



Think Long

Matt Garvin ~ January 25, 2015

What are you _____?

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us---whatever we ask---we know that we have what we asked of him. 1 John 5:14-15 NIV

I asked for strength that I might achieve;
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches that I might be happy;
I was given poverty that I might be wise.

I asked for power that I might have the praise of men and women;
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for, but everything that I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am among all people most richly blessed.

~ An unknown U.S. civil war soldier

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:31-33 NIV

What is God's Kingdom? It's the place where _____...

The point is that if it's true that in Jesus God was genuinely "becoming king," that is something that cannot remain a matter of mere "information," something we learn about with our heads. It's something we must pray, something that, through prayer, must become a new reality in our lives and our communities. ~ N.T. Wright

Jesus has all kinds of projects up his sleeve and is simply waiting for faithful people to say their prayers, to read the signs of the times, and to get busy.
~ N.T. Wright

I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one. Ezekiel 22:30 NIV

What is your _____?

To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world. ~ Karl Barth

In this 40 Day Prayer Challenge...

- **Ask God which one part of the wall, that doesn't benefit you, he wants you to be praying for?**
- **Is it right to consider fasting?**
- **Invite God to clarify the part of the wall you are called to stand in. Ask him to reveal the kingdom sized vision he wants to reveal to you.**

Who are you _____?

You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

2 Corinthians 1:11 ESV

Who will you share your "standing in the gap" prayer with? _____

_____ are you praying?

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1 NIV

In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. Hebrews 5:12-14 NIV

We tend to overestimate what we can do in a year and underestimate what we can do in a decade. ~ Mark Batterson