

Call of Grace Ministries

Come unto Me . . . I will give you rest

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"Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. . ."

Psalm 103:1–2 (NKJV)

In this psalm, is recorded a thankful tribute of praise to God by the psalmist (King David). After this declaration of praise, David begins to recount some (certainly not all) of the many blessings God has bestowed upon him, the people of Israel, and Creation as a whole: blessings of providence that both reveal and culminate in God's mercy. Throughout his narrative, David relays these "benefits" of God toward us in a way that lets us know that looking at the past, he trusted God to continue providing blessings both in then-present times as well as in the future. Why? Because this "man after God's heart" knew that the LORD does not change; since God had been faithful in the past, He would continue in faithfulness both in the present and the future. This truth welled up in David's heart, overflowing in a thankful offering of praise to the LORD, recorded for all-time in God's word.

I encourage you to take time to reflect on this psalm. Look past the poetic nature and rhythm to the truth revealed in each thought. Then truly reflect on your own life. Consider the good times, the hard times, and, possibly, the tragic times. If you do this honestly, I believe two things will occur. You will find God has provided for you and been merciful to you in the past. And you will trust, in spite of what you may see or be experiencing, that God will continue to do so because He is faithful!

Happy Thanksgiving! It is our prayer that you, like David, will overflow with praise and thankfulness to the Lord as you consider His faithfulness to you!

Our Ministry to a Ministry program is expanding. Recently, we took a load of winter clothing to Leawood Baptist Church in Memphis, TN. They will use these items toward expressing Christ's love to all who have need in their area. Cindy and I have seen in action the burden they have for those who are lost or are hurting. We are confident they will use these supplies not only to meet a physical need but as a segue to introduce people to the One who can meet their greatest need: the Lord Jesus!

The Good News Club is in full swing for the Fall Semester. And Cindy and I are grateful to be a part of it! One child has already given their heart to Christ and we are confident the Holy Spirit is working in or toward the lives of the other children as Jesus is lifted before them each week. Please be in prayer for God's work in the lives of this new generation!

Our SA (Salvation Army) Ring Outreach will likely have begun by the time you read this. This outreach has become something we look forward to each year. Ringing the bell offers us an opportunity to distribute Gospel tracts, pray with people (real needs come to the forefront during the holidays), and occasionally have one-on-one Gospel conversations. While we are serving the Lord as we ring, He is filling the bucket for the Salvation Army's ministry to those in need.

We will be ringing the bell for the next five weeks in various communities in the Southern Illinois area. We are truly thankful the Lord directed us to pursue this path many years ago.

In the past week, with the help of others, we have been able to distribute almost 200 Gospel of John booklets. Please pray for Holy Spirit conviction on those who received one of these to read and truly hear the mercy God has made available to them through Jesus.

The time for the **Mission to Mardi Gras** is drawing near. The dates are 2/27-3/2 or 2/27-3/5, 2025). Men, be in prayer concerning your participation in this undertaking for the Lord. If you have questions or believe you are called to join us on this mission, please contact Bro. Joe Toy (610-324-1671) or myself (618-694-8199).

We request your prayers for the following:

- Pray the Lord will heal our land (2 Chron 7:14).
- Pray for our nation's leaders at every level.
- Be in prayer for all the saints. (Eph 6:18).
- Pray for the peace of Israel.
- We ask that you pray for the ongoing ministry of Call of Grace

Is there something we can pray for you? If so please let us know.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Everything the Lord calls us to do is done with your help and we are thankful to the Lord for your service to Him with us. If you or your church believe we could be of service to you, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

Dennis & Cindy

~Cindy's Bottom Line~

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Cor 9:8 (NIV)

This verse is a reminder to us that the blessings of the Lord are given so that we may bless others.

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