

CONNECTIONAL LAY DAY LITANY - 2016

“THE INVESTMENT FACTOR: A CHANGED PEOPLE IMPACTING THE WORLD”

Leader: Oh, Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; and his love endures forever. We rejoice in knowing that nothing can separate us from God’s love and because of His love, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Congregation: The Lord is God, and He has made his light shine on us, that we may let our light shine and draw others to Him.

Leader: God you have shined a bright light on the world to reveal some of the evil that surrounds us and when anything is exposed by your light it becomes visible. God we see evidence of racism, abuse of power, injustice toward the poor and even in our legal system we see corruption.

Congregation: The question is in the face of so much adversity, what can we do. We must remember the words of our Lord for He has told us, “O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Leader: Hear the words of the Lord and be obedient: “**Open** your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.” For we must never forget that the only thing evil needs to triumph is for good people to do nothing.

Leader: We realize as a people, as a nation, as a body of believers that God has **invested** in us and charged us to love one another, work together in unity, pastors and lay, young and old, rich and poor, male and female and by doing so we will prove to the world that we are true disciples of God.

All: The investment that God has made in each of us affirms the fact that He has faith in us that we will live out the great commission. We must not just talk, we must act, for reaching and teaching others is not an option it is a calling that we must fulfill. “How to reach the masses, men of every birth, for an answer, Jesus gave the key: ***“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, Will draw all men unto Me.”*** ***As disciples of Christ, we are on a mission and we claim the victory in Jesus’ name. We know that God has taken us out of darkness into the marvelous light that we might let our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven. We are equipped with the word of God, the love of God, the courage that God has given us to be not just hearers but doers of His most precious word. Ye that have ears, hear the challenge from God, ye that have eyes see the needs of His people and united as one, we can indeed change the world. God continue to pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that we may continue to build communities of love and hope in the name of your precious son, Jesus the Christ!***

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