

Daily Prayers 47

Bishop Michael Curry (yes, the one who gave the message at a certain wedding) reflects:

The late professor Walter Wink, in one of his books, says that "History belongs to the intercessors who believe and pray a new future into being." None of us know the mystery of prayer and how it works. I don't know the intricacies of prayer's mysteries. What I do know and believe, is that prayer makes a difference. It's not a magic foot. It's not a way to... It's not a form of wish fulfillment, but it is a way of bringing our deepest needs and concerns and our very life into our consciousness and into the very presence of God.



Yesterday, Megumi and I phoned friends on the anniversary of their loved one's passing. The conversation made real our memories from another time and place. In their local newspaper, our friends placed a Memorial which closed with these words:

"Two years ago in the middle of a long dark night we lost you in body, but will always have the light and hope of your eternal soul."

Who in your circle of family and friends is marking the loss of a loved one just now? What shape does your prayer for them take?

And if you yourself have lost someone, what thoughts and emotions come to you in prayer?

The River of God's Love

A reflection



*There is no fear in love,
but perfect love casts out fear.
1 John 4.18*

I bathe in the river of your love.
It washes away all fear
of being judged, inadequate or punished.
I let your river flow through me,
not my love but yours,
flowing to all the world, even the unlovable.
In your love I am not afraid
to love, to risk,
to be carried away by the river.
In love I will coerce no one
or make them afraid,
but only set them free.
Give me wisdom to notice
when I am afraid
and to choose love instead.
In your perfect love I am not afraid.
I am grateful.
I am free.

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PRAISE SONG *for the* **PANDEMIC**

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You can see the full prayer at: <https://youtu.be/zCYoikGal6U>





You can view the entire prayer (just a little over 4 minutes) on Youtube.

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You will be glad you did!