
The Lifeline

The Monthly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Shawnee, Kansas

March 2008

From the Rector

Quite a few people have been approaching me about the unbelievably early date for Easter this year. Please know, to quote a former President, that "I feel your pain." However, when this happens, I provide them with the information that is included in our Book of Common Prayer, on page 880:

Easter Day is always the Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox on March 21, a date which is fixed in accordance with an ancient ecclesiastical computation, and which does not always correspond to the astronomical equinox. This full moon may happen on any date between March 21 and April 18 inclusive. If the full moon falls on a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday following. But Easter Day cannot be earlier than March 22 or later than April 25.

If, like me, your eyes glaze over when you read such stuff, you might be glad to learn that our Prayer Book also provides a table that provides us with the exact dates for Easter through the year 2089, on pages 882-883. I was glad to see that, through 2030 when I will likely retire from the priesthood, Easter will take place during the month of March only four times. I can live with that. But I'm still stuck with the fact that, for this year at least, we whose vocations are concerned with ecclesiastical affairs have been fairly sprinting since the start of Advent. And so, for people like me, the summer months can't come early enough.

But this does raise the interesting question of the compression of time. That is, our lives are getting so full of the things that we feel we need to do (or what others tell us we need to do) that there is little time left over for the things we want to do. And the fascinating thing is that the things we *want* to do are quite possibly the very things we *really need* to do, like rest and re-create ourselves in the image of a God who instructs us to observe the Sabbath. And we're all paying the price for all this added stress and reduced down-time. So it comes as no surprise that adult counselors at Camp Wood have noticed that one of the activities that is becoming very popular among our young campers is "Bump on a Log," when we gather as a group under a shady tree and simply hang out, and catch up, and relax. Even though these are kids who are high school aged and younger, they too are feeling the stress of a life that has only one speed: fast and furious. And we're only just

beginning to understand the consequences of driving our kids as hard as we drive ourselves.

Three thousand years ago, when God handed down the law to Moses, he included, among the Ten Commandments, this particular commandment:

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Exodus 20:8-11; the 4th Commandment)

Too often we misinterpret this to be a command simply to go to church, but it's not. Rather, it's a command to refrain from activities that are an obligation or duty. For the ancient Jews, the list of prohibited activities included cooking, washing clothes, constructing, repairing, writing, making a fire, cutting, fishing, and so on. However, other activities were not only permitted, but also encouraged, like playing games, taking a stroll, studying the scriptures, singing, attending lectures, or making love with one's spouse. I suppose a rule of thumb might be this: if a certain activity is something you'd rather not do, then it's probably prohibited on the Sabbath. Otherwise, you're on safe ground.

The season of Lent is an especially good time to take stock of your life, and see if your priorities are in line with those of God. While I'm sure that most of us do a pretty good job of observing nine of the Ten Commandments, I'm also pretty sure that most of us do a pretty lousy job of observing the fourth commandment. (And I'm preachin' to myself as well.) May this season of Lent be for you a time when you change your priorities and discover anew God's gift of Sabbath.

Grace and peace,

Fr. Jim

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Wife of St. Luke's first Rector Dies.

Helen Cavitt, wife of St. Luke's first Rector, Fr. Bob Cavitt who served from 1961 through 1966, died on February 25. Her obituary, reproduced below, appeared in the *Kansas City Star*.

Helen Marie Cavitt passed away on Monday, February 25, 2008. Helen was born in Lawrence, Kansas to Charles Ernest Seaman and Eva Catherine Brown Seaman. She is survived by her three children, Bruce Cavitt, Barbara Cavitt Beedle and Roberta Cavitt. In addition, she has five grandchildren and one great grandson. She is preceded in death by her husband, The Rev. Robert F. Cavitt, M.D., with whom she founded three Episcopal churches, St. Luke's in Shawnee, Kan., St. Francis in Stilwell, Kan., and St. Andrew's by the Glacier (now known as St. Brendan's) in Juneau, Alaska. She was a retired administrative manager and homemaker. In her later years, she enjoyed her many friends, and in particular participating in the Red Hat Society, Stilwell Magnolias Chapter. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Kansas City Hospice House (www.kansascityhospice.org), or the American Cancer Society. The family extends its appreciation to the Kansas City Hospice House staff for their care and concern for Helen Cavitt and her family. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, at the St. Francis Episcopal Church, 179th and Metcalf. Online condolences may be expressed at: www.amosfamily.com (Arr.: The Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee, 913- 631-5566.) Published in the *Kansas City Star* on 2/27/2008.

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercies of God, rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Organ Dedicatory Concert Features Hector Olivera

You will most definitely want to draw a circle on your calendar around the afternoon of Sunday, June 1, because that is the date for the dedicatory concert for our new organ. We are pleased to be able to announce that, playing on our custom designed and built Rogers instrument, is guest organist Hector Olivera. Here is some information about Hector:

Hector Olivera is a passionate, gifted, and unique musician, whose personal interpretations of both classical and popular music have amazed and delighted audiences around the world.

He has performed as guest soloist with many orchestras, including the Pittsburgh Symphony, the Fort Wayne Symphony, the Dover-New Philadelphia Orchestra, the Dallas Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Amsterdam Baroque Ensemble, the Minnesota Orchestra, and the Pasadena Symphony (for whom he produced a limited Gold CD edition of Saint Saëns' Symphony No. 3).

Although he is most famous for his prodigious technical proficiency, Hector Olivera's amazing affect on audiences has made many of the most sophisticated and demanding organ aficionados claim that Hector Olivera is one of the greatest organists in the world today.

If you would like to learn more about Hector, and even listen to some recordings of his performances, go to www.hectorolivera.com. We will keep you posted as further information becomes available, but in the meantime set aside this afternoon on your calendar.

Parish News 'n Other Events

March 2008

Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday, March 16 8:00 & 10:15 AM, and 5:00 PM
Maundy Thursday, March 20 7:00 PM
Good Friday, March 21 12:00 & 7:00 PM*
*Meditations follow the noon service
*Stations of the Cross follow the 7:00 PM service
Easter Sunday, March 23 8:00 & 10:15 AM, and 5:00 PM

Paint the Easter Banner!

If you are in grades 6 - 12, you are invited to come and paint our banner. We will create the next banner that will hang over the Altar for Easter. We only have a few short weeks to paint a larger (5x7) canvas and we need ALL the help we can get. We are beginning this Sunday, March 2, at 9:15 a.m.

Attention: Thespians

Our Youth will recreate the drama "The Stations of the Cross" for our Good Friday service on March 21. Roles and practice will be assigned during Sunday School. All who are interested will be cast.

Dinner Club

Dinner Club for March is hosted by Abraham & Vincy Verghese. It will be held, Monday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at "A Touch of Asia" Indian restaurant. Please see sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Help Wanted

St. Paul's Episcopal Church needs help in their community food pantry every Saturday, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM to stock shelves, register clients, and pass out food. However, they are asking if the members of St. Luke's would be willing to commit to staffing the pantry every fifth Saturday (which averages to about three to five times per year). The start date for us, if we were to elect to do this, is May 31. If you have any questions, or want to volunteer, please contact Fr. Jim or Deb Callaway.

March Birthday Celebrations

On March 16, we will be celebrating March birthdays during the coffee hour. Please check the birthday list on the back page of the Lifeline each month to make sure your is included. Please contact the parish office if you need to be added.

Palm Crosses

The Altar Guild invites the parish to make palm crosses on Saturday, March 15 at 10 am. Contact Brenda Carl with any questions.

Prom Dresses, Suits, etc.

Cross-Lines is for the fourth year collecting prom dresses, suits, and jackets for area teens who cannot afford these luxuries to attend school proms. St. Luke's is for the second year helping them. Please bring any current style to church and hang on the coat rack in the narthex. Jim and I will deliver them to Cross-Lines. Clothing should be clean and in excellent condition. Thank you so much for your help. *-Deb Callaway*

Vacation Bible School

A Rainforest Adventure is tentatively set (with no more snow days) June 2 - 6. Mark your calendars and plan to be there!! For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Pat Jones at 268-4787

Current Outreach Efforts

• **The Rector's Discretionary Fund.** These monies are at the disposal of Fr. Jim to use on short notice to provide assistance for people in need. As this is the first Sunday of the month, all loose and undesignated income will go into this fund. **You can also contribute to this fund by making your check payable to "St. Luke's", and designating it for the "Rector's Fund".**

• **Community Food Pantry.** In March, we are asked for canned and dried fruit. In addition, they are accepting your donations of warm winter wear. And, as always, Best Choice labels with the bar code included can be redeemed by the pantry for 3¢ each.

• **Breakfast at St. Paul's.** Join us the fourth Saturday as we serve breakfast to the poor and homeless. If you'd like to car-pool, be at St. Luke's at 8AM, or meet us at St. Paul's (18th & Washington) at 8:30.

• **Agapé Outreach.** In each pew rack is a little manilla envelope into which we ask each family to place \$1 per week. This single dollar is pooled together with all of the other dollar bills that are given, and the end result is that we are able to offer significant financial assistance to individual and families in need. Our current "agapé outreach family" is Lori Trickey and her daughters. Please be generous.

Youth Group News!

March 2008

Hey y'all,

There is a lot of great stuff going on this month! Mark your calendars! It's going to be so much fun!

Happening #80

Happening #80 is coming up March 7-9! This event is one of my favorites! This event is open to grades 9-12 and is one of the most spiritual retreats I have been on, EVER. Let me know if you want to go! I suggest this one not only because it will be in the KC area this year (and it isn't usually) but also because our own Laura Cook is one of the rectors in charge of the event!

Bump City Lock-in!!!!

This lock-in is the coolest. It's March 14th. BRING FRIENDS! The cost is \$22, but let me know if you're coming because I have to give you a waiver to sign! It starts at 9pm on Friday, March 14th and ends at 7am on Saturday, March 15th.

Just a heads up! There will be no Youth Group on March 23rd! Celebrate Easter with your family!!

Adult/Youth Mentor Dinner!!!

This one is important! Mark your calendars for April 6th. At 5pm we're having a dinner with the adult mentors. It's going to be free for the youth, so just show up!!!! Please let me know if you cannot make it.

Youth Members!

If you do not receive e-mails from me, then I do not have your correct e-mail address. Shoot me an e-mail if you would like to get e-mails about upcoming events, or if you have any questions or comments at all, at youth@stlukes.net

Obviously, we have got a busy month ahead of us, but these are all great events! Hope to see you there!

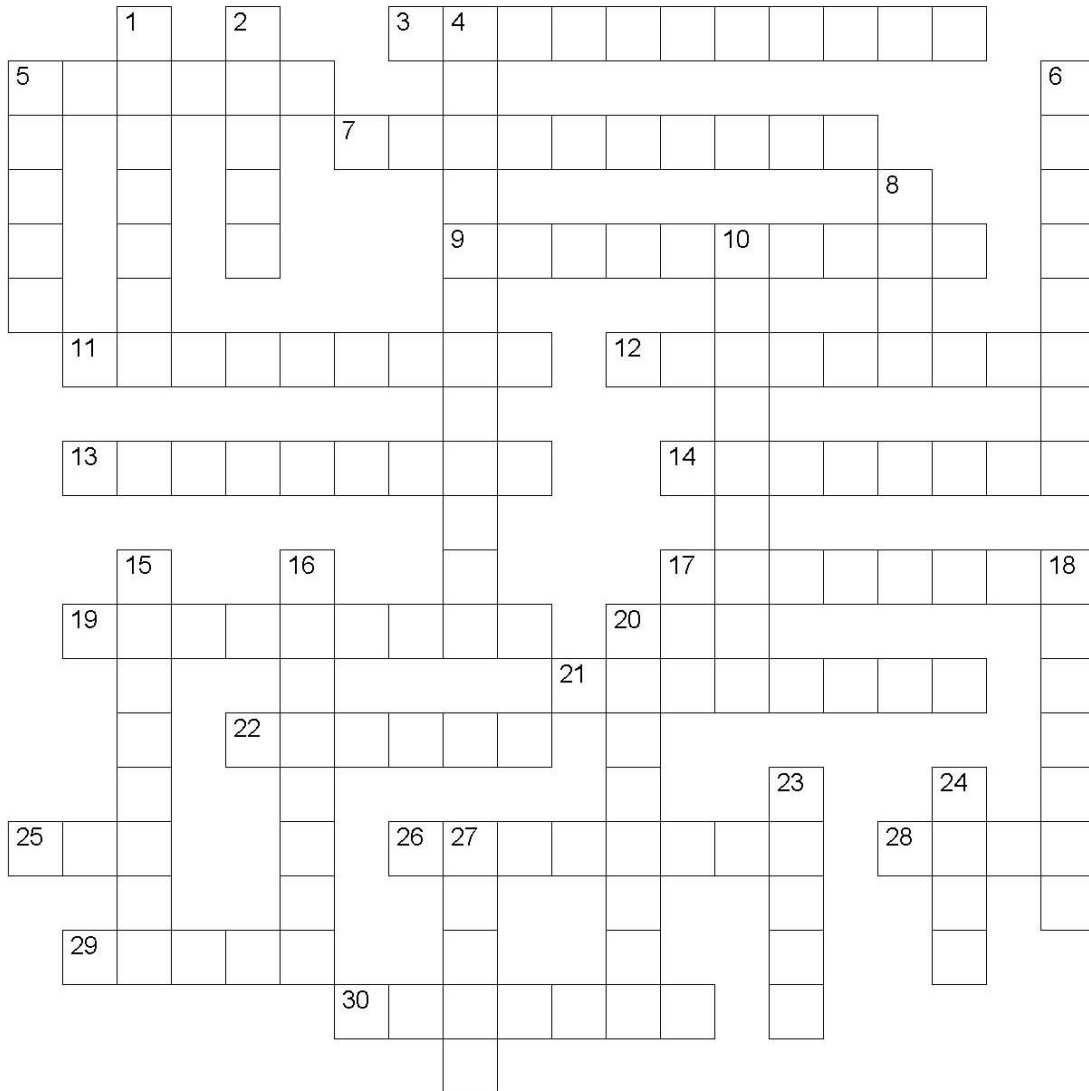
Peace,

Christina



It's a great time to be a youth at The Luke!

Easter Crossword Puzzle



Across

3. Roman form of punishment
5. what the women brought
7. despair; destruction
9. deliverance from bondage
11. the "holy city"
12. Sacred Writ
13. power to command
14. small silver coin of ancient Rome
17. Barrabus
19. Mary -----
21. an agreement
22. to whom Roman taxes were due
25. # of apostles walking to Emmaus
26. Feast of Unleavened Bread
28. what Jesus was dressed in
29. 1st word of Jesus' greeting to his disciples
30. he walked with Jesus

Down

1. argument
2. heard the rooster crow three times
4. rising again
5. resurrected Christ first appeared to him
6. absence of light
8. a young horse
10. to pursue with the intent to injure
15. stone at the top of a wall
16. place of happiness and rest
18. animal that crowed three times
20. "place of the skull"
23. what Jesus broke
24. last resting place
27. ministering spirit

Word List

angel
 authority
 bread
 Caesar
 capstone
 Cleopas
 colt
 covenant
 crucifixion
 darkness
 denarius
 desolation
 dispute
 Golgotha
 Jerusalem
 Magdalene
 murderer
 paradise
 Passover
 peace
 persecute
 Peter
 redemption
 resurrection
 robe
 rooster
 scripture
 Simon
 spices
 tomb
 two

Remember in Your Prayers ...

For Health & Strength

Our Agape Outreach Family; Alan; Bill Allen; Kay Allen; Don & Blanche Anderson; Larry Andrews; Kathy Bagby; Ted Barrett, the Thomas Bickle Family; Joan Boyd; Bob Brownell; Amanda & Jason Coleman; Andrew Coleman; Russell Crump; Charlotte Davis; Pat DeLong; Mike Dishman; Bruce Evans; John Farmer; Todd Gregg; Marsha Gribble; Christie Gutierrez; June Harlow; Fred Harrison family, Tom Hayselden; Charles & Catherine Hinchey; Ricky & Sherry Holtman, Dwight Horner family, Lisa Houghton; Kathy & Zach Hudon; Colleen Hurley; Tim Janicke; Katelyn, Shane Karr, Gail Kent; the Kurtz family; Anne Liebst; Vic Lenoir; Steve Lynch family; Alan McDonald; the McElwer family; Elizabeth McGranahan; Charles McGuinn; Niki McKechnie; Chris Mueller; John Owen; Nicki Papanton; Barb Parkhurst, Lauren Perry; Katie Pejril, Frank Rowan, Rose Schrempp; Jimmy Shelton; Judy & Krista Sherman; Jason & Autumn Smart; Pat Smith; The Speicher family; Pat Smith; Bill Super, John Urnes; Molly Weaver; Dan Wheatcroft; Bud & Evelyn Wrede; and especially Julie Pink, A. J. Kennedy, Karlee McQueen, Ricky Holtman, and Sarah Reese.

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to these your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

March Birthdays

David Kissane	1
Annette Redler	3
Christina Waggoner	8
Betty Lou Lassiter	9
Diane Schrempp	11
Jacinta Gikaru	11
Bill Harlow	20
Anne Kniggendorf	20
Art Woodman	21
Charlotte Davis	22
Taylor McCain	23
Tom Grandgenett	24
Gene Avery	24
John Hoffman	26
Michael Jones	28
Vic Weaver	29
Steve Sullivan	29
Jim Darnell	30
Alison Paddock	30
Ellis Kniggendorft	30

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant ___ as s/he begins another year. Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life. Amen.

March Anniversaries

Tom & Caren Grandgenett	7
David & Nancy Kahn	7

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon your servants, ___ and ___, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace. Amen.

In Memoriam

Bob Carl, Dr. James Lloyd, Josephine Ward, Stanley Pesek, Marjorie Demaree, and Helen Cavitt.

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Homebound & Shut-In

Wanda Kirkham, Annette Redler, Dorothy Shockley, Catherine Hinchey

Look with mercy, O God, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept their help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Armed Forces

John Belshe; Jonas Brown; Brett Casey; Brandon Clarke; Sean Connelley; Michael Cook; Peter & Nathan Durand; Ben Dible; Amity Feliz; Brian Fiffer; Wayne Fuller; Charles Garcia; **Harvey Hayselden**; Robert Heraldez; Christopher Jackson; Josh Jonas; Benjamin Karpinski; James LaVine; Kurt Littlejohn; Greg Marsh; Greg McBride; Kyle Nosbisch; Sam Nosbisch; Rodney Martin; Daniel Ohlstein; Barry Palmer; Quentin Peach; David Rodgers; Matt Schiffel; Bill Simiser; Jayson Smith; Andrew Stemm; Bobby Stallings; Rob Sturm; Nathan Tacha; Alan Walker; Kevin Wright.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Amen.

Prayer List “Housekeeping”

- To add or remove names from the Health & Strength prayer list, please contact the parish office, either by phone at 631-8597, or by e-mail at parish-secretary@stlukes.net
- If your birthday or anniversary is not on this list, please contact the parish office so that we can correct this unfortunate error. Our hope and goal is to include everyone.

Ministry Schedule: March 2008

	March 2	March 9	March 16 Palm Sunday	March 23 Easter Sunday	March 30
Altar Guild 8:00	B Carl	V Clarke	D Wallower	B Carl	B Carl
Altar Guild 10:15	D Fowler	C Uhrmacher	B Carl	C Keller C Parkhurst	P Jones R Cantwell
Acolytes 10:15	G Rohrer	L Riddle	E Wrede	E Cook	T Wrede
Ushers 8:00	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
Ushers 10:15	J Darnell M Jones	C Keller V Clarke	S & B Jarvis	J & B Carl	A & E Mathew
Greeters 8:00	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
Greeters 10:15	D Breidenthal	D Fowler	D Kissane & N Long	S & C Jarvis	M Jones
Lay Ministers 8:00	S Streepy D V Clarke . . . L/Ch	S Streepy D U Prescott L	S Streepy D C Werly . . . L/Ch	S Streepy D J Carl L/Ch	S Streepy D B Carl L/Ch
Lay Ministers 10:15	S Streepy D R Wrede . . Ps/Ch T Gordon . Cr/Ch S Jarvis L/I	S Streepy D R Wrede . . Ps/Ch T Jones . . . Cr/Ch C Speicher . . . L/I	S Streepy D C Burris . . Ps/Ch K Wood . . Cr/Ch J Darnell L/I	S Streepy D M Neufeld Ps/Ch T Gordon . Cr/Ch P Jones L/I	S Streepy D C Werly . . Ps/Ch K Wood . . Cr/Ch K Wymer L/I
Lay Ministers 5 PM	V Clarke U P Jones L/I	V Clarke U R Williams . . . L/I	V Clarke U R Schrempp . . L/I	V Clarke U A Paddock . . . L/I	G Blanston U V Clarke L/I
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	J Carl B Carl	S Mann C Werly	B McGuinn V Clarke	V Clarke B McGuinn	R & P Jones
Counters	J & B Carl D Wallower	C Burris J & C Speicher	J Darnell D Callaway M Lyon	D Kahn R Knabel S Sullivan	C Burris C Werly
Godly Play	M Hayselden	TBA	M Hayselden	TBA	TBA
Coffee Hosts	<i>Zone 1</i>				

Special Services:

March 20, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 PM

D - S Streepy
Ps/Ch - C Werly
L/I - R Jones
Usher - J & B Carl
Altar - B Carl

March 21, Good Friday, 7:00 PM

D - S Streepy
L/I - V Clarke
Usher - J & B Carl
Altar - B Carl

Legend:

D Deacon
L/Ch Lector, Chalice
Ps/Ch Psalm, Chalice
Cr/Ch Creed, Chalice
L/I Lector, Intercessor
U Usher

Please Note:

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please try to find a replacelent, or contact the parish office no later than the Friday before the Sunday you are scheduled. We appreciate it very much.

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Did you know growing a church was so easy? Simply invite a friend to come to church with you next Sunday.

My Disciple!

Would you like to become my disciple?
Would you like to be set perfectly free?
Would you like to walk in my footsteps?
While becoming a lot like me?

Would you enjoy sharing all of my mysteries?
Where the foot of man has long trod!
While you see their lives in transformation,
After meeting their wonderful God?

Know this – the field is white unto harvest,
But true servants are so very few!
That is why the need is so very great,
And that is why I am now calling you!

I've called millions out before you,
Some have fallen along the way!
Because they tried to go it all alone,
That is why they just couldn't stay.

Some have given up home and possessions,
To go into darkness and, awful sin!
Some others have never come back,
Because they gave up their life and limb!

But if you covet a life of blessings,
Where the lives of the chained are freed!
Then you will most surely be rewarded,
And you've become my disciple indeed!

Written by Urban Prescott, October 14, 2007