

## Thursday January 21, Day 18 Prayer Intention:

That our strength would be renewed in prayer and spreading the Good News of Christ.

That we would rise up above those who are against the Gospel.

## Scripture:

He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:29-31

### **Things we are praying together:**

*(you can pray for all of these or choose a few to pray for)*

- That we would not be weary in doing good
- That the Covid surge would be lowered
- Wisdom and protection over Crosswalk Church and Sunnyvale Christian School
- To be empowered to share the Gospel even in this season of isolation

## Reflection:

All eagles go through a molten process around 30 years of age. They lose their feathers, their claws and even their eyesight becomes poor. As a result of this drastic transformation, the eagle loses its ability to fly or hunt.

Without these life giving skills, they cannot survive. These birds who are bald, weak, and incapable of surviving in that moment, go to a very high place and wait. They wait for the older eagles to fly over and drop fresh meat for them. People who observed this process realized that it was never the younger eagles who helped the older. But the older ones, who had been through the process, would fly over to assist and feed the younger.

Many eagles do not survive this dangerous transition and are unable to avoid this life altering change. However, if they do endure and pull through this period of time, they live for another 30 years, and they will fly higher and faster than ever before. From a young eagle's perspective, they watch the older fly over with great speed as they drop food. It's like the older is saying to the younger, "Don't give up! Look what happens if you pull through! You will be better than you were before!"

We, as believers, are passionate about sharing our testimony because of our personal past experiences of forgiveness and redemption. From surviving to thriving, from emotional prisons to finding freedom in Christ. It is a bridge for the vulnerable and weak, when we get to say, "I have been in your shoes and look what God has done in my life!"

We as a community of believers empower those who are weak, by sharing our testimony, support and words of encouragement. My past is not something I am proud of. By the grace of God, I am now able to impact lives through my mistakes. My mother prayed, encouraged, and believed in me for many years when I was fragile, helpless and incapable of helping myself. During a time when I was very broken, I was able to witness my mother flying over me declaring words of life. Now I get to fly high over the vulnerable and weak and show them what God has done through me. I am living proof that prayer works!

## Prayer:

Father, thank You that the prayers of a righteous person are powerful and effective. **I pray that out of Your glorious riches we may be strengthened with Your power through the mighty working of the Spirit in our inner being, Eph 3:16.** We thank You that You cause us to rise up and be an ambassador for the gospel. You turn our mistakes into stepping stones, You turn our mourning into dancing. And in turn we have the privilege to empower the powerless through the direction of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' Name. Amen!