



THE HARVESTER

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Harvest Time friends and partners- SHALOM! Blessings and peace in the name of our Precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Dear Friends, this year has been difficult for many, Because Covid is being better controlled it no longer is a major news topic. Now the media focuses on the Russian invasion where thousands have died. Millions of families are now homeless. Fathers say goodbye to their families... without knowing if they are going to see them again because they go to the battlefield. Now we face the effects of Hurricane Ian which devastated Southwest Florida in so many ways. Many people lost everything and are homeless. Our beautiful beaches are off limits due a significant increase in infections by 'Vibrio vulnificus', colloquially known as 'flesh-eating' bacteria. As a result, many are grieving these losses and experimenting depression, anger, projection of blame, and denial as to the real causes of these events. But as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, **we** are to pray for those who are in need and for the Church to assist in this regard: Lord we pray, that You help the Church be in the world without being of the world. As divisions grow in our society, we pray that the Church can be present, inclusive, and loving, open to all and not secluded and closed off. Lord, we pray that you heal us and bring us together in UNITY. We that we may magnify Your glory. Grant us, the Body of Christ UNITY. That we may walk humbly with You, God. allowing You to show us our wrongs. **Romans 12:5** "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."

As we begin to minister to farm worker and low-income families again this fall, we will need to restock our food pantry. Your help would be greatly appreciated. **We are so thankful for all the wonderful volunteers**, who are so helpful in doing inventory, sorting clothing, packing food bags and delivering items to the camps. **We need children's clothing both and household items and toys, new and used clothing (all sizes) men's tee shirts and pants through size 36. For information on drop off or pick up please call Barbara (301)602-0125 or Carol (239)822-5305.**

We are Thankful for the continue support of **St. Mary's Episcopal Church, St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church, Hope Lutheran Church, Gulf Shore Church, Jesus la Roca Church, New Life Church, Gulf Coast nursing DPT, partners who continue helping the farm workers and their families in our area.** We also thank so many others who have been so helpful with your prayers and financial support over the years.

† **Lastly**, a farmworker couple, their story: We came with a work permit, from Monterrey Mexico. We have 5 children. The father said I am an Electrician by profession, I lost my job due to the pandemic, we had to leave our little ones with the maternal grandmother, and we decided to come to work as tomato pickers under the Florida sun. It is a job I never thought to do but I needed to provide essentials for our children. We seek opportunities for their future. looking at their hands they say the work is hard. With tears in their eyes and words broken due to emotion, they explain that they miss their little ones, adding that they are grateful for the opportunity and the help that the **Ministry** comes to offer.

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For I was hungry and ye gave me food; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; Naked and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came unto me...in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me. (Matthew 25:35, 36, 40)

The Husband Store.

A store that sells new husbands has opened in Naples, where a woman may go to choose a husband. Among the instructions at the entrance is a description of how the store operates:

You may visit this store **ONLY ONCE!** There are six floors, and the value of the products increase as the shopper ascends the flights. The shopper may choose any item from a particular floor or may choose to go up to the next floor, but you cannot go back down except to exit the building! So, a woman goes to the Husband Store to find a husband.

On the first floor the sign on the door reads:

Floor 1 - These men Have Jobs. She is intrigued, but continues to the second floor, where the sign reads:

Floor 2 - These men Have Jobs and Love Kids. 'That's nice,' she thinks, 'but I want more.' So, she continues upward. The third-floor sign reads:

Floor 3 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, and are Extremely Good Looking. 'Wow,' she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going. She goes to the fourth floor and the sign reads:

Floor 4 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Good Looking and Help with Housework. 'Oh, mercy me!' she exclaims, 'I can hardly stand it!' Still, she goes to the fifth floor and the sign reads:

Floor 5 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Gorgeous, Help with Housework, and Have a Strong Romantic Streak. She is so tempted to stay, but she goes to the sixth floor, where the sign reads:

Floor 6 - You are visitor 31,456,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at the Husband Store.



FATHER, I THANK YOU FOR SENDING JESUS TO DIE FOR ME ON THE CROSS FOR MY HEALING AND FOR FORGIVENESS OF MY SINS. JESUS, I KNOW YOU ARE WITH YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN NOW, AND THAT YOU SENT THE HOLY SPIRIT TO TEACH, LEAD AND GUIDE ME. I GIVE MY HEART TO YOU AND WANT TO LIVE FOR YOU IN MY DAILY LIFE. I THANK YOU, JESUS, AS I SAY THIS PRAYER FROM MY HEART, THAT I WILL BE WITH YOU ONE DAY IN HEAVEN. AND I THANK YOU FOR THE JOY IN KNOWING THAT YOU WILL NEVER LEAVE ME OR FORSAKE ME. IN JESUS' NAME I PRAY, AMEN.

*Note: As you pray this prayer, it is important that you have forgiveness in your heart. Ask the Lord to reveal to you anyone who might have hurt you, and then forgive them, and ask the Lord to forgive them; this also includes any unforgiveness you may have toward yourself. Then, if you have caused harm, physically or emotionally, toward anyone, ask to be forgiven. As we forgive, God says He will forgive us.

Beloved, I wish, above all things, that you may prosper and in health, even as your soul prospers. (3 John 2)