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Dear Prayer Warrior,

It's hard to believe we have a little more than 50 days left in 2009! You guys are great as you continue to cry out and press in for everyone in the harvest fields, and those within the Body of Christ. I pray God would extend His hand of favor and blessings on you and your family due to your sacrificial labor of love. Make no mistake; when you continue to press in day after day, month after month, year after year, you need to stay plugged into the heart of God where the love of God can flow freely through all your faithful prayers. There are times our spirit is willing but our flesh is weak. I want to encourage you today that God sees your heart and wants to come in and refresh you right where you are. Ministry is hard work, but it's the reason why we're here on this earth to be faithful vessels of honor God uses for his purposes. If ministry wasn't hard with all the challenges and occasional inconveniences, you would see more people involved in the plan of God. I consider it a privilege and honor to serve the living God with great passion and loving compassion. In 1 Timothy 1:2 Amp Paul says, "*To Timothy, my true son in the faith: Grace (Spiritual blessing and favor), mercy, and [heart] peace [be yours] from God the Father Christ Jesus our Lord.*"

Paul's greeting was very significant to the people of his time period. The customary greeting at that time was Grace which included favor and blessing from God. The language of the New Testament was Greek so this salutation appealed to most people and would get their attention for what came next. In the last part of the salutation, Paul prays the people would have heart peace. Customarily this would be the kind of greeting a Hebrew would receive and give. The Hebrew word for peace is shalom. Paul recognized that his spiritual son Timothy was under a great amount of stress as he was the pastor of the largest church at that time. With everything going on in our world; the devil's chaos in the harvest field, spiritual bondage and addictions, rampant diseases, wars, economic challenges, a lack of urgency and commitment within the church; we sometimes feel pressed down by the weight of intercession. We need to allow God's supernatural mercy and grace to help assist us with all the challenges we face as intercessors in our private and corporate lives. When circumstances and situations appear to be immense and overwhelming to us, there are times we need to be reminded that God's mercy was extended to help us courageously face and overcome every challenge sent our way. God has made a special measure of His mercy available to all of us. When we get weary along the way due to the challenges we face, God comes along side of us to strengthen and encourage us to keep going, just as a loving parent encourages their children when they get mightily challenged. God's mercy is just waiting to meet us right where we are, all we have to do is open our hearts and allow Him to help us. When we give our situations and challenges to God we operation through His grace (Him doing for us what we couldn't do for ourselves), and we will have peace in the inner man because we commit these things into his care.

We Understand God loves each and every one of us dearly. We were never created to carry such heavy burdens by operating in our own strength and intellect. With the tremendous obstacles we face in these last days, we can take comfort and focus on the One who is greater than ANY situation faced. God is raising up an army of intercessors and they will come. What we need right now is for God's true intercessors to stand strong, hold their ground and stay in the fight! We need to continue to vigorously oppose the enemy in all his forms and bring to naught every one of his plans. The church needs to stand in all the power of the Lord's might! Thank you for your faithfulness even when nobody sees you. God sees you and is able to move mightily because you are faithfully praying. Don't give up because only what you do for Christ is going to last. Please don't stop; we have much work to do and we always must give God the glory for all He's doing. Be blessed and always remember our labor of love is never in vain in the Lord. Only together, can we make a difference. Remember, "**One team, one fight!**"

Your Servant in Christ,

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