

I Will Bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. Psalms 34:1

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalms 25: 1, 4-5

To the Presiding officer, Moderator Pastor Dr. Johnson, Vice Moderator's, Pastor Mark Gray, Pastor Dr. Lee C Winfrey Sr., Pastor Kenneth Rick; Past Moderators Rev. Dr. Oscar Carter, Rev. Dr. Oscar King, Women Auxiliary President Madlyne Dansby, all vice Presidents, Past Presidents, Rev. Bell and Sister Toles. To the Youth Director, Sister Terasea Hall, Organist, Sister Bobbie Jordan, Pianist Sister Brooxie Fentress, Our Minister's Wives and Widows Alliance Vice Presidents Sister Gray, Sister King, to MEDCCE President, Pastor Floyd Davis, to the Layman, President, Deacon Ricky Sears, and all Auxiliary Chairpersons. Michigan State Interdenominational Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows President Oma Jean Pittman, Dr. Martha Jones Coordinator National Baptist of Christian Education Minister's Wives, Wolverine State President, Sister Paula Davis, National Baptist Convention Women Auxiliary President Dr. Cynthia Perkins Smith and to all State and National officers, to past State Vice President of the National Convention Dr. Earnestine Robinson to all the delegates, and my Pastor, Rev. Dr. Lee C. Winfrey SR., my first lady, Lady Kimberly Winfrey, and my entire Partakers Church Family who have been so supportive to me. To all of you, my brothers and Sisters; members and Friends of this great Metropolitan District; I greet you with the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITIONS

Thanks to my Spiritual Sister and Prayer Partners for keeping me lifted up in prayer. I thank each of you for all of the support you gave me during this past year, a special thanks to Sister Evangeline Burden my Corresponding Secretary she made sure that all the agendas information got out to our members for the meeting this year. To my Recording Secretary Patricia Vaughn for making sure that I always have the right minutes before the meeting if she had to bring them to my home, Patricia I thank you. I have to give praises to my Treasurer Sister Choyce Harris and our Finance Secretary Chaunte Davis going over and beyond getting our Zoom account up and running for the time of our Christmas Fellowship our cash app getting that account set up I thank you both. I have to also thanks my two right hands my First Vice President Jasmine Gray and 2nd Vice President Toniya King I thank you both for all your help

to make sure our programs and meeting was running smoothly. To my Partakers Media Ministries for handling our Prayer Conference we thank you for all that you done to make our Conference a success. I also must thank Dr. Kimbley Ellis for getting our web page up and running the books that some of our members wrote the information is on our page and that we can now download our oath and information off of our website, we thank you. Not to forget my spiritual Sister Lucille Nick for all your help during this year, may God continue to bless you all richly.

Last but not least, Thanks to all of the District members and workers you have been faithful and supportive, THANK YOU, for all your help and time, May God continue to bless each of you.

***My Recommendation** for this Alliance that we have a bakeless bake sale in the month of September and all proceeds from the bakeless sale will go to Carver Camp. Above and beyond, our regular financial obligations.*

Memorial

The Lord has called many of our love ones from labor to rewards; some of us were not able to attend the home going celebration with the families that lost love ones, because of the pandemic Resolutions and cards was sent from this Alliance.

They are gone from our sight but the memories are still dear in our hearts. Let us pause for a moment of silent prayer in remembrance. Amen.

2020 - 2021 Stewardship

I have made all of my Ministers Wives meeting the District women Auxiliary, Wolverine State Auxiliar's Meeting National Women auxiliary meeting all Carver Camp Board Meeting and the Parent Body Executive Board meetings and some of my Dean's meeting. I have attended many Virtual meeting this year. I will give the list to Dr. Elisa to posted on our web site for anyone that would like to see it.

A Word from the Word of God

Lets Pray

*Now Lord, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable unto you.
O Lord, my strength and redeemer. Amen*

James 5:13-20

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

I am going to talk to you about "Prayer Changes Things." We have got to be bold and speak the Word of God.

In James 5: 16b it talk about the Prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. The word prayer is mentioned seven times in this passage that's what it about prayer. James had a reputation for being a man of prayer. His nickname was James the Camel Knees because he had such big knots oh his knees from spending hours and hours in prayer.

I know a lot of us today can't get on our knees are if we can we can't get back up. But that's ok we don't have to get on our knees to talk to God we can pray standing up, laying down, sitting down, anyway we want because He is still listen to us any way we want to pray.

There is tremendous power in prayer. Prayer is the greatest power in the Christian life. What prayer can do is what God can do. Anything that God can do, can be done through prayers.

Jesus said, The things that I do. You'll do also even greater works.

How do you do greater works Jesus said in James 5:13 If any one of you in trouble? He should pray. The word in Greek

Literally means to suffer misfortune to be in distress, to be under stress, under tension. In Timothy it translated "hardship" He talk about internal distress cause by external circumstances. It may be a financial crisis a relational crisis something on the outside, your heart is breaking, tension in at an all time high, when life is hard. (HAVE I HIT YOU YET?)

David said in Psalm 18:4 "In my distress I call unto the Lord". He's talking about this in Verse 12 about all, my brother do not swear when you're under tension that's when you're tempted to swear.

When you have distress in your life you have two alternatives swear or prayer. You can pray about your problems, your financial conditions. About anything. God want the simple little thing called prayer. We need to pray for the lost we'll begin to soul saved. The sick, healed, and see those bound by the things of this world delivered and their burdens will begin to be lifted because of the anointing from prayer we will begin to see the power of God when all the Pastors will begin to preach and teach the Word of GOD like never before. (time out for sugar coating the word of God) As we lift up the name of Jesus Christ higher than any other name because theirs is something about that name there is power in that name when you pray and call that Name things begin to happen prayer changing things Acts 4:24 scripture says they lifted up their voice to God with one accord when they had prayed in verse 31 the place was shaken where they was assembled together and they was all filled with Holy Ghost and they spoke the Word of God boldness.

People will say today we don't have that happen today, but we do. We stop believing His Word, we stop reading His Word, We stop studying His Word, but most of all we stop talking

to God we don't pray any more. Have you ever noticed the difference of what happen when we pray first. Before prayer it seems that we can do little, but after we have prayed we can do more. I know we are living in a very busy times people are always in a hurry but it come a time in the day when you ought to slow down and pray. You can try to do things and it can become impossible and you end up falling on your face every time without prayer. But when you pray first it just seems that everything falls right into place don't it? Prayer is awesome so does it help to take time to pray of course it does. We are to business during everything in the world and don't have time for God. Do you think that is why God allowed the Covid19 to get our attention? Is that why we are going through this pandemic. We have made everything our god's our love ones, our friends, our jobs, our church building, our sports we can holler for them but not for Jesus. God had to get our attention we were giving everyone and everything our time except God. We have worship our love ones He took them home, We have worship the difference Sports He shut all that down. We was playing church worshipping our church builder's He close the doors and shut them down. We were worship this world so He shut it down! to let us know that He whole this world in His hands. We are to come back to God, He could have taken us, but He left us here to give us another chance. God said if we all will turn from our wicked way's He will heal our Land. I come this evening to tell you God want our attention, He want our time, He want us to put Him first in our life because He loved us in spite of our selves. He gave His son Jesus to die on the cross for us. He was burded and on the third day He got up with all power in His hand. Remember Prayer changes things. Jesus is the Healer and Prayer is the Medical. Yes Prayer Works! Prayer changes things