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Dear Friends,

Since the last time I wrote to you KD and I have had an opportunity to trust the activity of God and the power of prayer in our lives.

During one of her trips to oversee activities at the DHS Ridgecrest office a strong gust of wind hit her PT Cruiser. As she tried to gain control of the car she over corrected and hit a dirt bunker that protects the security fence at China Lake Air Base.

While all this is going on I'm in my second day of meetings with 50 Unity ministers in Austin, Texas. KD calls my cell phone and by the time I am able to check the messages I can't get a hold of her. Not knowing where she was or how she was doing I addressed the ministers and informed them of what had happened and lead them in prayer.

I left the meeting and headed for the airport to get a flight back to Bakersfield as soon as possible. Trusting God to be present in this experience I affirmed KD was ok and I would get back home without being put on standby status.

While waiting at the airport for my flight to take me home, KD called. She was fine, nothing was broken. Michelle and her husband drove over to Ridgecrest to pick her up and bring her home. When I arrived home at 10 that evening they were all in the living room having a laugh. KD now has an opportunity to buy a new car and is looking forward to finding just the right one.

I'm reminded of Paul's statement: "Pray without ceasing." That is, stay in spiritual shape for all the usual and unusual activities that come into our lives. We never know what the day will bring. By making prayer a daily activity we are able to build ourselves up from the inside out—from the spirit of God within so that we can handle whatever comes our way.

Prayer is a powerful activity that helps us keep our faith strong so that when we are faced

with obstacles we can overcome any doubt we may have and trust in the power of God to guide, to love, to protect, and to comfort.

Rather than waiting for a crisis to happen before we seek God, praying daily and affirming our faith in God helps us to stay spiritually, physically, and emotionally strong so we can face any obstacle or challenge with confidence.

As Jesus stated: *In this life you will have trails and tribulations. But be of good cheer for I have overcome world. I came that you may have life and have it abundantly. So remember, the things I have done you will do also.*

As we prepare to celebrate the rebirth of the Christ in us, let us remember and then use the gifts found in the teachings of Jesus so that we are able to live an abundantly blessed life through the power of prayer and thanksgiving.

May each of you have a joyous Christmas celebration

*Abundant Blessings?
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Mark Your Calendars

Join us for Unity's Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service on Thursday, December 24th at 7 p.m.