

Daily Devotion For July 26, 2022

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ **pray continually**, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances for **this is God's will for you** in Christ Jesus." I Thessalonians 5:16-18

On Sunday, Pastor Mark Hall, the missionary that we support through Missions Door, gave us a wonderful message of what God is doing in Mexico. At the close of his message he shared with us 3 important lessons. 1.) We need to be a people of prayer, 2.) We need to seek unity with the Lord, 3) We need to reveal His Purposes.

Those are three great lessons for us to remember each day. When I think of Pastor Mark's first point, we need to be a people of prayer we see how much our world needs prayer. You can't turn on the evening news without being inundated with the painful reminders that we are living in a fallen world. As you watch the news or read the papers, have you ever considered that the crimes we see and read about are a total disregard for God's moral law in our culture.

In the midst of the continuing coronavirus pandemic, the rise of racism, hatred, and a myriad other news stories, the apostle Paul wrote in I Thessalonians 5:17 that we should pray continually because this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus. The news media of our day can be a wonderful source for our prayer fuel. As you read a story about injustice, pray for God's justice to be done. As you read a story about hatred, pray that God's love will prevail. As you read about people in financial need, pray that God will supply. Using the news media as a source of prayer fuel can be a wonderful way in which we can do the will of God by praying continually.

Thought For Today and Today's Prayer Focus: As you read or watch the news today, take that as an opportunity for prayer. Deo Volente.