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Dear Prayer Team,

Bad news makes us pray "hard"; often appealing to God's love for us. This is implied in the message sent to Jesus in John chapter 11: "**Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.**" (v. 3) But God doesn't always respond as we wish. Lazarus dies. When Jesus finally arrives in Bethany, the loss and grief of Martha and Mary are evident. Like us, they ask Jesus the big "WHY?" At the tomb Martha refers to the smell of a dead body. Our crisis often has the smell of death, an ending, a break or loss. Grief, despondency, discouragement and depression, bordering on bitterness may set in. In time, however, God makes good on His promise that **all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose** (Ro. 8:28). Our experience and prayers aren't forgotten or minimized, but, as He wills, a different life arises out of the crisis.

Four truths encourage us in our crisis: 1. Jesus loved Lazarus and He loves us too. 2. We can rest in the truth that Jesus knows the outcome of our crisis. Jesus knew Lazarus would live and yet it is recorded that Jesus groaned within, and openly wept. He was struck by the fear, the anxiety, the hopelessness and helplessness. He felt the sting of death. 3. Cling to the truth that Jesus takes into Himself our suffering and pain. "**By His stripes we are healed**" (Is. 53:5).

The fourth truth, Jesus says, is that our crisis is "**for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it**" (v 4). The crisis Lazarus suffered helped people believe in Jesus as Messiah. (See verses 15, 26, and 40-42.) Those believers led the triumphal entry into Jerusalem (John 12:17,18). His purpose for our crisis isn't always as clear, but as our crisis subsides let us give witness and praise, celebrating His grace, mercy and goodness.

Yours with our Deliverer,

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17 PRAY for continued fruitfulness for **Every Home for Christ (EHC) as they work to reach every home in the world**. PRAY that God will provide **every resource needed to fulfill their mission**.

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14).

18 PRAISE God for the way the Lord has provided several new employees; and PRAY for a few remaining key people needed.

Visit wmpress.org/job-openings for more info.

"And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you....Do not fear nor be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8).

19 PRAY against the **increased Internet censorship around the world** so that Scriptures can be available to those who are hungry for them.

"The Word of God is not chained" (2 Tim. 2:9b).

20 PRAY that **WMP's** newly revised **Meditations in the Psalms** study booklet will help believers focus on prayer, petition, thanksgiving and praise through selected Psalms.

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name" (Psalm 100:4).

21 PRAY that **many in Israel will** develop interest in reading God's Word and will find out who Jesus really is.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: may they prosper who love you" (Psalm 122:6).

22 PRAY for **protection over WMP's facility** and for safety for employees and volunteers. PRAY for the **Safety Committee**, which considers precautions and compliance with legal requirements.

"You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4:8b).

23 PRAY for wisdom, patience, health, strength, and grace for **Jerry W., Vice-president, Plant Operations**, and those he works with, as he oversees overall production and maintenance of facilities.

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10a).

24 PRAY for wisdom, strength, protection, and good health for **88 volunteer WMP coordinators in 83 nations**. PRAY for resources needed for their families and ministries. PRAY for protection and healing. **PRAY for strong faith, overflowing joy, courage for the task, and grace and peace.**

"Neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. For we are God's fellow workers" (1 Corinthians 3:7, 9a).

25 PRAY for wisdom, grace, health, strength, and favor for **Harold Mack, president of WMP**, as he depends on God to lead the work.

"My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me" (Psalm 63:8).

26 PRAY for guidance, peace, and grace for **Harold, Helen, Jerry, Twila, and Trent** in planning freight shipments.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

27 PRAY for **Dale, Nick, volunteer Gary and other volunteers** who fill small orders involving many titles and languages, often facing urgent deadlines. Pray for focus, accuracy, and peace.

"The LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:6).

28 PRAY that **WMP's** salvation coloring book, **God Loves You!** will help children and adults alike realize the powerful, endless love God has for His children.

"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ" (2 Corinthians 14a).

29 PRAY for **Prepress supervisor Twila** and her team as they supply plates for both presses and as she prepares complex production schedules.

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17a).

30 PRAISE God for enabling a large printing of **The Path to Life** handout in English, Spanish, Portuguese (first time) and French. Pray that many will be drawn to life-giving truth through this evangelistic tool.

"Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations" (Luke 24:46, 47).

SEPTEMBER, 2022

1 DAILY FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER: PRAY God will enable WMP to **maintain a significant monthly production during our move into the new warehouse.** PRAY for **grace, peace and safety** for all those involved. PRAY that the move will go smoothly and the equipment will be up and running quickly. This building will help us increase production and shipments by streamlining the workflow. We *praise God* for the building extension.

See www.wmpress.org/build for updates.

"So they said, 'Let us rise up and build.' Then they set their hands to this good work" (Nehemiah 2:18b).

2 PRAISE the Lord, we have been able to get some paper from other sources. Please pray earnestly for this ongoing challenge. **PRAY especially for availability of sheet-fed paper for printing covers, which is being rationed.** PRAY that all supplies needed by WMP—paper, ink, etc.— will be available without undue delays.

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us" (Ephesians 3:20).

3 PRAISE God for new staff members, **Maria, Steve, Susie, Joshua, Mike, Colleen, Immanuel.** PRAY for grace, understanding and insight as they learn the details of their work here.

"Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11).

4 PRAY for **Helen** as she communicates with national coordinators and as we interact with shipping agents, freight forwarders, and the truckers who pick up shipments.

"Pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified" (2 Thes. 3:1b).

5 PRAY for **wisdom for WMP's IT Department** to keep computers operating well, free from attacks. Pray for **Landon** in his increased responsibilities and as he interacts with our consultant, **Mike**, and with **MapleTronics**, who is handling our IT server and network infrastructure support.

"For the LORD gives wisdom" (Proverbs 2:6a).

6 PRAY for the safe arrival of shipments soon to leave for **Argentina, Chad, Chile (2), Guatemala, Kenya (2), Paraguay, Peru, S. Africa, S. Asia (2), S. Sudan and Tanzania.** PRAY that empty ship containers will be available when needed. PRAY truckers picking up loads from WMP will respond positively to the gospel.

"The crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth. The Word of our God stands forever" (Isaiah 40:4b, 8b).

7 PRAY for the safety of shipments on their way to **Cape Verde, Chad (2), Costa Rica (2), Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mauritania and S. Asia.**

"So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please" (Isaiah 55:11a).

8 PRAISE God for safe arrival of shipments to **Mexico.** PRAY for fruit which lasts for eternity! PRAY that shipments in customs in **Nigeria (2)** will clear customs smoothly and be distributed wisely. PRAY that God will use His Word to bring people to Christ and to strengthen believers.

"He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:6).

9 PRAY for **revival to grow in the U.S.A.** and that God will bless the various prayer movements that are actively seeking His face on behalf of our nation, that He will grant us His **mercy** and the wisdom and grace we desperately need.

*"Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. **Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon**" (Isaiah 55:6-7).*

10 PRAY for **WMP staff and volunteers** who need God's healing touch. PRAY for **daily provision, safety, stamina, wisdom, peace, and grace.** Pray for protection from accidents and illness and against all attacks from the enemy. PRAY for **family members who need to be saved or to be healed.**

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58b).

11 PRAY that God will raise up more **WMP Ambassadors**—volunteers who pray and share what God is doing through WMP. PRAY that God will use the podcasts, blog posts, and other material available at www.wmpambassadors.org. Contact Joe Chadburn at joe@wmpress.org. *"Serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, . . . continuing steadfastly in prayer" (Romans 12:11b-12).*

12 PRAY that God will use **WMP's mobile app**, with more than **650 Scripture booklets available to read** on mobile devices (in addition to **39 audio booklets in 14 languages**). "Push" notifications can be set to receive daily prayer requests and updates about shipments and new podcasts. *"Many . . . who heard the Word believed" (Acts 4:4a).*

13 PRAY for **nations with restricted freedoms.** PRAY for all who are incarcerated, whether justly or unjustly. PRAY that **WMP's Scripture-text Datebook** will be a **blessing** wherever it is used in prisons throughout the U.S.A. Pray that those enslaved to addictions **will find true freedom in Christ.** *"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage" (Galatians 5:1).*

14 PRAY that **donors to World Missionary Press** will be blessed in their finances, enabling them to give what the Lord puts on their hearts. PRAY that God will meet all their needs. *"That you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8b).*

15 PRAY for **Christians who are suffering for their faith** to be strong in their faith, to be forgiving, full of grace and truth, and to be **bold and wise** in sharing the gospel with hearts who need Jesus.

"The things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel" (Philippians 1:12b).

16 PRAY the **World Prayer Center** here on campus will be utilized effectively and efficiently. That prayer will be lifted up for WMP, for our local community, for our country and for the world.

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, . . . then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).