

# ALABAMA SUPPLEMENT



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## GRAND PRELATE'S APARTMENT

*Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." Rev. 21:5 (NKJV)*

As we enter this new year of 2021, let us call upon our gracious Lord and Savior to make us new as well—new in love, new in kindness, new in faith, new in... well, just plain new in everything that is pleasing and acceptable in His sight which conspicuously marks us as true believers in Him and as dedicated practitioners of His divine will on earth.

What the coming year holds for each of us is a mystery, yet we have faith that God our Father holds each of us who trust Him in the palm of His hand and that Christ His Son has purchased our salvation for eternity. So whatever occurs, be it fortune or misfortune, we need not fear or be anxious, for we know in whom we have believed, and that our trust and reliance on divine goodness is not misplaced, nor is it in vain. Knowing this, we can press forward to meet whatever challenges the coming year brings with the calm assurance that all is well.

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## ONE THING TO NEVER FORGET

Your presence, is a present to the world.  
You're unique and one of a kind.  
Your life can be, what you want it to be.  
Take the days, just one at a time.  
Count your blessings, not your troubles.  
You'll make it through, whatever comes along.  
Within you, are so many answers.  
Understand, have courage, be strong.  
Don't put limits on yourself.  
So many dreams, are waiting to be realized.  
Decisions are too important, to leave to chance.  
Reach for your peak, your goal and your prize.

## ONE THING TO NEVER FORGET (CONCLUDED)

Nothing wastes more energy, than worrying.  
The longer one carries a problem, the heavier it gets.  
Don't take things too seriously.  
Live a life of serenity, not a life of regrets.  
Remember, that a little love goes a long way.  
Remember, that a lot of love goes forever.  
Remember, that friendship is a wise investment.  
Life's treasures, are people... together.  
Realize, that it's never too late.  
Do ordinary things, in a extraordinary way.  
Have health, hope and happiness.  
Take the time, to wish upon a star.  
And don't ever forget....  
For even a day....  
How very special you are.

-- Author Unknown

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## PIANO CONCERT

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted a friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy quietly got up and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE."

When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing. Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage.

In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Then leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child and he added a running obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was mesmerized.

That's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't exactly graceful flowing music. But with the hand of the Master, our life's work truly can be beautiful. The next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You can hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Feel His loving arms around you. Know that His strong hands are there helping you turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces.

Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. And He will always be there to love and guide you on to great things!

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