

A Call to Prayer, continued

God was glorified on that special afternoon and continues to be some two years later. One week after we prayed together, God's answer became evident. The answer was a resounding yes. And since we prayed for "children" and not "a child" he did that too, but in an unexpected and unplanned way. There was no doubt that God did this.

Within a week of that prayer, this dear couple received a call to become foster parents with the hope of adoption. Within a month they took in a 9-year-old girl (Kenta) and adopted her earlier this year. Just last week they adopted a nine-year-old boy (Shawn).

God is working through this couple. They are growing in Christ and sharing His story. They are making such a positive impact on these children. Both children needed stable homes and loving parents. Both of the parents needed children to invest in.

They prayed. God provided. It's all for the Gospel and His glory.

May God answer your prayers according to His will for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Trust Him. He is able.

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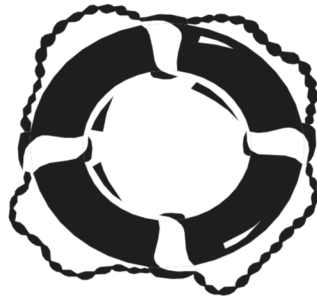
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Jason came in to my office for a chat that lasted the usual couple of hours. God had been working on him to make a confession of faith for over year. On that day he cried out to God and asked Jesus Christ to save Him.

He had been married for 9 years and had no children. I asked if he wanted children.

"Yes!" he said. "But we haven't been able to have any."

And then I asked a stupid question, if there is such a thing: "Well, have you ever prayed for children?" Remember, he'd only prayed to receive Christ a few moments earlier.

And so with a sigh and quick wit he responds, "Why, no. It never occurred to me."

I pressed on, "Would it be okay if we prayed that God blesses you with children?" I asked.

He said very quickly in a positive tone, "Fine." It was his way of taking the challenge, sort of like saying, "I'm ready, Let's do this."

And so I prayed with him. I began telling God the things he already heard us say and finally got to the meat of the prayer. "Lord, if it be your will would you bless Jason and Portia with children. We trust your wisdom in this matter. May it all be for your glory and honor. In Jesus name, amen!"

"Amen!" he said.

We opened our eyes and I noticed something different about him. He had hope. It was as if there was a gleam in his eye and a glow upon his skin, like a child beginning to believe that it was truly possible that he might get the gift he really wanted.

"Do you really think God will give us children?" he said with anticipation.

Without any hesitation I responded, "Jason, with God all things are possible. He healed our daughter. I've seen Him do many marvelous things. Trust Him."

In the back of my mind I thought of Jesus in the upper room telling Philip and the others "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." And then Jesus repeated the promise. "If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

"If you ask." That's where so many fall short. You have to ask.

I thought of another time when Jesus said, "You have not because you ask not."

I also thought of the time when Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane pouring his heart out to the Father, sweating blood and yet coming to the place where he could say, "nevertheless not my will but Thy will."

For the first time, Jason really poured his heart out to God in faith. He was truly open to God's leading. For the first time He asked in "Jesus' name." For first time He was willing to accept God's plan for His life. He knew it was all going to be okay. Jesus was now the Lord of his life.

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SEPTEMBER

September 4-10

1. Read I Cor. 10:31; Psalm 73:25-26
2. Pray that God will enable you and PPL as an organization to “glorify God and enjoy him forever.”
3. Give thanks that God is our portion, that he has created human beings at every stage of development to be in fellowship with him.

September 11-17

1. Read Heb 11:3, Gen 1:27-28,
2. Praise and Worship God for his creative works from nothing: the beauty of the earth, the glory of the skies, and for your own life and being.
3. Pray for pastors to teach of the creative power of God and for hearts to be filled with holy awe of God and deep respect for human life, God’s pinnacle creation.

September 18-24

1. Read Heb 1:3-4, Matt 10:29-33
2. Pray in worship and gratitude for God’s sovereignty in your life and for his daily provision of all you need for life.
3. Ask God to provide bountifully for women who are pregnant and in need, for those who are fragile and unable to sustain themselves, and for pro-life ministries.

September 25 – October 1

1. Read Gen 3:6-8, Ps 51:3-6, Rom 3:21-24
2. Pray for all those who have failed to trust God and have chosen death over life in difficult circumstances, that they will be moved to repent and know the grace and forgiveness of Christ.
3. Pray for congregations to offer ministries of grace to those who have experienced abortion that they may find God’s forgiveness and healing that restores life to their souls.

OCTOBER

October 2-8

- Read I Tim 2:5, John 1:14, Heb 7:23-25
2. Pray for PPL’s Board of Directors as they meet this weekend in Ocean City, New Jersey that the “Word become flesh” will meet with us and guide our decisions and plans.
 3. Pray for the humble spirit of Jesus who came in the womb of Mary, though he was God, to permeate your own heart and the Board of PPL as we seek to serve the Lord of life.

October 9-15

1. Read Luke 1:31,35, Heb 7:26, Heb 5:6
2. Praise God for sending Jesus Christ, His Son in human flesh, conceived by the Holy Spirit, as our High Priest.
3. Pray that those who defend a “right” to abortion will contemplate Christ’s coming in human flesh and be convicted to change their view of unborn human life.

October 16-22

1. Read John 1:18, 20:31, 14:26
2. Pray giving thanks that “the only begotten Son” has shown us the Father and given us life in his name.
3. Pray for those whose faith is attacked in their place of education or work, that God will reveal himself to them and they will stand as faithful witnesses to who God is and to the life he has planned for us from before our birth.

October 23-29

1. Read Heb 2:17, Isa 33:22, I Cor 15:25
2. Pray that those seeking positions of leadership in our nation will exhibit the mercy and selflessness of Christ who is both priest and king.
3. Pray that God will raise up PPL Chapter leaders, Partners for Life churches, and lay volunteers to stand with PPL to defend and honor the unborn, the weak, the vulnerable, and those whose lives are at risk.

NOVEMBER

October 30 – November 5

1. Read Luke 2:7, Isa 53:3, Matt 27:46, 12:40, Phil 2:8
2. Ask God to strengthen your inner being so that you will have endurance and the will to submit to the costly work of standing for unborn human lives.
3. Pray for God’s wisdom as PPL seeks to create resources that inspire and equip Presbyterians to affirm life in counter cultural ways.

November 6-12

1. Read Acts 17:29-31, Ezek 36:26-28, John 6:44-48
2. Pray as our nation elects a new President and leaders to Congress that God will grant us leaders who have a heart for him.
3. Pray for God to give us leaders who will stand against abortion and euthanasia and will defend life from fertilization to natural death, and protect our liberty to serve and obey God.

November 13-19

1. Read Eph 1:3-6, I John 3:1-3, John 1:12
2. Pray with thanksgiving that God has called you and adopted you as his child.
3. Ask God to touch the hearts of his people with a calling to adopt orphans and unwanted children and provide them a home where they can thrive know a model of God’s adopting love toward us.

November 20-26

1. Read Romans 8:1, 5:1-5, I John 5:13
2. Give thanks to God that he has set us free from condemnation and given us his peace, hope and love along with eternal life.
3. Pray for women who are pregnant and feel despair and condemnation that they will find hope in Christ and Christians to help so that they may see a way forward that affirms life for their child and hope for themselves.

November 27 – Dec 3

1. Read I Thess 4:14, Job 19:25-27, I John 3:2
2. Praise God for a bodily resurrection and for the hope in Christ that we will live beyond our physical death.
3. Pray for all those grieving the loss of loved ones during this holiday season and for all those facing the end of their own lives to find God’s hope of eternal life in Christ.

DECEMBER

December 4-10

1. Read Micah 6:8
2. Pray for yourself, your church, and PPL to know clearly what work God is calling us to do to preserve and promote human life.
3. Pray in this season of giving for generous hearts toward life and abundant support for the work of pregnancy centers and for PPL.

December 11-17

1. Read Romans 2:14-16
2. Give thanks for the example of Christ, whose coming in the womb of Mary demonstrated humility and great love.
3. Pray that that God will write his law on your own heart and the hearts of all his people that we will always choose life and not death for ourselves and our neighbors, including those in the wombs of their mothers.

December 18-24

1. Read Deuteronomy 10:4, Matt 19:17
2. Pray to be found faithful in obedience to God’s law that leads to life.
3. Pray for all those who are pregnant in this season of celebration of Christ’s coming, that they will believe in Jesus, the Word of God in human flesh, and love their babies and protect their lives.

December 25-31

1. Read Matthew 22:37-40
2. Praise and thank God for his great love toward us.
3. Pray to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind and your neighbor—protecting each life as though it were your own.