



SUPER SIXTIES

SEASONS

*The seasons come, the seasons go
As they are wont to do,
Each with a unique personality,
Fragrance, array and hue.*

*At times they may be erratic
Uncertain, with dress askew;
Sudden unexpected bursts of temperament
May cloud the sky of blue.*

*Spring's promise of gentle showers
As a prelude to flowery May
Is broken when unleashed torrents
Of flood sweep all away.*

*Balmy breezes ornament summer
And earth seems to "Have it made",
Til violent rages of thunderous anger
Shatter field, mountain and glade.*

*Autumn paints a kaleidoscope--
A masterpiece of art,
Foliage with watercolor plumage
That fades and too soon departs.*

*Robes of white enshroud frosty winter
But may be hastily cast aside
As ribbons of ardent sunbeams
Nestle upon them and abide.*

*Our Heavenly Father changeth not,
On Him we can depend,
Unlike the fickle seasons...
A trusted, faithful Friend!*

*While the earth remaineth, seedtime
and harvest, and cold and heat, and
summer and winter, and day and
night shall not cease. Genesis 8:22*



6 BIBLE VERSES TO GET YOU THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

During these unusual and unprecedented days of the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to regularly remind ourselves of God's providence, power, and love. When fear, worry, panic and depression take over our thoughts, we are more likely to give in to satan's desires. We forget that we have God on our side, no matter what crisis is facing the world. Lockdowns, supply shortages and uncertainty may leave us feeling stressed, anxious or overwhelmed, but what does the Bible have to say in response to these things?

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear."

- Psalm 46:1-2

Fear is the one of the strongest feelings most Christians have right now. Why is this happening? Where is God in all of this? Who allowed this to get so bad? Not having the answers can leave us feeling confused and anxious. This Bible verse, though, reminds us that we are not alone. We can seek refuge in God's arms, and He will give us the strength to keep pushing forward. We do not have to fear the state of the world because we have Him on our side.

"For we live by faith, not by sight."

- 2 Corinthians 5:7

The coronavirus is invisible to the naked eye. Yet, we fear it's great power and ability to wreck our lives. Jesus, though, is also not visible to us. As believers in Christ, we know that Jesus lives in us. So, why are we treating this virus as if it's bigger than God? Fear seems to be the culprit here. We doubt God's ability to help us get through this pandemic, and believe what we see on the news instead. We think it will never end. Try to keep your faith strong during this time and remind yourself that Jesus is also working behind the scenes to help get us through this

difficult time, and He has not left us.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let it be afraid." -

John 14:27

Many of us are glued to the TV or our phones for hours a day so that we can consume all the information we can about the coronavirus. What are the politicians saying? Is there a vaccine on the way? It's a common theme during quarantine to focus on what the world is saying, and not on what God wants us to hear. God is able to give us peace through this time if we turn our troubled hearts to Him. He will be able to take away the fear and replace it with His love.

"The Lord will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless His people with peace."

- Psalm 29:11

As a Christian you might feel very distant from God, because you are not able to actively go to church or participate in Super 60's like you once could. It can be hard to stay faithful when you feel isolated from His other children. God, though, is watching over all His people and giving them strength. He is blessing us all with peace. Reach out to your church, read your Bible, reach out to your friends. This will help you feel connected to others and God, and He will provide you with strength.

"Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." - Matthew 6:34

Many of us worry about what the future will hold. We question when our country will reopen. This is normal anxiety to have because it is such an unprecedented

moment when we can. Don't get so wrapped up in what may happen that you forget to be aware of what is going on right now. Tomorrow's trouble cannot be fixed today, so ask God for guidance in living for today.

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." - Romans 13:1

Many people, Christian or not, are judging how the world's governing bodies are responding to the COVID-19 crisis. People on social media are saying that the government is doing too much, or too little, to help us get through this. However, God wants us to submit and listen to our government. There are many guidelines officials have put out that are helping to save lives. Be an example to those around you and show God that you are respecting His authority. The COVID-19 crisis has completely shaken our world into something we almost don't recognize. It is a scary time to live in, but know that God has not abandoned you. He is still providing you with love, grace, strength, and guidance during this difficult time. Trust in His plan for our world and take things day by day. By meditating on these Bible verses, you'll be sure to find more peace.

SUPER 60's SEPTEMBER CHUCKLES!

"Did you not know, Johnny, that you were doing wrong in eating those preserves?" asked a mother of her son.

"Yes, Mamma," he replied. "All the time I was eating, I prayed God to forgive me." ~A.C. Dixon

SLOVENLY BUT SMART

Weary of constantly picking up clothes from the floor of her son's room, a mother finally laid down the law. Each item of clothes she had to pick up would cost her son twenty-five cents.

By the end of the week, he owed her \$7.50. She received the money promptly, along with a fifty-cent tip and a note that read, "Thanks, Mom. Keep up the good work!"

In 1984, President Reagan visited in Dixon, Illinois on February 6 as he celebrated his seventy-third birthday. He said, "Thomas Jefferson once said, 'We should never judge a president by his age, only by his works.'" Then when he added, "And ever since he told me that..." he was interrupted by much laughter. The president also said he was celebrating his thirty-fourth thirty-ninth birthday.

I know this notice is a little late, but an acquaintance of mine has two tickets for the Super Bowl in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the new U.S. Bank Stadium on Sunday, February 4. They are box seats; and he paid \$3,500 per ticket, which includes the ride to and from the airport, lunch, dinner and a pass to the winners' locker room after the game. What he didn't realize when he bought them last year was that it's on the same day as his wedding.

If you are interested, he is looking for someone to take his place. It's at St. Paul's Church in New York City at 3 p.m. Her name is Ashley. She's 5'4", about 115 pounds, a good cook, loves to fish and hunt and will clean your truck. She'll be the one in the white dress.

PERFECT DAY

Grandmother, on a winter's day,
Milked the cows and fed them hay;
Slopped the hogs, harnessed the mule,
And got the children off to school.

Did a washing, mopped the floors,
Washed the windows and did some chores,
Cooked a dish of home-dried fruit,
And pressed her husband's Sunday suit.

Swept the parlor, made the beds,
Baked a dozen loaves of bread,
Split the firewood, lugged some in,
(enough to fill the kitchen bin.)

Churned the butter, baked a cake,
And then exclaimed, "For goodness sake,
Those darned calves are out again!"
Went and chased them into the pen.

Gathered the eggs, locked the stable,
Back to the house to set the table;
Cooked a supper that was delicious,

Afterward washed up all the dishes.

Fed the cat, sprinkled the clothes,
Mended a basket full of hose,
Then opened the organ and began to play
"When You Come to the End of a Perfect Day!"

RAINING IN THE SHEETS

It was a glorious spring morning. The church was full, and when the choir director announced the song, "Bringing in The Sheaves," the people sang with great gusto. Little Anne standing beside me joined in and just sang her little heart out. Not old enough to read, she was repeating the words she thought she heard. I listened closely-something was amiss. Seeing me looking down at her and smiling she gathered her singing had met with my approval so she sang a little louder, "Raining in the sheets, raining in the sheets, we shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheets."

~Sue Wright Entrekin

FATHER ABRAHAM'S SEPTEMBER QUIZ "LET'S PRAY ABOUT THAT"

1. What Scripture commands us to pray for the leaders of our nation?
2. In which two books of the Bible will you find the Lord's model prayer?
3. To whom did Jesus tell His disciples to address their prayers?
4. In whose name did Jesus command us to pray?
5. What Scripture promises full forgiveness when we confess our sins?
6. Where is the longest recorded prayer of Jesus?
7. Who were the two men who held Moses' arms in prayer during the battle with the Amalekites?
8. What is the only thing Paul says we should do "without ceasing?"
9. Name two instances from the Bible in which men on board ships prayed to be saved from a storm?
10. What petition will God always answer?

Answers:

1. 1 Timothy 2:1, 2. Matthew 6: Luke 11. 3. "Our Father" (Matthew 6:9). 4. "In my name" (John 14:13). 5. 1 John 1:9. 6. John 17. 7. Aaron and Hur (Exodus 17:12). 8. "Pray" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). 9. Jonah fleeing from the presence of the Lord (Jonah 1:4-6; disciples with Jesus on the stormy sea (Luke 8:24). 10. "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13, 14).

The Super 60's Cracker Barrel

A proud grandfather with many pictures
Of grandchildren for you to see
Carries them in his wallet
Where his money used to be.

Retirement is when you stop lying about your age, to all but your spouse; and start just lying about the house.

Money saved for a rainy day
buys a smaller umbrella than it used to buy.

***I twist and turn, and my questions churn,
While slowly the night hours creep.
Then just before the alarm goes off,
I settle down to sleep.***

Everybody's in a hurry.
They speed past me with a wave.
I wonder what they do
With all the time they save.

***When we don't have time to pray,
Here is what we really say,
"God, I don't need you today.
I'd rather handle things my way."***

Sign on a service station in Washington D.C: "Best free air in town...we have a pipeline direct to the House of Congress."

***I've come to the conclusion
There's much my memory lacks
Else why would my train of thought
So often get off the tracks.***

Quotes worth Remembering

Never have a meeting you cannot invite Christ to.
~Charles Spurgeon

God will keep no nation in supreme peace that will not do its supreme duty. ~William McKinley

Young men pretend that it is necessary to see both sides of life. What foolishness! I am not called upon to put my hand into the fire to see if it will burn.
~D.L. Moody

If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.
~Ronald Reagan

A wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement and shall not take from the month of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government

~Thomas Jefferson
(first inaugural address)

Keep your temper. Nobody else wants it!

Zacchaeus had short legs, but he outran the crowd when Jesus passed through town. Short legs will get you there as fast as long legs if you know how to use them
~ Bob Jones, Sr.

MY JOB SEARCH

1. My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.
2. Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
3. After that I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
4. Next, I tried working in a Muffler factory, but that was too exhausting.
5. I then tried being a Chef. I figured it would add a little spice to my life but I just didn't have thyme.
6. Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it, I just couldn't cut the mustard.
7. My best job was a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.
8. I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience.
9. Next was a job in a Shoe Factory. I tried hard but just didn't fit in.
10. I became a professional Fisherman but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.
11. I managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.
12. So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
13. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian, until I realized there was no future in it.
14. My last job was working in Starbucks, but had to quit because it was the same old grind.
15. So, I tried retirement and found I'm perfect for the job!

The Crazy English Language

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. We must polish the Polish furniture.
4. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
5. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
6. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer.
7. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
8. They were too close to the door to close it.
One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it up, for now my time is up, so...it is time to hush up!

THE LORD IS MY TEACHER

The Lord is my Teacher; I shall learn of Him. He makes me to browse among the masters; He leads me into places of quiet meditation; He restores my memory.

He leads me on the pathway to wisdom and understanding, for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valleys of doubt and discouragement, I will not fear, for He is with me; His Book and His voice will comfort me.

He prepares the lessons that help me conquer my enemies; He places His hand of benediction on my head; I am filled with peace.

Surely knowledge and truth shall be with me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in His light forever.

~Bertha Riseley

I WILL PILOT THEE

A plaque on my kitchen wall reads: "O God, Thy sea is so great, and my boat is so small." Picture a small boat buffeted by a turbulent sea. Is our craft adequate? Is it secure? We fear as heavy seas close in all around us. "Your boat gets small when you are out in a lot of water," an old saying goes.

We stand at the helm trying to guide our craft through the turbulent sea. And sometimes we lose our direction. We cry out, "O God, Thy sea is so great, and my boat is so small." Then we remember He is sovereign of the sea and sovereign of my soul. He rules over the wind and tide. His voice comes back, "Peace, be still, my child. I will pilot thee."

~Sue Wright Entrekin

I TOOK A WALK THIS MORNING

The sky was a brilliant blue with puffy, white clouds, forever chasing from place to place, playfully changing formation as though to escape recognition.

I was caught up in a world of delight. Never had I experienced such awe and wonder. Usual sights and sounds faded away.

The warm sunshine poked its rays into every nook and cranny. The green grass, not yet put to sleep by the cold of winter, reached for the sun and made a striking background for other of nature's wonders.

A quiet breeze tugged at the remaining leaves clinging stubbornly to the parent tree.

Crisp, dry leaves skipped and danced across the street as though to the beat of an imaginary tune. Beautiful pansies nodded their gorgeous heads and lifted their smiling faces to greet me.

My eyes were moist, and my throat ached with emotion. My heart responded with thankfulness to God who, in His infinite wisdom and perfect planning in creation, had provided nature's wonders to turn our thoughts toward Him. ~Ruby Lamb

HER SPIRIT

Fanny Crosby was one of the greatest hymn writers of all time. She lost her sight when a little girl, but she was not discouraged. Out of her tribulation came scores of the sweetest songs. In her blindness she wrote this note of cheer to the discouraged;

**Oh, what a happy soul am I,
Although I cannot see;
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be.
How many blessings I enjoy
That other people don't!
To weep and sigh because I'm blind
I cannot and I won't!**

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for our salvation slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

God appears on earth to reign.
Every eye shall now behold Him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced, and nailed Him to the tree.
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.
Yea, amen! Let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom for Thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!
Amen.

~Charles Wesley

SEPTEMBER

**After the hot, sultry summer,
A cool crispness fills the air.
Tall ripening corn, red dogwood leaves,
Grasshoppers flitting here and there.
Goldenrod swaying gracefully,
Fox grapes hanging juicy and plump,
Harvest moon, like an orange balloon,
Fat pumpkins heaped high in a clump.
Thank you, dear God, for September-
Refreshment for body and soul.
All creation sings Your praises
As delights before us unfold.**

~Jane Lippy

Another Day Gone By

Another day gone by without the Saviour;
This day has missed God's mercy so refused;
A heart still hardened and in sin rebellious-
The Holy Spirit still resisted and abused.

Another time the Gospel heard, but vainly;
Another time the pleading of a friend
Has failed to turn you from your Christ-
rejection;
Another time God's sought your soul to win.

Oh, wasted life! Ah, years so lost in sinning!
We can't recall a moment that is gone;
To live for God and treasure lay in Heaven-
The past is gone-this day, you have this one!

Today repent, let not your heart be hardened;
Today believe on Christ the crucified;
Today, oh, turn your wicked heart to Jesus;
Today come in, ere left fore'er outside.

Delay no longer, while judgement lingers.
Jesus offers you forgiveness
His blood atonement gives us.
Oh, trust Him, take Him, today receive Him.
~Dr. John R. Rice

Learning Takes Time

When he was a young boy,
Thomas A. Edison was told
by a school teacher in Ohio
that he was a dunce and
would never amount to
anything.

But young Edison was a
learner. By the time he was
12, he'd learned the
operation of a telegraph key
while working for the Grand
Trunk Railroad. He
continued learning, and
became one of the great
learners of all time.

Roses and Thorns

By Ruth Blair

A gardener planted up his yard
With roses, rich and rare.
Their beauty graced the neighborhood,
Their fragrance filled the air.

The rains soon came, announcing spring,
Refreshing earth below
The gardener groaned, "When will it stop?
There are places I would go."

He did not see each tiny spout
Was taking it with pleasure.
He only saw the rains had come
and ruined all his leisure.

One day he went to prune his plants,
To give them growing room.
He searched and found the loveliest
flower
To grace his spacious home.

He pricked his finger on a thorn
And blood began to flow.
"Enough of this!" the gardener said,
And grabbed a nearby hoe.

The roses bloom no longer there,
And so the story closes.
Some people only feel the thorns
And never smell the roses.

THE IMAGE OF CHRIST (Based on Romans 8:29)

I cannot heal the sick as Jesus did, but I can go to hospital and nursing homes and visit them.

I cannot heal the blind, but I can read them God's Word.

I cannot make deaf ears to hear, but I can show them my love through Jesus.

I cannot make the lame to walk, but I can teach them how to walk with God.

I cannot feed a multitude with two fish and five loaves of bread, but I can give to those who are hungry.

I cannot turn the water into wine, but I can give a cup of water to those who thirst after righteousness for Jesus' sake.

~Mildred Quine Dennis