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### *Please Join Us As We Pray For:*

All of Our Military, Their Family's & All the Civilian Workers in The Middle East, Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, and Brother Philip Thornsberry, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Danny Mollette, cousin Kayla, Lee & Mary Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina and Kirk, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas, Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Vickie Adkins, Shirley King - Son David – and family, Brother Robert and Sister Jennifer Keller, David Henderson and Wife, Hailey Renee McManus, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Roselyn Pardillo and Family and those that work with her, Hailey Beaver, Stanley Giles, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Chris and Sister Bookout, Brother Dan and Sunny Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

### *The eminent prayerfulness of Jesus*

By Charles Spurgeon

*"Jesus went out to the mountain to pray, and spent all night in prayer to God."* Luke 6:12

If ever one might have lived without prayer, it was our spotless, perfect Lord—and yet none was ever so much in supplication as He! Such was His love to His Father, that He loved much to be in communion with Him! Such was His love for His people, that He desired to be much in intercession for them.

The fact of the eminent prayerfulness of Jesus is a lesson for us—He has given us an example that we may follow in His steps.

The time He chose was admirable:

it was the hour of silence, when the crowd would not disturb Him;  
it was the time of inaction, when all but Himself had ceased to labor;  
and the season when slumber made men forget their woes, and cease their applications to Him for relief.  
While others found rest in sleep, He refreshed Himself with prayer.

The place was also well selected. He was alone where none would intrude, where none could observe—thus was He free from Pharisaic ostentation and vulgar interruption. Those dark and silent hills were a fit oratory for the Son of God. Heaven and earth in midnight stillness heard the groans and sighs of the mysterious Being in whom both worlds were blended.

The continuance of His pleadings is remarkable:

the long watches were not too long;  
the cold wind did not chill His devotions;  
the grim darkness did not darken His faith, or loneliness check His importunity.

We cannot watch with Him one hour, but He watched for us whole nights!

The occasion for this prayer is notable. It was after His enemies had been enraged at Him, that prayer was His refuge and solace. It was before He sent forth the twelve apostles—that prayer was the gate of His enterprise, the herald of His new work. Should we not learn from Jesus to resort to special prayer when we

are under peculiar trials, or contemplate fresh endeavors for the Master's glory?

Lord Jesus, teach us to pray!

***Even the very hairs of your head have all been numbered!***

By Elder Don Fortner

*"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head have all been numbered! So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."* Matthew 10:29-31

With these words our Lord Jesus Christ assures us that none of God's elect shall ever be in any real danger or suffer any real harm, for we are under the special care and protection of God Himself.

I see six things in this sentence which are a constant source of peace and encouragement to me.

The blessed fact of divine predestination

Before the world began, our heavenly Father counted up and ordained the number of hairs that were to be upon your head at this very moment! That is meticulous predestination. What does it tell us? God's sovereign purpose of grace in predestination includes all that we do and experience.

A comforting assurance of divine providence

The primary intent of the text is to show us our Father's constant rule of all things. A sparrow cannot fall to the ground, nor can a hair fall from your head, without your Father's eternal decree in predestination and His direction in providence.

Our heavenly Father's divine knowledge of all things concerning us

Our God, who predestined all things and rules all things, knows all things. We are so well known by God that He has even numbered the hairs of our heads. "Your Father knows." We need no other comfort. The Lord's knowledge of us is constant and entire. His knowledge of us is the knowledge of a tender, sympathetic Father.

Our Father's constant, divine care

He who takes the trouble to number the hairs of our heads must surely care for us. We are the apple of His eye. Cast all your care upon Him, for "He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

The honor and divine esteem God has for us

God has numbered our hairs because He values them. He holds us in honor and esteem above all the people of the world because of His gracious purpose toward us in Christ (Isaiah 43:3-5; 1 John 4:9-11).

The promise of divine protection

The hairs of our head are all numbered because our God intends that, "Not a hair of your head shall perish."

Trials are certain.

Temptations are sure.

Tribulations are constant in this evil world.

But there is no cause for fear, for "The very hairs of your head are all numbered!"

***Church News:***

- We will have a baptismal service this morning.
- The church will observe the Lord's Supper this Morning (only Members we are a "closed" Supper church)