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MR. GEORGE FLOYD



ENOUGH!

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105 KJV).

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I CAN'T SMILE! I CAN'T BREATHE!

Dear Readers,

It is hard to write my feelings to express how horrible I feel about what happened on Memorial Day, May 25, 2020....in Minnesota. It is painful and heartbreaking to recall what I saw on Facebook...I COULD NOT BELIEVE IT! I just couldn't believe that a black man was lying in the street pinned down under the knee of a white police officer!

We soon learned that the black man's name was, MR. GEORGE FLOYD. He said, ***"I CAN'T BREATHE...I CAN'T BREATHE..."*** I was in shock! The white police officer didn't get off of Mr. Floyd's neck...The officer just smiled and continued to press down on Mr. Floyd's neck...until he cried out to his mother, *"Mama! Mama!"*

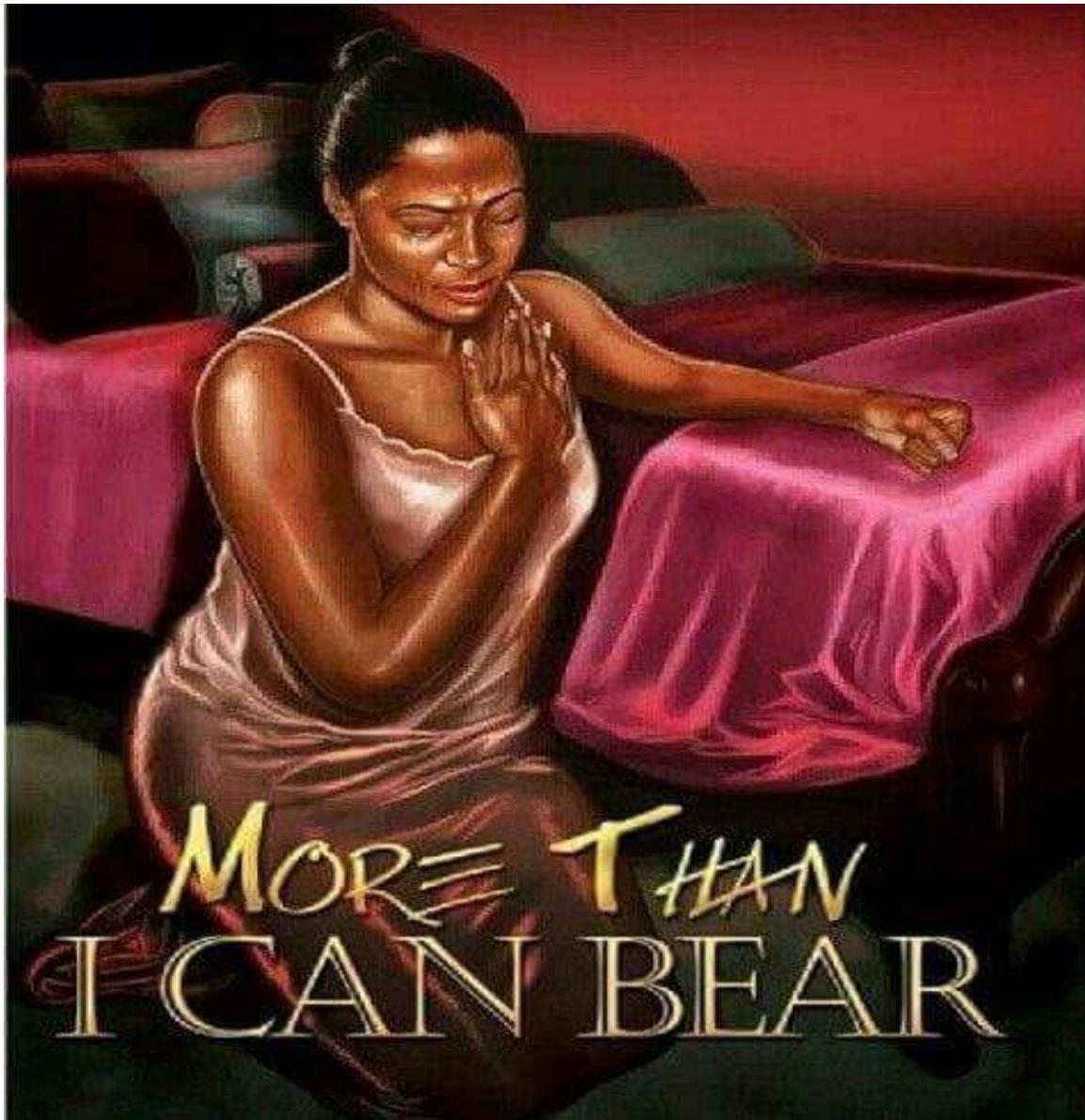
I CAN'T SMILE!

And this is where I want to say something! I AM ANGRY! I AM UPSET! I AM READY TO PROTEST, MARCH in the STREETS and EVEN.....THROW BRICKS! I see the riots! I hear the shouting voices! I UNDERSTAND! I really do.

Look at my photo at the top of the page! I removed my smile! I can't smile! I refuse to just sit with a smile on my face when...OUR WORLD MUST CHANGE! Racism, bitterness, injustice, and every form of evilness have to go!

LAWS MUST CHANGE!

UNFAIR and UNLAWFUL ACTS HAS TO GO!



How much more do black people have to go through by the hanging ropes, hands, knees, guns, laws and prejudice of white racists? You know, this time...we all saw and heard evilness right in front of our eyes...in our homes...We have been locked down because of the COVID-19 and GOD ALLOWED the WHOLE WORLD to see what has been hidden for decades and centuries in the southern states and for years down alleys, ghettos or inner-city streets...black neighborhoods, and in white suburban neighborhoods that don't want black families to move into them. Everybody saw the killing and cold-blooded murder of Mr. George Floyd. We felt the hellish torment of not breathing for 8 minutes and 46 seconds.

We saw and heard something so inhumane and SICK against a black man named, MR. GEORGE FLOYD. Things changed because people of every race, culture, age and social-economic level...REFUSED to play blind!

GO AHEAD...PROTEST!

You know, I haven't been upset by the protests and rioting. I don't approve of killings and lootings. However, I UNDERSTAND! I was an active and a concerned person of the civil unrest across the United States in the 1960's...I remember the peaceful movement of Dr. Martin Luther King, AND the militant movement and fiery speeches from Malcolm X, H. Rapp Brown, Angela Davis and others. I am deeply rooted in and a part of both histories!

I accept the rage and anger of people here in America and in countries around the world! Reverend Jesse Jackson, Civil Rights Leader and founder and president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, slogan's and the rallying cry for decades has been, "KEEP HOPE ALIVE!" We must keep hope alive for change and justice!

A NEW BREED! A NEW DAY!

See, we are living in a new day and time. Everything has changed because we have taken so many CRAZY things for so long. We watch News reports as if it is nothing. We have gotten to the point where we watch brutality and insane people commit unbelievable acts on television while we eat breakfast, feed the baby and talk on the phone! Are we insensitive to the beatings, bloodsheds, massive school shootings and violence in our neighborhood, cities, states, nation, and world?

I must say...NO! Not all of us! There is a new breed that won't stand for injustice! Wake-UP! There is a uniting of whites, blacks, and every color of people who will leave the quarters of their home and pour out into their COVID-19 infested streets, allies, roadsides, country sides, major avenues and declare..."**BLACK LIVES MATTER!**"

THE TRUTH IS...

There is a NEW ARISING of young people who are standing side by side in this fight and battle. Deep in my spirit I strongly feel that they will examine and challenge everything that is established to make necessary and needed changes.

They are not going to put up with a system that IS NOT working. They are not going to compromise with traditions that have not been fair for others. They are not willing to tolerate what is broken.

God brought to my mind the words of The Pledge of Allegiance in America. We say it, but we cannot just say it if it is not being enforced for all. It must function and operate or...this generation will keep marching, protesting, rioting, looting, and fighting...until CHANGE COMES!

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

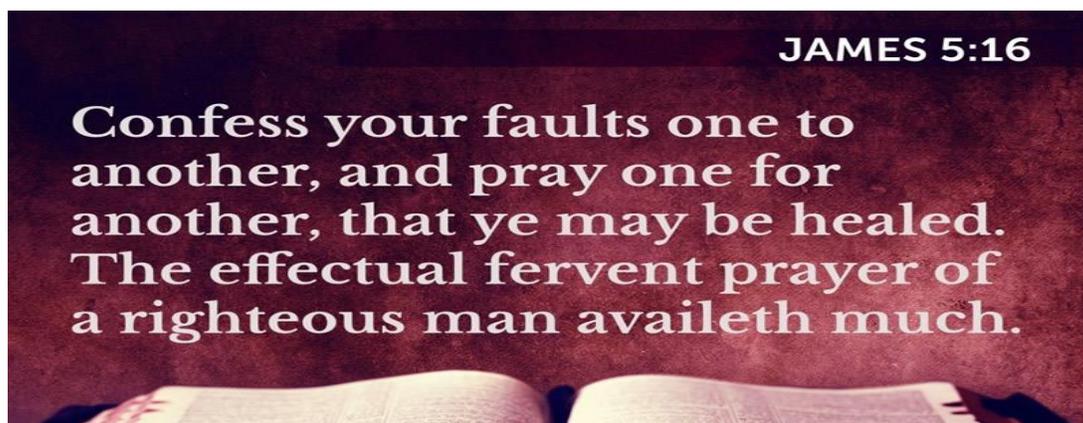
Every word and part of this pledge must be activated and active for everyone in this land. Yes..."one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Maybe we need to have a new law stating that every American in every school, on every job, in all churches, and at every ball game say The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag at all gatherings! This might get implanted in our minds and beings to do right.

WE NEED A QUICK FIX and LASTING HOPE!

I'm going to make it easy on you, we need THE HOLY BIBLE and THE TEN COMMANDMENTS...placed back where it was taken down! Get the Bible and Commandments back in the schools, courthouses, courtrooms, and all public places along with private places, too. **If hearts are not right...NOTHING WILL GO RIGHT!**

So, STAND UP CHURCH. GET TOGETHER! GET ON YOUR KNEES and PRAY!





What is happening in America?

By Doris Homan



As the child's hymn goes ...*"Red and Yellow, Black and White, they are precious in His sight, Jesus loves all the children of the world."* Thank goodness for color. How boring it would be if we were all the same. God created us different and unique, colors and shades of colors, beautiful and treasured by Him. To say you see no difference is lying, to appreciate and celebrate the differences is divine.

Anger, hatred, bitterness, abuse of power, destruction of property, injustice, innocent suffering.... Two wrongs don't make things right. What is happening in America? The melting pot. The land of the free. The land that bids every man, woman and child to come and find refuge, a home with opportunities. The land where one can find life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Injustice and violence is a tragedy. What must God think of the human race and how it is acting and reacting. To the One who created all men equal and who bids us to love one another and treat one another as we would want to be treated. This article is not condoning one side over the other. There are wrongs and injustice on all sides in this live drama.

A nation divided, at war from within. Jesus said every kingdom, city or house divided cannot stand but is brought to desolation. (Matthew 12:25) Is it up to our political leaders to make the changes necessary to bring about peace? Is it up to our religious leaders to teach right from wrong? I challenge you, that it is up to each individual to bring about change with his/her neighbor.



***A message from Ms. Sandra Hickman
Australian Ministry Leader and Staff writer...***

*“In the dark tragic death of Mr. George Floyd, let
us be the example of Christ-likeness to ALL the
children of this world. Teach them to be the light.”*

“... let us say NO to racial discrimination!”



THE KALEIDOSCOPE WORLD OF GOD

... □ *His Colours Of Love*

God created us to be His magnificent kaleidoscope of color in this world. Regardless of skin tone we are all God-colored, and equally beautiful to Him. Look at the rainbow, the inspiration of colors! The kaleidoscope is surely God's example of how beautiful it is when colors come together in unison. The tiny pieces of colored glass or paper reflect changing patterns as the scope is rotated. The patterns are revealed without competition from each color striving for its place. All are beautiful and inclusive inside the kaleidoscope. As Christians we believe that Jesus died once and for all. ALL means inclusive. Sadly, the Creator of the rainbow is put back on the cross by the sin of racial prejudice through man's refusal to believe the true purpose of John 3:16. If Jesus died only for the Jews, we gentiles, of all colors, would be out in the cold frosty air ... or should I say the broiling heat of hell? If only all people could grasp this truth!

We are many nations, each colored by culture and looks. Consider the white skin, blonde hair and blue eyes of Scandinavia, in stark contrast to the blackest skin and tight black curls of Sudanese Africans. And wasn't Jesus Himself a Jew? HE connected the entire human race, created equal by one God, under one heaven. Yet the world has made pigeon holes labelled with skin tones, religions and cultures. Of course there are many well-meaning people of all cultures and belief systems.

For Christians, the point of difference comes when the ventricles of your spiritual heart pumps with the blood of Jesus blotting out race, colour and culture! We need the powerful and mighty Blood of Jesus in our lives. We cannot change our hearts. Only Jesus' healing, delivering, redeeming and restoring Blood can make us whole. It is with His Blood that we can love and extend true peace for all mankind.

We must stand to proclaim and pray-out-loud about the injustice we recently witnessed as we watched the brutal murder of an innocent man, for no reason other than the colour of his skin. The whole world has been left in a state of anarchy and grieving. We have all cried bitter tears. Beneath its skin the world bleeds one coloured blood... RED! The redeeming red blood of Jesus rendered all men equal! God knows, I hate racial prejudice! On the world stage cultures will continue to straddle the fence of difference, but they must cease to be a shameful obstacle.

Because God's love has adopted us, we know His love is relentless in its pursuit to adopt the whole world. To conquer and drive out racism, terrorism and the ugliest hatred imaginable.

I live in a kaleidoscope household with my daughter, her husband and my grandchildren. We are a mix of white Australian with indigenous black heritage, black Zambian/American, French, Irish, Mauritian, plus other generational bloodlines. Our family belongs to Jesus, His Word is our cultural blueprint. I want my little Australian/African grandson to grow up in peace and love. Judah is six years old. His young eyes have noticed the televised riots over George Floyd's death. He understands the wrongness, but he didn't know what "racial prejudice" meant. He has led a sheltered life here. Last night I sat with him and watched his eyes grow wide as I explained how sometimes people don't accept others with different coloured skin. We held our arms together to compare the color difference. We talked about how black his daddy's skin is, and the whiteness of his mummy's skin, how together they produced a beautiful boy with brown skin.... how he attends a Christian school with students of all colors. We spoke about how Jesus loves everyone!



□ *Love will win, because God is Love!*

LOVE already won the victory at the cross of Calvary!

Love singlehandedly conquered hatred, racial divide, apartheid, cultural barriers and all hell-conceived lies about... "Who God loves best?" *Love* conquered the devil and his temporary kingdom. *Love* is the Soldier of heaven galloping on a white horse with "Faithful and True" emblazoned on his thigh! *Love* will be a beautiful sight to those waiting with their hearts open to receive His promise. But *Love* will be a dreadful and

fearful vision to those who have been adopted by Hate and have no place for the one true Love! Let us, as the appointed lights of Jesus in this world, be His disciples winning people for Christ by wearing 'His Colors' displaying the universal kaleidoscope of God's Love.

"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love ~ And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins ~ My command is this: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Jesus ~

John 15:9 1 Peter 4:8 John 3:16 NKJV

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Bible Verses about GOD
from our
Youth Staff Writer

DONNA RALYNN BROOKS

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Psalms 18:30

"As for God, his way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him."



Read Your Bible!



FLOODING



MIDLAND COUNTY FLOOD RELIEF UPDATE REPORT From Playwright Vanessa Lynn of Detroit, Michigan

Not one time, but EVERY TIME I organize a drive, people flood it with their generosity. ♥

Firstly, the tangible donations were dropped off at Sanford Elementary School which is a distribution center. They were extremely grateful and literally had just ran out of toiletry items! I want to thank [Ursula Ace](#), [Cheryl Lynn Pope](#), [Laina Marie](#), [Natasha Anée](#), [THE CALLED AND READY WRITERS](#), Treasures from Heaven Ministries [Wanda Burnside](#), [Ramelle Lee](#), and [Linda Stafford](#) (Avon Lady) for your tangible donations of items!

Secondly, I assessed some needs when I arrived and decided to donate to North Midland Family Center who was in desperate need of all sizes of baby diapers. So I went to the local Walmart and got 10 of the huge boxes of diapers, pull-ups and wipes with the monetary donations people sent. From what was left over, I gave the remaining portion to the Salvation Army's Midland relief fund. As per usual, they were very visible in the area. Thank you to my daughter [Jasmine](#), [Crystal Bell](#), [Tamilikia Foster](#), [Yvette Wilburn](#), [Clarissa Griswold](#), [Jaazmine Parker](#), [Edward Dean](#), [Tia Singleton](#), [Lora Modock-Butts](#), [Danetta Barney](#), [Stacey Shannon Johnson](#), [Sheila Finn](#),

Carmen Evans, and Lavish Foster for your monetary contributions! If I have forgotten anyone please charge it to my head and I will make the correction.

The situation now is one of rebuilding. It was crazy. It looks like a tornado touched down in many areas. I decided not to take any pictures or videos of people's homes. It didn't feel right. So glad I didn't! People in some group chats were saying how folks are driving by like tourist attractions and posting pictures like its entertainment when they've lost everything. Unfortunately, now they are dealing with looting, as people's items are being stolen and scavenged and there is a ton of traffic. For anyone that would like to help, my heavy suggestion is monetary donations. I suggest the Salvation Army which has a Midland Fund. Assistance is coming in from all over. I am connected with a few organizations up there and will check in with them once a week for the next few weeks to see if any tangible needs arise. In the meantime, please don't visit. Traffic, looting, construction, road blocks and no cell phone service is an issue, (I got lost for an hour and nothing I could do with zero service). A few people's animals have been run over and property further damaged by the excess traffic!

Thank you all once again for reminding us what humanity looks like. The spirit of giving was definitely in the air, as several groups from as far away as Mississippi were there to help. Keep them in your prayers. Some people are out of work from Covid and never received unemployment and now they have lost everything. Several women are also ready to give birth and have to struggle with housing and purchasing baby items that were lost. It's really a tragic situation but the people of Midland County and Michigan are super resilient!

♥☐☒#PrayforMichigan

#MidlandCountyFlood, #FEMA, #UnitedWay and #Community



Playwright Vanessa Lynn made sure that all of these items were given to the residence of Midland, Michigan.



DONNA MARIE CLARK GOODRICH

Donna Marie Clark Goodrich, 81, passed away May 21, 2020. A native of Jackson, Michigan, Donna moved to Kansas City, Missouri, at the age of 20 to work as secretary to the book editor at the Nazarene Publishing House.

She met Gary Goodrich, a student at Nazarene Theological Seminary, and they were engaged after a two-week courtship and married eight months later, a union that lasted almost 55 years.

Donna was a freelance editor and proofreader, and the author of 26 books and over 700 published manuscripts. She worked at the Arizona House of Representatives and Arizona State Senate from 1971 to 1974, leaving to open her own business, Donna's Typing and Tax Service, which she operated for 18 years.

In 1982, she founded the annual Arizona Christian Writers Conference which she led for seven years. She also held one- and two-day workshops across the country and taught at other conferences. She enjoyed Southern Gospel Music, crossword puzzles and was a life-time Detroit Tigers fan. Most of all, she was a proud mother to Robert and Patty Goodrich, Janet (Ned) McCarty, and grandmother to Heather (Travis) Boatman and Lindsay McCarty who survive her, along with many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Gary; mother and stepfather, Clarence and Freda Colburn; father, Samuel Clark; brothers Melvin and Orville Clark and sister Norma Irish. Services will be held at 2:00 pm, June 3, 2020, at the First Church of the Nazarene, 955 E University Dr., Mesa. Burial at Arizona Veterans Cemetery.

My precious friend...You will always remain in my heart. Wanda J. Burnside



EVANGELIST ROSE MARIE RIMSON BROWN

By Bob Marovich

Detroit gospel music historian Marcel West informed *JGM* of the passing of the beloved soloist of the Southwest Michigan State Choir of the Church of God in Christ, the choir directed by Dr. Mattie Moss Clark.

Known as “The Songbird of Michigan,” Mrs. Rimson Brown was lead vocalist on some of the Southwest Michigan State Choir’s most popular songs, most notably “I Thank You Lord” and “I’ll Never Turn Back” (both with Ora Watkins) and “Write My Name Above.” She was a member of the Beverly Glenn Concert Chorale, leading songs such as “He Will Answer Prayer” and “I Want to be Free.”

This short bio comes from the AIM Convention 2015 website:

Evangelist Rose Marie Rimson Brown was born and raised in Detroit, MI. She began playing piano at an early age. She emerged at the age of 12 as a pianist for New Jerusalem COGIC. Rose was given the title, “The Songbird of Michigan,” when she was presented in her first concert at the Lockett Memorial COGIC. Rose began singing with her brothers at the age of ~four years. She was a member of the Fountain COGIC where she had served as organist and Minister of Music (MOM) for >35 years. She served as Jurisdictional YWCC and CWC President of Southwest Michigan III. She was a member of the Executive Board of the COGIC International Music Department, Assistant Coordinator of the Heritage Singers.

HAPPY BLESSED BIRTHDAYS!

*Beverly Black Johnson, CEO
And Founder, Tribe Family Channel
and Gumbo for the Soul*



*Poet Yvette Wilburn,
Founder and President, P.O.E.T. Ministries*



Jeanne Doyson is a Speaker, Writer, Blogger and Women Retreats Leader

*For You dearest Ramelle
In loving memory of your beloved
twin brother ~ Reverend Lovell Lee ~
On the occasion of your joint birth-day.*



*Loving Memories
on your Birthday*
*To My
Wonderful Brother*

*Of all the gifts in life
However great or small
To have you as my Brother
Was the greatest gift of all.
A special time
A special place
A special Brother
I can't replace
With an aching heart
I whisper love
I miss you Brother
And love you so.*



Oh Ramelle... See how your arm is protectively around dear Lovell.
You are a protector of people Ramelle, & I believe you've done
this all your lives together. Right to the end you were with your
twin brother, holding him, lovingly caring for him & protecting him.
God truly did something so very special when He created the
two of you together in the womb of your precious Mother.
He was establishing His unbreakable bond between Twins!
The Lord will bless you both to be together again with Him!

*- In honour of Ramelle & Lovell Lee -
Together on Earth & together for Eternity
With all my Love and many Blessings ...
Sandra - 2020 - xox*

Happy Blessed Birthday CHRISTINE V. MITCHELL



Dearest Christine,

We sincerely appreciate you. You are so loving, kind and special to us. You are caring and truly a tremendous blessing.

May God give you your heart's desires. He knows your dreams and plans. He will bring you overwhelming happiness and joy! God will not forsake you!

GOD BLESS YOU! WE LOVE YOU!

Wanda J. Burnside

And The Lamp Newsletter Staff

Birthday Memorials...



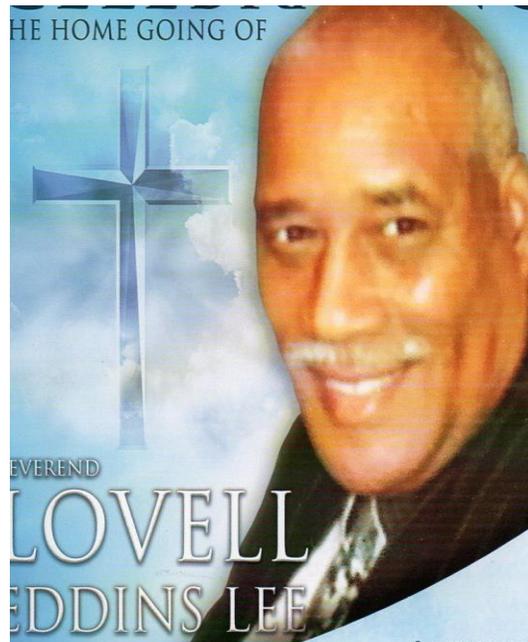
(May 29, 1953 – July 31, 2017)

MISS REGINA MORNA PALM

My Dear and Sweet Baby Sister

Always and Forever in my heart

Wanda J. Burnside



(May 25, 1949 – March 20, 2020)

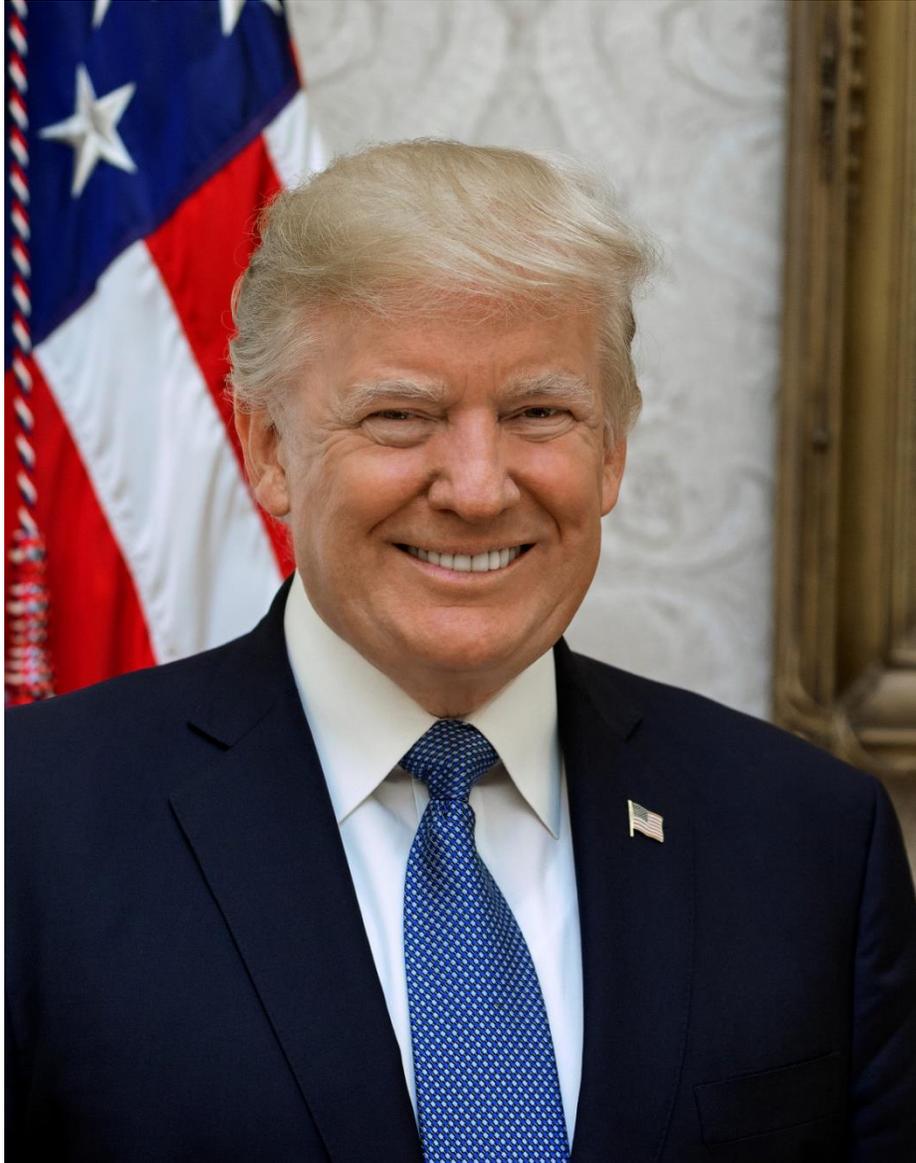
REVEREND LOVELL EDDINS LEE

My Precious Twin Brother

Eternally in my Heart

Author Ramelle T. Lee

Happy Birthday – May God Bless You **PRESIDENT DONALD JOHN TRUMP**



Donald John Trump (born June 14, 1946) is the 45th and current president of the United States. Before entering politics, he was a businessman and television personality.

Trump was born and raised in Queens, a borough of New York City, and received a bachelor's degree in Economics from the Wharton School.

GRADUATES.....

By Wanda J. Burnside

CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS!

**Look what your hard work has done
You're a High School Graduate
Be proud-- for you are truly great!**

**Life can be difficult and it can be hard
But never forget how special you are
You're determined and wise in many ways
Continue to go forward, press on every day**

**Stay focused and look straight ahead
Ignore every negative word ever said
You can continue to make it through
For God has special plans for you!**

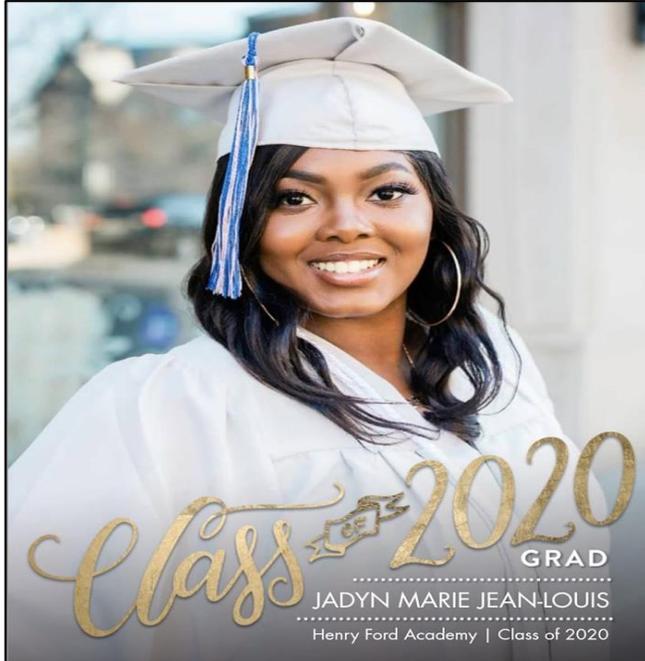
**You are amazing and remarkable, too
There's nothing you can't accomplish or do
Pursue further education or start your career
Put your faith in God and don't fear**

**There's much more for you to achieve
You will obtain more if you only believe
So, put your life fully in God's hands
He will help you with all of life's demands**

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Jadyn Marie Jean-Louis Henry Ford Academy Dearborn, Michigan

Jadyn Marie Jean-Louis is a graduate of Henry Ford Academy in Michigan. She was originally set to attend Kent State University in Ohio in the fall pursuing a degree in Architecture. However, due to the Covid breakout and the fact that most of the courses will be online, she switched to a Michigan school.

Therefore, she will now be attending Ferris State University while still pursuing Architecture. Jadyn plans to transfer to Kent State University when regular classes resume.

Jadyn has always had a love for art, design, and the structural beauty of houses and buildings. She is really excited to start her college career and will also be working on becoming fluent in Spanish.

Her parents, Mr. Erick Jean-Louis and Mrs. Shalonda Jean-Louis, are extremely proud of Jadyn, their oldest child. They have two other amazing children, Maya and Xavier. Mrs. Michele Barnes is the grandmother.



Shaylah Johnson
Desoto Central High School
Ypsilanti, Michigan

Shaylah is the granddaughter of Mr. Willie Lee, Jr., a Vietnam Veteran from Ypsilanti, MI. Shaylah is a graduate of Desoto Central High School in Southaven, MS (a suburb of Memphis, TN). She has plans to attend Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, MI this fall to complete her RN.

During her high school career, Shaylah was a member of the bowling team, Hands and Paws (an animal shelter volunteer club) and C.E.O. (Cultural Enthusiastic Organization; an organization founded to bring cultural awareness to the students of Desoto Central High School and the surrounding area). Shaylah also had dual enrollment in Northwest Community College both Junior and Senior year of high school. She completed 11 college courses and 30 credit hours of college credit; graduating high school with a 4.33 GPA.

Shaylah aspires to be a Nurse Practitioner or Nurse Anesthetist. Upon completion of her RN at WCC, she plans to attend Michigan State University to complete her BSN and MSN programs.

Shaylah is the cousin of Author Ramelle T. Lee



JORDAN EDWARDS
John C. Fremont High School
Los Angeles, California

Jordan Edwards lives in Los Angeles, California, where he previously attended John C. Fremont High School. He is a 2020 graduate, graduating with high honors, as he maintained a high honor roll all 4 years. He was a member of the basketball JV/Varsity team for two years, Track and Field one year, GAP Program (Garden Apprentice Program), JK Living Workout Foundation, BSU (Black Student Union), and YouTube Club. He also had an internship in his

senior year with the Department of Water and Power as a clerk. He also obtained an academic achievement award from UCLA with a certification as a Microsoft office specialist, for all 4 years of high school. He has been accepted at 15 universities. For the first two years Jordan will be attending Trade Tech College in automotive related technology major. Afterward he will be, deciding on a university of his choice. He is the grandson of Author Hertistine Washington.

Jordan declares: "Coming into the end of my senior year was very frustrating, not just for myself but for all the seniors out there. Wanting to have our prom, grad night and full graduation was one of the most important memories, we not only worked hard for, but dreamed of.

Nevertheless, God had a different plan-- a plan to become history makers. We may not have the prom, grand night, or graduation we wanted, but we definitely are stronger than most. We are history makers, which no one can take from us. God works in mysterious ways, and His ways are higher than ours. I wish to congratulate every hard working 2020 senior because making it through 12 years of school is a huge accomplishment.

I don't know what's in store for the future, but I will tell you, God will make a way where you don't see a way, and you will be resilient in whatever field you choose to go in. Whether an entrepreneur, carpenter, engineer, etc., you will have the edge. You will always be remembered, and the best Class of 2020 is in your hands... now God."





CHASE CHADWICK

21st Century Ministries Inc. DBA

Inspiration Academy

Bradenton, Florida

We celebrate you!

Chase Chadwick



IA Student from 2015-2020

Student Government

Treasurer (17-18) Vice President (18-19)

National Honor Society Member

Baseball Athlete (15-20)

Golf Athlete (18-20)

Entrepreneurship Club Member

Spiritual Dev. Club Member

Drama Club Member

Student Ambassador

SENIOR

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Chadwick, are impressed by Chase's accomplishments.



Kelyanne Rodriguez
Canton Preparatory High School
Canton, Michigan

Kelyanne Rodriguez graduated from Canton Preparatory High School. She will be attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She will be majoring in Chemistry. Kelyanne plans to go to med school for a MD in Pathology.

Her proud parents, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Rodriguez, are overjoyed!



THE LAMP NEWSLETTER STAFF is...
Honoring Our Fathers



Father, Elder Minor Palm, Jr.
(1926-2010)



Daughter, Mrs. Wanda J. Burnside
Founder and Publisher, The Lamp Newsletter Int'l



Father, Mr. Simmie Lee Burnside, Sr.
(1924 -2019)

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(1920-1990)**



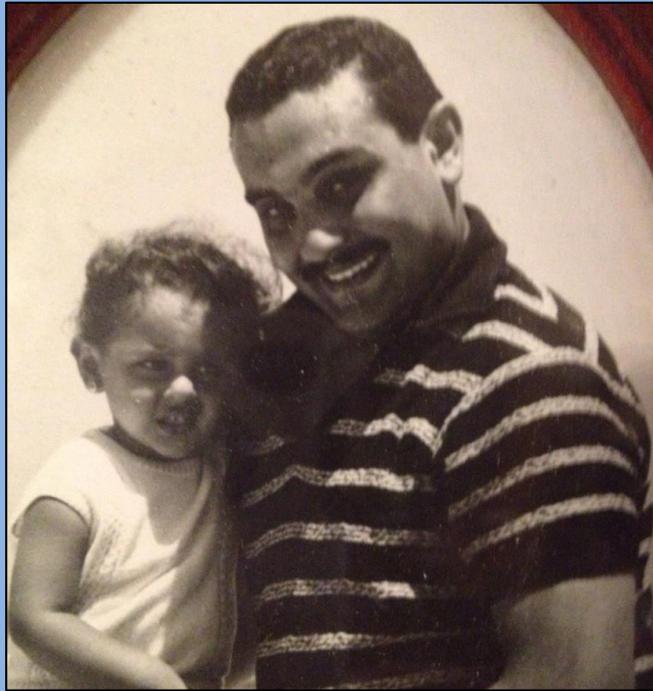
**Daughter, Author Ramelle T. Lee
Staff Writer, the USA**



**Father, Mr. Daniel George McKenzie
(1918 - 1991)**



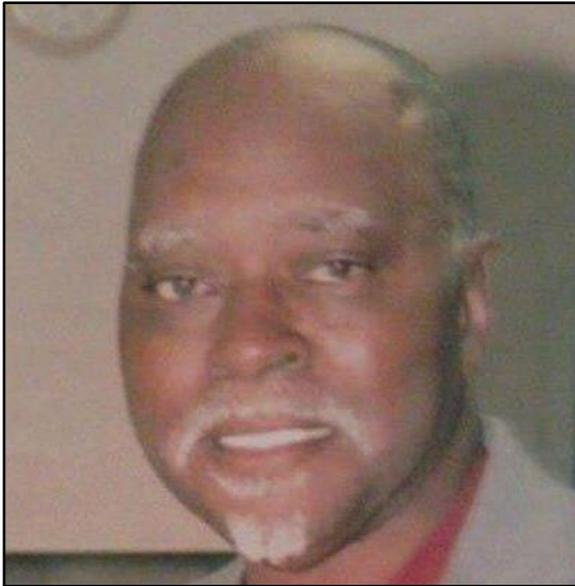
**Daughter, Mrs. Christine V. Mitchell
Staff Writer in the UK- London, England**



Young Doris with her Dad, Mr. Victor Hanna



Doris Homan Staff Writer in the USA



**Father, Minister Donald V. Brooks
(1941 to 2010)**



**Daughter, Ms. Donna R. Brooks
Youth Staff Writer, USA**



Pastor Kevin Johnson, is our newest Staff Writer. He will write a column in The Lamp Newsletter Int'l titled, "LEADERSHIP" .

He is featured below with his three sons.



Father, Pastor Reverend Kevin Wayne Johnson (far right-at the end) with his three sons: Cameron, Kevin and Chris.



Father, Mr. Colin Hickman
(1933-2016)



Daughter, Sandra Hickman
Staff Writer and Ministry Leader in Australia



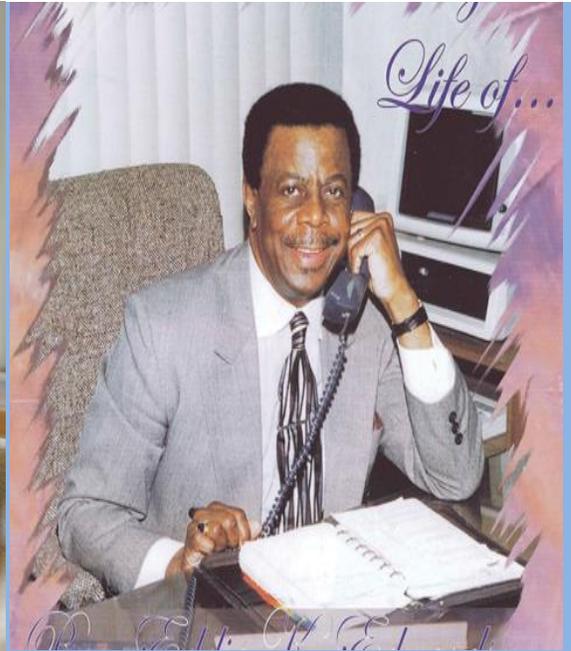
Father, Mr. Odell Gardner
(Deceased)



Grandfather, Elder Minor Palm, Sr.,
(Deceased)

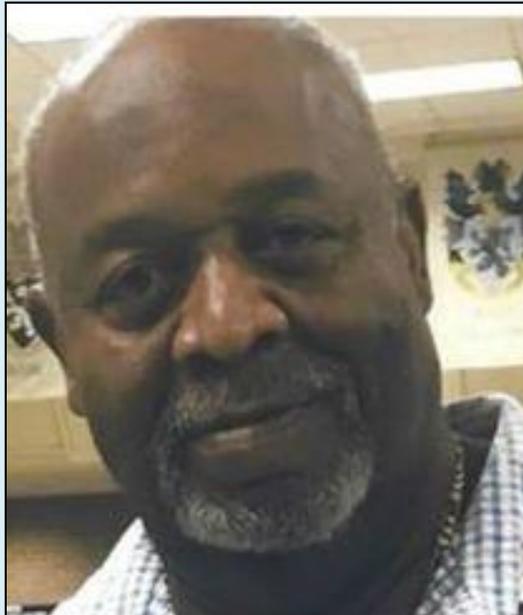


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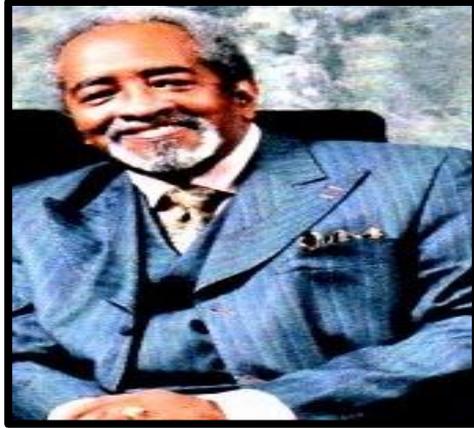
**Dr. Mary D. Edwards and her late Husband...
Editor of The Lamp Newsletter Int'l**

**Reverend Eddie Edwards
(1936-2004)**



**Father, Mr. Melchester Staten, Sr.
(Deceased 2019)**

**Daughter, Mrs. Kizzy Staten-Gray
Staff Writer, The USA**



On Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, 2020, the Lord tremendously blessed my radio outreach ministry RESTORE! RESTORE!, in a very special way. Author Ramelle T. Lee's pastor, Reverend Dr. Randolph Thomas of Greater Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 2969 South Fort Street in Southwest Detroit was our featured speaker that evening. His great message warmed our hearts as Reverend. Thomas prolifically spoke to the radio listeners and staff of The Tribe Family Channel. Beverly Black Johnson is the CEO and Founder of this broadcasting channel and The Gumbo for the Soul Company.

Reverend Thomas spoke powerfully, boldly and tenderly as a pastor and loving father. He outlined the roles of a father based upon the specific Words of the Gospel as found in Psalm 23 known as The Shepherd's Psalm. Reverend Thomas laid a solid foundation for men to build godly characteristics as a dedicated and faithful father. He spoke passionately and tenderly to the listeners around the world. His firm counsel and clear instructions were greatly received. Reverend Thomas talked with assurance because he has 50 years of marriage experience, decades as a father and grandfather. He is a highly educated man in the gospel and over 50 years of ministry which renders his highest knowledge and understanding in the Holy Bible.

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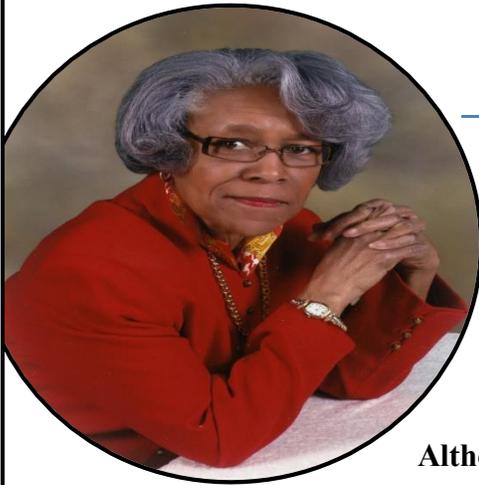
You may hear Dr. Thomas' full sermon on: www.blogtalk.com/gumboforthesoul

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Civil Unrest

By Ramelle T. Lee



This picture is a familiar sight in our world today. You can't turn on the evening news or listen to the radio without hearing reports of violence on the streets of America and around the world.

Although we continue to have discussions about the subject of "Civil Unrest," nothing seems to stop the madness. No matter how many times we take a stand through non-violent protest, we still end up of having people that gather specifically to invade and disrupt the assembly of the people who want to see things change for the better.

Throughout our history, we have all seen and felt the effects of not being treated equally for one reason or another. However, being an African American, it seems that there are continuous levels of justice and injustice for people of color. This is not something new.

Especially for young black men in America. The disparity is so evident in the way many of our young men are treated. There is still much stereotyping seen when it comes to achieving an economic and educational level that will give them the ability to compete in the marketplace.

What is the solution to end the violence and level the plain to realize that, “We the People” as citizens of the United States have rights to live in harmony? Sure, we all desire to live in a safer and peaceful environment. How do we envelope change and move towards solutions that will change our lives for the better?

God has given us the solution in the Bible. When we go to God in prayer and ask Him to help us, He will RESTORE all that is broken.

Let us embrace and follow this scripture for our life.



“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; Then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV

Do you need help during this time of the pandemic? If you live in the 13th congressional district in Detroit, Michigan, please read the following letter.

Hi Ms. Burnside,

It was a true delight speaking with you today. We appreciate you sending a message about Congresswoman's re-election campaign in your newsletter!

For people who live in the 13th congressional district and need help with any resources due to the pandemic, we are encouraging them to send us an e-mail to COVID-19@rashidaforcongress.com . We are doing our best to connect every resident in our district with helpful resources such as food and PPE.

Thank you so much for this and we hope you are staying safe and healthy. God bless!

In hope,

Lydia Bates | Field Organizer

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The World has Changed

In just a few short months, the world has changed. We are living in unprecedented times (unprecedented to us, that is. Who could have imagined, at the beginning of 2020, that two major events could impact the world in a way that shifted the focus in terms of national and world news? Firstly, the devastating pandemic caused by an “unseen enemy” (COVID-19) attacking millions, worldwide – on a scale beyond belief and comprehension, as though several natural disasters (earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunamis) were all rolled into one. Secondly, the grievous and heartbreaking murder of George Floyd – by a “seen enemy,” a police officer who should have upheld the law, but instead broke it, revealing yet another incidence of racial brutality within the police force. The evidence of such crime was, this time, witnessed by the world, thanks to the technology we have today. And the world joined the outcry against racial injustice.

One word that stands out to me, regarding both major world events, is **BREATH... the need to be able to BREATHE**. When a baby is born, the first and most precious thing we all look for, and listen for, is to hear the baby cry, all because that first cry or sound of their voice, means the baby is alive ... they have BREATH. When a loved one dies, when we realise they have stopped breathing, it leaves us heartbroken and a whole host of emotions come into play. Life is precious and brings joy, love and communication. Death stings, deeply.

When God made Adam, the Bible says that He “breathed into His nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul” (Genesis 2:7). Without breath, there is no life. EVERY soul is precious in God’s sight. It is extremely sad that so much injustice has taken place towards black people, and to any people groups who have suffered at the hands of the wicked. It is sad that, after many decades, racial injustice and discrimination continues to exist, both overt and covert. There continues to be a cry today for **radical change**. This cry has now become **louder**. It has become **worldwide**. It is a cry that will not go away. There is a need for understanding and change. Man can legislate, but



real change begins in the heart. For righteousness to prevail, hearts need to be changed. God values every human being. In every human being is the breath of life – given by God.

Let Us Pray

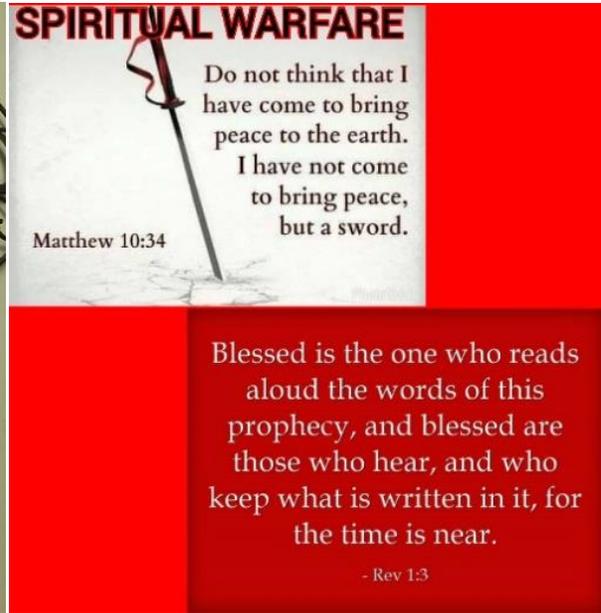
As we all know, when breath is blocked, communication gets cut off. Devastating situations can cause the soul to go silent in relation to God. For many, when all kinds of evil and injustice prevails, hopes are dashed and it can seem hard to pray. The Psalmist David said,

“Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God” (Psalm 43



As Dr. Martin Luther King shared his prayer and dream and, for many years led the campaign for civil rights, for racial equality and justice, resulting in major changes for African-American citizens, **let us keep breathing our prayers** to the Lord, so that this loud, worldwide cry for radical change may be properly heard in the ears of those in high places throughout the world, by those who have the power to activate change.

This cry for change is also happening here in the UK, for racial justice and equality. **Let us not stay silent to God.** Let us keep breathing our prayers to our Father in heaven, that the evils of racial attacks, injustice and discrimination against black citizens may cease, so that ALL human beings of ALL races, can experience equality of opportunity, have a chance to “BREATHE” freedom and live without fear because of skin colour. I believe this is a basic right that should never be denied. We know, of course, that perfect love is only possible through our Lord Jesus Christ Jesus – He is our hope! Blessings and love to all.



Spiritual Warfare! *Are You Saved?*

By Michele Barnes

I am still in shock after you, me, and the world witnessed the evil act of a knee being placed on the neck of George Floyd. I heard his cries of not being able to breathe until his last breath. It was a horrific murder to witness! **God saw what happened too!**

Through much prayer and meditation, I feel that God allowed this to happen as God allowed Jesus to die on the cross! How horrific that day was too! And some still don't believe that day happened. As Christians, we are all God's children! George Floyd was a child of God too!

Was this a time that we had to witness how evil... someone can be? It's time for change! Repent and invite Christ into your life. Now, right now is the time! For God is revealing the hearts and crimes of the devil/evildoers! They will no longer get away with such bold evilness! Beyond racists, the evil devil is trying to create fear and harden the hearts of us all.

“Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb” Psalms 37:1, 2.

Love is- a powerful force and choice that we all must be free to give. Is God’s effort to expose to the world the minds of a wicked and evildoer existing today? However, a white police officer this time, but there are others who are racists and non-racist but also doers of the devil’s work. It might be your doctor, dentist, lawyer, a business owner, neighbor, salesman or saleswoman, soldier, democrat politician, republican politician, teacher, or even a member of your family. The list can go on, but their efforts to plant fear and destroy hope MUST stop!

Every mother in America and around the world heard the cries of George Floyd as he cried out for his mother. Only God can help us heal! A miracle is in need and only God can supply it!

Bowed on my knees, I pray the “prayer of most mothers!” It is a prayer for God to bless and keep my children and family from all harm. I am so blessed to have all my black children and grandchildren alive! I am blessed that they know the importance of praying and believing in God. In efforts to talk and give voice to their feelings, I asked for their permission to share their comments with you. As grandma, I made sure to ask... (Smile).

My grandson Kyvonte-twenty-years- old said:

“I feel sadden and annoyed by some of the country’s response to our protest. Instead of focusing at hand on police brutality and systematic racism, they wanna divide us and claim all the protestors are rioters.”

My granddaughter Toree twenty-two-years old said:

“I have had so many emotions these past few days: anger, frustration, and sadness. Just to say a few! I am extremely tired of this Un-justice system. I am sad that racism is still alive and prevalent after all that black people have gone through. The thing that gives me hope is seeing black and non-black allies coming together to have conversations and to bring about change.”

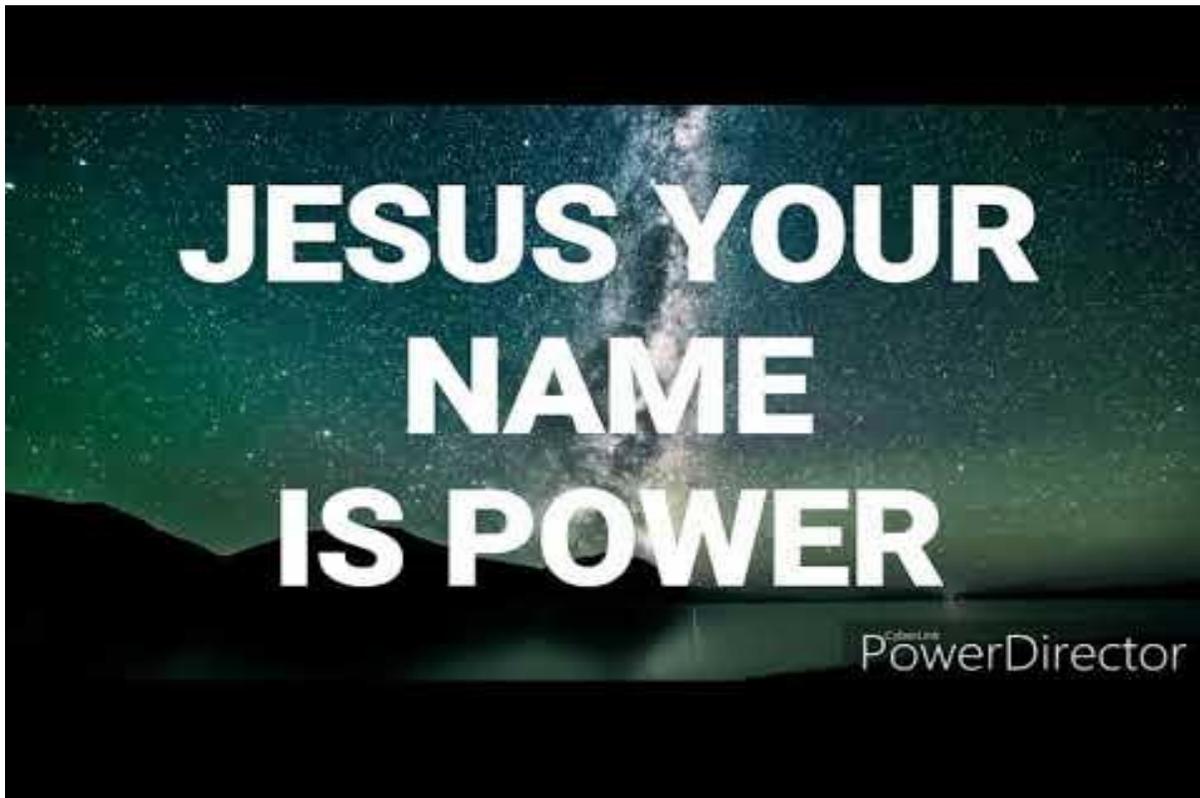
For my grandchildren, and yours, we must be reminders of Romans 14:11 –

“For it is written: “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

The attacks of Covid-19 virus give little chance to gather in marches and protests without harming ourselves, our children, and grandchildren. They must be reminded that God is a miracle-maker, if we submit to His will! One of God’s many promises is, **“Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord!**

Repent! Confess your sins and give your life to Christ. Only God can save us! Spiritual warfare has begun! Put on your Armor of God! Wait for the Lord! Read Psalm 27:14.

Then I heard another voice from heaven say: “Come out of her, My people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues; for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes” Revelation 18:4-5.





**Wanda J. Burnside,
Founder and Publisher**

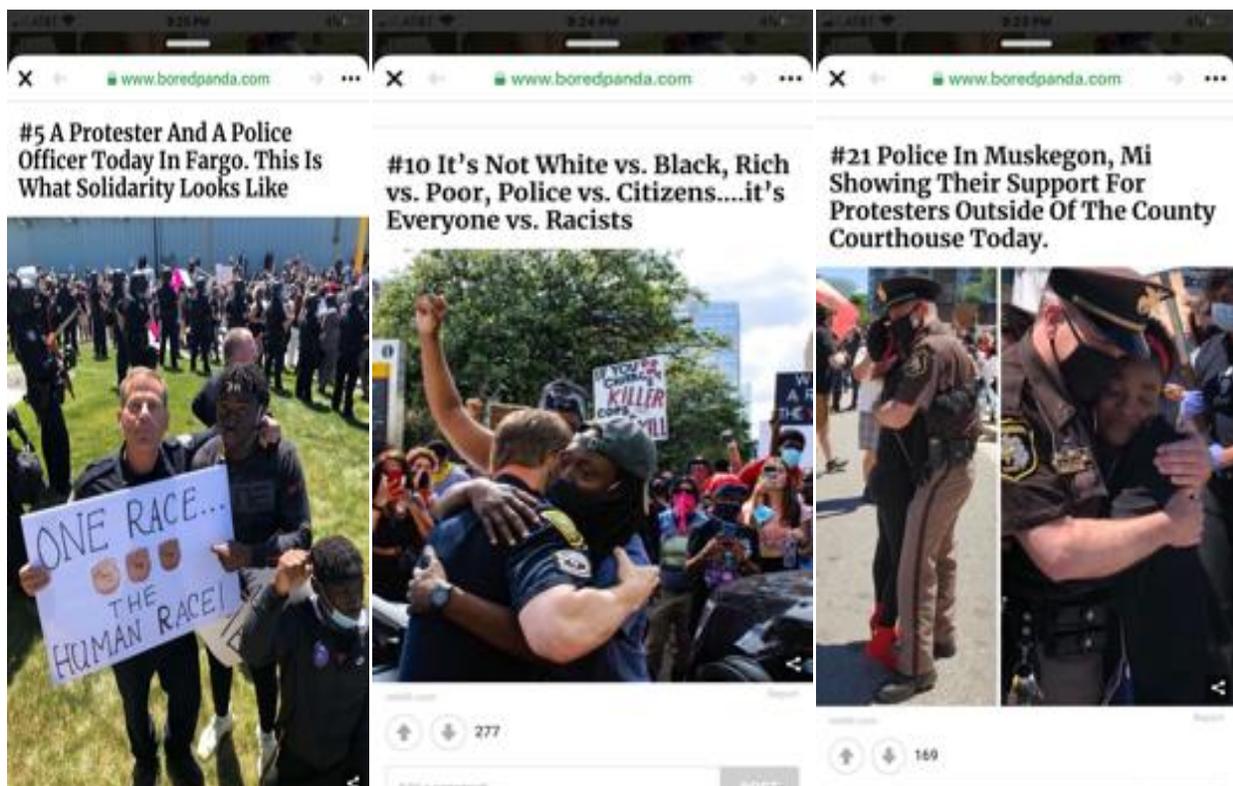


**Doris Homan,
Staff Writer**

Readers,

One of my dedicated staff writers, Doris Homan, was greatly disturbed and concerned to see the photos I planned to use in this newsletter. She immediately sent me an email stating that it is important to show police officers who are supportive and caring. Doris sent these photos showing a sensitive side of some police.

I have seen these photos in the News and media, too. We must see MORE actions like this. Things are going to change because....THEY MUST!



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EVERYWHERE**

-DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.