

## Baja Christian Ministries Prayer Letter 9/26/03

**Dear Prayer Partners,**

We are in some exciting times in this ministry. Thank you for your prayers that are partnering in shaping God's Spiritual Fruit in this ministry. Your prayers are so appreciated! Please lift the following requests:

- 1) In Mexico now, Sept 25-28, we have a team from Grace Presbyterian Church, Plano, Texas led by Pastor Larry Thorson and Al Day building a church addition by combining two of our houses into one. Tomorrow, I will be joining them on the build and some house to house evangelism. Please pray that many will be saved, encouraged, built up and blessed. Please pray blessing, protection and the refreshment of the Holy Spirit on all the group and those we minister to. Please lift Hector Rubio, Cheryl Walker and all in your prayers.
- 2) Next weekend Oct 3-5 Don Klein, is leading a team from Grace Church of Seal Beach. They will be building a house and also working with me and others in house to house evangelism and ministry in the local churches. Also Bob Wood is leading a team from Creekside Community Church of Mission Viejo to build 1 house and reach out with God's love. Pray for preparation of heart's and logistics.
- 3) Oct 10-11 is a very big weekend. Pastor David Ricketts of Solana Beach Prebyterian Church and his team is building 1 house and also, in partnership with Pasquale Russo and Flipside Church, they will be providing a new house-size church building for Pastor Salim in Vista De Valle.

Meantime in Terraza, Steve and Teri Skolos, Erik Yourshaw and team from Vineyard Community Church of Laguna Niguel are building a house-size church building for Pastor Martin and Yolanda and also another house. They will also be doing an extensive evangelism outreach with worship, preaching, open air and house to house ministry (Acts 20:20) and food boxes and Bible distributed etc.

On that same weekend Michael Coelho of Yorba Linda Friends Church and Steve Thorne and associates from his business are building a house for the family that tragically lost their two year old little girl. This group will also be pouring out God's love upon both of these families. Please pray for all the logistical and heart preparations upon all group members.

- 4) Thank you for your prayers for Spanish Bibles and Children Materials. A pastor e-mailed me and shared a remarkable deal on Pictorial New Testaments by Cooke Communications. They normally retail at \$10.99, yet are available at a special highly subsidized special missionary price, which must leave the country at \$2.25 a piece for 1000 or less or \$1.95 a piece for 1000 or more. Also International Bible Society—800-708-5550 has hardcover Bibles in Spanish at \$4.95 a piece and \$3.95 for a stronger durable cover than paperback which they also have which

sells at \$2.95 apiece. For more info see link on our web page—Spanish Language Bibles at [www.bajachristian.org](http://www.bajachristian.org) Please pray that funding would come in for an ongoing supply of these vital Bibles and materials.

In what some call this “Age of Anxiety”, comprehension of “casting our cares on the Lord” and “committing all things into His Hands” is a vital, refreshing and saving understanding. I’ve enclosed a compilation of scripture verses entitled “Why Commit Everything into God’s Hand’s?” that I thought you might like to reflect on. Thanks so much for your wonderful prayer support! With Gratitude, Bob Sanders---verses-→

## Why Commit Everything Into God’s Hand’s?

**Because**... He cares for you (1Pet 5:7) Cast your burden upon the Lord... He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. (Ps 55:22) He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His Love, He will rejoice over you with singing." (Zep 3:17 NIV) Cast all your anxiety on Him, for He cares for you. (1Pet 5:7)

**Because**...The Lord will perfect that which concerns (you)... (Ps 138:8). **Commit** thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass. (Ps 37:5) **Delight** yourself also in the Lord: and He shall give you the **desires** of your heart.(Ps 37:4) Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. (Pro 16:3—NIV)

**Because**... The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Phil 4:5-7) Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. (Isa 59:1-NIV) Jabez cried out to the God of Israel “Oh, that you would bless me...enlarge my territory! Let Your Hand be with me...keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request. (1Chr 4:10-NIV) Behold, I am the Lord, the **God** of all **flesh**: is there any thing too **hard** for me? (Jer 32:27)

**Because**... I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jer 29:11—NKJV) How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them! (Ps 139:17) **Commit** your works unto the Lord, and your **thoughts** shall be established. (Pro 16:3)

**Because**... we have the **mind** of **Christ**. (1Cor 2:16) ...be thus **minded**: and if in any thing ye be **otherwise minded**, God shall reveal even this unto you.(Phil 3:15)...ye are not your own... ye are **bought with a price**: therefore glorify God...(1 Cor 6:19-21)

**Because**... we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose (Rom 8:28—NET “For ...our present sufferings cannot even be compared to the glory that will be revealed to us” (Rom 8:18, NET). He leads (us) in the paths of righteousness for His Name's Sake (Ps 23:3). Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths. (Pro 3:5-6) In his heart a man plans his

course, but the Lord determines his steps. (Pro 16:9—NIV) O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps. (Jer 10:23-NKJV) ...Honor **God** who holds in His **Hand** your life and all your ways. (Dan 5:23)

**Because**... the righteous and the wise and what they do are in **God's hands**...(Ecc 9:1-2) The **steps** of a good **man** are ordered by the LORD: (Psa 37:23) ... I know them... they follow me: I give unto them eternal life... they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand... (nor) out of my Father's hand. (Jo 10:27-29) See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands... (Isaiah 49:16—NIV)

**Because**... Surely **God** is with you (Isa 45:15) If **God be** for us, who can **be against** us? (Rom 8:31) ...the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced...I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Who is my accuser? It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? (Isa 50:7-9) I am the Lord, your **God**, who takes hold of your right **hand** and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. (Isa 41:13)

**Because**... The **hand** of our **God** was on us, and he protected us from enemies. (Ezra 8:31) In righteousness you will be established: Tyranny will be far from you, ...Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you. If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing; whoever attacks you will surrender to you... no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD (Isa 54:14-17) ...the **Hand** of the Lord my **God** was on me, I took courage...(Ezra 7:28—NIV) (I) encouraged (myself) in the LORD (my) God. (1Sam 30:6)

**Because**... You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's **Hand**, a royal diadem in the **Hand** of your **God**. (Isa 62:3) ...Yet what is due me is in the Lord's **Hand**, and my reward is with my **God**." (Isa 49:4) Humble yourselves, therefore, under **God's** mighty **hand**, that He may lift you up in due time. (1Pet 5:6)

**Because**... Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in me will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ (Phil 1:6) I know Whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. (2Tim 1:12) May the favor of the Lord our **God** rest upon us; establish the work of our **hands** for us- yes, establish the work of our **hands**. (Ps 90:17)

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Majority of the verses are in the King James Version unless otherwise noted NIV—New International Version, NKJV—New King James Version, or NET—Net Bible. Some the archaic English words of the King James have been modernized and some personalized or rendered in a different tense

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