon Prayer for Prosperity

The clock strikes noon and I pause to pray with my Fellow Members for Your special blessings, O Lord. We ask You to help us Prosper and benefit from our hard work, so we may provide for ourselves and others. Let us live comfortably and in peace, Father. We pray we will have enough for ourselves and those who depend upon us. Thank You for helping us along as we go through this day.

— Amen

9:00 P.M. Prayer for Health and Healing

Dear Father, as I lay down to sleep I say this evening prayer. My Fellowship Friends and I pray for this night to bring deep, restful slumber and peaceful dreams. Please bless us with radiant good Health and Healing tonight, and let us wake the next day refreshed and strong. You are with us always, Lord, and we are grateful for Your blessings large and small. Our days will be upbeat and inspirational as we are lifted by Your love.

— Amen

Strength For The Day

Little Prayers For Life's Everyday Situations

Christmas Thoughts

Bright lights and colorful decorations are the hallmark of this Christmas season. Yet I am most excited to experience its feeling of spiritual renewal. Long ago, You gave us a most precious gift, Dear Lord. It was Your Son, Jesus. Our lives have been more beautiful ever since, and I offer this prayer of thanks.

—Amen

My Rent

My rent was due today, O Lord, and I want to tell You how grateful I am that I have the means to make this payment. I'm thankful to live in a sturdy home, for I know there are many who are homeless. It's not always easy, but You have never failed to help me earn enough to pay my rent and get what I need.

— Amen

Thanksgiving Blessing

Today, we gather together in celebration of the blessings of prosperity and plenty which God has granted. We share our food with dear ones, and give thanks to the Lord for all of His blessings. As we enjoy this bountiful fellowship, we pray our faith remains strong, and our friends and family are blessed all year.

— Amen

Positive Thinking

Dear Father, I've been down and out more than once, and it has made me very grateful for the little things that mean the most . . . like having a warm place to stay and enough to eat. That's why I resolve to think positive and share my blessings with others this holiday season, and next year. I pray for Your help to meet this goal.

— Amen

Reuniting With Friends

I recently ran into an old friend I hadn't seen for many years. That reminded me how many unexpected blessings You have given me, Lord. I am thankful for all of them, for it is the little joys in life that lift me up. I appreciate all these gifts and want to share my joy with others to lift them up too.

— Amen

Bless My Son

O Lord, I have said a prayer of thanks many times for being blessed with my son. He is so thoughtful, always checking on me and making sure I have everything I need. I pray You will watch over him as he does for me, Father. Let my son know he is loved and cherished.

— Amen

We Three Kings Of Orient Are . . .

A Christmas Bible Story

*We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and
mountain
Following yonder star:*

*O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still
proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light.*

*Born a King on Bethlehem's
plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again.
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.*

*O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still
proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

*Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising, all men
raising
Worship Him, God most high.*

*O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still
proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

The Book Of Matthew 1:20-24



Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins."

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God is with us."

Then, Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife.

A List Of Amazing Things Happened To Create Christmas!

Christmastime is filled with the best experiences . . . sharing food and friendship with loved ones and the warmth of renewing your spiritual faith.

And yet, Dear Member, when you think about the events leading up to the birth of Jesus, it's an amazing list of occurrences we would consider improbable, or even impossible, today!

Here is a list of things that had to happen to create Christmas as we know it:

- A decree from Caesar Augustus that everyone should return to their hometowns to be registered and taxed.

- An angel appearing to Mary.

- A virgin giving birth.

- An angel coming to Joseph in a dream to reassure him the child is a Son of God.

- Jesus' parents-to-be travel to Bethlehem and arrive to find the inn is already full, but a stable is available.

- A baby is born, wrapped in rags and placed in a feeding trough.

- A mysterious star appears in the east, leading the magi to the right place in Bethlehem to see Jesus. They bring him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

- Angels appear to shepherds.

Any one or two of these things that happened probably would

be considered a tall tale today. But, all of them had to occur to bring us the birth of Jesus and the wondrous events that formed the early part of His life.

All those things are part of the wonder of Christmas, Dear Friend, and it gives you an idea of how important this special season is to people of faith around the World. Without the birth of Christ, there would be no Christmas. All of us would be poorer in spirit without His unselfish example of love toward others. As we celebrate the beauty of this season, let us remember it isn't presents, good food or trinkets that define Christmas. It is the spirit of love and kindness within us that is a tribute to the Son of God who walked the Earth long ago.



“I Ended Up Having A Wonderful Christmas With My Family!”

My Christmas vacation wasn't supposed to turn out like this! That's what I told myself as I sat on a hard airport bench late at night, waiting to get on another plane after my flight had been canceled. My heart sank as I thought about the holiday festivities I was going to miss, especially that reunion with a special aunt and uncle I hadn't seen for years.

How did I get here? Well, my friends, over the summer I had carefully planned out my trip up north to visit my cousins. I bought my plane ticket to fly out of my home in the South, and into a major airport near my cousins. My favorite aunt and uncle also were traveling to the home of my cousins, their children. A big dinner was planned for this lovely occasion and I figured I had plenty of time to get there after my plane reached the airport.

I just didn't plan on my airplane's left engine blowing up and forcing the pilot to land at an airport over 50 miles away. The exasperated ticket agents promised us passengers they would bring in another aircraft, but it wouldn't arrive until the next day!

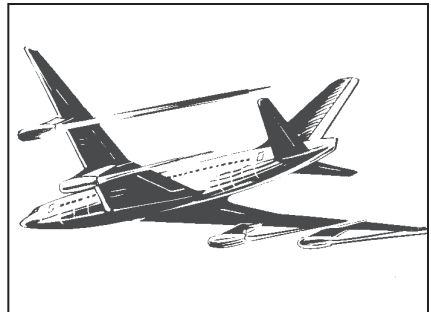
As I watched snow fall softly outside the big windows of the terminal, my eyes teared up and I realized I was going to miss my family's special dinner. I been a Member of Fellowship since I was a little girl, so I closed my

eyes and began to pray. “O Lord,” I pleaded, *“please help me find a way to reach my cousin's house as soon as possible.”* I didn't really expect an answer, but I've always prayed for God's assistance with big problems. I figured a damaged airplane and no other means of transportation was big enough to tell Him about it.

And would you believe it, God answered me! Not by voice, of course, but by leading my family to send a wonderful man to get me! Most everyone else had left the terminal when a young man approached me and said he was a nephew of my beloved aunt and uncle. He offered to drive me to my family reunion and I quickly took him up on the offer. On the way, this young man told me my relatives had put off the family dinner until the next day so I could be there.

I ended up having a wonderful Christmas with my family, thanks to the Lord hearing my prayer and sending help!

Member Kaley S., Alabama



Over The Years, We May Change But Jesus Stays The Same!



Member Frances P. from Oklahoma asked us to republish an old Christmas feature from many years ago to remind us of the real reason behind Christmastime each year.

As we celebrate another Christmas Season, our thoughts naturally turn to that very first Christmas Day. Back through the years we go, and in our hearts we can see the tiny baby Jesus lying in a manger.

Joyfully we recall this wondrous miracle of His Birth! The miracle of Christmas! And there is still another miracle we can keep and treasure always. For not only does the Christmas Season herald the birth of our Lord. It also reminds us of His miracle of everlasting, steadfast, unchanging love!

Jesus never changes! That is the miracle for all time!

As we are told in the Book of Hebrews, Chapter 13: Verse 8 ... *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever."*

Dear Friend, we feel that those are some of the most beautiful

words in the entire Bible! They are warm with hope and glowing with promise!

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever."

He has not changed one bit over the span of years. Yesterday He loved and understood you. Today He loves and understands you. And for ever this tender love and infinite understanding are yours.

Jesus is the same. Even as we have read and experienced the wondrous deeds He did perform in the past, so may we be assured that now, and on into the future, Jesus will continue to be a never-failing, never-ending source of strength and comfort to all who love Him.

Doesn't it make you feel good to know that Our Lord is always the same? He is the Kindly Shepherd for ever and ever.

Unlike earthly friends, or even relatives, who might change from time to time, Jesus remains the same. He remains near to you regardless of the hour or the place. His mercy, His compassion, His help are all things you can depend on without doubt, without change.

And what a beautiful miracle that is . . . to know that Jesus remains the same . . . yesterday, and today, and for ever!

“Fellowship Has Been A Blessing To Me And My Family!”

Dear Fellowship Friends, I want to thank the Lord for all of His blessings. He has blessed us in so many ways. He has been good to us and we can't ever thank Him enough. I don't worry like I used to about things, and I feel so much better in my health. We have more food to eat and I thank the Lord for letting me get in touch with you all in Fellowship, through the mail.

I found a Faith Magazine and was looking through it over 51 years ago, and found your address. I wrote to you then and I thank the Lord I did, because Fellowship has been a blessing to me and my family. I was expecting a baby when I first started writing to you all, and I have enjoyed reading FAITH; the prayers, the poems and One-Sentence Sermons.

They uplifted my spirits and made me feel so much better. I also thank you all for my birthday cards that you send me each year. I keep them and sometimes read them over and over. They brought me much strength and helped to lift my grief and make me feel stronger when I had suffered a loss. I will write to you, my Friends in Fellowship, as often as I can. Please continue praying for me and my loved ones, too. May God bless you!

Member Ethel T., Texas



Dear Life-Study Fellowship,
I just wanted to let everyone there know how thankful I am to be a Member. I have never written to you before, but I felt moved by the Holy Spirit to do so now. I really feel so blessed when I read all the different stories and prayers that are in every Faith Magazine.

I want to thank you for sending me this special gift, so I am sending you a small donation along with a poem that I have written. I also ask that you send me some special prayer help. I indicated my prayer needs on Page 17 of a previous Faith Magazine that I sent in to your Special Help Department. My husband and I and our son are looking for a church home where we can worship as a family. We are also in need of a new truck for transportation, and want to buy a big new home. We hope for a financial blessing as well. Plus, my husband wants to stop smoking and I want to lose weight. God bless you for your help and prayers!

Member Lynn D., Texas

Daily Bread

Recipes From Your Friends

Well, it's the season for gatherings of family and friends, and keeping tasty appetizers on hand for visitors who drop in to share food and fellowship. We have put together some delicious recipes from our Fellow Members, and we hope you'll send us your ideas for mouth-watering dishes as well, Dear Friend!

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FESTIVE VEGGIE SPREAD

This is a tempting party treat, says Member Arleatha W. from Kentucky. And even better ... it's good for you, too.

Ingredients: 8 ounces soft, non-fat cream cheese ... 1/2 cup finely chopped green pepper ... 2 finely chopped celery ribs ... 2 finely chopped medium carrots ... 6 finely chopped radishes ... 4 teaspoons finely chopped onion ... 1 teaspoon dill weed.

Combine all ingredients, mixing well. Serve with raw veggies, crackers or pita bread ... and wait for compliments.

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EGGNOG MUFFINS

Member Lisa B. from Colorado sent in this scrumptious recipe that's fit for the season, and can help use up that holiday eggnog.

Ingredients: 3 cups flour ... 1/2 cup sugar ... 3 teaspoons baking powder ... 1/2 teaspoon salt ... 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg ... 1 egg

... 1 3/4 cups commercially prepared eggnog ... 1/2 cup vegetable oil ... 1/2 cup golden raisins ... 1/2 cup chopped pecans.

In a large bowl combine first 5 ingredients. In another bowl combine egg, eggnog and oil. Stir into dry ingredients until just moistened. Fold in raisins and nuts. Fill greased or paper lined muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake at 350 degrees 20-25 minutes. Cool and enjoy.

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MILLION DOLLAR PIE

Not only does this sensational recipe from Member J. G. from Florida have a million dollar taste ... it makes 2 pies!

Ingredients: 2 prepared graham cracker pie crusts ... 8 ounce container whipped topping ... 20 ounce can crushed pineapple, drained ... 1 cup chopped pecans ... 1 tablespoon lemon juice ... 14 ounce can sweetened condensed milk.

Blend whipped topping, pineapple, pecans, lemon juice and sweetened condensed milk. Mix thoroughly and divide between 2 pie shells. Chill overnight..

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HERE'S A HEALTHY HINT: You can eat well and stretch your budget, too. Reduce the amount of meat in soups and stews and add more rice, beans, pasta or potatoes. It's filling and healthy!

“God Held Onto Me Tightly, And He Has Kept Me In His Arms!”

I can never say “thank you” enough to our Lord and Father, and to Life-Study Fellowship for saving my life. I’ve gone through many different changes in my life, and every step God and Fellowship were with me, praying for me. This has brought me very close to the Lord and I am very thankful!

I am so grateful as I look back on my life, and what I was going through. I couldn’t have made it as far as I am today without my Friends in Life-Study Fellowship. God held onto me tightly, too, and He has kept me in His Arms. We had so many talks, and I cried and cried. The harder I cried He would comfort me, and I believed in Him.

My friends and loved ones kept me hoping and believing in God and their prayers have come through for me.

My mother was a firm believer in God and she brought the Lord into my life. I always held on to His teachings as she taught me. They inspired me in life and it feels so wonderful to wake up and know His Love and see, smell and hear all the beauty our Father has given us. I feel it in my heart what He has provided me and it is such a warm, loving feeling.

I also have you all in Fellowship and I will never forget you either. You are a part of me and my life. God has been guiding me and watching over



me throughout my medical problems and I have faith He will take care of me.

Friends, I want to do something very special for you. I want to remember Life-Study Fellowship in my will. I thank you for everything you have done for me, and especially for sending me your wonderful Faith Magazine. My life was such a mess at times, and I would read FAITH. I had trouble keeping my mind focused on it because of my problems, but I kept at it. I even carry your magazine with me now and read it whenever I sit down.

I love you and the Lord, and can't thank you both enough for helping me get through some rough spots. God bless you, Fellowship. I'm going through some stress now but I love you and will help our Fellowship with a contribution.

Member Debra H., New York

God's Guidance Can Make Your Holiday Merry And Meaningful!



If you have faith you already have what it takes to change your life for the better, Dear Friend. Yes, with God's help you can overcome troubles and worries and receive His blessings!

Those matters which might be bothering you may be extremely personal. And that's why Fellowship maintains a Special Help Department to give you individual prayer guidance.

We suggest you use the page just to your right here in Faith Magazine to answer a list of very important questions. Read over the list, decide which questions apply directly to you, and then mark those questions only with an check beside them.

When you have finished, please clip Page 17 from your

magazine and return it to our Special Help Department. As soon as it arrives, we will give it careful consideration, thinking about your needs. The Special Help Department will send you personal Prayer Help to aid with your current problems. And we will recommend how you can use your Prayers to seek God's blessings.

It won't be long before you will see how God's guidance can change your life for the better! As your faith grows, you will feel a new sense of confidence, too, because you'll know He is always with you. So, don't wait any longer, Friend, use Page 17 now to start down a new path to solve your problems. Our Special Help Department will do their part to help you!

I Need The Lord's Guidance Throughout The 2017 New Year!

To: **Special Help Department**

Life-Study Fellowship, Noroton, CT 06820

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Dear Fellowship: The questions I am marking on this page concern things I need God to help me with at this time. So please send the Fellowship Prayers you feel will help me best tell the Lord my wants and needs. It's a wonderful feeling to know I have Friends in Fellowship to help me with this.

(Please put a "✓" mark beside the 2 or 3 problems that concern you. Then just clip out this entire page and mail it to the Special Help Department. Thank you.)

Mark Here



Are any of these things concerning you?

1. Do you need more SELF CONFIDENCE? _____
2. Are you looking for A HOME OF YOUR OWN? _____
3. Do you need to CONTROL YOUR TEMPER?..... _____
4. Do you long for A PAY RAISE? _____
5. Would you like TO TAKE A TRIP? _____
6. Do you need PEACE OF MIND? _____
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***Dear
Friend,***

***You CAN Be The Person You Want
To Be! Take The First Step By
Turning Back To Page 17!***

That's Right!

***Fellowship's Prayer Help Will Help
You Get Right
With God!***



“God Has A Way Of Sending People To Help At The Right Time!”

Dear Friends in Fellowship,

I wanted to take this opportunity to share a life-changing experience I had over a decade ago. It was at that time that my life almost came to an abrupt end, but God saw fit to let me live.

I came home from an off-site visit with my office, and as I do every afternoon, I stopped at the end of the driveway. I got out of my car to get the mail from the mailbox, thinking I had put the car in park, and left it running. Instead, I had left the car in gear. As I got out, my car started rolling in reverse and knocked me down to the ground in an awkward position. The tire on the driver's side rolled onto my right thigh, pinning me under the car!

It felt as though my thigh was going to be cut in half. And, I lived at the end of a dead-end street, with no houses close to mine. I screamed as loud as I could for what seemed like hours, but no one heard me. I began losing circulation in my leg and was becoming dehydrated. At that time I remembered that when no one else is there to help me, I can always call upon the Lord. So, I began calling on the name of Jesus, with all my might, asking, “*God, please help me! Lord, help me push this car*



off my leg!” I started pushing the tire with all my might, and with the help of God I was able to push the tire off my thigh. It then grabbed the inside of my leg, and still in pain, I began calling for God again. I said, “*Lord, You said whatever I ask in Your name You will do it. Lord, let someone hear me or come down the street.*”

During this whole ordeal my neighbor's dog was standing in the street, staring at me. In about five to ten minutes, a car came down the street. It was my neighbor's daughter coming to visit her parents. I screamed her name, but she didn't hear me. The dog was still looking at me, though, and when the young woman got out of her car, it stared at her, then looked back toward me. That made her walk to the end of the driveway to see what the dog was looking at, and she saw me lying under the car.

I was taken to the hospital, and was lucky to have only some bad bruises. God has a way of sending people to help at the right time, and He used a dog as an angel to call attention to my plight. Thanks to Him, I'm alive!

Member Carolyn W., Georgia

DECEMBER — My DAILY BIBLE VERSES

You won't know how much these Daily Bible Verses can help unless you try using them. Here's how. Take a slip of paper each day and write down the Verse chosen for that particular day. Carry it with you. Think about it. See if it isn't a tremendous influence for good in what you say and do!

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| 1. <i>"The Lord himself shall give you a sign"</i>
Isaiah 7:14 | 16. <i>"I have shewed you all things"</i>
Acts 20:35 |
| 2. <i>"When they saw the star, they rejoiced"</i>
Matthew. 2:10 | 17. <i>"According to His mercy He saved us"</i>
Titus 3:5 |
| 3. <i>"I bring you good tidings of great joy"</i>
Luke 2:10 | 18. <i>"God hath given to us eternal life"</i>
1 John 5:11 |
| 4. <i>"Thy King cometh unto thee"</i>
Zechariah 9:9 | 19. <i>"Keep yourselves in the love of God"</i>
Jude 1:21 |
| 5. <i>"Him hath God exalted"</i>
Acts 5:31 | 20. <i>"The angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary"</i>
Luke 1:30 |
| 6. <i>"He shall save His people from their sins"</i>
Matthew 1:21 | 21. <i>"Fulfill ye My joy"</i>
Phil. 2:2 |
| 7. <i>"The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him"</i>
Isaiah 11:1 | 22. <i>"All nations shall serve Him"</i>
Psalms 72:11 |
| 8. <i>"Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish"</i>
John 3:16 | 23. <i>"Christ hath redeemed us"</i>
Galatians 3:13 |
| 9. <i>"Ye also are full of goodness"</i>
Romans 15:14 | 24. <i>"It is God that justifieth"</i>
Romans 8:33 |
| 10. <i>"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift"</i>
II Cor. 9:15 | 25. <i>"Grace be to you, and peace"</i>
Ephesians 1:2 |
| 11. <i>"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above"</i>
James 1:17 | 26. <i>"Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace"</i>
II Thess. 3:16 |
| 12. <i>"And we beheld His glory"</i>
John 1:14 | 27. <i>"Yet I will rejoice in the Lord"</i>
Habakkuk 3:18 |
| 13. <i>"Learn not the way of the heathen"</i>
Jeremiah 10:28 | 28. <i>"Wisdom is good with an inheritance"</i>
Eccl. 7:11 |
| 14. <i>"And it came to pass"</i>
Luke 2:1 | 29. <i>"Rest in the Lord"</i>
Psalms 37:7 |
| 15. <i>"Charge them that are rich in this World"</i>
1 Timothy 6:17 | 30. <i>"The coming of the Lord draweth nigh"</i>
James 5:8 |
| | 31. <i>"The Lord our God is one Lord"</i>
Mark 12:29 |

DECEMBER — Fellowship's DAILY PRAYERS

Feeling the joy and gladness of this Christmas month, your Fellow Members will be saying these Three Daily Prayers for you and with you. Please join at the appointed times, reading these prayers and uniting with your Fellowship Friends in seeking God's Blessings.

“Many shall rejoice at His birth!”

Luke 1:14

8:00 A.M. Prayer for Guidance

Dear Lord, what a difference it makes to begin my day in prayer with my Friends in Fellowship. It really helps to put a smile on my face and hope in my heart. Please lead me this day to find happiness just as I give happiness. Send Your Guidance to all of us in our Fellowship, and bless this World to go onward to true peace and good will. Thank You, Dear Lord.

— Amen



12:00 Noon Prayer for Prosperity

When I talk with You, O Lord, all my personal burdens seem so much lighter. For I know that You are listening to me and understanding my earthly needs. Please, Lord, grant that I may have the things I want and need — a measure of Prosperity and Success to help me get along. Grant that my Fellow Members might also be blessed to prosper and be free of worry and financial stress. Thank You for taking care of us all. — Amen

9:00 P.M. Prayer for Health and Healing

Blessed Lord, tonight I have Fellowship Friends all around the World who are joining me in these loving words. Please hear our united voices and reach out with glorious Health and Healing for each of us. May there be peaceful sleep to renew our bodies with strength and energy. Be with us and be merciful unto us, Dear Lord, for we do love You and trust You forever.

— Amen

The Christmas Spirit

*Why can't the Christmas spirit
Continue all year long . . .
As hearts are overflowing
With hope, and joy and song?*

*Why can't the age-old saying
Of "Peace, good will to men",
Continue on, undaunted
Throughout the year, and then,*

*Why can't the population
Of this, our planet Earth,
See good in one another?
Each soul is of great worth.*

*God gave us an example
That is beyond compare;
Meant to be lived and practiced
By mankind everywhere.*

By Joyce Hodge Davis, 1992

"Blessed To Have Mail!"

Because of Life-Study Fellowship, I am blessed to have mail. I am blessed to read God's Word and share it with others. Every day, I am blessed with a reminder that there is nothing I can do without God. Putting Him first at the start of each day brings me hope, help and love!

Member Gracie A., West Virginia

"Lovely Gifts"

God bless all my Friends in Fellowship! Without faith, it is impossible to please God, so this is a blessing for me to join in Fellowship. I don't know you or the others sending me these lovely gifts, but thank God you do! They are special.

Member Patricia W., New York

You Can Ensure Your Legacy Is One Of FAITH!

Some Members have inquired about how they might make a bequest to Life-Study Fellowship.

Through the years, many Members have chosen to remember our Fellowship in this special way and we are truly grateful. Some Members have included Fellowship in their wills, while others have named Life-Study Fellowship in their life insurance policies.

If you are interested in making arrangements through your will, we suggest you talk with an attorney who can explain the tax advantages and ways to go about making such a bequest.

Please remember that it is to everybody's advantage to have a will. This doesn't apply just to the very wealthy. The truth is everyone who owns any property needs a will to direct who should benefit.

Otherwise, some or all of your property will be split up according to state law which may leave your property in ways you did not want or intend.

Therefore, whether or not you include a bequest to Life-Study Fellowship, we encourage you to seek the services of an attorney to have a will drawn up if you have not already done so.

ONE-SENTENCE SERMONS

Each Faith Magazine brings to you favorite short sayings from your Fellow Members. And we would certainly be delighted to have some of your favorites too! These little One-Sentence Sermons, as they are called, are helpful, humorous and always a pleasure to read and remember.

"Kindness is difficult to give away, because it keeps coming back."

Member Danny T.

"We set the sail; God makes the wind."

Member Yancey M.

"Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous."

Member William B.

"Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the door forever."

Member Sammy J.

"Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it."

Member Freddy E.

"Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop."

Member Nancy D.

"God doesn't want shares of your life; He wants a controlling interest."

Member Billy A.

"Don't give God instructions, just report for duty."

Member Jason G.

"If you feel you have no faults— that makes another one."

Member Ricki S.

"Some people are making such thorough preparation for rainy days that they aren't enjoying today's sunshine."

Member Fanny N.

"If you're dog tired at night maybe you've growled too much during the day."

Member Karl E.

"Minds are like parachutes— not much good unless they are opened."

Member Wally A.

"Keep praying, but be thankful that God's answers are wiser than our prayers."

Member Marcia C.

"Swallowing one's pride never produces indigestion."

Member Richard B.

"A sermon that pricks your conscience must have had some good points."

Member Kayla C.

"Don't spend the last half of your life regretting the first half."

Member Kathy F.

"The best place to spend your vacation is somewhere near your budget."

Member Rowdy V.

Christmas Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

O Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all that hear in Heaven God's Holy Word.
Give to our Father glory in the Highest;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

All Hail! Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
O Jesus! for evermore be Thy name adored.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

O Come, All Ye Faithful Speaks To Our Members' Faith!

The theme of this Faith Magazine, the well known Christmas carol "*O Come, All Ye Faithful*," is a holiday favorite performed from school plays to church and community choirs.

It is a majestic hymn that sings of glory to God in the highest, and the joy we feel when we truly believe in His good work.

But we bet you didn't know it originally was written in Latin under the name "*Adeste Fideles!*" Another interesting fact many may not know is that "*O Come All Ye Faithful*" has been attributed to several different authors who lived in the late 1700s, or the mid-to-late 1600s.

Most folks are familiar with the first three or four verses of the hymn, but it actually was extended to a total of eight verses, which have been translated into many languages.

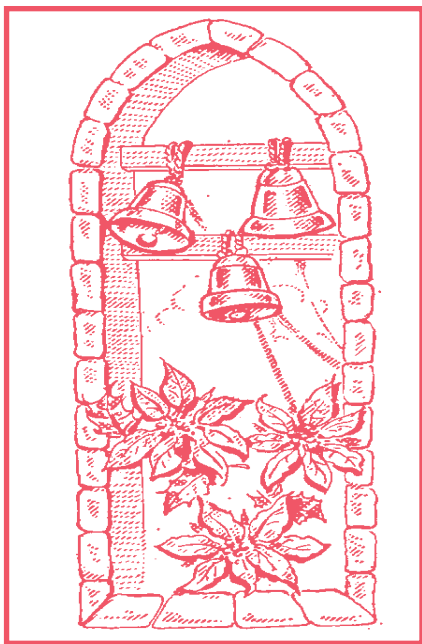
It was translated into English by the English Catholic priest Frederick Oakeley in 1841, and is widely sung in most English speaking countries. The current harmonization is from the English Hymnal (1906).

In the United Kingdom and United States it is often sung today in an arrangement created by Sir David Willcocks, which was originally published in 1961 by Oxford University Press in the first book in the Carols for Choirs series. Although the hymn has eight verses, it is very

rare to see anyone sing all of the them. Most only know the first three or perhaps four lyrics.

Regardless, the hymn is a traditional crowd pleaser for its inspirational message. That's why we chose it for this holiday edition of Faith Magazine, and we hope you'll like it here, too.

We love our Christmas carols here at Fellowship, because they bring a festive air to the Christmas season. They bring young and old together, too, as all ages enjoy singing them. That's what Christmas is about, Dear Friend, messages of inspiration and faith, and bringing together family, friends and neighbors.



JANUARY — My DAILY BIBLE VERSES

You will find listed below, Dear Friend, 31 special Bible Verses — one for each day in January. Please copy each particular day's verse on a piece of paper and carry it with you during that day. Think of its words often, and see how it encourages you!

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| 1. <i>"The Lord will bless His people with peace"</i>
Psalm 29:11 | 16. <i>"My heart is glad"</i> Psalm 16:9 |
| 2. <i>"Ye shall find rest unto your souls"</i> Matt. 11:29 | 17. <i>"Create in me a clean heart, O God"</i> Psalm 51:10 |
| 3. <i>"Having compassion one of another, love as brethren"</i> I Peter 3:9 | 18. <i>"The God of hope fill you with all joy"</i> Romans 15:13 |
| 4. <i>"Bless them that curse you"</i> Matt. 5:44 | 19. <i>"I wait for the Lord . . . and in His word do I hope"</i>
Psalm 130:5 |
| 5. <i>"Lord, all my desire is before Thee"</i> Psalm 38:9 | 20. <i>"Increase our faith"</i>
Luke 17:5 |
| 6. <i>"When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord"</i> Jonah 2:7 | 21. <i>"Thou hast strengthened the weak hands"</i> Job 4:3 |
| 7. <i>"Keep His commandments"</i> Eccl. 12:13 | 22. <i>"I was brought low, and He helped me"</i> Psalm 116:6 |
| 8. <i>"My god will hear me"</i> Micah 7:7 | 23. <i>"Mercy unto you, and peace"</i> Jude 1:2 |
| 9. <i>"His righteousness endureth forever"</i> Psalm 111:3 | 24. <i>"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving"</i> Col. 4:2 |
| 10. <i>"Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful"</i> Luke 6:36 | 25. <i>"The Heavens declare the glory of God"</i> Psalm 19:1 |
| 11. <i>"Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life"</i> Psalm 23:6 | 26. <i>"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet"</i> Psalm 119:105 |
| 12. <i>"We walk by faith, not by sight"</i> II Cor. 5:7 | 27. <i>"Perfect love casteth out fear"</i> I John 4:18 |
| 13. <i>"A friend loveth at all times"</i> Prov. 17:17 | 28. <i>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth"</i> Matt. 5:5 |
| 14. <i>"Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion"</i> Psalm 86:15 | 29. <i>"A soft answer turneth away wrath"</i> Prov. 15:1 |
| 15. <i>"I am the Lord thy God which teaches thee"</i> Isaiah 48:17 | 30. <i>"The joy of the Lord is your strength"</i> Nehemiah 8:10 |
| | 31. <i>"Thou shalt make me full of joy"</i> Acts 2:28 |

JANUARY — Fellowship's DAILY PRAYERS

Here are the Three Daily Prayers we hope you will be saying with your Fellowship Friends during January. Praying together is a wonderful experience. You will know that you have others reaching out with you to seek the Lord's blessings!

“The Lord shall be thy confidence!”

Proverbs 3:26

8:00 A.M. Prayer for Guidance

I am uniting with my Fellowship Friends in all corners of the land, Dear Lord, to prayerfully ask You to be with us as we start this day. Please let Your divine Guidance lead us to do what is right and good today. We trust You, Lord, and thank You for the blessings You kindly grant us. You are ever wise, ever loving. And how very grateful we are to be able to count on Your help and Your strength in all times of need. — Amen



12:00 Noon Prayer for Prosperity

Heavenly Father, I am a great believer in the power of prayer. And at this noonday hour I come to You to pray that You will provide for me and help me to succeed. Please send Your blessing of Prosperity to me and my Friends in Fellowship who offer this prayer with me now. We are hopeful, Lord, that You will grant us our daily needs and give us strength and wisdom to reach our goals. — Amen

9:00 P.M. Prayer for Health and Healing

Lord, I am thinking of my Friends near and far who join me in this prayer of faith to You. Please be merciful as we reach out to ask You to bless us with Health and Healing. May our minds and our bodies rest peacefully tonight. And let us awaken refreshed in the morning, ready to go through a brand new day with confidence and joy. — Amen

Walking Alone

*If I walk this world alone
Without an earthly friend;
I'll have Jesus at my side
Until the very end.
If I'm bound with troubles
That seem to have me lost;
Jesus will pull me to safety
No matter what the cost.
If I find myself desperate
And I want to risk it all,
He will come to me and say:
"My child, you shall not fall."
Yes! All I need is Jesus
To guide me and to share
My hurts, my joys, my sorrows
I know He's always there.*

By Member Mary E. Edwards

"Money Goes Further!"

I used to just worry and wonder where the extra money I need would come from. But since I started using my **Prosperity Harvest Plan** the money I have seems to go further, and that feels good! I don't have to worry any more!

B. D., Tennessee

"More Prosperity!"

My **Prosperity Harvest Plan** works. As soon as I started to save regularly it seemed that God blessed me with more prosperity, happiness and success. I truly believe He helps those who help themselves.

J. A., South Carolina

Blessings Of Happiness, Prosperity And Success Can Be Yours!

Have you been looking for a way to make God's Prosperity a reality in your life? Then let us tell you about the Life-Study Fellowship's free **Prosperity Harvest Plan**, the plan that is working this minute for so many of your Fellow Members around the World.

Life-Study Fellowship began the **Prosperity Harvest Plan** many years ago, and its purpose is to help you seek God's Happiness, Prosperity and Success by following five special rules. The rules are not difficult. In fact, the entire **Prosperity Harvest Plan** is wonderfully simple and easy-to-follow!

We'll be glad to send you one of these Prosperity Plans free. All you need do is write and request it.

In a short time you will get the complete instructions as well as a beautiful Prayer for Prosperity to use each day. You'll see exactly how the **Prosperity Harvest Plan** helps bring you toward God's Blessings for Prosperity, Happiness and Success!

Yes, it **IS** working for scores of other Fellow Members. Want to try it?

There's no charge. All you need to do is write and tell us to send you Fellowship's **Prosperity Harvest Plan**!

OUR FELLOWSHIP'S BIBLE READINGS

November

December

January



The time you spend reading the Bible can matter the most for you, Dear Member! For nowhere else is there such an endless supply of both strength and joy than within the Holy Book. Below are Fellowship's suggested passages for the coming months. We invite you to use them as a guideline to gain God's wisdom and inspiration.

Week

Text

Oct. 30 - Nov. 5..	<i>"Thou shalt have no other gods"</i>	Read: Exodus 20:3-7
November 6 - 12.....	<i>"And the Lord spake unto Moses"</i>	Read: Leviticus 22:1-31
November 13 - 19...	<i>"Till heaven and earth pass"</i>	Read: Matthew 5:17-20
November 20 - 26.....	<i>"My heart shall rejoice"</i>	Read: Psalms 13:1-6
Nov. 27 - Dec. 3	<i>"He trusteth in thee"</i>	Read: Isaiah 26:3-4
December 4 - 10.....	<i>"I delight to do Thy will"</i>	Read: Psalms 40: 5-11
December 11 - 17	<i>"The Lord of peace Himself give you peace"</i>	Read: II Thessalonians 3:13-18
December 18 - Dec. 24	<i>"Confidence toward God"</i>	Read: I John 3:16-24
December 25 - Dec. 31	<i>"A good name is better than riches"</i>	Read: Proverbs 22:1-11
January 1 - 7.....	<i>"Brotherly love"</i>	Read: Romans 12:10-21
January 8 - 14.....	<i>"Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers"</i>	Read: Deuteronomy 10:12-15
January 15 - 21	<i>"A soft answer"</i>	Read: Proverbs 15:1-15
January 22 - Jan. 28	<i>"He slept and dreamed"</i>	Read: Genesis 41:2-8
January 29 - Feb. 4.....	<i>"The ark of the Lord"</i>	Read: Joshua 4:8-14

“I Felt I Was Really Having A Heart-To-Heart Talk With God!”



I have a story to tell my Fellow Members about a wonderful experience I had with Fellowship's Special Help Department.

I had been having a problem trying to sell my mother's home after she passed away. It is a small house with only one bedroom and no basement, which made it difficult to sell in this particular area.

The real estate agent was an old friend of mine, and I asked him to please handle the transaction for me as soon as possible. My mother's final wishes were to sell the house without delay.

Several months went by with no response, and I found myself mowing an additional lawn, paying the bills on the vacant house and having to keep a constant check on the property. In desperation I wrote to the Special Help Department asking for personal prayer guidance with this worri-

some matter.

My wonderful Friends in the Special Help Department responded immediately, sending me prayers with a helpful letter. Dear Members, those prayers took away my anxiety, and as I said them I felt I was really having a heart-to-heart talk with God!

He was right there in my room with me as I prayed. Three days later I was in the front yard at my mother's house cutting the hedges. A total stranger came walking over to me and introduced himself.

"I'm a real estate agent from out-of-town," he said, "and I have a buyer for this house if you're interested." That's how fast it happened! Within two weeks the house was sold to a nice young couple who were the new owners.

Just think! Nothing had happened for six months. Nobody had shown any interest in buying the house. Then when I wrote to Fellowship and started praying about the matter, God's answer came so quickly that I was amazed and delighted.

It certainly goes to prove that our Dear Lord is an ever present power, and I am thankful to Him and to all you, my Fellow Members, who pray for me and with me each day. God bless you!

C. H., Massachusetts



***May God Bless You
This Christmastime, Dear
Member,
And Bring You
A Wonderful New Year!***

Thank You for your loyal Membership
in Life-Study Fellowship, Dear Friend.
Your Friendship means the World to us!
We hope you have enjoyed each edition
of Faith Magazine, and all
the other letters and mailings
we published this year.

***We look forward to
hearing from you in 2017!***

Thanks For Being A Loyal Friend in Fellowship!

As we prepare each issue of Faith Magazine we are hoping for one thing Dear Member . . . that the stories, poems, features, Bible Verses and Prayers will inspire and delight you!

As you read each page, we hope you will be filled with joy and the peace and comfort only God can bestow.

So, Dear Friend, if you feel that Faith Magazine brings you that kind of satisfaction, we

hope you will consider contributing toward the costs of its publication and preparation. As you know, Fellowship runs strictly on donations, and we gratefully accept any amount. That's always worked for us, and as we go into a New Year filled with promise, we will be relying on our donors even more. Please write us and let us know how we, and you, are doing! Let's make 2017 a great year for all!

(Please clip here.)

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