



THE CHRISTIAN ALERT
February 15, 2021

Next to the 23rd Psalm, perhaps the most beloved and certainly the best known passage of Scripture is the Lord's Prayer. It has been repeated millions upon millions of times by countless numbers of human beings for centuries.

The truths expressed by this prayer embrace the deepest secrets of God, yet are quietly stated in language of disarming simplicity. Comprising only 66 words in the King James Version of the Bible, the Lord's Prayer can be repeated in less than a minute. Yet despite its brevity, the prayer has been of enormous benefit to Christians in every age.

For much of church history men and women knew little or nothing about Scripture except what they heard read or recited in worship. They did not have a Bible of their own, and in some places the church's copy was chained to the altar to make sure it didn't disappear! So it has been this common prayer of believers that down through the ages has reassured hearts, strengthened faith, and led Christ's followers into personal contact with God.

This Sunday, as we enter the Lenten season, we will begin a sermon series on the Lord's Prayer starting with the words: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." What an awesome thought! Could it be that the Creator of the universe regards us as members of his family? How does this claim empower our pledge to "hallow" God's name?

Join me online for our first message on this prayer that we have so often recited, yet have probably given little thought to how it informs our faith.

10:30 am WORSHIP Online –
www.championchristianchurch.org

February 21, 2021- Pastor Ken
 Sermon Series: "As Jesus Taught Us to Pray"
 Scripture: Luke 11:1-4, 11-13
 Sermon: "Loving Father"

CHURCH FAMILY

Please continue to pray for those recovering in their health and our homebound.

DIRECTORY ADDRESS UPDATE

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"THE BIG WAVE"

Help spread the word! We hope everyone can plan to drive-thru and give us a wave and welcome back Pastor Ken!

Here is what you need to know...



Join us

Friday afternoon, February 26, 2021
Anytime between 4 pm and 6 pm
For Champion Christian Church
"BIG WAVE" drive-thru!!

Drive in the east entrance and make your way toward the church portico, stopping as directed to wave from your car and have your photo taken (with your permission of course) by Casey L., our church photographer for the event. (And then later Casey, wearing her tech guru hat, will create a video of all the "waves" to share with the Champion Christian Church family. Supply bags will be available with communion, offering envelopes and treats for all. Bring the kids, bring the pets! Don't miss out Welcoming back Pastor Ken!

DAILY LENTON DEVOTION

A devotion for each day of Lent will be posted on the Christian Church in Ohio Facebook page starting this Ash Wednesday, February 17. The devotions are written by Ohio Disciples. As you travel the Lenten road this year, take a few minutes each day and spend time with this resource.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

HOSTED BY BSA SCOUT VENTURING CREW

Join us for a pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 6th from 9:00 am to Noon.

Breakfast menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee

Adults : \$7.00

Kids 6-10 \$6.00

Kids under 5 free

This year's breakfast will be held at:

Masonic Lodge,
3263 Everett Hull Rd.
Cortland, OH 44410

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A MESSAGE SHARED FROM REVEREND CYNTHIA

Isaiah 41:10 from the NRSV translation reads:

¹⁰ Do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious
right hand

This is shared from the [Our Daily Bread](#) online resource about Harriet Tubman, an American abolitionist born into slavery:

Harriet Tubman was one of the great American heroes of the nineteenth century. Showing remarkable courage, she guided more than three hundred fellow slaves to freedom after she first escaped slavery by crossing into free territory in the United States North. Not content to simply enjoy her own freedom, she ventured back into slave states nineteen times to lead friends, family, and strangers to freedom, sometimes guiding people on foot all the way to Canada.

What drove Tubman to such brave action? A woman of deep faith, she at one time said this: "I always told God, I'm going to hold steady on you, and you've got to see me

through." Her dependence on God's guidance as she led people out of slavery was a hallmark of her success.

What does it mean to "hold steady" to God? A verse in the prophecy of Isaiah might help us see that in reality it's He who holds us as we grab His hand. Isaiah quotes God, who said, "I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you" (41:13).

Harriet held tightly to God, and He saw her through. What challenges are you facing? Hold steady to God as He "takes hold" of your hand and your life. "Do not fear." He will help you. (By Dave Branon)

Isaiah 41:13 reads:

¹³ For I, the Lord your God,
hold your right hand;
it is I who say to you, "Do not fear,
I will help you."

Whatever you are facing, do not fear. God will help you.

