



EMMAUS

Prayer to the Holy Spirit
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen

SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS FEBRUARY 2021 **NO GATHERING IN FEBRUARY**

From our Co Spiritual Director:



Dear Friends,

What a year 2020 was, and it's hard to believe that we are 2 months into 2021 already. We have learned so many things. Covid-19 has changed our lifestyles, for some of us it has changed our way of thinking. We have to be more careful, we have to take precautions, and I believe that Covid-19 has also taught us to enjoy the "little things" in life.

As I am writing this article, I am reminded of the scripture in Matthew 25:34-36

"Then the King will say to those on the right, "Come, you who are blessed by the Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

When we went on vacation as a family, I never wanted to spare any expense and I wanted the whole family to have whatever they wanted, when they wanted it. You see, I used to always be about the big things. Even when I got into ministry, I had big dreams, big expectations, and thought that to be successful you had to come up with huge ministries that could impact hundreds if not thousands.

Now, thanks to my beautiful wife, I have come to realize that life is all about the little things. Buying her flowers for no reason at all, just because I wanted to say, "I love you." Pouring her coffee just the way she likes it, even bringing home her favorite candy bar when I was at the grocery store. Taking the time to play a board game with the kids. Throwing the football, or just being goofy with them for no reason at all just to hear them laugh.

In ministry, I have come to learn that everything is about the "little things" that mean so much. Helping someone at the store who can't reach the item they are trying to buy. Giving a smile to someone that I may pass in the aisle. We don't always have to be involved in big ministries, it's what we do every day that can mean so much. Sometimes a simple "Hello" or a "Can I help you with that?", allows others to see the light of Christ in us. Remembering that you and I may be the only Bible thought some may see.

Think about how many people you come into contact with on a daily basis. What can you do to make a difference in their lives? You never know what someone is going through. What kind of struggles are they facing? You never know when God may be giving you an opportunity to make a difference in that person's life. Remember, it's all about the little things. These little things can make a big difference to someone else. Isn't that what being a Christian is all about? Loving one another?

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Pastor Ben Webster



From our Community Lay Director:

Dear Emmaus Sisters & Brothers~

I have felt a burden to pray more fervently in the past year.

For several different reasons: for many friends, family, our Emmaus community, our nation and the world. I told you last month that I pray Psalm 91(found on Pinterest) every morning. I am including it in this newsletter for you.

On Martin Luther King Day last month, I posted on my Facebook page one of his quotes, " I have decided to stick with Love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." This is what I believe we all need to do. It is the new commandment Jesus gave us in John 13:34. "A new commandment I give to you that you Love one another as I have Loved you, you are also to Love one another." My fervent prayer this year is for us all to Love one another as Christ Loved us!

Satan tries to steal our joy(John 10:10) or make us take offense and be angry with what someone said or did to us (James 1:19-21). Stand firm on the Word of God against the enemy! You are a child of the Most High God who Loves you and died on the cross for you! Remember who you are and whose you are!

So, I ask you to pray for each other & for those in our community. Love one another so that Satan cannot get a foothold into your life. Be salt & light to everyone you meet (Matt. 5:13-16) so that we all will glorify our Father who is in heaven.

"Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of Love and peace will be with you." 2Corinthians 13:11

In His Service~ Libby

PSALM 91

Your Personal Prayer Covenant

Lord, I choose to live in Your shelter—my Most High God—and I determine to stay in Your shadow. I will say to You, You are my refuge, my place of safety and my fortress. You are my God and I have made my choice to always trust in You! For it is You, Lord, who delivers me from the snare of the trapper, Satan, and from the deadly fatal diseases.

Lord, You have promised to hide me under Your wings. You have told me to take refuge in You where I will be safe. Your faithfulness to Your promises, Oh Lord, is a shield that encircles me.

When I stay with You, You said I would never be afraid of the terror of what another person could do to harm me, or of the attacks that come like an arrow shot directly at me. I don't have to be afraid of deadly diseases or of natural disasters or destruction. A thousand people may fall all around me, and ten thousand may fall at my right hand; but it will not even be able to approach me.

I will only look on with my eyes and see the wicked go down.

I am shielded only because I have chosen to make You, My Lord, my place of safety.

I have made the Most High God the place where I choose to live. Because I made that choice no evil will be able to take me down and no plague or calamity will come near my household. Lord, You also said that You would give Your angels the charge to guard me in all my ways. They will bear me up in their hands, lest I strike my foot against a stone. I will tread on the powers of the enemy and trample him down.

You said that because I love You:

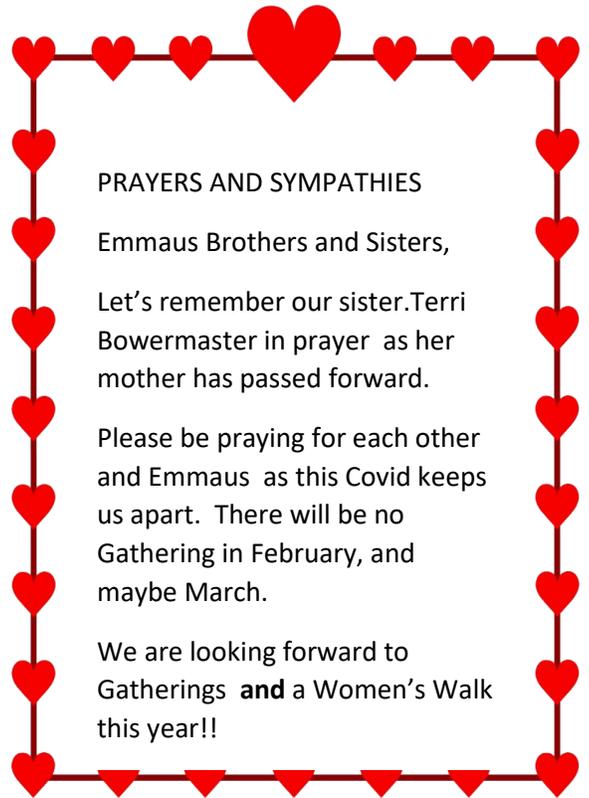
- * You will deliver me from harm.
- * You said You would set me on high above my problems.
- * Because I choose to know You intimately by name, You have promised that when I call on You, You will answer me.
- * You promised to rescue me out of trouble.
- * You have promised to give me honor,
- * Satisfy me with a long life and
- * Allow me to take hold of Your salvation, Your healing, Your deliverance, Your protection, and Your provision of my needs.

Pray the prayer everyday personally to God because you love Him

THE LOVE OF GOD

1. The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.
 - o *Refrain:*
Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints' and angels' song.
2. When hoary time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—
The saints' and angels' song.
3. Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

By Frederick M Lehman



PRAYERS AND SYMPATHIES

Emmaus Brothers and Sisters,

Let's remember our sister Terri Bowermaster in prayer as her mother has passed forward.

Please be praying for each other and Emmaus as this Covid keeps us apart. There will be no Gathering in February, and maybe March.

We are looking forward to Gatherings **and** a Women's Walk this year!!

NOTE: If you have a prayer request to go in the newsletter you can send it to me at:

happy.maillady.chaplin@gmail.com

Thank you.



Springfield Area Emmaus Willing Servant Sheet

Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____

Home Ph: _____ Cell Ph: _____ Regularly Attend Share Group? Y / N

Church Attending: _____ Walk # _____ Walk Location _____

Email: _____

Information is current as of: (Date) _____

===== I Am Willing To Serve In These Areas:=====

Please Check All That Apply

Help serving meals Be a Meal Coordinator Help with Agape for weekend

Help Registrar (contact pilgrims before walk) Help Set up/Tear Down for weekend

Help with Sponsorship (help get info to Sponsors) Help get word out about Emmaus

Help on purchasing team for weekend Be on a Live-In Team Lead Music

Play an instrument: _____ Offer special music for Gatherings or walks

Help with the newsletter Help with social after Gatherings Help set up Worship

Provide secretarial help at Board Meetings Help inventory and organize supplies

Help with cleaning bathrooms during a walk Help get people connected to Share Groups

To learn more about Emmaus by attending the Leadership Development Event (LDE)

Help in other ways: _____

Please Mail to Springfield Area Emmaus, 230 East High Street, Springfield OH 45505, or drop off at the back table at any Gathering.

SPRINGFIELD AREA WALK TO EMMAUS (Please PRINT and fill in ALL blanks)

Name _____ (as preferred on name tag) Age _____

Sex M _____ F _____

Address _____

Phone _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ - _____

Church now attending: _____ Pastor: _____

Church Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Married _____ Single _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____ Separated _____

Spouse's name _____ Walk spouse attended _____

Sponsor's name _____

Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Walk attended _____

Dietary concerns Medical concerns Disability concerns

Occupation: _____ Company Name: _____

Name of a close friend: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State _____

Zip: _____

Briefly state why you want to attend a Walk to Emmaus and what you expect.

Would you be able to attend on short notice? Yes _____ No _____ Perhaps _____

I understand that this application does not reserve a position on a particular

Walk but does place me on a list for future Walks to Emmaus in Springfield.

Signature _____

Date _____

Enclose a NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERRABLE deposit of \$25.00, which applies to your \$75.00 donation to offset expenses. Make checks payable to Springfield Area Emmaus. Remit to: Registrar, Springfield Area Emmaus, High Street United Methodist Church, 230 E. High St., Springfield, OH 45505.

REGISTRATION ONLY Date received _____ Card sent to:

Sponsor _____ Pilgrim _____ Deposit rec'd _____

Cash _____ Check # _____ Rec'd from _____ 1st

Invite _____ 2nd Invite _____ 3rd Invite _____

Inactive _____ Revised Sept. 2013