

# THE CROSS NEWSLETTER

*A church where everybody is somebody and Christ is Lord of all*

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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### **"How can I know God's will for my life? What does the Bible say about knowing God's will?"**

It is important to know God's will. Jesus said that His true relations are those who know and do the Father's will: "Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). In the parable of the two sons, Jesus rebukes the chief priests and elders for failing to do the will of the Father; specifically, they "did not repent and believe" (Matthew 21:32). At its most basic, the will of God is to repent of our sin and trust in Christ. If we have not taken that first step, then we have not yet accepted God's will.

Once we receive Christ by faith, we are made God's children (John 1:12), and He desires to lead us in His way (Psalm 143:10). God is not trying to hide His will from us; He wants to reveal it. In fact, He has already given us many, many directions in His Word. We are to "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). We are to do good works (1 Peter 2:15). And "it is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality" (1 Thessalonians 4:3).

God's will is knowable and provable. Romans 12:2 says, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will." This passage gives us an important sequence: the child of God refuses to be conformed to the world and instead allows himself to be transformed by the Spirit. As his mind is renewed according to the things of God, *then* he can know God's perfect will.

As we seek God's will, we should make sure what we are considering is not something the Bible forbids. For example, the Bible forbids stealing; since God has clearly spoken on the issue, we know it is *not* His will for us to be bank robbers—we don't even need to pray about it. Also, we should make sure what we are considering will glorify God and help us and others grow spiritually.

Knowing God's will is sometimes difficult because it requires patience. It's natural to want to know all of God's

will at once, but that's not how He usually works. He reveals to us a step at a time—each move a step of faith—and allows us to continue to trust Him. The important thing is that, as we wait for further direction, we are busy doing the good that we know to do (James 4:17).

Often, we want God to give us specifics—where to work, where to live, whom to marry, what car to buy, etc. God allows us to make choices, and, if we are yielded to Him, He has ways of preventing wrong choices (see Acts 16:6–7).

The better we get to know a person, the more acquainted we become with his or her desires. For example, a child may look across a busy street at the ball that bounced away, but he doesn't run after it, because he knows "my dad wouldn't want me to do that." He doesn't have to ask his father for advice on every particular situation; he knows what his father would say because he knows his father. The same is true in our relationship to God. As we walk with the Lord, obeying His Word and relying on His Spirit, we find that we are given the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16). We know Him, and that helps us to know His will. We find God's guidance readily available. "The righteousness of the blameless makes their paths straight, / but the wicked are brought down by their own wickedness" (Proverbs 11:5).

If we are walking closely with the Lord and truly desiring His will for our lives, God will place His desires in our hearts. The key is wanting God's will, not our own. "Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4).

[www.GotQuestions.org](http://www.GotQuestions.org)



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We Are Stepping Into God's Next!

Jeremiah 29:11-14

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. **12** Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. **13** You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

God desires to bless us. He wants the best for us.

Everything that God does, even judgment against us, is meant to purge us of sin and bring us closer to Him. God's ultimate goal for the Jews and all of humanity is simple: live in peace with Him.

God's plan is another way to say God's will for you. There is God's ultimate plan or will for all of humanity. Then there are specific plans that He has for us. God's will, meaning, or plan includes God's desire to have all people come to know Him through Jesus Christ.

God is calling us at Cross Street AME Zion Church, affectionately known as "The Cross", to Level Up!

We are Transitioning to God's Next"!

In 2025 we are Stepping in to God's Next! We are not letting anything hold us back from "the future that God has planned for us!

There are many ways that will propel us to God's Next that we will focus on this year:

1. We should First Declare that God's Got More For Me.
2. We should Declare, God's Got a Future for Me. We are Leveling Up to Where God wants us to be Spiritually! We are Stepping into the Future that God Has for Us!
3. We are Claiming It! We are walking through every open door that God has chosen for us now and in the future. We are studying and claiming God's Word everyday over our lives! We are praying without ceasing! Every day, We are going to Degree every day to strive to be more Obedient to God and God's Plans for our lives. We are Claiming through prayer that God is going to Free Us, Break Generational Curses and Emotional and Physical Bondage! We are Claiming Unspeakable Joy, Peace, Holy Boldness, to be Destiny-driven, and Focused! We are Claiming Victory in all of God's ordained endeavors and Relationships!

"Eyes have not seen, and ears have not heard" what we shall be individually and as a body of Believers in Christ at The Cross!

Let Us All Continue to Level Up, Transition, and Move Forward as we "Lift Up a Standard" and Step into God's Next!

## VISION 2025: LEVEL-UP

### WE ARE TRANSITIONING TO GOD'S NEXT!

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”  
Isiah 43:19 (NIV)

Transitioning to God's Next  
Honoring Our Past • Celebrating Our Present • Investing in Our Future!

### The Vision Statement in four simple words

#### Members are to **GATHER**

Every member should attend faithfully a worship service every week. Christians are commanded to worship the Lord together. Read Acts 2:42-47. not only are we called to worship the Lord, but we are also to encourage one another when we gather together.

#### Members are to **CONNECT**

That's the word picture to describe locking hands and arms with others. We are called to connect together in a small group (ministry, organizations, class leader system, bible study, Sunday school, and others).

#### Members are to **GO**

The members should be involved in at least one ministry in the church each year. Many should be involved in ministries that got them involved outside the walls of the church. The Great Commission should be at the heart of what we do as part of the process of discipleship (Matthew 28:19-20).

#### Members are to **GIVE**

Every member should be a regular and faithful financial giver to the church. Jesus, Himself, said it best:  
*“wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be”*  
(Matthew 6:21).

### WEDDED TO LOVE

#### **Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:8**

At Meredith's wedding, her mother read a beautiful Scripture from 1 Corinthians. Often called “the love chapter” of the Bible, the thirteen chapter sounded perfect for the occasion. “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud” (v. 4). Listening, I wondered if modern brides and grooms knew what prompted the apostle's stirring words. Paul wasn't writing a love poem. The apostle penned a plea to a divided church in an effort to heal its raging divisions.

Simply put, the church at Corinth “was a mess,” says scholar Douglas A. Campbell. Seething problems included incest, prostitution, and rivalry among leaders. Lawsuits between members weren't uncommon. Worship was often chaotic—with those speaking in tongues competing to be heard first, and others prophesying to look impressive (see 1 Corinthians 14).

Underlying this chaos, says Campbell, was “a basic failure in relating to one another in love.” To show the move excellent way, Paul preached love because “love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away” (13:8).

Paul's loving reminders can certainly encourage a wedding party. May they also inspire all of us to live out love and kindness too. Patrica Raybon

#### **How do you show kindness and love in your relationships? How do you show love in the body of Christ?**

Your love never fails, loving God, so please guide me in relating t all with the excellence of love.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN NEED YOUR CALLS, CARDS AND VISITS. ABOVE ALL, THEY NEED ALL OUR PRAYERS!**

The **VAN MINISTRY** is rolling once again!!!

If you or someone you know needs a ride to Worship Service please call the church office by  
**Friday by 12:00 p.m. (NOON)**

If you leave a message please be sure to leave **your name, number, and address for the pickup.**

For more information, visit our Website: [www.crossstreetamezion.org](http://www.crossstreetamezion.org)

CROSS STREET AME ZION CHURCH PRESENTS

### **Lancaster Show Trip & The Dutch Country**

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE [CROSSSTREETAMEZION.ORG](http://CROSSSTREETAMEZION.ORG)

FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Rev. Ella Perry or Earlene Grant  
860-344-9527

#### **WAYS TO GIVE**

1. Realm, (Realm: <https://onrealm.org/TheCross/-/give/> TJXKDEVIXE)
2. Text 73256 (Thecross)
3. PayPal
4. CASHAPP: \$TheCross440
5. Mail: P.O. Box 223, Middletown, CT 06457

6. Drop off on Sunday 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
7. Call the office for someone to pick up
8. Church outside Lockbox

(Note: you can find links on the website; [www.crossstreetamezion.org/give](http://www.crossstreetamezion.org/give))

### **Hope Line: 860-754-4606**

The Cross Street Recovery Ministry's Hope Line is in operation 24 hours/day.  
Call 860-754-4606 if you, a friend, or family member are in need of counseling or in crisis,  
**PLEASE** dial the Hope Line. All information will be kept confidential.

*We can't, but through God, all things are possible.  
How might we pull on God's strength to help each other recover?*

**Let the spirit of God work for you in a Mighty, Mighty Way.**

For more information contact:  
Church Office: 860-344-9527  
Rev. Gregory Winborne: 860-616-3834

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### Sunday

**Sunday School Church**  
9:00 a.m. — 09:45 a.m.  
ALL CLASSES ARE IN PERSON

#### Adults

Sister Sylvia Pina / Brother Ken Simmons

#### Children

Ms. Carolyn Smith / Rev. Grant.

Any questions call: 860-490-3199  
Gloria Malloy, Church School  
Superintendent.

#### Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/959628798>  
Meeting ID: 959 628 798  
(929) 205-6099, Code: 959628798#

#### Facebook

Tell your family and friends from across the  
Country.  
We can be watched worldwide.

#### Monday — Friday

#### Daily Prayer

@6:00 am  
Dail-in Phone#: (978) 990-5105  
Access Code: 204730#

#### Tuesday

#### Bible Study

Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Dail-in Phone#: (929) 205-6099  
Meeting ID: 562 367 770  
Passcode: 596307

#### Wednesday

#### Prayer Meeting

06:00 p.m.  
Dial-in Phones#: (978)990-5105  
Access Code: 204730#

#### Women's Bible Study

Dail-in Phone#: (929) 205-6099  
Meeting ID: 848 5162 1015

### Knowing God's Will

**Key Scripture:** *"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding"* Colossians 1:9

**Key Thought:** God's Word and His will are one.

**Prayer:** I delight to do your will, O Lord my God, and I shall keep your Word within my heart. <sup>1</sup> I will guard and protect my heart with all diligence, for out of it flow the springs of life. <sup>2</sup>

I pray, Father, and I desire that you would fill me with the knowledge of your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding so that I may walk worthy of you, be pleasing to you, and be fruitful in every good work. <sup>3</sup>

Thank you, wonderful Father, for giving me an abundance of wisdom and understand through your word. You have made known unto me the mystery of your will, according to your good pleasure. <sup>4</sup>

Father, I love you, and I love your Word. I will not let your Word depart from my mouth, but I will meditate upon it day and night. Through your grace, I will observe and do according to all that is written therein. Thank you for your promise, O Lord, that, as I obey your will, you will make my way prosperous and give me good success. <sup>5</sup>

**References:** (1) Psalms 40:8; (2) Proverbs 4:23; (3) Colossians 1:9-10; (4) Ephesians 1:8-9; (5) Joshua 1:8.

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EVENTS



**THE WIZ**  
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**FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025 @ 6:30 P.M.**

We are trying to get 30 women to ease on down the road to see this fabulous play! Group tickets go on sale the end of September.

If you're interested in attending the show, a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due to reserve your ticket by October 1st.

We will have the final cost of the ticket when you make your deposit.

Final balance will be due by December 14th.

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Cross Street A.M.E. Zion Church  
**MEN'S MINISTRY WEEKEND**

**MEN'S GOSPEL CONCERT EXTRAVAGANZA**  
 JOIN US AT "THE CROSS" IN THIS POWERFUL & AMAZING MUSICAL WORSHIP EXPERIENCE!

SO, COME GET YOUR PRAISE ON WITH THE MUSICAL STYLINGS OF CROSS STREET MEN'S CHOIR, SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH MALE CHORUS, & OTHER MALE VOCAL GROUPS FROM AROUND THE STATE!!

**MEN'S WELLNESS EVENT**  
 A YALE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WILL BE OUR GUEST  
 Speaking on men's health issues, health management to ease stress, pain management & enhance well-being. Strengthening your body and mind for optimal performance.

**Men's Day**  
 "MEN OF GOD CALLED TO SERVE THE PRESENT AGE."  
 ~ROMANS 8:28  
 Rev. Dr. Jonathan Counts  
 Pastor Spotswood AME Zion Church, New Britain, CT

440 West Street, Middletown, CT 06457 - Rev. Robyn M. Anderson, Pastor

STEAM TRAIN HOSTS  
**FREE AI COMMUNITY SKILLING**

**Thurs. March 20th**  
 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
 Cross Street AME Zion Church  
 440 West Street  
 West Hartford, CT 06107

**Space is limited! Register Today!**  
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**SATURDAY'S IOAM - 12PM**

Reading  
 "Five Essentials for Intimacy"

440 West Street Middletown, CT 06457  
 Every 1st and 3rd Saturday

**Marriage Enrichment MINISTRY**

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

**FACILITATORS**  
 Brother Carlton Malloy & Sister Gloria Malloy

HAMPTON UNIVERSITY  
**YOUNG DIPLOMATS SUMMER PROGRAM**

WE BRING THE WORLD TO YOU SUNDAY, JUNE 22 TO SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025  
**ENROLLMENT OPENS MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025**

The Residential Experience

The Hampton University Young Diplomats Summer Program (YDP) provides a stimulating and enriching residential experience for high school (rising 10th -12th grade) students from around the country on our beautiful campus. This year's exciting curriculum explores approaches to Leadership, Global Affairs, Media & Culture, Topics in African Culture, SAT Preparation and College Writing. Participants will learn through global communication how the United States and Africa respond to humanitarian issues. This learning experience will be fortified by a trip to Washington, D.C. to visit sites such as the U.S. State Department, African American Museum, MLK monument, and Potomac Mills Shopping Mall.

**EARLY ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: FRIDAY MARCH 21, 2025**  
 The \$1,500 early enrollment fee must be paid in full by March 21, 2025 by 11:59pm EST. If not paid in full, the enrollment fee increases to \$1,700.

**ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: FRIDAY APRIL 18, 2025**

**\*\* ALL FEES PAID ARE NON-REFUNDABLE \*\***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
 Director of Program  
 Director: Ms. Patra Johnson  
 Hampton University - Student Success Center (Hampton, VA, 23668)  
 Phone: (757) 727-9911 Email: studentuccessctr@hampton.edu

**Program Activities**  
 Program topics and activities are subject to change. Activities are on a first come, first served basis.

**Curriculum**

- African Culture and Language
- Leadership
- Topics in African Culture
- Global Affairs
- Media & Culture
- SAT Preparation
- College Writing

**Cultural Enrichment Workshops**

- Elementary Swahili
- The Art of Debate
- Dining and Social Etiquette

**Recreation**

- Horseback Riding (Daily)
- Sailing (Daily)
- Tennis (Daily)
- Soccer (Daily)
- Rowing (Daily)
- Golf (Daily)
- Yoga (Daily)
- Mexicotele (Daily)

@HBCUALUM  
**HBCU Bound Scholarship 2025**

Deadline April 1, 2025

**Requirements**

- Graduating High School Senior
- Plan to enroll at an HBCU in Fall of 2025
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Submit an essay on the "Importance of HBCU's in the 21st Century" (500 word min)

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APPLY: THEHBCUALUM.COM

UNCF K-12 EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP

**UNCF K-12 Education Fellowship**

The UNCF K-12 Education Fellowship is a leadership and talent development initiative aimed at building a robust pipeline of high-achieving African Americans engaged in education in America. The program selects undergraduate juniors from historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to participate in a 10-week summer experience that includes leadership development, a paid internship with an innovative K-12 educational organization or school, and participation in an education reform case competition. Upon completion of the ten-week summer experience, Fellows have access to additional coaching and skills development aligned with K-12 career pathways during their senior year of college.

**ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST:**

- Have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale
- Must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident
- Must be enrolled at an HBCU and classified as a Third Year Student (Junior)
- Demonstrated leadership experience and community service while a college student
- Have an interest in K-12 education as evidenced by academic, paid or volunteer experience, and/or extra-curricular activities

**HOW TO APPLY:**

- Complete the online application
- Submit a personal statement describing your interest in K-12 education
- Submit a current resume, updated as of Fall 2024
- Submit a recent transcript as of Fall 2024
- Submit a letter of recommendation from an administrator or faculty member at your current institution

To learn more and apply for this fellowship, please scan the QR code or contact: [kt2fellow@uncf.org](mailto:kt2fellow@uncf.org)

**ZNEF**

**2025 ZNEF Chairman's Scholarship \$150,000**

The Zeta National Educational Foundation is a proud affiliate of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

Adiva McQuarter, Ole Miss 2024 Recipient

**Criteria**

The ZNEF Chairman's Scholarship offers financial assistance to a female high school student to cover undergraduate and graduate tuition up to and not to exceed \$150,000 total. The student must demonstrate a moderate to significant need for financial assistance in attaining her educational goals.

Attend any accredited college! | Submit your bill each semester! | Focus on your studies!

Visit Our Website [www.znef.org](http://www.znef.org) | **APPLY NOW**

1802 Vernon St. NW Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20009

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Saturday, March 1 @ 10:00 a.m.  
**Deaconess Training  
Part 1**  
More information to come

Saturday, March 1 @ 10:00 a.m.  
**Marriage Enrichment Ministry**  
Meeting every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month in  
Pastor's Study

Monday, March 3 @ 7:00 p.m.  
**1st Monday Prayer Meeting**  
Dial-In Phone#: (978) 990-5105 Access Code: 204730#

Every Thursday, March 6, 13, 20, 27  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Every Thursday beginning February 6th  
**Grief Recovery Support Group**

Saturday, March 8 @ 10:00 a.m.  
**Deaconess Training  
Part 1**

Saturday, March 8 @ 11:00 a.m.  
**Missionary Meeting**

Sunday, March 9 @ 10:00 a.m.  
**Laity Sunday**

Wednesday, March 12 @ 6:00 p.m.  
**Steward & Trustee Boards  
Monthly Zoom Meeting**  
Dial-In Phone#: (929)205-6099; Meeting ID: 912 137 200  
Passcode: 633219

Thursday, March 13 @ 12:00 p.m.  
**Senior Luncheon**  
here at The Cross in the Fellowship Hall.  
**We invite all of our Seniors to come out for some good  
food, fun, and fellowship!!**

### MEN'S DAY WEEKEND

Friday, March 14 @ 7:00 p.m.  
**Men's Gospel Concert**

Saturday, March 15 @ 9:00 a.m.  
**Men's Wellness Breakfast**

Sunday, March 16 @ 9:00 a.m.  
**Men's Day**  
Guest Preacher:  
Rev. Dr. Jonathon Counts  
Pastor of Spottswood AME Zion Church  
New Britain, CT

Friday, March 21 @ 6:00 p.m.  
**CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Saturday, March 29 @ 12:00 p.m.  
**Women's History Month Brunch**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VIST CROSSSTREETAMEZION.ORG**

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If you would like a PDF copy sent to you, email your request to: [ken462012@gmail.com](mailto:ken462012@gmail.com).

If you have an article or information (word count 1000 - 1500 or less) for current and future publications, the deadline is the first of February, May, August, and November.



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ZION CHURCH**  
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[www.crossstreetamezion.org](http://www.crossstreetamezion.org)

**Worship Service — 10:00 a. m.**  
**Sunday School 9:00 — 09:45 a.m.**

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Presiding Elder

**Mrs. Laurenna Crenshaw**  
Missionary Supervisor

**The Right Reverend  
George Crenshaw**  
Presiding Prelate

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Sister Felicia Freeman

**Vision: Level-Up**

**WE ARE TRANSITIONING TO GOD’S NEXT!**

**I AM A CHRISTIAN**

By Maya Angelou

When I say ... “I am a Christian”  
I’m not shouting “I’m clean livin’.”  
I’m whispering “I was lost,  
Now I’m found and forgiven.”

When I say ... “I am a Christian”  
I don’t speak of this with pride.  
I’m confessing that I stumble  
And need Christ to be my guide.

When I say ... “I am a Christian”  
I’m not trying to be strong.  
I’m professing that I’m weak  
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say ... “I am a Christian”  
I’m not bragging of success.  
I’m admitting I have failed  
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say ... “I am a Christian”  
I still feel the sting of pain.  
I have my share of heartaches  
So I call upon His name.

When I say ... “I am a Christian”  
I’m not holier than thou.  
I’m just a simple sinner  
Who received God’s good grace, somehow!

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom  
come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is  
in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we  
forgive our debtors. And lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.



Then the Lord answered me and said:  
Write the vision and make it plain on  
tablets, that he may run who reads it.  
Habakkuk 2:2

**The Jabez Prayer**

And Jabez called on the God of Israel  
saying, **“Oh, that You would bless  
me indeed, and enlarge my  
territory, that Your hand would  
keep me from evil, that I may not  
cause pain!”** So God granted him  
what he requested.  
1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)

**God’s Word**

*For the word of God is quick, and powerful,  
and sharper than any two-edged sword,  
piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul  
and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and  
is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of  
the heart” Hebrews 4:12*

**Prayer:** Forever, O Lord, your Word is set-  
tled in heaven. I bless you because you have  
given me rest according to all that you have  
promised to me. Not one word of all your  
good promises has ever failed. In light of  
this truth, I will walk in your Word at all  
times.

I love your Word, Father, it is a lamp unto  
my feet, and a light unto my path. All of  
your words are pure, O God, and you are a  
shield to me. Lord God, your way is perfect,

and your Word is tried. You are a shield and  
a mighty buckler to me as I trust in you.  
With your Word you made the heavens, O  
Lord. all of your promises are yes in Christ,  
unto your glory, O God. You have spoken  
through your Word since ancient times, in  
order to give light to those who sit in dark-  
ness, and you guide my feet in the way of  
peace.

Your Word is quick, alive, and powerful, and  
sharper than any two-edged sword. It pierces  
even to the dividing asunder of my soul and  
spirit, and of my joints and marrow, and is a  
discerner of the thoughts and intents of my  
heart.

Father, I am thankful for your Word, and I  
will endeavor to walk in the light of your  
Word all the days of my life.

**Doxology**

*Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*

**Jude 24-25**