

***Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way***

July 24, 2016

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalms 138

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Luke 11:1-13



God Hears and Answers Prayers

Just Do It. Object: Anything with a Nike logo on it or create something and add the logo on it.

What do you think of when you see this symbol? Right! You think of Nike. As you know, Nike is one of the world's leading manufacturers of sport's equipment. At one time, they were just known as a running shoe company, but now they make sports equipment for just about every sport you can imagine. Probably just about everyone in the world would recognize this Nike symbol.

Whenever we think of Nike, we also think of their slogan, "Just Do It!" What does that mean? Well, since Nike is in the business of making sports equipment, it means that when it comes to sports, don't talk about it -- just do it! Don't just talk about running, go out and run. Don't just talk about basketball, go out and play the game. Don't just talk about...well, I think you get the idea.

One day Jesus was with his disciples and they asked him to teach them how to pray. Jesus didn't say, "Well, first you get down on your knees, like this; then you fold your hands like this; then you close your eyes; and then you start to pray. After giving them a sample prayer, Jesus told his disciples that the most important rule of prayer is - "Just Do It!"

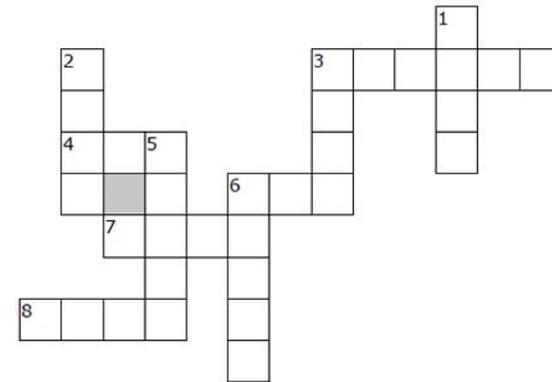
When we come to church, we talk a lot about prayer, don't we? When someone is sick, we say, "We need to pray for the sick." When someone is having financial problems, we say, "We need to pray for the poor." When there is war in the world, we say, "We need to pray for peace." We talk a lot about prayer, but what we really need is to "Just Do It!"

Dear Father, we ask you to heal those who are sick, we ask you to provide food for those who are hungry, we ask you to bring peace where there is war. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. Alleluia (Luke 11:9)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3. A person you know, like, and trust
- 4. To make a request for something
- 6. A piece of furniture for sleeping
- 7. A movable structure used to close off an entrance to a room
- 8. A device operated by a key and used to keep a door from being opened

DOWN

- 1. To look for something
- 2. To talk to God
- 3. To locate something by searching for it
- 5. To stike a series of blows with your fist, as on a door
- 6. A food made from flour mixed water and other ingredients, then baked in an oven

LOCK	FIND	FRIEND	PRAY	DOOR
BED	SEEK	KNOCK	ASK	BREAD

PRAYER HANDS: Give the child construction paper and markers to trace their own hands to create a shape of praying hands. Have the child write "JUST DO IT" on the fingers of the praying hand. Attach a piece of yarn so that the praying hands can be hung on the wall.

PRAYER CHAIN: Give the child 6 pieces of colorful slips of construction paper. Have the child write a prayer request for themselves, family members or other people on each slip of paper. After the prayer requests have been completed, tape the ends of the slips of paper together to make a chain. Use the prayer chain as a guide for prayer during family devotions.



GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS

