

# Campus Chronicles

EPIC Bible College

## LIFE OF PRAYER

*By Paulina Quesada*

Can you imagine how your life would change if you were more intentional about prayer and paid more attention to God? Living a life of daily prayer, knowing that our Father in Heaven hears us and responds, provides great assurance. There is no greater feeling in the world than knowing that my Lord has answered my prayer especially, when I have prayed and fasted for someone else's need.

During those quiet intimate moments alone with God, intercession plays such a vital role, turning our hearts toward others. This is the place where God meets us and bestows upon us His power to accomplish His purpose for our lives. I will admit that it not an easy thing to do; it takes time to be in prayer constantly, but I believe that -- coupled with obedience--prayer is able to move mountains. Knowing this has enabled me to stop worrying about my future, because my future has been already established by my Father.

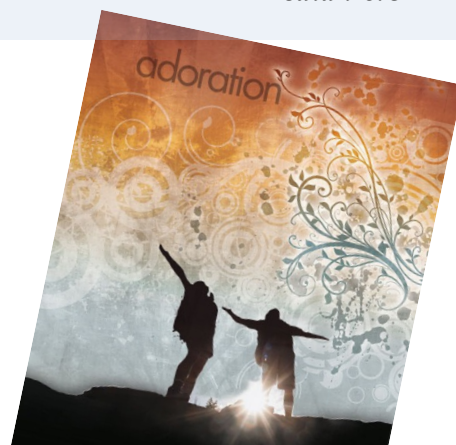
The Bible instructs us to pray without ceasing and implement a structured, daily prayer schedule. This is a crucial principle in succeeding in power and prayer. We often miss this and we tend to go through our day without even mentioning a word of love toward God in prayer. A leader cannot expect to receive God's power if he has not spent time in communion with Him. One can come up with other excuses, but "...the true secret will be found in the lack of urgent prayer for God's presence in the power of the Holy Spirit" (E. M. Bounds) In the end, leadership, preaching, and teaching must be born out of prayer--from text to introduction-- delivered with the energy and spirit of prayer.

Every minister within every ministry needs to seek the center of God's will. In doing so, they will be successful in doing the work of the kingdom; therefore, much

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*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying "whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said "Here am I, Send ME!"*

*Isaiah 6:8*



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# Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial March

By Khadeejah Ali

This past Martin Luther King holiday brought out thousands in Sacramento as they marched in commemoration of his dream and legacy. The marchers' diversity would have made the honoree proud. There were young and old, male and female, blacks, Hispanics, Asians, and whites all coming together to keep the dream alive.

The march started out from three locations: Oak Park Community Center, Sacramento City College, and Grant High School. It spanned approximately six miles and ended at the Sacramento Convention Center. There were police and private escorts to assure safety and route guidance. One woman who started late asked me if I knew the way we were supposed to march. I told her to follow the crowd. That's what we all were doing.

This was the first time out for some and they seemed eager and anxious. Six miles is a long walk if you have never made that trek before, but with all the excitement, time and miles flew. Even the children who were complaining at the beginning about everything from hunger to aching legs were all smiles near the end of the march/parade.

The kids were given balloons and signs to hold with sayings like "Free at Last" or "Increase the Peace" while the adults sang Negro Spirituals like "We Shall Overcome" or the Black National Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing" between repeated redentions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. Although the younger generation may not have gone through

segregation and Jim Crow Laws, they had a sense of the pain and hardships that birthed the legacy of Reverend King through the stories of those in attendance who had been at the Lincoln Memorial and some who actually marched with Dr. King.

We are closer to the dream today than at any other time in history. All Americans have had a glimpse of what African-American's were up against at the time. Economic and educational problems we all face today mirror some of the obstacles that drove Rosa Parks to stay in her seat that cool winter day in Montgomery, Alabama. Also, as the first African-American president, Barack Obama has experienced this dream come true.

Still, we march on in hopes that the dream will be realized for all who step foot on American soil: the land of opportunity, liberty and hope. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was not the first to have that same dream, but he was the first to make us all pause long enough to identify the hope of it. There is a verse in the Black National anthem that says,

Lift ev'ry voice and sing, Til earth and heaven ring. Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; Let our rejoicing rise, High as the list'ning skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won" (James Weldon Johnson).

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## Quick Facts About Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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**\* His birthday (January 15, 1929), a federal holiday, always falls on the third Monday of every January.**

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**\* He is the first black civilian to have his own legal holiday. The bill marking his birthday as a federal holiday was signed by, then president, Ronald Reagan in 1986.**

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**\* Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia as Michael Luther King Jr. but his father later changed their names.**

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**\* On July 2, 1964, King attended the signing ceremony of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 at the White House.**

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time should be given to prayer.

In the Old Testament, David was a praying man who was constantly in prayer day and night. He woke up early on his knees and (many times) by nightfall, he was still in the same posture. What a great example of a man who fully surrendered to God in the holiest devotion. Despite David's own shortcomings, he was dedicated, and this enabled him to seek after God's own heart.

He understood that in order for God to use him, it required repentance, obedience, worship, prayer, and loyalty in seeking out God's heart first. What this means is, God is looking for those who want more of Him, and more of His presence. If one is fully focused on devotion to Him, one's soul, mind and body will be united—not just in service to God's will, but with the lives and hearts of all believers.

E.M. Bounds also wrote, "that prayer can change God's purpose. For in prayer we find an open limitless storehouse." It is interesting that very few approach God with a whole heart in the full passion of prayer. Most fail to understand that more prayer really is the key; so, instead we retreat back in shame and in fear. Bounds wrote of the preacher, C.H. Spurgeon, that his "habit of prayer was free and unfettered. . . He lived in constant fellowship with his Father in Heaven. He was ever in touch with God, and thus it was as natural for him to pray as it was for him to breathe" (*Purpose in Prayer*).

***I too believe that prayer is natural and necessary to live. As the air we breathe is vital to our physical life, the breath of the Holy Spirit is vital to our Spiritual life.***

## Patience, young grasshopper, by Lacey Slifkoff



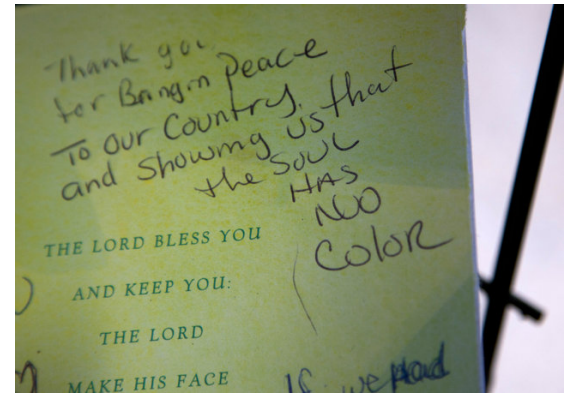
Growing up, I always looked forward to the summer because it promised one thing in abundance: Otter Pops. Now, anyone who has ever bought Otter Pops in the store can tell you that they don't come from the store already frozen. You have to take them home and let them sit in the freezer for a couple of hours before even one or two are ready to eat. To a child, having to wait a couple of hours for something is agony, so naturally I would sneak into the kitchen and check on them every five minutes to see if they were ready. Once, feeling impatient (big shocker, I know), I snuck an Otter Pop out of the freezer before it was ready, a blue one to be exact. That was my favorite. I thought I was so sly, until I got to my room and tried to open it with a pair of my safety scissors, and the whole thing splashed all over the beige colored carpet in my room. Needless to say, my mom wasn't happy.

It's the same as when you try to get a few steps ahead of the Lord- the mess is inevitable. While it may not be blue liquid packed with sugar, we might wish for it to be as simple as that because the blue mess would be so much easier to clean. When we try to get ahead of the Lord, stress and complications arise. We mess things up when we try to take things into our own hands; after all, our hands are not the Almighty Hands that created the universe and are, thus, not capable of trying to do things on our own.

However, when we are obedient to the Lord and his timing, great things can happen. It won't always be easy; in fact at times we may even ask ourselves if it is really worth it to be patient and wait on the Lord. We live in a world of instant gratification, of instant dinners, quick dry nail polish, and scanning in a prescription refill with the camera on your phone. We go and go and go, never taking time to stop and smell the roses. So, why are we surprised when we try to be patient and fail miserably? We don't practice living in patience, so how can we expect to have limitless patience when it is needed? Again, I mention a devotion from *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young. "I Am With You And For You": "I am with you and for you. When

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So, we march in unity with solid faith and expectant hope until the dream has come true for us all. The song affirms us that God is in Heaven listening as we cry out to Him and rejoice in Him. Each day we enjoy his mercies anew and this gives us courage to complete the task that is set before us. Justice and equality for all is not just Dr. King's idea but the idea of the King of Kings; He who made us all in His image and likeness.



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**you decide on a course of action that is in line with My will, nothing in heaven or on earth can stop you. You may encounter many obstacles as you move toward your goal, but don't be discouraged—never give up! With My help, you can overcome any obstacle. Do not expect an easy path ... but do remember that I, your very-present Helper, am omnipotent.**

**Much, much stress results from you wanting to make things happen before their times have come. ... ask Me to show you the path forward moment by moment. Instead of dashing headlong toward your goal, let Me set the pace. Slow down, and enjoy the journey in My Presence.**

My first year at Epic Bible College, I lost my dad. It was incredibly hard because my dad and I were extremely close. Even though some unbelieving family members told me to take a break from school. (After all, it was "only Bible college. I'm sure your God will understand.") I kept going and striving towards finishing the task the Lord had given me, as I had been raised to do.

I did take a couple quarters off for some well-needed time off, but I always knew I would be back. I simply needed to take a rest and regroup after going through some tough personal issues that the Lord had to work out of me first. So here I am, back in school and back to working and striving toward the goal that the Lord set before me. It's not always easy, as you know: some of these classes are HARD. But I just remind myself the Lord has called me to this, and he will carry me through. I just have to remember to live patiently and in His timing. And, as anyone who knows me can attest, if I can wait patiently on the Lord, then anyone can! So, whatever the goal that the Lord has set before you, don't worry about how you will accomplish it. If it's the Lord's plan he will provide you with everything you need to complete that task he's given you. Hold your head up high, and live in the patience of the Lord.

## JOB OPENING

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