

Running Short of Bullets

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Soldiers on the battlefield were fighting bravely, but they began to run out of ammunition. Realizing that their fight for freedom could only continue if they could find more ammunition, one soldier risked his life to crawl across the battle zone, picking up bullets from wounded and dying soldiers, so their fight for the right could continue.

It's hard to win the battle when you are running short of bullets. Right now, there's an ammunition shortage in the most decisive battle of all: the battle for human souls, the battle for human lives. It began at the cross where Jesus died and continues today in cities and towns across this country and all over the world. It's a fight to liberate people from the penalty and power of sin. It's a battle to claim people and souls for Christ.

But on many fronts in the battle, God's soldiers are beating back the enemy and pushing back the darkness, but they're running short of bullets. The problem isn't that the ammo isn't out there as much as too many of us are sitting on the ammunition we have instead of making it available.

The ammunition I'm referring to is the power of prayer. The battle for a lost and dying world is every believer's battle, not just the battle for a few spiritual individuals who take the risks, exercise the faith, and make the sacrifices. For those of us fighting on the front lines, it's our responsibility to make every bullet count, to stay on mission, to always take the high road, and put our faith in Jehovah Jireh, our Provider.

For those on the home front, we need your support! We all need to throw everything we can into this battle for which Jesus gave everything He had! We all need to shoot off our prayer bullets.

Thursday, May 6, has been designated as the National Day of Prayer for 2010. Christians throughout our nation are encouraged to exercise the power of prayer we have been blessed with to help bless others and invite God into our lives and the workings of our nation.

We live in a world that is increasingly hostile to the Christian faith, a world that grows more and more self-centered every day, a world that has lost the meaning of the word "sacrifice," that does not understand the commitment of faith.

In a world all too often filled with people concerned about themselves first, characterized with an impersonal "what's in it for me" attitude, we are called to witness to something more important: love that gives of itself for others; love that cares about others; and love that makes lives meaningful and significant.

This is the world in which we are called to share God's love. This is the world we are called to pray for.