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A Gift of Encouragement and Blessing

Exactly three years ago today, I (Dave Lingle) was at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee experiencing the aftermath of open-heart surgery performed the day before. It was an “interesting” experience that I am happy to have in the rear-view mirror! But one of the great blessings, in addition to the needed repair of my mitral valve, was the number of people who told me they were praying for me. I was profoundly grateful.

It was humbling to be reminded that there were many people in my life who evidently care about me! If that wasn’t enough, they actually took time to pray for me! Wow! What a special gift! What a source of encouragement! Many who will read this are in the number who prayed for me, and I say, “Thank You!”

As we have gone to the Capitol and prayed with and for legislators, they often tell us how much they appreciate our presence and prayers. Even those who do not know the Lord recognize a level of care and concern for them, and they are grateful. “Therefore, as we have opportunity let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith,” (Gal. 6:10). If we believe that God hears and answers prayer, then praying for someone is one of the best gifts—one of the best good things—we could ever do for someone.



So may we encourage you to include prayer for those who serve in elected office, especially those who are believers, in your private and public prayer times. Then when you visit the Capitol with us, you can bear witness to the fact that you and your church family have been and are praying for them. That is a powerful testimony and a special source of encouragement and blessing, especially for those who know the Lord.

For the gospel,



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P.S: As mentioned last week, we have a daily [prayer guide](#) leading up to the elections. For today, October 22, the prayer guide says: “Pray that Christian leaders in elected office will be a strong voice for truth and will take up the shield of faith in defense of religious liberty.” Mark 9:29 reminds us that some things can be accomplished only through prayer. Our team is praying daily at 9:29 a.m. following this prayer guide. We encourage you to use the prayer guide and to share it with your people to use.

P.P.S: Please pray that God’s people will engage in the upcoming election. For helpful non-partisan resources, visit our website [HERE](#).

P.P.P.S: Early in-person voting begins today! If for some reason you don’t think you’ll be able to make it to the polls on Nov. 5, vote early! Days and times for early in-person voting varies, so check with your city clerk to see when you can vote.