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Dear Friend,

We are grateful for your prayers for our ministry. God is working far beyond our imaginations. People from 194 countries have accessed our website. Before the end of the year, there will be 500,000 hits on the website. Our desire is to have a website on prayer ready for viewing before the end of the year also. Several verses have been very meaningful to us. Isaiah 56:7 "These I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer." Col. 1:6 "This good news is present with you now. It is producing results and spreading all over the world." Ps. 96:3 "Tell all the nations about His miracles." Without your partnership, this could never happen.

A life filled with thanksgiving and praise is a blessed life. One example is Fanny Crosby. Fanny wrote hundreds of hymns that have stirred the church of Jesus Christ for many years. She became blind as a little girl due to a doctor's error. She once said, "I have heard that this physician never ceased to express his regret at the mistake that resulted in my blindness. But if I could meet him now, I would say, 'thank you, thank you', over and over again." Fanny's thankfulness stemmed from her belief that she might not have been so effectively used by God as a hymn writer if blindness had not occurred. She went on, "...that I should live my days in physical darkness, so as to be better prepared to sing His praise and thanksgiving early in life", for at the age of 8 she penned these lines:

Oh, what a happy soul am I! Though blind and cannot see. I am resolved that in this world Content I will be.

What an inspiring example she has given us both in her testimony and her song.

The following is from Prayer Keys by Clift and Kathleen Richards:

Remember. Thanksgiving is not just a date on the calendar. It is a lifestyle. Paul wrote, "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thess. 5:16-18

The Valley of Vision is a collection of Puritan prayers from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. It can be ordered from the Banner of Truth

The Valley of Vision

Lord, High and Holy, Meek and Lowly, Thou has brought me to the valley of vision, where I live in the depths but see thee in the heights; hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold thy glory.

Let me learn by paradox that the way down is the way up,
that to be low is to be high,
that the broken heart is the healed heart,
that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,
that the repenting soul is the victorious soul,
that to have nothing is to possess all,
that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,
that to give is to receive,
that the valley is the place of vision.

Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from deepest wells, and the deeper the wells the brighter thy stars shine;

Let me find thy light in my darkness,
thy life in my death,
thy joy in my sorrow,
thy grace in my sin,
thy riches in my poverty
thy glory in my valley.

Meditative, listening prayer is a powerful way to receive life changing insights from scripture. I have used this type of prayer to engraft scripture into my life. In scripture, the word prayer is a combination of two words. One word means toward; the other means face. Prayer is a face to face encounter with God. Meditation is to think on a passage over and over again, like a cow chewing its cud, to get all the good out of it. We want to get all the good out of scripture. As I focus on a small portion of scripture, I listen for the author of scripture to reveal deeper truths on how I can make this scripture true in my life, what changes need to be made in my thinking or actions.

Phil 4:19 "My God will richly fill your every need in a glorious way through Christ Jesus" (The Names of God Bible)

Sincerely in Christ, Lim & marqueinte

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