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The Book Of Psalms . . . Words Of Hope And Comfort!



There's a chill in the air of this bright New Year, Dear Friend. But within the pages of this first 2019 edition of FAITH you'll find hopeful, positive stories that leave you with a warm feeling inside.

Yes, these stories remind us when we seek the Lord's help and we do our part to work with His advice, we can accomplish almost anything. We only need to open

our hearts and minds to Him.

As the Bible says in Psalm 33:20-22 . . . *"Our soul waiteth for the Lord: He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His Holy Name. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee."*

Indeed, the Lord is our shield against outside forces that could lead us astray. He is always look-

ing out for you, Dear Member, and has your best interests at heart. He can support you and give you the courage to make the right choice, even when it's a hard decision.

For example, Member Patsy C. of Georgia recalls on Page 6 how her "nice" boyfriend became anything but that, prompting her to make an important phone call.

"It wasn't long before he began telling me I was lucky to have him. He criticized how I cooked, how I dressed, how I did everything. I became depressed, because when you hear this constant negativity, you start to believe it," Patsy said.

Fortunately, her mother was a Fellowship Member, so Patsy knew about the power of positive prayer.

" . . . I sat down and asked Jesus for courage to do what I needed to get myself out of this situation. A few days later when "Johnny" was at work, I took a deep breath, called my Mom and told her what was going on. She said right away, 'Your Dad and I are coming to get you.' I moved back home and never looked back. I'm certain it was Jesus who gave me the strength to call my parents."

Likewise, on Page 8, Carl V. from South Carolina recounts how prayer helped him deal with a devastating spinal chord injury.

"A doctor came in to talk to me. He told me I had a spinal chord injury and was paralyzed,

how extensively they didn't know.

"I felt like I had been hit with a ton of bricks. The next few days in the hospital turned into weeks, as it became clear my paralysis affected me from the waist down. I felt like my life was over and I was angry."

Yet, through his anger, Carl knew he needed to talk to the Lord about his feelings. Soon, he began to calm down and feel better. *"I began talking to God,"* he said, *"and I swear on the second day I prayed a feeling of peace came over me. From then on, I knew I would be OK."*

Yes, God can strengthen your resolve and offer you hope and comfort to tackle the biggest problems. Just open your heart and mind as you ask His help.

Of course, we're happy to help as we can, too. We hope you'll write and let us know how you're doing!

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“Payments Were Killing Me!”

Five years after I graduated from college, I was still deep in debt on student loans. The payments were just killing me and I never seemed to have any money left at the end of the month. I was so afraid of not having enough to pay for my loan, car and rent payments that I was really stressed.

I stopped by a friend’s house one day and told her about this problem, while we were having coffee. That’s when she told me about Fellowship’s free Prosperity Harvest Plan! my friend had been a Member of Fellowship for several years, so I thought, why not try it? Well it worked so well I’ve been able to save money and pay off my student loans. Thanks Fellowship!

Member June S., Pennsylvania

“Dollars To Spare!”

My wife and I were having so much trouble saving money. We downsized to a smaller home, but we had to fix things there and we fell behind again. Then, we heard about the Prosperity Harvest Plan! We wrote away for one and tried it. We can’t believe we now have dollars to spare! What a wonderful feeling!

Member Tim E., Iowa

“Saving Money”

It’s no fun to be short of money at the end of each month, or even each week. That’s the situation I was in until I realized I needed to do something different. My aunt told me about Fellowship and their free Prosperity Harvest Plan, and I gave it a shot. Now, I’m actually saving money!

Member Andy F., Oklahoma

The Path To Success: Our Prosperity Harvest Plan!

Have you ever felt like good fortune and prosperity pass you by, Dear Member? Have you worked hard and tried every way you could think of to achieve a comfortable life?

Well, don’t give up on that thought because we can offer you a better idea . . . our free Prosperity Harvest Plan. It can put you on the path to spiritual grace and money-saving practices.

Hundreds of your Fellow Members have written for Fellowship’s free Prosperity Harvest Plan, then worked

through its simple steps and begun saving money . . . something they had never been able to do before. Why not try it out yourself? You’ll see what they’ve already found out, that when you work with the Lord to grow a sound financial foundation, it can multiply the money you earn.

We’ll send you everything you need to follow the Prosperity Harvest Plan, all free of charge. You can start working on your path to financial freedom as soon as you receive the Plan. Soon, your money worries may be over!

“He Began Telling Me I Was Lucky To Have Him!”

I once thought I would never be able to get my life back, but I finally did, with help from Jesus and Fellowship.

My story starts several years ago, when I was young. I had recently gotten engaged to a wonderful man, or so I thought. It wasn't until we moved in together that I realized he was someone else, someone I would never have wanted to be around.

Before I met this guy . . . I'll call him “Johnny” . . . I would look at women whose husbands treated them badly and wondered to myself why they would put up with that. It was a real mystery to me. I should say it was a mystery until it happened to me.

I still lived at home when I met Johnny at the grocery store, as I was shopping for my family. We chatted for a while and he seemed charming and nice, so I gave him my phone number. He called and we went out for the first time a week later.

We dated for a while, and although there were some signs that Johnny had a quick temper, I just thought it was due to his stress at work.



My parents weren't all that thrilled with him. Mom said she couldn't put her finger on it, but there was just something about Johnny that seemed “off.”

Of course, I was in love, so I ignored that advice. And when Johnny asked me to move in with him, I said yes. Almost immediately, Johnny moved us to another town about 50 miles away. He said it was for a better job, but looking back I realize it was get me away from family and friends. It wasn't long before he began telling me I was lucky to have him. He criticized how I cooked, how I dressed, how I did everything. I became depressed, because when you hear this constant negativity, you start to believe it!

My mother was a Fellowship Member and I believed in the power of prayer, so I sat down and asked Jesus for courage to do what I needed to get myself out of this situation. A few days later when Johnny was at work, I took a deep breath, called my Mom and told her what was going on. She said right away, “*Your Dad and I are coming to get you.*” I moved back home and never looked back.

I'm certain it was Jesus who gave me the strength to call my parents. I thank Fellowship, too, for leading me to the Lord through prayer.

Member Patsy C., Georgia

Strength For The Day

Little Prayers For Life's Everyday Situations

New Year Prayer

Lord, the New Year has arrived carrying the promise of opportunity and a chance to work on new goals over the next 12 months. There's no way for us to know what lies ahead, so I pray You will watch over and keep us from harm. Lead us, Your Children, to do good in Your Name. Guide our future journeys past whatever challenges that arise!

— Amen

Prayer For A Friend

Father, my prayer is for a friend today, but in a different way. I pray my friend will stop cutting me down and talking bad about me to others, so we can go back to being old friends as we used to be. I don't know what happened to change things, Lord. I just ask You to help us work this out and get back to how we were before!

— Amen

God's Guidance

I treasure my prayer time with You, Dear Lord, because You offer me guidance and advice to solve any problem that comes up. I know I can count on Your counseling to overcome obstacles or just deal with everyday worries. You bring me peace and comfort, a special kind of support only You can provide.

— Amen

Protect Us From Storms

Dear Father, many people are suffering around the World from storms that devastated their homes in the past year. I pray they will find the shelters, food and other help that they desperately need. Please assist these good folks in their recovery from disaster, Lord. And please protect them from more strong storms this year!

— Amen

Valentine's Wish

O Lord, Valentine's Day is coming up soon, a time when everyone celebrates the love in their life. May all those who love a spouse or companion continue to enjoy the warm feelings that brought them together. Help them navigate the ups and downs of their relationships as this year goes by.

— Amen

Upcoming Operation

Father, I am facing a serious operation in a month or so, and I confess I'm a little afraid. I've only had to go into the hospital a few times in my life so this isn't commonplace for me. I pray You will be with me as I go in for my procedure. Please guide the hands of my doctor, too, so everything goes well.

— Amen

“I Felt Like My Life Was Over And I Was Angry!”

Our lives can change in an instant, my friends. One day you're walking out the door going to work or to talk to a neighbor. Then something happens that you didn't expect . . . something that challenges your faith and everything you believe in. I faced that kind of doubt years ago, when I was in my 20s. It took a lot of prayer and asking the Lord to strengthen my faith to get me through my personal challenge.

That journey began when a bunch of my friends and I were at a pool party on a summer evening. We were drinking too much and everyone got in the pool to cool off. I followed my buddies, except I decided to jump off the diving board. To this day, I'm not sure what happened, but I hit my head on the bottom of the pool. It knocked me out and my friends had to drag me out of the pool and call for an ambulance. After a while, I woke up to find myself in a hospital bed. I tried to get up but couldn't move my legs. At first, I

was confused. Then, a doctor came in to talk to me. He told me I had a spinal chord injury and was paralyzed . . . how extensively they didn't know.

I felt like I had been hit with a ton of bricks. The next few days in the hospital turned into weeks, as it became clear my paralysis affected me from the waist down. I felt like my life was over and I was angry. When I went home, I began going to rehab for therapy to keep my legs from atrophying. It was there that I met another paraplegic, a young Army veteran who had lost the use of his legs from a bullet that hit him. He had a different attitude, that he would keep working and one day he would walk again. This veteran told me faith in God kept him going and supported him through the bad days.

I knew about Fellowship from my aunt's copies of Faith Magazine, so I wrote for prayer help. I figured it couldn't hurt! I began talking to God, and on the second day I prayed a wonderful feeling of peace came over me. From then on, I knew I would be OK. I'm still going to rehab, and I still want to walk again one day. But now, I trust God to lead me on that journey and I have turned that problem over to Him!

Member Carl V., South Carolina



You Never Have To Carry Your Burdens Alone!

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.”

~Psalms 23:4

In the Psalm above, David writes that he doesn't have any fear because he knows God is with him. The Lord's Presence both strengthens David's faith and brings him comfort. That's the theme of this edition of Faith Magazine as well, Dear Member, for prayer brings us closer to God.

When we're challenged by tough times or illness, or financial problems . . . we may wonder if we really can rely upon God to help. Well, we can, of course, although that doesn't mean we should celebrate if something bad happens. However, sometimes those hard times can bring you closer to God. You may find you pray and seek His counsel more often than when life is easy.

In that way, the Lord is using those tough times to encourage us to rely upon His Presence. Faith in Him will carry us through these trials and make us stronger than we were before. That can happen, Dear Member, because God's grace isn't just a nice idea, it is the true power of the Holy Spirit. So, even if your body doesn't work perfectly, you



can be strong spiritually.

In that way, the bigger your problems appear, the Lord will send you more spiritual strength to counter them. And the next time others tell you to give up on something, or quit and walk away, remember the power of the Lord is with you. Where you may be weak, He is strong. As long as you call upon Him through prayer and have faith, He will keep your resolve strong.

That's truly a wonderful relationship between you and God, Dear Friend. You never have to carry your burdens alone! Call on the Lord and turn that great weight over to Him. You'll feel refreshed and stronger afterward.

“His Success Is A Testament To The Power Of Prayer!”

As I watched my son and his beautiful bride walk down the aisle, I thought to myself, “I wish my Fellowship Friends could be here to see this.” Why? Because this wedding might not have happened without the prayerful guidance of Fellowship and the way God’s Presence changed my son.

You see, a year ago my son wouldn’t have dreamed of getting married and settling down. He was involved with a fast crowd, drinking and using drugs. It worried and depressed me terribly, and I decided to write to Fellowship and request prayer help from the Special Help Department. I received those prayers and began to pray for my son every day.

How wonderfully God listened and responded to my request! It was nothing short of amazing.

Very soon, my son stopped running around with that bad circle of friends, and he quit both drugs and alcohol. With new determination, he went out and found an excellent job, and that led to yet another blessing for him.

He took his paychecks into a particular bank to cash them, and took a liking to a young woman who worked there. In fact, he opened an account just to be able to go in and talk to her! First, they went out for coffee, and eventually they began



dating. After a while, he announced he had proposed to her and she accepted!

As I watched these two young people say their vows, I thought of how thankful I am that God took an interest in my son.

He has continued to bless this young couple, too. They are very happy together. Both have good jobs, have been able to buy nice furniture for their apartment, and are in the process of buying land to build a future home.

I still keep my son and daughter-in-law in my prayers. And, never forget to keep thanking God for answering my earlier prayers for my son to find the happiness and stability he has achieved now. His success is a testament to the power of prayer and the way the Lord can work in our lives, if only we open our hearts and let Him in!

Member H. P., Texas

Enjoy The Moments You Spend In Prayer, For They Are God's Gift!

Prayer is a wonderful source of comfort and spiritual strength whenever and wherever you practice it, Dear Member.

We know everyone has their favorite way or place to pray. Here, we would like to offer a few suggestions on how to be sure you're in the right mind spiritually, prior to saying your prayers.

First, we suggest trying to find a quiet place to pray. Perhaps there is a spot in your home where you won't be disturbed. Now, we know that's going to be difficult when you have children, so you might try praying after they've gone to bed.

Then, make yourself comfortable! That may be a favorite chair or sofa, so you are in a comfy place. Since a prayer is your opportunity to talk with the Lord, we find it's easier to speak from the heart . . . and soul . . . when you are comfortable and relaxed.

Before you begin to pray, close your eyes and try to relax, without thinking of anything you may need to do the next day or tasks you need to finish. Think calming thoughts and of the things you are thankful for. Recall the good things with which God has graced you and that will put you in the right frame of mind for your upcoming prayers.

Next, start to pray.

When you have finished your talk with the Lord, try to remain in your comfortable place for just a few minutes longer. It helps you to compose your thoughts, and feel more refreshed both spiritually and physically. If you jump up and run off to the next task that awaits, you'll often find that calming and refreshing feeling you get from prayer will evaporate quickly.

Instead, resolve to enjoy the moments you spend in prayer. They are a gift from God, and the time when His answers may appear most clear to you.

We hope these ideas are helpful to you, and that you can try them out next time you pray, Dear Member!



Happy Birthday!

We think your birthday is a very important date, and Fellowship would like to help you celebrate the day!

If you haven't already, drop us a note and let us know the month and day you were born. Then, as your special day gets close, check your mail for a personal greeting from us!

To ensure we have the proper information, just fill out the form below with your Name, Address and Birth date. We don't need to know the year, just the month and day, such as May 18 or whenever your birth date is. That's it! Then, we will be able to send you a lovely Birthday

Blessing and Greeting Card that represents the happiness and friendship inherent in our Fellowship. We hope to celebrate your special day!



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Dear Friends:

How nice of my Friends in Fellowship to think of sending me a beautiful "**Birthday Blessing Card**" at my Birthday Time! I'm sending the necessary information so you can add my name to your Birthday Remembrance Roll!

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Month and Day of Birth _____

(Remember, just give the day — like May 18 — Year is not necessary)

Here Are Some 2019 Dates For You To Remember!

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

FEBRUARY

- 12 Lincoln's Birthday (US)
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 18 Presidents' Day (US)
- 18 Washington's Birthday (US)

MARCH

- 6 Ash Wednesday
- 10 Daylight Saving Time starts
- 17 St. Patrick's Day

APRIL

- 14 Palm Sunday
- 19 Good Friday
- 19 Passover begins
- 21 Easter Sunday
- 26 Arbor Day

MAY

- 12 Mother's Day
- 18 Armed Forces Day (US)
- 27 Memorial Day, Observed

JUNE

- 14 Flag Day (US)
- 16 Father's Day
- 21 Summer begins

JULY

- 4 Independence Day (US)

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labor Day
- 11 Patriot Day (US)
- 23 Autumn begins

OCTOBER

- 14 Columbus Day, Observed

NOVEMBER

- 3 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 11 Veterans Day, Observed (US)
- 28 Thanksgiving (US)

DECEMBER

- 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance
- 25 Christmas
- 26 Kwanza begins



JANUARY — My DAILY BIBLE VERSES

We have chosen these Bible Verses for the month of January to promote spiritual growth and learning, Dear Friend. That's why we suggest you copy each day's Verse on paper and take it with you during the day. You'll have Jesus' teachings with you always!

1. *"Thy right Hand shall save me"* Psalms 138:7
2. *"He that keepeth his way preserveth his soul"* Proverbs 16:17
3. *"Surely I will be with thee"* Judges 6:16
4. *"For wisdom is a defense"* Eccl. 7:12
5. *"Increase our faith"* Luke 17:5
6. *"Love one another"* I John 4:7
7. *"He keepeth the paths of judgment"* Proverbs 2:8
8. *"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness"* Psalms 65:11
9. *"I am merciful"* Jeremiah 3:12
10. *"Freely ye have received, freely give"* Matthew 10:8
11. *"The Lord will not forsake His people"* I Samuel 12:22
12. *"God hath not given us the spirit of fear"* II Timothy 1:7
13. *"For the Lord giveth wisdom"* Proverbs 2:6
14. *"Make to yourselves friends"* Luke 16:9
15. *"Consider the lilies how they grow"* Luke 12:27
16. *"We are His people"* Psalms 100:3
17. *"I am the bread of life"* John 6:35
18. *"We can do nothing against the truth"* II Cor. 13:8
19. *"God is our refuge and strength"* Psalms 46:1
20. *"He that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land"* Isaiah 57:13
21. *"I will nourish you, and your little ones"* Genesis 50:21
22. *"Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart"* Psalms 31:24
23. *"The mountains quake at him"* Nahum 1:5
24. *"I laid me down and slept"* Psalms 3:5
25. *"Withhold not good from them to whom it is due"* Proverbs 3:27
26. *"God is able to make all grace abound toward you"* II Cor. 9:8
27. *"How great are His signs"* Daniel 4:3
28. *"Wait on the Lord"* Psalms 27:14
29. *"God will make thee plenteous"* Deut. 30:9
30. *"Thine age shall be clearer than the noonday"* Job 11:17
31. *"Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace"* Job 22:21

JANUARY — Fellowship's DAILY PRAYERS

There's no better way to start the New Year than to join your Fellow Members in Daily Prayers to God! Praying together with your Fellowship Friends around the World creates a powerful force for good. It's a wonderful, positive beginning for this year!

***“Give to every man
that asketh of thee!”***

Luke 6:30

8:00 A.M. Prayer for Guidance

A New Year is dawning, Lord, and I know I will need your Divine Guidance to stay on track. My Fellow Members and I would surely stumble without that vital blessing helping us through each day. Your wisdom knows no bounds, so You can see our mistakes before we make them. Please help us make good decisions! — Amen



12:00 Noon Prayer for Prosperity

Dear Lord, as I stop to say my midday prayer I offer my thanks for your boundless blessings and goodness. My Fellowship Friends and I are working hard to bring home earnings that support our dear ones. We ask You to continue blessing us with Prosperity and a way to earn enough for our needs. We are grateful for Your caring Presence in our lives! — Amen

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

It is almost time for bed, and as I turn the house lights off I am thinking of what I want to say in my Evening Prayer. I pray for Good Health and Healing, Lord, and ask You to watch over me and my Fellow Members, as well as our loved ones. Let us sleep well and get the rest we need to work a full day tomorrow.

— Amen

“I Wasn’t About To Let These Problems Get The Best Of Me!”

You can’t see it, hear it or touch it, but that doesn’t make faith any less real.

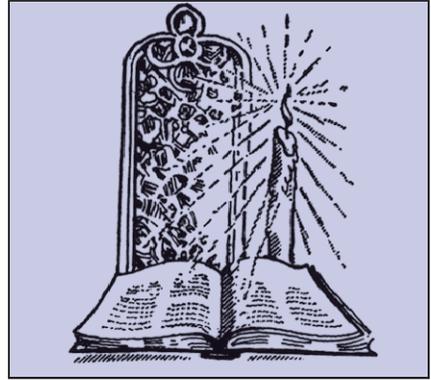
That’s how I feel, because my faith became my salvation over the past several months, as problems in my life kept adding up. One after the other, they kept coming, but I wasn’t about to let these problems get the best of me. I put my faith to work combatting the troubles.

Now, I’m happy to say my overall situation has improved. I can’t say everything in my life is “fixed” yet, but with continued hope, prayer and faith, I’m on my way to being the happiest I’ve ever been.

There’s no need to go into all the problems I’ve recently faced because most of them are a direct result of losing my business several months ago. When that happened, I found myself not only with financial problems, but plagued with self-doubt and family troubles as well. All of these problems were a result of being out of work.

But then, I focused my prayers on finding work. I promised to let God guide me. I was ready to accept His blessings and faith was the key.

As it turned out, the loss of my business was a blessing in disguise. It had been doing poorly for a while and I looked at that as a personal failure. It was



bringing me down lower each day.

With the business behind me, I was free to concentrate on new things. I prayed for myself, my family and for greater prosperity. And, I had faith things would turn around soon!

It wasn’t long before I ran into an associate from my previous business who had an idea for a new business deal. He said he needed someone with my talents and asked me to become his partner. I readily agreed to join him.

Since then, things have been going very well, not only for our new business but also in my family life.

It’s going to take a while for me to get back into a good financial position. But I’m willing to wait. Faith and prayer have gotten me this far so I’m not about to give up on them now!

Member G. T., In the Armed Forces

Take Our Fellowship Bible Quiz And See How You Do!

Studying the Bible doesn't need to take a long time, and it can be fun. Try answering these questions with your own Bible. Then turn to Page 18 to see if your answers are correct!

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1. How many Disciples did Jesus choose? (Luke 6:13)
"And of them He chose _____."
2. What was another name for the Apostle Paul? (Acts 9:11)
"Enquire in the house of Judas for one called _____."
3. Who found baby Moses in the river? (Exodus 2:5)
"The _____ came down to wash herself at the river."
4. What did King Solomon ask God to give him? (II Chronicles 1:10)
"Give me now _____ and knowledge."
5. What was the name of the mountain where Moses was given the 10 Commandments? (Leviticus 25:1)
"And the LORD spake unto Moses in _____."

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*(Also, we'd love to learn what new ques-
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quizzes!)*

ANSWERS

1. TWELVE
2. SAUL OF TARSUS
3. DAUGHTER OF PHAROAH
4. WISDOM
5. MOUNT SINAI

ONE-SENTENCE SERMONS

Here is proof that you can say a lot by just saying a little, Dear Member. Our One-Sentence Sermons aren't long, but they make us think because they say so much. If you have a favorite saying of your own, please send it to us. We print as many as possible!

"Peace floods the soul when Jesus fills the heart!"

Member Barry J.

"Come as you are, you can change inside!"

Member Ezra K.

"Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it."

Member Bill F.

"People take your examples far more seriously than they take your advice!"

Member Frank L.

"Growing old is inevitable; Growing up is optional."

Member Lenny T.

"Ability without ambition is like a car without a motor."

Member Tommy Y.

"He who angers you controls you."

Member Greg N.

"You can never fall out of the hands of God!"

Member Yancey G.

"In the darkest of moments there is always a flicker of light."

Member Mary P.

"Faith is the refusal to panic."

Member Jerry S.

"We need not fear even the hardest of roads, for Jesus has walked that path ahead of us."

Member Marcy J.

"Err always on the side of generosity and hospitality."

Member Brenda K.

"God never gives us more than we can take."

Member Samantha P.

"Be the kind of person your pet thinks you are!"

Member Fran B.

"Forgive your enemies, it messes with their heads!"

Member Ned D.

"Tweet others as you would like to be tweeted."

Member Terry O.

"Jesus is watching, but the police have radar."

Member Tammy Z.

"There are some questions that can't be answered by Google."

Member Olivia V.

"God gave us mouths that close and ears that don't, which may tell us something."

Member Rachel P.

"The blessing of living the reason for living."

Member S.P. Hawkins.

"Our church isn't Dairy Queen, but it has great Sundays!"

Member Taylor E.

FEBRUARY — My DAILY BIBLE VERSES

The 28 Daily Bible Verses for February are written below. Each morning, we invite you to write the day's Verse on a piece of paper and carry it with you. Let it guide what you say and do, for the Bible's Words are a great source of strength and wisdom.

1. *"Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness"* Psalms 5:8
2. *"My hope is in Thee"*
Psalms 39:7
3. *"I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more."* Psalms 71:14
4. *"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"*
Isaiah 40:31
5. *"He shall be as a tree planted by the waters"*
Jeremiah 17:8
6. *"It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth"*
Lam. 3:27
7. *"And the LORD spake unto Moses in Mount Sinai"*
Leviticus 25:1
8. *"Your labour is not in vain in the Lord"* I Cor. 15:58
9. *"For we are saved by hope"*
Romans 8:24
10. *"Faith is the substance of things hoped for"*
Hebrews 11:1
11. *"So shall we ever be with the Lord"* I Thess. 4:17
12. *"We ourselves are comforted of God"* II Cor. 1:4
13. *"My yoke is easy, and my burden is light"* Matthew 11:30
14. *"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God"*
Isaiah 40:1
15. *"Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort"*
Psalms 119:76
16. *"We know not what we should pray for as we ought"* Romans 8:26
17. *"I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice"*
John 16:22
18. *"Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed"*
Joshua 1:9
19. *"Be sober, be vigilant"*
I Peter 5:8
20. *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God"*
II Timothy 3:16
21. *"Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us."* Ephesians 5:2
22. *"Be ye doers of the word"*
James 1:22
23. *"I will uphold thee with the Right Hand of My righteousness."* Isaiah 41:10
24. *"A new Commandment I give unto you"* John 13:34
25. *"Ye shall be witnesses unto Me"* Acts 1:8
26. *"I rejoiced in the Lord greatly"* Phil. 4:10
27. *"Ye serve the Lord Christ"*
Col. 3:24
28. *"The Lord is the strength of my life"* Psalms 27:1

FEBRUARY — Fellowship's DAILY PRAYERS

Dear Friend, each day of February you can look to this page for inspiration and join with your Fellow Members in saying these three United Prayers. Your Fellowship Friends near and far will be praying with you and for you!

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

II Corinthians 5:7

8:00 A.M. Prayer for Guidance

Dear Lord, You have gifted me with another beautiful day. I ask that You Guide me through the next several hours to make this day a happy and peaceful time. Please lead me and my Fellow Members as we go our separate ways to work and other activities. We seek Your direction in our prayers.

— Amen



12:00 Noon Prayer for Prosperity

Lord, I am very grateful that I can turn to You and know You hear and understand my needs. Please teach me how I may Prosper and Succeed in work and in life. I pray You will help me and my Fellow Members meet our obligations and be free of money problems. Let us all achieve the Prosperity we seek through hard work and saving a little bit at a time.

— Amen

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

Father, even as the day turns to darkness, You provide light and spiritual strength for me and my Fellow Members. Because of You, we have hope that our best days are ahead. We pray now for the twin blessings of Health and Healing, not just for ourselves but also for our loved ones. Thank You for Your love and understanding, and the wonderful blessings You have bestowed upon us in the past.

— Amen

Bless This Home

Helpful Household Hints

It's cold outside and many folks will be cleaning up after the holiday rush. Our Members are great when it comes to cleaning and organizing, so we're sharing a few of their tips here in FAITH. We hope you'll try them out and see if they work for you!

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Keep China Safe

After the holidays, store your fine china with care to protect it. Inserting felt rounds, paper plates, or basket coffee filters between stacked dishes can help to prevent them from chipping.

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Winterize Your Entry

Whether you have kids coming home from school, you were out shoveling, or taking part in any outdoor winter travel, no one wants to walk into the house with their wet boots. Create a simple and stylish drying system with a plastic tray filled with rocks or pebbles. This lets boots drip dry inside without messing up your floors.

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Keep Firewood Handy

As the darkest, coldest days of winter linger, you'll want to be sure you have enough firewood on hand to keep the house warm and toasty. Storing it near the fireplace is ideal, and prevents debris from spilling onto the floor.

Rotate Mattresses

For the best, most even wear on your mattress, it's recommended that you turn and rotate it each quarter.

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Clean and Reorganize the Kitchen Pantry

Pantry cabinets need their contents taken out periodically so shelves can be wiped down. It's also a good time to reorganize them and throw out expired items.

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Winter Storage

Get a clear plastic hanging shoe organizer to store your winter wear. This will create a way for everyone to easily store their hats, gloves, and scarves close to the door and they can easily pick out which are theirs. Hanging the organizer on the door you exit the house from most will also remind everyone not to leave these items behind.

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Dry Boots

Nothing is worse than when the inside of your winter boots get wet. Cold, wet feet are never fun! Once you've gotten back inside and changed into dry socks, stuff your boots with newspaper to absorb the moisture quicker.

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Let us know how these ideas work for you, Dear Member!

“It’s A Happy New Year For Two Thankful Members!”

I have truly seen God work miracles in my life these past few months. And all of it is due to the greatness of God and the power of prayer.

First of all, every job that I had gotten so far seemed like a good prospect at first, then turned out to be a real disappointment. I have a Bachelor in Business Administration degree in Finance, but was unable to get a job in this field.

One day, my fiance and I got in a really terrible fight (it became physical) and I sat down and reflected on my life. I asked God for His forgiveness, and that Sunday I went to church and accepted Jesus as my Savior. As I was standing at the altar, the congregation applauded as someone else walked towards the altar, too. I was surprised and pleased to see that it was my fiance!

A month later, we both got baptized. And then, a few weeks later I got a better paying job in my field!

Things are going well for me now at work and in my personal life. A few months ago I couldn’t have imagined how my life would soon turn around for the better, because things looked bleak. But God heard my sincere prayer and began working to help me. I couldn’t be more grateful.

God is good!

Member J. B., Georgia



Dear Friends,

First, Happy New Year to my Friends at Life-Study Fellowship! I would like to say thank you for all my magazines and mail that comes from you. I have been a Member of Fellowship for half of my lifetime, and it’s the one thing that I am glad is still a part of my life.

This organization is amazing, and a gift that is so wonderful. I feel God is always around me. I can’t say how much I wish everyone had this gift of blessings. Thanks again for the Prayers for me and my family. I got a job and my son got a job, too, and my daughter found love.

Please keep me in your prayers. I am sending you a donation, too! Sincerely,

Member Inez A., New York

Recipes From Your Friends

It's the dead of winter, a great time to try out some recipes that will stick to your ribs, as they say. These tasty dishes were submitted by your Fellow Members, so you know they're good! We invite you to send us your recipes too!

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FAMILY BISCUITS

From South Dakota, here is Mrs. Ervin M.'s recipe for delicious biscuits.

Ingredients: 1 package dry yeast . . . 1/4 cup warm water . . . 2-1/2 cups flour . . . 1/2 teaspoon baking soda . . . 1 teaspoon baking powder . . . 1 teaspoon salt . . . 1/8 cup sugar . . . 1/2 cup shortening . . . 1 cup buttermilk.

Dissolve the yeast in warm water, setting aside. Mix the dry ingredients in the order given, cutting in the shortening as you normally do for biscuits. Stir in the buttermilk and the yeast mixture. Blend thoroughly. Turn the dough out onto a floured board and knead lightly. Roll out and cut with a biscuit cutter, placing them in a greased pan. Let the dough rise slightly before baking in a pre-heated 400-degree oven for about 12-15 minutes until lightly browned and done. Your family will love them!

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PLEASING PANCAKES

The pancakes really please the

appetite, Dear Member, and we thank Lois H. in Texas for sharing her recipe.

Ingredients: 2-1/2 cups flour . . . 1/2 teaspoon salt . . . 1 teaspoon baking powder . . . 1/2 teaspoon baking soda . . . 2 tablespoons sugar . . . 1 egg, beaten . . . 2-1/2 cups buttermilk . . . 2 tablespoons butter, melted.

Sift flour with salt, baking powder, soda and sugar. Add the rest of the ingredients and mix well. For each pancake, drop 2 tablespoons of batter onto a hot, lightly greased griddle or into a heavy skillet. Turn each pancake when bubbles form on the surface and edges are golden. Cook other side. Serve with butter, syrup or preserves. Makes 14 luscious pancakes.

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CHEESE CREAMED BEANS

From the kitchen of Ellen H. in Pennsylvania, here's a recipe to dress up green beans.

Ingredients: 1 can green beans with liquid . . . 1/2 cup milk . . . 1-1/2 tablespoons flour . . . 2 slices of cheese . . . 1 tablespoon butter.

Put beans with liquid in saucepan. Mix milk and flour. When beans begin to boil, add milk and flour mixture. Stir while it thickens. Add cheese and butter. Let that melt and serve.

Nothing Happens For Us Unless We Take Action!

Imagine going out to a wonderful dinner party at a nice restaurant, Dear Member. Everyone sits down at the table, looks at the menu . . . and says nothing to the serving staff about what they want to eat.

What would happen? Well, it's a good bet you would go home hungry if you never told your server what you wanted for dinner!

In other words, it would take **action** on your part.

You may not have thought about how this applies to other situations in life, so let us point out another circumstance that requires action . . . Prayer! Yes, if we want the Lord to provide guidance or help us in some manner, it requires that we help ourselves as well.

In fact, that's why being "Self-Helpful" is one of Fellowship's Five Rules For Happier Living.

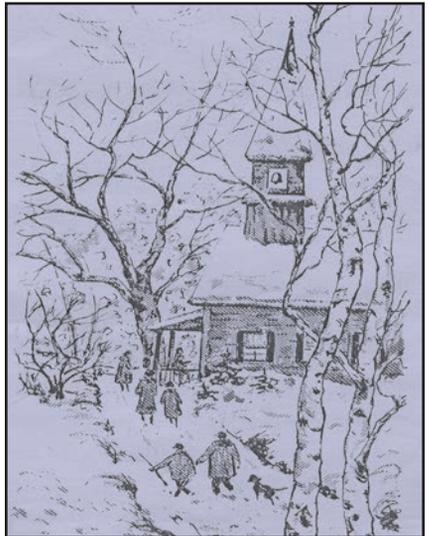
There's no question prayer is a powerful tool for change. It gives us the chance to talk to the Lord directly and seek His advice. He can teach us the right things to do, the right words to say to make the changes we seek, and so on. But when we receive that guidance we still have to act upon it, which is where the "Self-Helpful" action comes in.

God actually works through

us, and through people around us, to make the changes we need. Rather than simply hand out blessings, God asks us to play a role in achieving our goals.

That's why you will sometimes hear people say they feel like the Lord has failed them, because they didn't receive the blessing or benefit they requested. What they're really saying is they simply waited for a blessing without doing the work to ensure it happened. In other words, God didn't fail them. They failed to act and help themselves.

To sum things up, prayer and action go together. Praying and being Self-Helpful gives us a blueprint for a successful and happy life.



MARCH — My DAILY BIBLE VERSES

We have specially prepared these March Daily Bible Verses for you, Dear Member. We encourage you to take a pen or pencil and write down your Verse each morning. Then, you can carry it with you all day as an uplifting message from the Lord.

1. *"The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk"*
Matthew 11:5
2. *"God divided the light from the darkness"*
Genesis 1:4
3. *"The earth abideth forever"*
Eccl. 1:4
4. *"Thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly"*
Philemon 1:14
5. *"Behold, I have set the land before you"*
Deut. 1:8
6. *"He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost."*
Mark 1:8
7. *"Let him glory in the Lord"*
I Cor. 1:31
8. *"As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee"*
Joshua 1:5
9. *"I will declare Thy name unto my brethren"*
Hebrews 2:12
10. *"Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father"*
II Thess. 1:2
11. *"I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts"*
Haggai 2:7
12. *"I laid me down and slept"*
Psalms 3:5
13. *"Peace be to thee"*
III John 1:14
14. *"Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."*
Mark 2:5
15. *"The Lord, the God of hosts, is His name."*
Amos 4:13
16. *"Fear not, Zacharias"*
Luke 1:13
17. *"The Lord is righteous"*
Lam. 1:18
18. *"Hear what I say unto thee"*
Ezekiel 2:8
19. *"Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath"*
James 1:19
20. *"Blessed is he that readeth"*
Revelation 1:3
21. *"Be ye holy; for I am holy"*
I Peter 1:16
22. *"Speak thou the things which become sound doctrine"*
Titus 2:1
23. *"For there is one God"*
I Timothy 2:5
24. *"Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ"*
John 1:17
25. *"The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee"*
Obadiah 1:3
26. *"Cast in thy lot among us"*
Proverbs 1:14
27. *"O Lord, heal me"*
Psalms 6:2
28. *"Cease not to give thanks"*
Ephesians 1:16
29. *"Glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good"*
Romans 2:10
30. *"The just shall live by faith"*
Galatians 3:11
31. *"Fulfil ye my joy"*
Phil. 2:2

MARCH — Fellowship's DAILY PRAYERS

Dear Member, please join all your Fellowship Friends as you offer these United Daily Prayers for God's blessings of guidance, prosperity and good health. It is so comforting to know you have Fellow Members praying along with you to seek His grace!

“I will instruct thee and teach thee!”

Psalms 32:8

8:00 A.M. Prayer for Guidance

Gracious Lord, talking with You always starts my morning off right. I pray You will bless me with Your love and strength this day, and lend Your Guidance to me and my Fellow Members. Show us the right things to do and say for the next several hours. We love and trust You, Dear Father. — Amen



12:00 Noon Prayer for Prosperity

As the Noon Hour approaches, I get ready to stop my activity and say my Daily Prayer. Please favor me and my Fellow Members with the blessings of Prosperity and an abundance of Success in all we do. Open our eyes to new opportunities to earn more money and pay down some of our debt, O Lord. We are grateful for your Presence! — Amen

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

As darkness falls, I think to myself there's no greater blessing than Good Health. That's why I'm praying along with my Fellow Members for you to bless us with Radiant Good Health and a deep sleep. Please comfort and aid all who are sick as well, O Lord, and help them overcome what ails them. Grant me and my Fellowship Friends a peaceful night as we lay down to sleep. We hope to wake the next morning with renewed energy and vigor. — Amen

New Year's Hymn

Standing at the portal
Of the opening year,
Words of comfort meet us,
Hushing every fear;
Spoken through the silence
By our Father's voice,
Tender, strong and faithful,
Making us rejoice.

(Refrain):
Onward then, and fear not,
Children of the day;
For His Word shall never,
Never pass away.

For the year before us,
O what rich supplies!
For the poor and needy
Living streams shall rise;
For the sad and sinful
Shall His grace abound;
For the faint and feeble
Perfect strength be found. **(Refrain)**

He will never fail us,
He will not forsake;
His eternal cov'nant
He will never break.
Resting on His promise,
What have we to fear?
God is all-sufficient
For the coming year. **(Refrain)**

By Frances R. Havergal, about 1880

OUR FELLOWSHIP'S BIBLE READINGS



January
February
March

You are never alone when you open your Bible and begin to read God's Words, Dear Member. And you are never without His guidance. We hope you enjoy these suggested Bible Readings.

Week	Text
Dec. 30 - Jan. 5.....	<i>"God is light"</i> Read: I John 1:1-10
January 6 - 12	<i>"Thanksgiving and praise"</i> Read: Psalm 100:1-5
January 13 - 19	<i>"If ye now have sorrow, your heart shall rejoice"</i> Read: John 16:19-33
January 20 - Jan. 26	<i>"Tidings of great joy"</i> Read: Luke 2:1-14
January 27 - Feb. 2.....	<i>"He saveth thee"</i> Read: Psalm 107:15-2
February 3 - 9	<i>"Be ye transformed"</i> Read:Romans 12:1-5
February 10 - 16.....	<i>"He hath promised us"</i> Read:I John 2:25-29
February 17 - 23.....	<i>"Bear ye one another's burdens"</i> Read: Galatians 6: 1-10
February 24 - March 2.....	<i>"Many waters cannot quench love"</i> Read: Song of Solomon 8:1-10
March 3 - 9.....	<i>"Ye shall ask what ye will"</i> Read: John 15:4-12
March 10 -16	<i>"It is He that give thee power to get wealth"</i> Read: Deuteronomy 8:6-18
March 17 - 23.....	<i>"Behold, I send my messenger before thy face"</i> Read: Mark 1:1-15
March 24 - 30 ...	<i>"Blessed are the peacemakers"</i> Read: Matthew 5:1-12
March 31 - April 6	<i>"Let him ask of God"</i> Read: James 1:2-11

Everything Is Possible

*Everything is possible
If we truly believe.
There are miracles and blessings
That we all can receive.
There are angels among us
That we don't recognize,
For we expect to see wings
Descend from the skies.
Everything is possible,
When God's on our side,
When He knocks on our door,
And we let Him inside.
For the years in His hourglass
Are mere grains of sand.
The possibilities are endless
To what we can achieve
Everything is possible
If we truly believe.*

By Rosie C., Louisiana

"Sharing My Faith!"

Dear Friends, I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a wonderful New Year. May God's blessing be with you and your family always. I will send my contributions as long as I can to keep Life-Study Fellowship going. Thanks again for the wonderful work you do!

Estella M., Georgia

"Love My Faith Magazine"

I love my Faith Magazine just as it is. The only thing I can think of to change it would be to do what some other publications are doing -- double the issue to save on postage. I don't know if that would help, though. Please keep up the good work!

Laura L., Tennessee

You Can Ensure Fellowship Will Continue Helping People!

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.

A Psalm Of Hope For The New Year

God be merciful to us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us; that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him!

~Psalm Sixty Seven

Happy New Year!

We Appreciate Your Loyal Support Of Fellowship!

Dear Member, you've come to the last page of our New Year edition of FAITH! We sincerely hope its stories and features have inspired you and lifted your spirits.

We want 2019 to be a good year for you and your Fellow Members, so please write and let us know what you think! Also, we have a special offer for those who

want to donate to offset the production and postage costs for Faith Magazine. Anyone who contributes \$10 or more to Fellowship will receive a booklet called **"The Gospel Of Good Cheer."** We wish you a New Year filled with God's blessings, Dear Friend. We intend to keep mailing out Fellowship's positive and prayerful messages all year!

(Please clip here.)

To: **Life-Study Fellowship, Noroton, CT 06820**
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