

Walking in Christ's Light
Daily Prayer Journal
October 19-24, 2009

*Growing our souls is a partnership with Christ.
To enable your soul's growth, use this material with Christ as your guide.*

Monday **10-19-09**

Read: Mark 10:46-52 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=mark+10:46-52)

Prayer: Holy One, I do care about you; sometimes fiercely.
Why else would I be stumbling along like this; trying to pray.
Trying to put myself in your way.

I care about you, and such is my faith, however faltering it is;
and I trust that you care about the things I care about;
care about them infinitely more than I care about them.

You also care for me, even when I'm careless about the things I care about.

Journal Reflection: I once knew of a wrecker service in Georgia that was available 23 and ½ hours a day. Trouble was no one knew when the ½ hour was.

Tuesday **10-20-09**

Read: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=job+42:1-6;10-17)

Prayer: Lord... bless the people:
Birthday people, giving-birth people, being born people;
Conformed people, dying people, dead people;
Hostaged people, banged-up people, held down people;
Leader people, lonely people, limping people;
Bless them all, Lord.

Bless what eludes my grasp but not yours.

Journal Reflection: *The Cotton Patch Gospels* features the song:
"There Ain't No Busy Signals on the Hot Line to God."

Wednesday **10-21-09**

Read: Psalm 34:1-8 ;19-22 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+34:1-8; 19-22)

Prayer: Gracious One, praise from all creatures, laughers
and list-makers, wonders and worries, poets and plodders and
prophets, the wrinkled, the newborn, the whale and the worm,
from all, and from me.

Journal Reflection: Instead of looking for God in the heavens, why not look
for God around us in everyday places? Perhaps God can be
found at the back of the refrigerator, involved in the tuna
casserole, in the way the way the sale associate measures you
for you suit, in the way a child sings with a mouthful of
toothpaste. Don't look for God up in the heavens; he only goes
there to get to his locker for a change.

Thursday 10-22-09

Read: Hebrews 10:46-52 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=hebrews+10:46-52)

Prayer: Lord, thank you for the sharp senses of the timeless stirring in my time and your praise in my heart. Thank you for the undeniable awareness, quick as now, that the need of you is the truth of me.

Journal Reflection: H.G. Wells once said to G.K. Chesterton that, "if after all my theology turns out to be wrong and your theology right, I feel I shall always be able to pass into heaven as a friend of G.K.C.'s."

Sorry, Mr. Wells. It's not "What a friend I have in G.K.C.," but "What a friend we have in Jesus," that enables us to find heaven.

Friday 10-23-09

Read: Jeremiah 33:3 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=jeremiah+33:3)

Prayer: Surprising God, Catch my pride and doubt off guard that, at least for a moment, O may sense your presence and your caring; and be surprised by a sudden joy rising in my now...to sustain me in the coming then.

Journal Reflection: A simple little question: Do you know God's phone number? It's Jeremiah 33:3..."Call to me and I will answer you; I will tell you wonderful and marvelous things you know nothing about..."

Saturday 10-24-09

Read: Hebrews 7:23-28 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=hebrews+7:23-28)

Prayer: O Lord, it is said you created people because you love stories. Be with me as I live out my story.

Journal Reflection: "Now those trials and tribulations, they sho' nough can sell. When they advertise us all our wants, they can help live in hell. But the Savior he can heal us, the pain of broken dreams. His redemption opens up our hearts, and breaks fear at the seams."