

Prayer Thoughts

The Lily of the Valley

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The month of May is upon us and we celebrate many things during this month. May 5 is National Day of Prayer, May 8 is Mother's Day, and May 30 is Memorial Day. In doing a little research on the month of May, I came across the fact that the Lily of the Valley is the birth flower for May. The Lord reminded me of the fact that He is often times referred to as 'The Lily Of The Valley.'

Some interesting facts regarding the Lily of the Valley are: the Lily is sometimes grown in gardens for its scented flowers and ground covering abilities in shady locations. It is also a symbol of humility in religious paintings.

I think there's a spiritual analogy here. We, as God's children need to be 'scented flowers' to those around us on a daily basis, especially when we come in contact with those 'in shady locations'. As Christians, do we possess the 'ground covering abilities' in shady location? Do our lives reflect the sweet smelling scent of Christ to others? When we encounter people who do not know the Lord, do we emit a sweet smelling fragrance? Those who we consider living 'in shady locations', do we just move away from or just don't have anything to do with those 'shady' people? Don't we need to share the love of Christ with everyone?

OWLAD has recently entered into some 'shady locations' and began a ministry to people of the world. John 6:33 says, "For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world." Praise God for His Word.



*I've found a friend in Jesus,— He's ev'rything to me;
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul!
The "Lily of the Valley," in Him alone I see,—
All I need to cleanse and make me fully whole:
In sorrow He's my comfort, in trouble He's my stay;
He tells me ev'ry care on Him to Roll;*

(chorus)

*He's the "Lily of the Valley," the Bright and Morning
Star;
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.*

"A mother's love is patient
and forgiving when all
others are forsaking,
it never fails or falters,
even though the heart
is breaking"

- Helen Rice

Mother's Day can be a glorious time of celebration and it can also be a dreaded time. You may have lost your mother or a child this past year so your grief is very real and painful.

You may have a child lost in the world of drugs and all that brings. You may have a child who is incarcerated. We want you to know we are praying for you and your loved ones.

If you are estranged from your child, we pray that this may be the day that the call comes. God reminds us in His Word that He is very near the brokenhearted. He knows the day may be hard but in due season He will redeem the pain you have suffered here on this earth.

May God shine His favor on you and your family today in a special way. May He surprise you with His goodness.

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Women of Prayer Conference 2016



May 27 & 28
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