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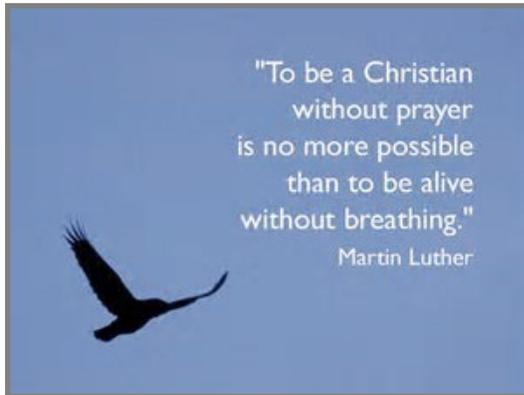
July 2017

The Prayer Spot



June was the month when the United States Flag had a day of special remembrance - Flag Day, June 14th. In the month of July, our city will be decked out with this flag for the celebration of Independence Day on the 4th. The day begins with a parade around the Park Strip followed by a hub of activity on the Strip with many vendors and booths. We invite you to visit the booth with the signs "Praying for America". Here you will be offered the opportunity to post written prayers on the prayer board or to have personal prayer with one of us. *We covet your prayers for those of us at the booth and for the preparation of the hearts of those whom we will meet.* There will also be treats for the children (booklets with Bible stories, pencils and Frisbees).

In July there is another flag day celebration, this time for the Alaska State Flag. Every year on July 9th, AK Child and Family at 4600 Abbott Rd hosts this event and this year will be the 25th annual celebration. A great family event with food, music and activities.



Worship Texts for July					
Date		1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
July 2	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Psalm 119:153-160	Romans 7:1-13	Matthew 10:34-42
July 9	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Zechariah 9:9-12	Psalm 145:1-14	Romans 7:14-25a	Matthew 11:25-30
July 16	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 55:10-13	Psalm 65(1-8)9-13	Romans 8:12-17	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 23	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 44:6-8	Psalm 119:57-64	Romans 8:18-27	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 30	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Deut. 7:6-9	Psalm 125	Romans 8:28-39	Matthew 13:44-52

PRAYER IS THE SOUL'S SINCERE DESIRE

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh, the falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye,, when non but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech that infant lips can try;
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach the Majesty on high.

Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice, returning from his ways;
While angels in their songs rejoice and cry, "Behold, he prays!"

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath, the Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death; He enters heav'n with prayer.

The saints in prayer appear as one, in word and deed and mind;
While with the Father and the Son sweet fellowship they find.

Nor prayer is made on earth alone: the Holy Spirit pleads,
And Jesus on the eternal throne for sinners intercedes.

O thou, by whom we come to God, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod: Lord, teach us how to pray!

James Montgomery (November 4,1771-April 30, 1854)

Excerpts from "Prayer" by O. Hallesby

Prayer is the breath of the soul, the organ by which we receive Christ into our parched and withered hearts. (pg. 13)

The many and various admonitions to prayer in the Bible shed remarkable light upon prayer. They show us that prayer is the heartthrob in the life of a saved person. (pg. 37)

Prayer is given and ordained for the purpose of glorifying God. Prayer is the appointed way of giving Jesus an opportunity to exercise His supernatural powers of salvation. And in so doing He desires to make use of us. (pg. 129)

Because prayer is an expression of our personal life with a personal God, it readily assumes the forms and characteristics of personal life. (pg. 137)

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"Pray without ceasing."
I Thessalonians 5:17



- Word of Life Core Values**
- *Jesus is Lord.*
 - *Jesus is our guide.*
 - *Forgiveness of sin leads to healing.*
 - *Prayer changes things.*
 - *Faith is God's gracious gift that saves.*



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