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“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.” *Psalm 1:3*



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# The Rivers

## Thought of the Month: The Invitation to Come

**“Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”**

**Matthew 11:28**

Life is constantly changing and with those changes, come a variety of challenges. Unfortunately, some of those challenges can knock the wind out of us, cause us to be discouraged, lead us to despair and encircle us with depression. Though we are affected by the challenges of life, we are never without hope. That hope is found through prayer; it is in prayer that we are reminded that God

will help us and that He will not leave us.

The Lord Jesus said in Matthew 11:28, “Come unto Me”, the mere wording says that He is ABLE! He will meet every challenge victoriously; He will work through the situation sufficiently and He will help us completely!

He is not blind to our troubles nor our struggles, He says COME! He not only tells us to come, His invitation includes others. He says to ALL who labour and are heavy laden—COME! He will take care of your concerns at the same time He is working on the concerns of others. Glory to God!!!

Jesus went a step further and attached a promise to the invitation to “Come”; He said, “I will give you rest!” He will give us rest from worry, weariness and fear because He is the Good Shepherd and He loves His sheep. We have read in the Bible where He told the waves of the sea to be still, and they obeyed. (Mark 4:39). Surely, He will calm the storms we are facing!

Let us put all our trust in the Lord Jesus and take full advantage of the invitation to “Come”.

**Sis. Cheryl Holcombe**





Oh, what peace we often forfeit. Oh, what needless pains we bear, all because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer.



*The Rivers of Water Church is a missionary church with a world vision.*



*“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”*

*Ephesians 4:32*

## Special Prayer

- Pastor Robert E. Drake II and Family
- Missionaries at ROW
- Haiti Mission
- Pastor David Mugalu
- Uganda Mission
- Nigeria Mission
- Camille Carroll
- Sis. Kimela Johnson
- Sis. Zelda Morris
- Sis. Alice Sullivan
- Sis. Brenda Sumrall
- Sis. Annie Wells

*“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;” Eph. 6:18*

*Pray on, Saints!*



## Word of Encouragement: Love and Forgiveness

Many people used Valentine’s Day as a time to show their love. Love may have been expressed by the giving of chocolates, or roses or even stuffed animals. Have you ever thought of using a day to show forgiveness? Why not use this day, this month, to “...be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.” (**Eph. 4:32**). Let us remember how God showed His love for sinners like us, and do likewise, starting today and continuing daily. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

**Sis. Laura Sanchez**

## Word of Encouragement: Pray

***“...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16d***

Pray, and don’t stop. Souls are hanging in the balance. Pray that souls are saved and that missionaries receive the support they need. Prayer is our weapon against any and everything we face in this world.

Talk to your Father about whatever is on your mind. He hears you and wants to hear from you.

**Bro. Robert Drake III**



## Happy Birthday

- Brandon Gipson Jr. 1
- Kathy Johnson 2
- Bella Gipson 3
- Bessie Carroll 8
- Kimberly Parker 8
- Odis Garrett, II 9
- Alexeus Drake 12
- Tabatha Hines 16
- Camille Carroll 17
- Orelia Collins 19
- Anjelica Carroll 21
- Brielle Gipson 27
- Hollie Robinson 31

## Happy Anniversary

*Wallace and Tabatha Hines  
March 30*



## Why Easter is Special to Me

Easter is special to me because it reminds me of the Victory over death and the grave won by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Easter is special to me because Jesus lives.

**Sis. Betty McNeal**



*“These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”*

*John 16:33*



*“ But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

*1 Corinthians*

*15:57*



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Happy Easter!

