

The Lamp Newsletter International

Weeping... Weeping... Weeping...





MEMORIAL DAY

Wanda J. Burnside, Founder and Publisher

Dear Readers,

Life is not the same in so many ways. Around the entire world...things have suddenly changed. The Coronavirus or COVID-19 has taken control over our lives. It is a major enemy!

We can't see it with our eyes, but what it does to change what we do, where we go, how we dress, how we worship, how we shop, the way we work, live with our family and mingle with our friends has TOTALLY ruin what was common to us. There is vast suffering and worrying around us. I don't have to tell you because you have your own stories about this pandemic!

Recently, I was busy connecting with friends, family and associates on Facebook. As I was scrolling down my page, I saw a posting that has deeply hurt me. A young man posted:

"Please pray for me! My life is a nightmare. I never ever thought I would be on Facebook asking for prayer. I don't know how to pray.

See, my 70 year old mother was the best person in my life...all of my life. We had a wonderful family. She was beautiful...so very beautiful.

Over the last five years, my dear mother changed because of Dementia... Alzheimer's. Her memory was totally wiped out. She couldn't remember anything...so we put her in a nursing home. We wanted her safe. But, today she unlocked the door and walked out. She walked many streets away...during the night...all by herself...alone.

She was found...tonight...laying dead on the railroad tracks...Oh, Lord! The train ran her over! How can this be? My mother! Please stop and pray for me...I can't go on."

I stopped...and posted my prayer and words of comfort for him. I could feel his hurt, pain and suffering. As I was writing, I felt that young man's cry for someone to stop and listen to him... Many other people posted prayers, scriptures and comments to lift, encourage and comfort this precious son.

He apologized for posting about his devastation...his nightmare that wouldn't go away. He was broken...shattered...crushed...destroyed in grief. I sat there and read the numerous comments that had gathered to be a comfort to him. People shared their horror stories about going through...life's living nightmares. We came together to wrap our words, prayers, and the holy scriptures around him. We became a community and his new family.

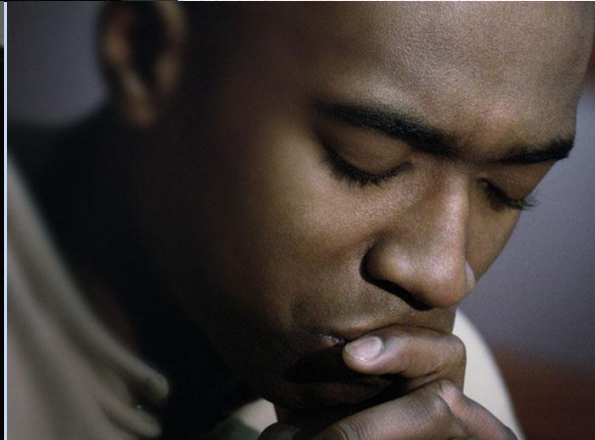
Here is Memorial Day or Remembrance Day in the United States of America. There are many hurting remembering their loved ones who died serving this country as a soldier... We honor the bravery of these men and women who gave their lives in the military.

And this year, 2020, has been a war and a great battle for all of us. We are hurting and uncertain about day-to-day living. Sickness, disease and death have dominated our lives. Fear, isolation and separation seem to control us. The suffering is real. One thing that is true...we cannot ignore what is happening. We cannot hide from it. Let us offer our prayers, comforting words, and the powerful Word of God to bring us through. God wants us to stand in faith, love and concern that can be felt. NO MORE EXCUSES about what we can't do. NO MORE!

In the Bible, we read that Jesus was touched by the suffering around Him. He wasn't immune or indifferent or unconcerned about the hurts of others. In Luke chapter 8, Jesus encountered two major concerns that had his full attention: the sickness of Darius' 12-year-old daughter and the woman with an issue of blood for 12 years. He was moved by compassion. Both these ladies were blessed by Jesus!

Throughout the Bible, Jesus was involved in what was happening to people. He stopped and paid attention to their cries, suffering and sicknesses. The Bible states: *"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him" (Acts 10:38).*

***During this time, and always, we are to go about doing good, too.
NO EXCUSES!***



Heartaches...disappointments.....





WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?



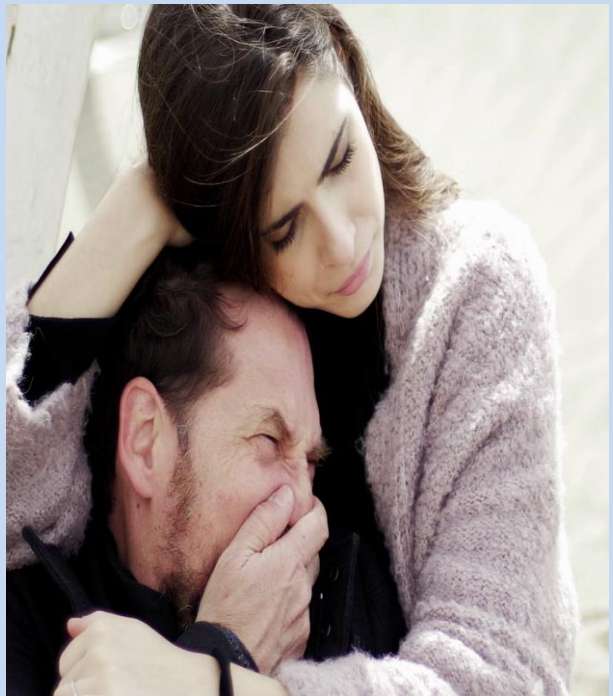
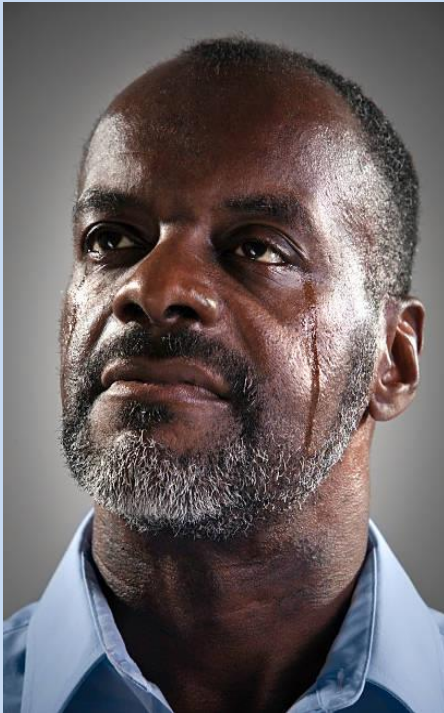


MY LIFE...is falling apart! When will things get better?





LORD, WHERE ARE YOU? Do You See Our Sorrow?





THIS IS TOO HARD! I can't face ANYTHING!



CORONAVIRUS

Everything is out of control. Life is not normal.

Here is GOOD NEWS....





Words of Hope from WANDA J. BURNSIDE
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*“The Lord is my shepherd;
I have everything I need.
Even if I walk through a very dark valley,
I will not be afraid, because you are with me”
Psalm 23: 1 and 4 NCV*

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on
me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you”*

Jeremiah 29:11 and 12 NIV

*“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will
strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand”
Isaiah 41:10 NIV*

*“Because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake
you.” So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid...”
Hebrew 13:5-6*



Words of Hope from RAMELLE T. LEE

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust
in him, so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13 NIV

*Do not be afraid or discouraged for the LORD is the one who goes
before you, He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor forsake you.*

Deuteronomy 31:8 NLT

I will lie down in peace and sleep, for you alone, O LORD, will keep me safe.

Psalms 4:8 NLT

*Now, may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times
and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.*

2 Thessalonians 3:16 NIV



Words of Hope from DORIS HOMAN

*“You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You,
because he trusts in You.”*

Isaiah 26:3

*“The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed,
A refuge in times of trouble. And those who know Your name
will put their trust in You;*

For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You”

Psalms 9:9-10

*“I will go before you And make the crooked places straight;
I will break in pieces the gates of bronze And cut the bars of iron.”*

Isaiah 45:2



Words of Hope from MICHELE BARNES

“I cannot be separated from the love of God”

Romans 8:35

*“Do not fear, for I am with you, do not anxiously look about you,
for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you,
surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”*

Isaiah 41:10

*I stretch out my hands toward you,
my soul to you like a parched land. Selah*

Psalms 143:6



Words of Hope from Christine V. Mitchell
Staff Writer of the UK-London, England

*“...those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint”*

(Isaiah 40: 31, NIV)

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth”*

(Matthew 5: 3-5, NIV)



**Words of Hope from Sandra Hickman
Ministry Leader and Staff Writer of Australia**

*"The God of my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield and the horn[a] of my salvation,
My stronghold and my refuge;
My Savior, You save me from violence"*
2 Samuel 22:3 NKJV

*"He also brought me out into a broad place;
He delivered me because He delighted in me"*
Psalms 18:19 NKJV

*"The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
The righteous run to it and are [a]safe"*
Proverbs 18:10 NKJV

*"Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart,
All you who hope in the Lord"*
Psalms 31:24 NKJV



Words of Hope from SIMMIE LEE BURNSIDE, JR.
The Manager

Psalm 91:9-11


9 For you have made the Lord, my refuge,
Even the Most High, your dwelling place.

10 No evil will befall you,
Nor will any plague come near your tent.

11 For He will give His angels charge
concerning you,
To guard you in all your ways.



We are not alone.
God cares!

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Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.

Deuteronomy 31:8

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