

Weekly Prayer Guide – December 26, 2010

Jesus: Living Water

Week 5 – December 26, 2010

Prayer Focus: Alcoholics

Jesus answered and said unto her “ If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink, thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water.”

John 4:10

In the Book of John we read that Jesus went to the woman in Samaria and met her at the well where she came daily to draw water. Jews and Samaritans had no dealings with each other so it was a surprise to the woman that Jesus should not only be there but also spoke to her. Jesus met her to offer Himself to her, Himself as living water. He wanted to quench her thirst with liquid that would last. He wanted to fill her beyond physical need to spiritual fullness, the ultimate quenching of thirst. He will meet anyone and anywhere who wants to be met and wants to receive Him. Jesus alone offers spiritual fulfillment and cleansing. He wants to quench thirst and be the living water that transforms a soul and life such that it never thirsts again.

This week we meditate on Jesus as living water. He is here to pour His love, truth, and attention on those who will receive the gift of life He is and imparts. This week the prayer focus is on those who are alcoholics, persons who seek alcohol to quench thirst. We keep in prayer those who are recovering alcoholics who have received Jesus as living water. We pray for those who try to maintain sobriety without Christ and ask the Holy Spirit's touch to guide them to Christ for salvation. We lift before God's throne the family members, friends, and colleagues of alcoholics who are challenged, hurt, and confused by the pain of alcohol addiction.

Jesus, our living water, we come to You in faith that You come to us out of love and compassion. You met the woman at the well by surprise. You caught her off-guard but she responded to Your touch and the gift of living water you offered. Lord Jesus, meet those who are in bondage to alcohol and its adjacent sins and problems. Captivate spirits, hearts, minds, and bodies so they are drawn to You as living water. May they cease to be dependent on alcohol for survival. Holy Spirit, come. Bring Your powerful presence that transforms homes, workplaces, schools, and all settings so that there is openness to Jesus. Lord, may You give wisdom to those of sound mind to help persons who struggle. All this we ask of You, Jesus, our living water. Amen.

Weekly Faith Challenge - Contact a recovery center and be a minister of encouragement. Call or write to tell them you are praying for those who are addicted and praying for the staff. Speak the life of Jesus into your message; the Holy Spirit will minister to the needs at hand. You need not know specifics for someone to be encouraged by the compassion of Christ that you carry.

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