

*For those Seeking to Partner with God in Changing Lives*



*Dayspring Prayer Garden*

## *Prayer Gram*

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Probably two years ago Sarah Merritt and I spent approximately 100 man hours trying to get a "Prayer Gram" newsletter to you via our website and finally had to give up. I'm resurrecting the idea via email and a word document. Please let me know if this seems to arrive disarrayed in any way. Brenda Cox

*Intercessory Prayer* is about doing battle in the spiritual realm. Earth is the battlefield on which a titanic struggle between heaven and hell - God and Satan - is waged with mankind as the prey. We humans who now carry the Spirit of God with us are key to how the battle ebbs and flows, key to how lost humans are able to be snatched from the mire of a fallen planet.

*"I sought for one among them who should make up the hedge and stand in the gap before me for the land...but I found none. Therefore I have poured out my indignation upon them..."*

*Ezekiel 22* above tells us the role of an intercessor is strategic to outcome. In *Ezekiel 13*, spiritual leaders in Israel were up-braided for having failed "to do battle" for the land. Prayer is God's instrument for His humans doing battle in the spiritual realm to accomplish God's purposes here on earth. The implication of *Ezekiel 22* is that if we don't do our part, "Plan B" is the result. God's best plans are established and conducted through the prayers of his humans. As He did in ancient times, He is looking for those today who will stand in the gap before Him for the people and make up the hedge for the accomplishment of his highest and best here among us.

Patty's son and wife were expecting their first child. Many weeks into the pregnancy doctors discovered the baby's development had slowed almost to a stop. It now was in the bottom 10% of what should be expected at this stage. Doctors prepared the family for the real possibility that the baby might be dead. If not dead, the prognosis for normal brain development was poor. Other neurological and physical issues were almost certainly to be expected. When Patty told us, our prayer team and partners and others began praying for the Lord's intervention to save the child and for full growth and development to resume. At the next doctor's visit 3 weeks later the baby was at the 35% range of normal development. We continue to pray as the pregnancy develops and will let you know when the baby is born.

You have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in battle in the day of the Lord.

Ezekiel 13: 5

Margaret was in her 30's when she underwent surgery to remove her cancerous right eye. Melanoma of the eye was the diagnosis. Church and friends were called and prayers poured out on her behalf. The prognosis, of course, was grim. No one ever survived such a diagnosis. Margaret died last year in her 60's. She had survived cancer free for over 20 years and was able to raise her children and see them married. She lived a very vibrant life in those years until the Melanoma returned in late 2010.

**We don't know why** God chooses to answer some prayers with healing and others He answers by taking our loved ones home to be with Him. But we do know, Christ called His Father's house, a "house of prayer." We do know He told us to pray without ceasing, and we do know He repeatedly said there is power in prayer. Prayer aligns the power of Heaven here on earth to move in places and ways it would not otherwise move. He asks us to be as much a part of the supernatural here on earth as are the angels. How that looks is in our hands.

