

2024 -- Are You Ready?

Here goes another year! Are you ready for it?

My answer to that question would be, "Define ready".

Maybe there are several levels at which one gets ready. At the top of the list might be whether you are ready to write the new date correctly. Already we have to write "2024" fairly often as we set dates for events in the future, so hopefully we will instantly make the change on January 1 and never write 2023 again. Ha! My challenge is to write 2023 consistently right now, since 2024 keeps butting in and confusing my fragile mind and fingers.

For some, being ready might mean preparing for the birth of a baby (lucky baby who's allowed to be born!), or going away to college (to get indoctrinated into the left way of thinking), or moving to a new state (OUT of California, not INTO it!), or getting married (does anyone do that anymore?).

Any one of those takes a lot of getting ready. It makes me tired just thinking about it. Sheesh, at our house, we've been procrastinating about getting a new carpet in the house for years, a lot because the thought of getting ready makes us tired. It's almost like moving out of state, especially when you've lived in the same house for 45 years, as we have.

Fortunately, Lady Jan (Jan Lembright) is one who actually enjoys packing up all the stuff, and travelling Memory Lane while doing it. (She's nuts!) Our house is getting emptied into boxes which she stashes who-knows-where. But at least we will be READY for the new carpet. Well, sort of. (Maybe we'll be done in 2025!)

What other ways should we be ready for 2024?

If you knew that a hurricane was on its way, or a tornado, what would you do to be ready? You might nail plywood over the windows and move more important items to the basement. You might pack up some clothing, some of your important papers, some of your most precious items, and your family, and hit the road to someplace safer until you see how things play out. But you'd get ready.

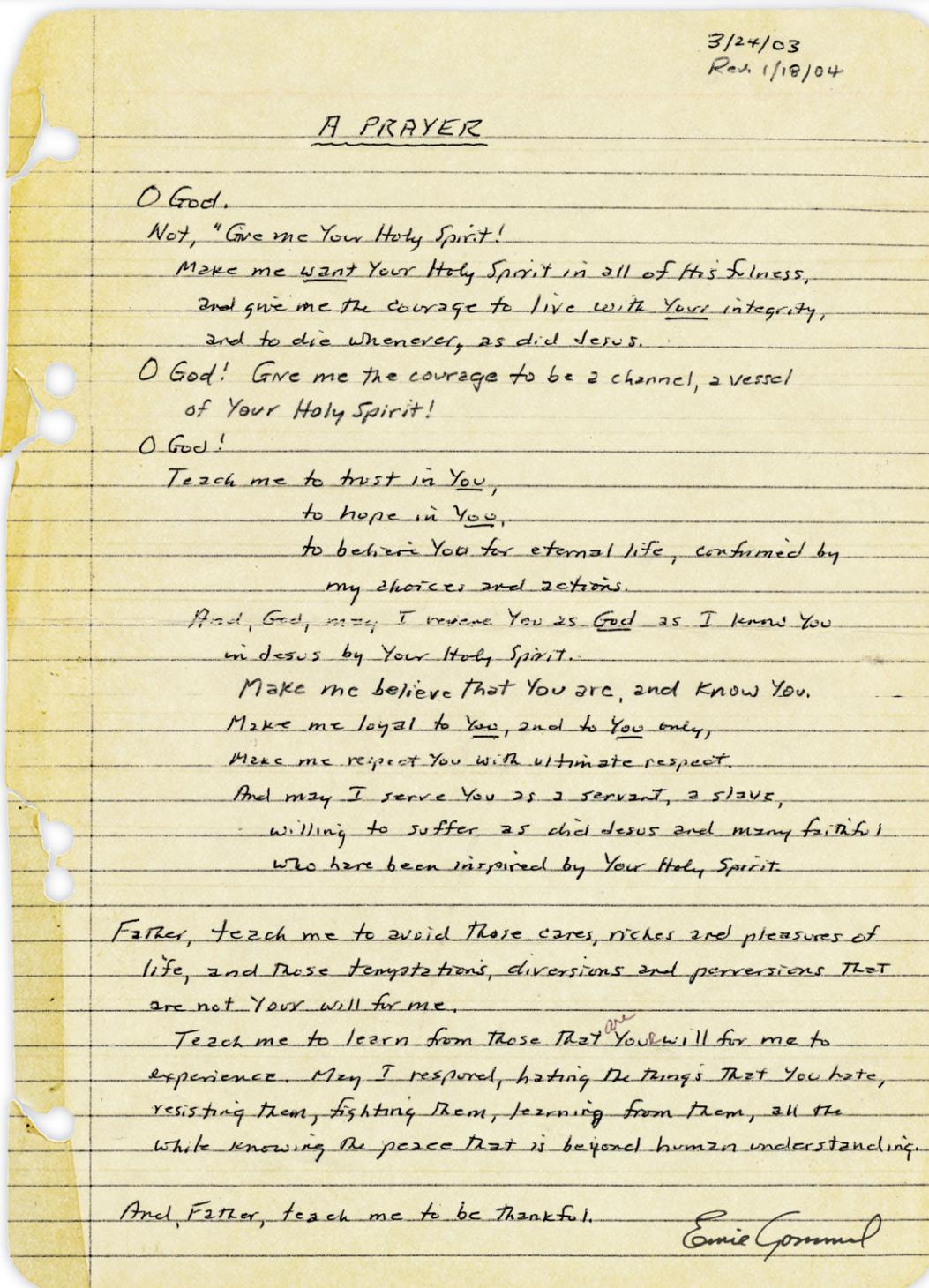
Does 2024 contain that kind of threat for which we must prepare? Certainly we cannot know weather events too far into the future, but if we live in a high probability area for one of those disasters, we are wise if we prepare for the worst. Some people go to extremes to prepare – storing food enough for many months, buying generators for power, stocking up on ammo in case things are bad enough to entice looters into the area. These people, called Preppers, probably feel pretty good about their ability to survive most of what might come their way.

A huge and growing threat to us at present is the threat of terrorism or Mexican cartels invading our desert. Have we prepared for what these people might do? We know that our southern border is wide open, allowing all sorts of people from wherever to come in, without being vetted or approved. We read that a number of them are terrorists from the Middle East or other communist countries like Venezuela, Cuba, or Nicaragua. Are we prepared for that kind of invasion? (Thank God that our San Bernardino County law enforcement is looking out for us, much more than we hear about other police forces!)

There are dark clouds on the horizon all over the world, as our western civilization slowly disintegrates in the face of the onslaught of the hordes who live to kill and destroy all that our civilization has accomplished in improving the lives of billions around the globe. The situation in the Middle East, in which we have witnessed incredible atrocities committed against innocent civilians (I do NOT mean by Israel!), could be a harbinger of what is to come. Will that happen here?

Or will we continue the slow burn of a banked fire, as we see crowds of haters and screamers who support(!) those who are committing the atrocities, murder, rape, and destruction? Will our lives burn to ashes as we continue to endure the loss of our personal freedoms as our

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governments gradually trim them away around the edges?

Do you realize how "they" are herding us into cattle-like chutes, gently or not-so-gently molding our behavior so that we obey their directives without even realizing it? For example, electric cars, so stupid, impractical, and expensive. So illogical. Electricity has to be generated, and for there to be enough to sustain the people, it must be generated by coal-fired or nuclear plants. Wind and solar simply do not produce enough. Internal combustion engines running on gasoline are still the most efficient and cost-effective. Yet so many fall for the deception, that electric cars are the answer.

How about a more subtle pressure that you may not have noticed? When you go grocery shopping, start to notice how many items are now bragging that they are plant-based. Do you realize that that is the prelude to outlawing meat products eventually? They are conditioning us to feel guilty for violating Mother Earth by our selfish lifestyles. So get used to

"plant-based" stuff now, because that could be our future.

I don't have room to include other issues that really upset me and get me down (due to my lack of faith in God). How is it that the Biden family, with all their corruption and treasonous behavior are still free, while innocents who were present at the infamous J6 (January 6, 2021!) event in Washington, D.C. committed no crimes of consequence but are still in dungeon-like conditions in jail, without access to our Constitutional protections. I can't stand it! Such injustice! Such evil!

When preparing for the new carpet, Jan recently ran across a prayer written by Gommel (my dad) in 2003. It seems so appropriate as we look forward to 2024 and the dark clouds it brings, or so it seems at the moment. All we can do is to hope and trust in God, believing His promise of eternal life with Him and escape from this mess.

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