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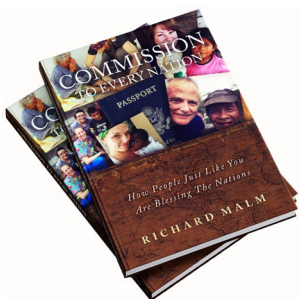
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It left me speechless ... then changed

A friend challenged me, “I dare you, for one week, to not use the word ‘bless’ when you pray for someone.”

“Easy enough,” I thought. And it was easy until the next time I prayed for someone. “Lord, please bless ... Oh, wait, I can’t use ‘bless.’ Hmmmmm. What now?”

I was speechless. I didn’t know what to say. I actually had to stop, think about the person, think about their situation, think about their family, think about their current struggles and their need.

I actually had to think about what I was saying when I prayed!

Suddenly I realized how much of my praying was little more than a half-brained recitation of names prefaced with “Lord, bless...” Now I had to think about them. Where are they spiritually, physically, emotionally, in their home, in their family? What do I pray specifically that will “bless” them?

That was tough because I know prayer is not about getting God to do my will. It’s about me aligning with His will and praying for His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven. What would be the Lord’s will for them so I can align my prayer with His will?

Now, I had to pray about what to pray about! “Lord, what is your will for my friend (or enemy)? How do You want to bless them so I can pray accordingly?”

I don’t want to be mean but ...

I want to issue the same challenge to you that “messed up” my prayer life. The challenge that left me speechless and then left me changed. I dare you, for one week, to not use the word “bless” in your prayers. Let me know how it goes. RickMalm@cten.org

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PS – If you need prayer, our staff meets daily (10:30-11:00) to pray specifically for our missionaries. We would be glad to pray specifically for you, too. Send your requests to PRAYER@cten.org

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1 - Michael & Sharlene McDonald - *Baja Mexico* - Pray for God's direction for their future ministry.

2 - Judy Bergen - *Guatemala* - Please pray that a team for October will materialize.

3 - Doug & Margi Nichols - *USA* - Pray for many more missionaries to take the gospel to over 100 million in the Philippines who are not followers of Christ.

4 - David & Wendy Ashenbrenner - *Guatemala* - Please pray for David as he receives cancer treatment and for their team in Guatemala as they transition to new leadership.

5 - Becky Keith - *Japan* - Pray for soft Japanese hearts to hear the gospel and their desire to follow Christ and our (Christians in Japan) ability to disciple them wisely.

6 - Cheryl & Francisco Hoople de Ahumada - *Baja Mexico* - Pray for God to continue to give them physical strength (they are in their mid 60's) and a spirit of wisdom as they lead the Mexico Recovery Ministry.

7 - Mountain Springs Camp - *Guatemala* - Please pray for Terri and Mike as they plan for future projects for Mountain Springs Camp in Nebaj, Guatemala.

8 - John & Jessica Williams - *Taiwan* - Pray for deepened community and families to do life with, in their new city.

9 - Melissa & Eric Olupot - *Uganda* - Please pray for wisdom, guidance, and clarity for the next steps.

10 - Roy & Tiffany Mitton - *Canada* - That the community they serve will be transformed and that others will take notice and recognize God is the solution to family safety and unity.

11 - Kyle & Nettie Embry - *Nigeria* - Please pray for protection for their friends in Nigeria as well as provisions for their family.

12 - Adam & Hannah Anderson - *Mexico* - They need wisdom in helping Romina and Marvin find their worth in Jesus, not their family situation.

13 - Jack & Carol Lavalley - *USA* - After serving and living by faith for 33 years in the mission field they continue to pray for good health and renewed strength, so that they may continue to serve the Lord in the calling that He has blessed them with over the years.

14 - Adam & Breanne King - *Japan* - Please pray for lives to be eternally changed through their teaching, sports ministry, and community outreach in Japan and that we will listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to take advantage of every opportunity to minister to the Japanese.

15 - Lisa Monroe - *Kenya* - Pray that Valley Light Children's Home will have continual favor with the Kenyan government.

16 - Mike & Caroline Miller - *Greece* - Ask God to give encouragement to the very few who respond to him in the country of Greece.

17 - Oscar & Karla Chiquito - *Guatemala* - Pray for the safety and good health of Oscar Chiquito and his team as they travel throughout Guatemala to serve the pastors.

18 - Michael & Karen Madsen - *Honduras* - Please pray for a Vocational Carpentry teacher who is able to restart and continue the program at Orphanage Emmanuel, for more staff and volunteers to care for the children and praise to God for the teams that are beginning to come bringing hope and joy.

19 - Heath & Mariko Meikle - *Canada* - Please pray for strength as they work in an area where loss and grief are a daily reality and for comfort, both for them and for those they work with.

20 - Carlos & Diana Paul - *Zambia* - Please pray for sensitivity and wisdom during the upcoming changes!

21 - Rita & Geoff Doppenberg - *Guatemala* - Please pray that the new Government of Guatemala that is being elected does God's will and what is best for the people.

22 - Roger & Elsa Sieber - *Colombia* - Pray for wisdom on how to help the people in the ministry/foundation and the future leaders for it. Pray for Emanuel and Daniel and the mentoring relationship with Roger/Elsa.

23 - Thad & Anita Maddox - *Mexico* - Their prayer is for discernment around how to continue to provide the level of support that they have had in past years while the dollar continues to nose dive, giving USD donations less buying power once converted.

24 - Benji & Hazel Cruz - *Philippines* - That they will discover and walk out the new beginning for Living Waters Philippines following the resignation of 6 people.

25 - Stephen & Annette Tour - *Liberia* - Pray for wisdom and discernment as they work with their church congregation in Monrovia, Liberia.

26 - Caitlyn & Hector Christie - *Guatemala* - Pray the Lord will strengthen their family and ministry as a light among the Mayan Achi people, who wrestle with animistic fears and rule-based religious practices.

27 - Neely McLoed - *Guatemala* - Pray for an increase in monthly financial support, for friends and community, and to continue running at a good pace for longevity in ministry.

28 - Will & Cheryl Wen - *Japan* - Please pray for God's wisdom to work as they welcome in two new pastors and learn how to serve in the ministry together.

29 - Mark De Haan - *Ecuador* - Please pray for the community of Guayllabamba as it begins construction on its new water distribution system - pray for strength for the work and encouragement for the community as 13 kilometers of pipe trench will be dug and pipe installed in the next three months, and that the community will experience the blessing of the Spirit throughout the project.

30 - Evelyn Ruiz - *Mexico* - Continue to pray for unity amongst the praise and worship team.

31 - Steve Mashni - *USA* - Pray for his ministry as he works to tell non-believers the good news of the Gospels.