

P.S.-Pray Specifically!

Thirsty

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"Combining the power of Scripture with the power of prayer."

Please read Isaiah 44:3 and Psalm 42:1-2

Several years ago, I went on a "Sister Trip" with my sisters. We traveled up to beautiful Mackinac Island which lies nestled between Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas. On the second day of our trip, my sister Carol and I decided to run the circumference of the island. I was very excited but a little nervous to "run the Island" as I had never completed 8 miles in one outing. I ignored my fears and Carol and I tied on our running shoes. Soon we were jogging and enjoying the marvelous scenery.

For the first half of the 8 miles I ran well. The Lake Michigan/Lake Huron breezes ruffled our hair as we took in Arch Rock and Mission Point. We even managed to pass a few quaint "surry's with the fringe on top" pulled by large draft horses. About half way to our destination I became thirsty... about three quarters of the way to our destination I became desperately thirsty. I had never been that thirsty before. All I could think about was water: cold water, bubbling water, splashing water, ice-cold water from a hose...any kind of water! I was sure that I would die from thirst before we finished our route. When we finally strode back into civilization, I immediately found a vending machine, inserted a small fortune in dollar bills and downed a bottle of water. Sweet relief!

I will always remember how thirsty I was that day; my body cried out for water. There's another kind of thirst apart from thirst of the body—thirst of the soul. God wants us to be thirsty for Him. He wants us to be so thirsty for Him that we can think of nothing else. Have you ever wanted God so much that nothing else mattered? Have you ever been so thirsty for Him that you bypassed your iPhone, your favorite television show or a trip to the movies because you longed to spend time with God? At times in my life I've had very little thirst for God—I didn't even realize that I was dying for thirst of Him. If you are at one of those dry places in your life, cry out to Him. Tell

Him about your lack of thirst and ask God to make you thirsty for more of Him. Then make time to drink in the Living Water.

(Please insert your name into the blanks in the following prayer)

Dear Father,

I come to you today and ask that You would please make me thirsty for more of Your presence. I confess to You that I have been getting my thirst quenched from sources other than You. Please forgive me and make me thirsty for You.

“For I will pour water on _____ who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground of _____’s heart.

I will pour my Spirit on _____’s descendants

And my blessings on _____’s offspring.”

“As the deer pants for the water of brooks may

_____ soul pant for God.

May _____’s soul thirst for You, God, for the Living God.”

Your Word promises that if I ask, You will give me Living Water.

Make me thirsty for You.

Thank you Father.

From Isaiah 44, Psalm 42 John 4