

June 7

Morning

*They should always pray and not give up.*

‘SUPPOSE ONE of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.” Then the one inside answers, “Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.” I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man’s persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.’ – Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

‘I will not let you go unless you bless me.’ . . . ‘Because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome.’ – Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Jesus went out into the hills to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

LUKE 18:1. Luke 11:5–8. Eph. 6:18. Gen. 32:26, 28. Col. 4:2. Luke 6:12.

Evening

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*Take away all my sins.*

‘COME NOW, LET US reason together,’ says the LORD. ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.’

‘Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.’ – ‘I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.’

‘The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.’ – In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace. – He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour. – Having cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

Praise the LORD, O my soul. . . He forgives all my sins.

PS. 25:18. Isa. 1:18. Matt. 9:2. Isa. 43:25. Matt. 9:6. Eph. 1:7. Titus 3:5–6. Col. 2:14. Ps. 103:2–3.