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“God Wants Us to Ask”

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Philippians 4:19 (KJV) ¹⁹ But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

My children come to my husband and me with all kinds of requests. They may ask us for food, toys, clothes, sneakers, a special sweet treat. They may ask us to sign permission slips for their school field trips. One of my boys asked for a destination birthday celebration. He wanted his birthday present to be our traveling to someplace cool.

Most of the things our children ask for are not necessities. Nevertheless, they ask us. They believe that as their parents we're going to do our best to supply their needs and take care of some of their wants. They come to us boldly with their requests, even when the request might seem outlandish to us. They've been told, over and over again, that we are not rich. They know that there are some things that we will be unable or unwilling to do. Yet, they come to us, expecting that at the very least we will hear them.

We are God's children. In the same way that earthly children approach their parents, we should approach our God. When we have a need, we should ask Him. When we have a want, we should still ask Him. We can and should ask God for things and we can and should ask Him for permission. Just as our children ask, "Can I go there?" or "Can I do this?" We should ask God. He will never steer us wrong.

God is not limited in resources as our earthly parents are. There is nothing too hard for Him. There is no request that He can't handle. He's a loving father who has already promised to supply our needs, but I'm a witness that He handles wants as well! He is not worn out by our requests. God desires that we trust Him enough have enough faith in Him, to make our requests known. It should be our expectation that God will help us.

Jesus Himself shared about asking and receiving:

Matthew 7:7-11 (KJV):

⁷ Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you:

⁸ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

⁹ Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

¹⁰ Or if he asks a fish, will he give him a serpent?

¹¹ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

God is holy and righteous. He is faithful and true. He is in all and above all. If we, who are in need of a savior, who are only made righteous through Christ, are willing to give good things to our children, to our family members and friends, how much more will our holy and righteous God take care of His children?

We belong to God. He is not denying responsibility for us. He is claiming us as His children who He wants to take care of. Let's allow Him to take care of us by making our requests known unto Him.

THE RENZO REPORT

Dear Dr. C. Steven Cooley and RGMS Board Members,

I am submitting my Monthly Ministry Report for December 2025/January 2026. I've emailed my Ministry Cover Letter, Résumé Letters of Recommendation and other documents to 2 more new pastor from Western New England and worldwide. As Evangelist and Revivalist from RGMS, I'm establishing contacts and sharing my vision of the urgent need for an NE churches to come together in fervent prayer for revival and evangelism. Having forged new relationships with 332 pastors since August 2020, our hope is to preach Revival, teach Christian History Seminars/tours together in New England after I secure enough commitments.

On January 4th, I preached a Communion Sermon entitled, "Purchased & Set Free to Serve" from Mark 10:41-45 at Greater Grace Church of CT. in Enfield.

On January 10th, Betsy and I attended the 250th Anniversary of the Knox Trail Celebration at The Blandford Fairgrounds and I shared the gospel with several re-enactors.

On January 11th, I preached a Communion Sermon entitled, "Purchased & Set Free to Serve" from Titus 2:11-15 at First Baptist Church of Colrain, MA.

On January 17th, I attended the IGNITE THE WIND MINISTRIES Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Sheraton Springfield Hotel and in the afternoon, from 12:00 to 3:00, and I sought opportunities to evangelize people at the Knox Trail 250th Anniversary Celebration at the historic Springfield Armory.

On January 29th, I plan on attending the Monthly Mission Pioneer Valley Meeting at the Bethany Assembly of God in Agawam, MA.

Pastor Reggie Cole, and his son. Brian helped me to strategize how to invite all the pastors from Western MA, Northern CT, both Southern Vermont and Hampshire to be involved with Dr. Michael Youssef's evangelistic efforts in Springfield MA.

I visited over 215 churches in New England, Lord, willing I hope to revisit these churches in the future and enlist them in future evangelistic endeavors.

**Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Renzo Ventrice**

Weekly Ongoing Event:

**Holy Grounds Coffee House Morning Bible Study Monday & Thursday, 8:30am to 9:30am
191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA, 01105**

**Women's Prayer with First Lady Cooley, Tuesdays 6pm-7pm
191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA**

**Bible Study with Inspiring Missionary, Angie Brown, Wednesdays 6pm,
191 Walnut Street Springfield MA**

**Bible Study with Pastoral Bible Study with Pastor Cooley, Fridays, 7pm -8pm
191 Walnut Street Springfield MA**

Free Men's Prayer Breakfast every 2nd and 4th Saturday @ 10 am

UPCOMING EVENT:

ANNUAL USHER DAY

February 7, 2026 @ 5PM

Macedonia COGIC 215 Tinkham Rd Springfield Ma

Springfield District Meeting

February 16-20 @ 7pm Nightly

New Mercies COGIC 185 Industry Ave Springfield Ma

Scripture of The Month:

Proverb 3:13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I usually don't do this, but I have a few words that I wanted to say. So here goes. I buried my Dad January 12, 2026. It was a quiet, somber, home going. My Daughter was in charge of the arrangements and she did a fantastic job. My Pastor, Pastor C.S. Cooley, and my First Lady, First Lady Cooley attended, but, even before that, when my Dad was in the hospital, they went to the hospital, and they prayed for/ with my Dad. Offered him comforting prayers, in the Lord. I was grateful for that kindness they showed my Dad. I was honored, I felt quite Blessed that my Pastor and First Lady would offer that comfort to my dad, and in a way, to me too. So, in short, I just wanted to acknowledge and thank my Pastor, my First Lady for shouldering me through this difficult time. Thank you, Pastor Cooley and First Lady Cooley.

Sincerely,

Linda Delores Wright