

Jesus Said... "Consider the Lilies."

*that my life will bring honor and glory to you.
Help me to be faithful to you and to grow more
like Jesus. I want to look to you for my needs in
the future. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."*

Here is a promise from God to you:
"The eyes of the Lord run to and fro through-
out the whole earth, to show himself strong in
the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward
him" (II Chronicles 16:9).

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further help, feel free to contact the person whose
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We all know that God takes care of us. He

makes the light come from the sun. He makes
the rain and the snow. The air we breathe comes
from His hand. He makes life itself. In the Bible,
the Book of Romans, the eleventh chapter, verse
36, we read: "For of him, and through him, and
to him are all things." In Colossians 1:17 it says:
"He is before all things, and by him all things
consist." Philippians 4:19 states: "But my God
shall supply all your needs according to his riches
in glory by Christ Jesus."

Jesus said in Luke 12:27, "Consider the lilies
how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and
yet, I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory
was not arrayed like one of these." Solomon was
a king in the time of the Old Testament. He is

known as the wisest and richest of all kings. Cer-
tainly he could have had the finest clothing. But
Jesus said that Solomon, in all his glory, was not
dressed as well as a lily.

The reading in Luke 12 continues that if God
provides clothing for the flowers that are here to-

eth me." We must not worry about our wants

and needs. God wants to help us and do good
things for us. But we must sense our weakness.
Ezra was a prophet in the Old Testament; he
was a leader of God's people. How powerful his
words are in Ezra 7:28: "And I was strengthened
as the hand of the Lord my God was upon me."

As Christians, we have God's hand on us. Isaiah
40:31 says, "But they that wait upon the Lord
shall renew their strength." We can have real
peace and calmness in our minds as we think of
God's power helping and taking care of us.
We must be like the lilies; they do not worry.
They do not exhaust themselves taking care of

themselves. God has given us minds to honor and
bring Him glory by coming to Him with our needs.
In the Book of Hebrews we read, "Let us there-
fore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that
we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help us
in time of need" (Heb. 4:16). Psalm 34:16, 17
says, "The face of the Lord is against them that
do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from
the earth. The righteous cry, and the Lord
heareth, and delivereth them out of their troubles."

God does not hear the prayer of request from
a sinner. All the promises of God for helping
mankind are for the Christian. Mankind must be
in right standing with God. There is only one
prayer the sinner can pray that God will hear.
That prayer is the prayer of accepting Jesus as
leader of their life and asking God to forgive their
sins and take them away with the blood of Jesus.
If you are a sinner and want to be a Christian and
qualify for the promise and blessing of God, bow
down and pray this prayer:

"Father in heaven, I know that I am a sinner
and that I am not living as you want me to. I
want now to confess and forsake my sins. I ask
you to forgive my wrong living and have Jesus
come into my heart. I am sorry for my sins and
want to have them forgiven and taken away with
the blood of Jesus. Please prepare my heart so

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