

HEART-TO-HEART

We are reminded that Christ is in our hearts and we are in His and that love connects us all in unity.



*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
1 Corinthians 15:58*

Labor Day

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, Labor Day falls on the first Monday of September to honor workers and their contribution to society. Peter J. McGuire, a union leader who had founded the United Brotherhood of Carpenters in 1881, is generally given credit for the idea of Labor Day. In 1882 he suggested to the Central Labor Union of New York that there be a celebration honoring American workers. On September 5 some 10,000 workers,

under the sponsorship of the Knights of Labor, held a parade in New York City. There was no particular significance to the date, and McGuire said that it was chosen because it fell roughly halfway between the Fourth of July holiday and Thanksgiving.

Labor Day is called the "unofficial end of summer".

As followers of Christ, our labor equates to our "service to God". It is with glad hearts and good attitudes that we serve our Lord in all ways.

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Most of you know I grew up on a coffee and macadamia nut farm in Kona. Once a farmer, always a farmer, I frequently return to our family farm in Kona to help my bachelor brother, who now singlehandedly runs the ten-acre farm.

I don't know if any of you have a sibling with whom you don't converse much? I do; the only time my brother and I talk story is to and from the airport. Fortunately, the farm is about an hour's drive from the airport so we have some good quality time. He has a rental unit on the farm. The last time I was there, I asked, "How did you find Marty? He's a nice tenant."

Marty is a young man probably in his 30s with a young daughter, quiet, pleasant, helpful. I once couldn't

start the washer that we share and he came over and just pushed the reset button. Sheesh!

My brother's answer was, "The ex-wife answered my newspaper ad." He still doesn't know how to use Craigslist, see.

"She asked if the rent was negotiable." I knew that what my brother was asking was probably quite reasonable. He continued, "I told her, 'sure, how high do you want to go?'"

It cracked me up!

Needless to say, she took the price in the ad.



Have a story to tell? Be bold and share your story with us! Send it in to the editors for publication. Others will truly enjoy it.



CHURCH is:

- A group of people who happen to meet at a place to worship God together.
- A hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints.
- The community where we practice loving others to prepare us to show Christ's love in the world.
- A diverse body of believers united in Christ as one family.

The Lost Sunglasses

by Linda Kunimitsu

When I went over to Kona to help on the family farm, on two consecutive trips I lost two inexpensive but prescription sunglasses. I had looked high and low but they were nowhere to be found and had to return to Oahu twice with neither one in hand.

As I entered my tiny home on the third trip, I said, "Lord, please help

me find at least one of my sunglasses. It would really be nice if I can say, 'There it is! Thank you, Lord.'"

Not a minute later, I opened a tiny bath drawer the third one down. You guessed it. There it was!



People say..."You never know what you have until you lose it."

Truth is, you know exactly what you had, you just never thought you'd lose it.

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Dis 'n Dat

A powerful video posted on Instagram showed a plane full of volunteers leaving Maui island singing "Hawaii Aloha". What a powerful statement and show of unity. Here's the lyrics (in case you've forgotten):

"Hawaii Aloha"

Lyrics: Reverend Lorenzo Lyons
Music: James McGranahan

VERSE 1:

E Hawai'i e ku'u one hanau e
Ku'u home kulaiwi nei
'Oli no au i na pono lani ou
E Hawai'i, aloha e

HUI:

E hau'oli na 'opio o Hawai'i nei
'Oli e! 'Oli e!
Mai na aheahe makani e pa mai nei
Mau ke aloha, no Hawai'i

VERSE 2:

E ha'i mai kou mau kini lani e
Kou mau kupa aloha, e Hawai'i
Na mea 'olino kamaha'o no luna mai
E Hawai'i aloha e

(repeat hui)

VERSE 3:

Na ke Akua e malama mai ia 'oe
Kou mau kualona aloha nei
Kou mau kahawai 'olinolino mau
Kou mau mala pua nani e

(repeat hui)

VERSE 1:

O Hawaii, O sands of my birth
My native home
I rejoice in the blessings of heaven
O Hawaii, aloha.

CHORUS:

Happy youth of Hawaii
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Gentle breezes blow
Love always for Hawaii.

VERSE 2:

May your divine throngs speak
Your loving people, O Hawaii
The holy light from above
O Hawaii, aloha.

(repeat chorus)

VERSE 3:

God protects you
Your beloved ridges
Your ever glistening streams
Your beautiful flower gardens.

(repeat chorus)

Let Us Pray

Oswald Chambers wrote:

"We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all."

Most of us would prefer, however, to spend our time doing something that will get immediate results. We don't want to wait for God to resolve matters in His good time because His idea of 'good time' is seldom in sync with ours."

Do you need to improve your prayer life? Here are some suggestions to get you on the right path:

- Make an appointment with God - set aside the same time in the day, every day, to pray.
- Start a prayer journal - some of us are more comfortable writing than talking.
- Use the buddy system - meet up with a friend and have prayer time together. Works for exercising; it can be useful for prayer too.



"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."

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