



# NightLight

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"take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." II Peter 1:19

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## Dear Friends,



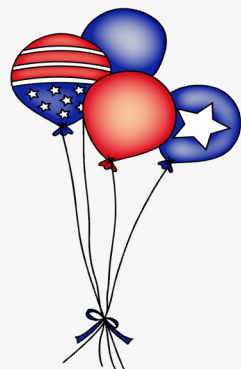
*I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. Ezekiel 22:30*

*So he said he would destroy them - had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them. Psalm 106:23*

*Yet when you relied on the Lord, he delivered them into your hand. For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.*

*2 Chronicles 16:8,9*

*They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Revelation 12:11*



[edited version of 2008 article by Clay]

There is a sense of urgency in the heart of the Christian who is awake and watching. There is a call of the Holy Spirit inside that says, "Watch, stand in the gap; intercede for your area, your family, and the lost around you. Cry out to Me for them. Couple your intercession with acts of love."

Prayer is not informing God. It is not talking Him in or out of things. It is not moving His heart to be caring by an emotional display, as if He did not already care far more than we ever could! Prayer is communion with God. It is a joining of our prayers with what we see the Holy Spirit doing. It is listening for His Voice in our hearts, and responding in obedience. Some prayer is a bold exercise of faith which opens the way for God's intervening grace to invade places where He would not go unless some of His own asked Him to. Prayer involves the extending of God's "rod of authority," His "mighty scepter," into the earth via His body in all kinds of ways. It is His body, His bride, His family, His people, His army of believers that wield this kind

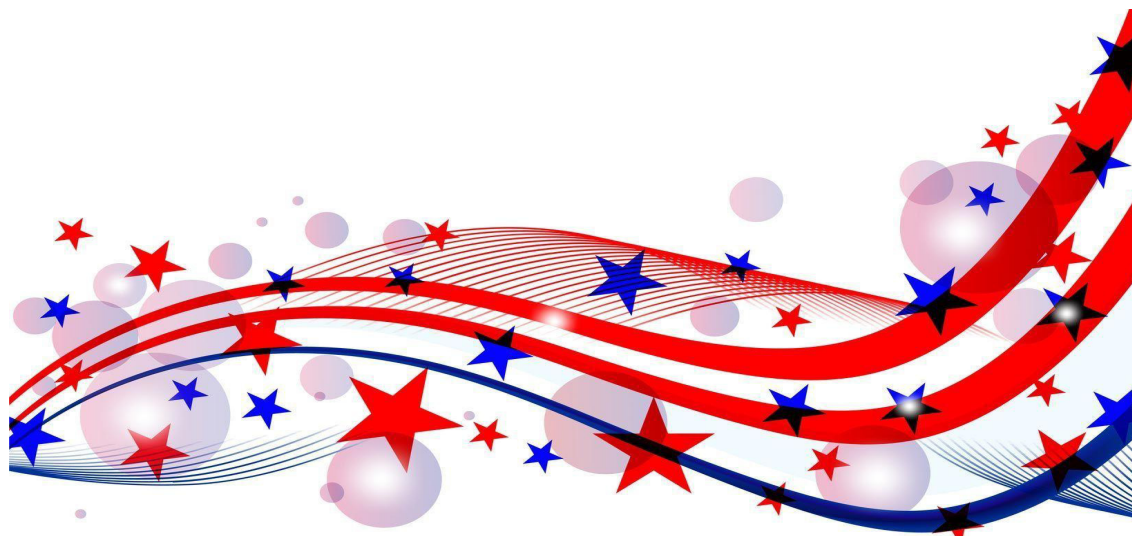
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of power in prayer. How? Because they have heard the call of the Holy Spirit and RESPONDED to it. They not only heard it, but ACTED on it. They are the ones who have come to rely on the Lord as they dwell in His presence. Power in prayer is wielding the prayer of faith in the Name of Jesus on behalf of His kingdom purposes in the earth. It is a joy to be a conduit of His grace into the earth where His kingdom rule is not yet manifested but will be. ***Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*** (Matthew 6:10)

I feel small most of the time. (I don't mean around the middle. That's another subject!) I mean small in the face of all that must be done. I feel old lately. I feel like most of the time I am spitting on a forest fire or sweeping the ocean with a wisk broom. But I have for many years been re-awakened to fading reality by remembering a simple story I heard somewhere. I don't remember where.

Once upon a time, there was a great tragedy in the ocean off the coast of Maine (or somewhere), and thousands of starfish where washed ashore. A man was walking along the shore considering the huge mess, when he saw in the distance a man throwing a starfish back into the deep. As he approached that man, he simply said to him, "You are not going to make a difference in the face of so much mess." The other man reached down and took hold of another starfish and threw it back into the life giving water, saying, "I made a difference to that one, didn't I?" And the person you love, help, pray for, forgive, touch, encourage, feed, or whatever you do in love, is far far greater than any starfish!

Be wary of the lie that is so easily offered and so easily embraced: that you are too young, too old, too small, too weak, too insignificant, too poor, too busy, too needy yourself, to do anything that will ultimately make any difference. Remember, Jesus spoke in terms of **"a cup of cold water given in My Name."** (Mark 9:41) It is He that will decide how big or how great what we do needs to become. What matters always to Him is our love and obedience in the small things. **For if we are seeking to obey in the small things, the big things will take care of themselves.** (Luke 16:10) So we continue to respond to the call of the Holy Spirit, and act in love. Especially, one person at a time.





## ***Marching Tennis Shoes***

[2008 writing by Clay]

We know of a young boy (He is now in his early teens) who began his work for the poor when he was only 12! As he sat on the couch with his family watching the early evening news one day, he decided to get up from the couch and do something about the poverty and crime he was hearing about in his city. Within a few weeks, he had mobilized literally dozens of older kids and adults to take action on behalf of those suffering from poverty, ignorance, crime, addictions, and lack of legal and medical care. Principalities and powers which had held many in bondage for decades were driven back. In the invisible realm, chains were shattered, evil thrones were toppled, and prison doors torn open. Yet in the visible world, it was only simple movements of a 12-year-old boy acting in love. It was just one small boy with a big heart responding to the call of the Holy Spirit. When asked why he was doing these things, he replied, "I was tired of doing nothing." Every step that kid took on earth sounded like tennis shoes on pavement. But in the unseen realm, every step he took sounded like the marching of an army with banners. The darkest evil power can be overcome by the simplest childlike faith and love.

# Closing Thoughts...



Though Clay's physical condition is deteriorating, he remains sweet, calm, and full of peace. Oh! The things I am learning from my dear husband! The fragrance of the Lord is all about us these days. Though exhausted and often without words, we remain in communion with the Blessed Trinity and one another. We fully live the gift of each new day. Whether few or many of these days remain, our eyes are on Jesus. We trust His perfect will for us, and are so very thankful for His abiding presence. May God's will be done.

*In HIS Joy, Clay & Mary*



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