

Luke 18:1-8

The Certain Gospel: Pray for Justice

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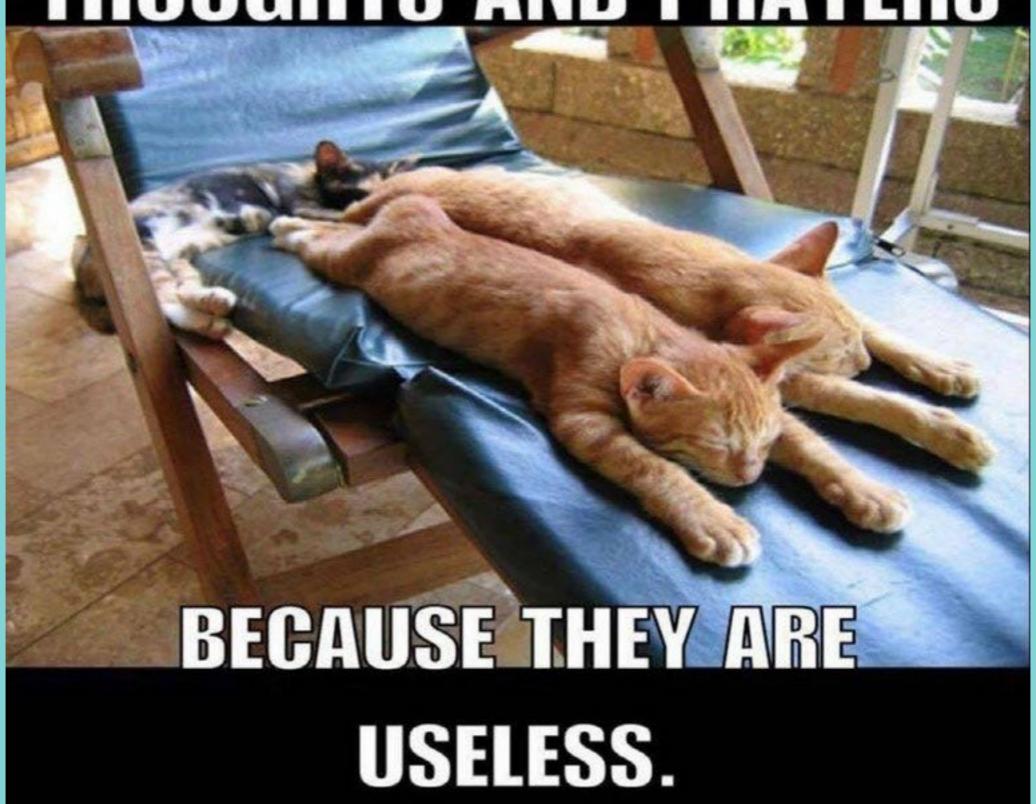


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Always pray and never lose heart.

(Luke 18:1)



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- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 "pray continually," (NIV®) or "pray without ceasing," (ESV)



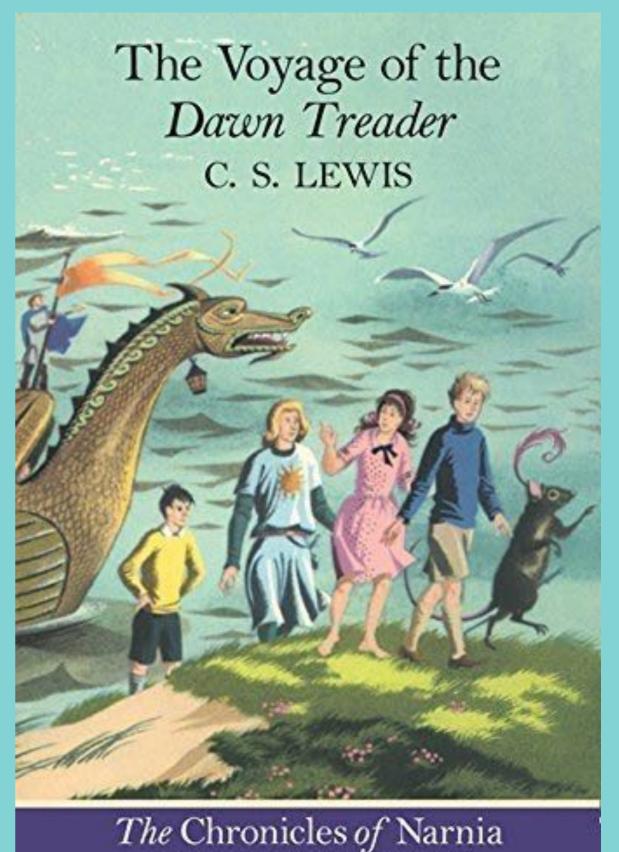
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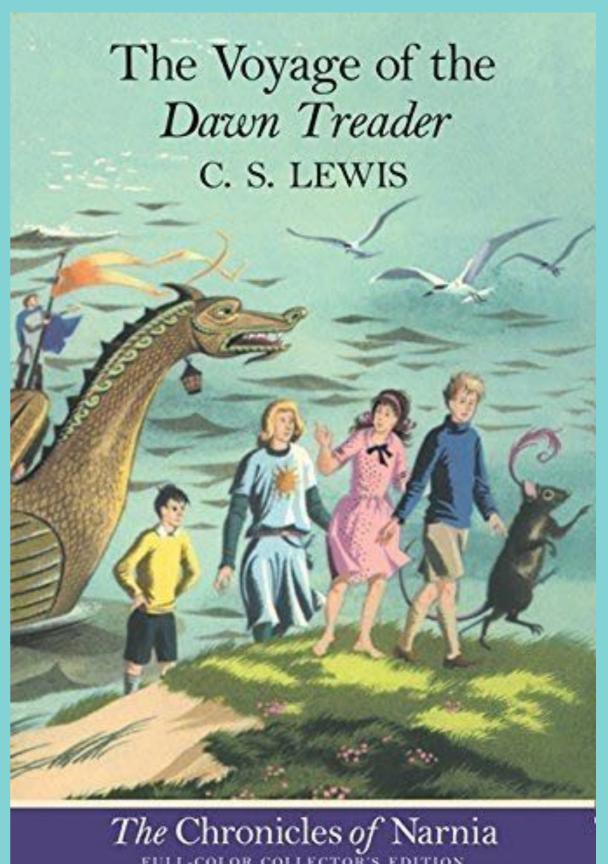
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Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (NIV®)

"Aslan, Aslan, if ever you loved us at all, send us help now." The darkness did not grow any less, but she began to feel a little—a very, very little—better. "After all, nothing has really happened to us yet," she thought.



But no one except Lucy knew that as [the albatross] circled the mast it had whispered to her, "Courage, dear heart," and the voice, she felt sure, was Aslan's...





Pray for justice when justice seems far away.

(Luke 18:2-8a)



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Psalm 86:2

Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God. (ESV)



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2 Chronicles 19:6-7

He told them, "Consider carefully what you do, because you are not judging for mere mortals but for the Lord, who is with you whenever you give a verdict. 7 Now let the fear of the Lord be on you. Judge carefully, for with the Lord our God there is no injustice or partiality or bribery. (NIV®)

"The opposite of poverty is not wealth. In too many places, the opposite of poverty is justice."

-Bryan Stevenson *Just Mercy*



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- 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (NIV®)



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- 2) Pray specifically for God's justice.
- 3) God seems far away but he is not.

Luke 17:22-24

Then he said to his disciples, "The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. 23 People will tell you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he is!' Do not go running off after them. 24 For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. (NIV®)



Justice comes with Christ. Do you believe that? Then pray.

(Luke 18:8b)

