

Something to Pray About

By Cindy Sears – October 2011

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Psalm 103:1

We are constantly calling upon the Lord to bless us, His children. But how often do we bless the Lord?

How can you, a mere human, bless the Creator of all that is? How can you, a sinner, bless the Lord of Righteousness? How can you, a weak, easily frightened child, bless the Lord Almighty?

Jesus showed us how. David’s psalms give us words to use. The lives of Moses, the Apostles Paul, John, Peter and all the rest reveal how.

Bless the Lord with your obedience to His commands. Bless the Lord with your tithes and gifts from the bounty that He supplies for your needs and wants. Bless the Lord with your courage to stand up for His truth. Bless the Lord by asking Him for help and guidance in every aspect of your life.

Bless the Lord in singing. Bless the Lord in worship. Bless the Lord by being grateful. Bless the Lord by witnessing to the lost about the wonderful good news found only in Christ Jesus. Bless the Lord in service to Him in the church, in your home, at your job. Bless the Lord by showing love to your fellow Christians. Bless the Lord by showing love to your enemies. Bless the Lord by doing all you do for His glory and not for your own glory.

Bless the Lord in your pain. Bless the Lord in your sorrow. Bless the Lord when you lose. Bless the Lord when you win. Bless the Lord in the daytime. Bless the Lord at night. Bless the Lord when it rains. Bless the Lord when the rains fail. Bless the Lord no matter what is happening to you or around you. Bless His Holy Name!

And if you really want to bless the Lord and receive His blessings— give! Give Him your time. Give Him your effort. Give Him your trust. Give Him your first fruits. Give Him more than you think you can. Give Him your life. Give Him your heart—all of it. Give Him your future. Give Him your past.

“For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.” (Psalm 103:11, 12)

Ebenezer is asking that you bring more than your regular tithes and offerings into the storehouse on **Homecoming Sunday, October 9th. Our goal is \$10,000 above our normal offerings.** (See Malachi 3:10)

How much are you willing to trust the Lord and bless His Holy Name? Are you ready for the Lord to bless you? Are you ready for Him to open the windows of heaven and pour out His blessings upon you?

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. The LORD executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed...But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children’s children, to such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them. The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all...Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!”

—Psalm 103:2-6, 17-19,22 (NKJV)

