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O God, Thou knowest how scattered are my thoughts and activities that tire me out and drain my energy.

Be Thou my focus and order my words and steps to meet our children's needs.

O God, Thou knowest my dreams and hopes for the children of America and of the world and the many child dreams and hopes that violence, homelessness, hunger, poverty, and drugs turn to dust.

Be Thou my and their dream-keeper and grant them hope and help in our times.

Thank You, God, for hearing my cries as You heard Hagar's long ago.

You do not need to know precisely what is happening or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the challenges and opportunities offered by the present moment and embrace them with courage, faith, and hope. Let's keep building the nation and world all our children need and deserve.

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

Congratulations Class of 2017



Haley J. Hyde
Beloit Memorial High School



Bryanth Winston Farr
Beloit Memorial High School



Lyric Parks
Bachelors of Business
Lane College. Jackson TN.



Jada Isabell
Bachelors of Arts with Major in
Criminal Justice
Lane College. Jackson TN.

EVERYDAY JOY

by REGINA M. PRUDE



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Can Fear Wreck Your Dreams in 2018?

*I know a place...Ain't nobody cryin',
ain't nobody worried...I'll take you there.*

These lyrics were made popular by the Staple Singers. I don't know the hidden place they were going. Can there be an earthly place where there are no tears? No worries?

I stood outside one day and watched a storm roll in. Clear skies were replaced by threatening, shadowy clouds. Fierce winds whipped the trees. The stockpile in heaven where hail is stored must have been emptied.

"Mom, I forgot to tell you," my daughter said. "You traded Midwestern snow for sunnier weather, but you occasionally have to run for cover."

In some ways, the storm opened my eyes. Our lives are like that sudden, unexpected squall. Life is a passage from sunshine to an unexpected torrent. From balance to shakiness, then back again. We are uncertain about what we face in 2018, but, when we choose to live fearlessly, our dreams take us on a wondrous journey. Dreams transport us into the future God designed for us.

Here are three affirmations for living an extraordinary life in the new year. It begins with putting a stop to self-defeating fears which obliterate your dreams.

1. Declare yourself full, strong, joyful, healthy, and chosen. Stop

anticipating the worst. Fears are our battleground. Refuse to get lost in the ordinariness of expecting some terrible thing to be waiting just around the corner.

2. Dwell in God's presence. You are never alone—The Creator of the universe cherishes you. Your connection with Him is the divine solution to fear. God gifted you with His presence and the power to overcome fear. That spark of divinity is the place from which your greatest dreams unfurl.

3. Claim all of God's promises—You are the joyous, triumphant recipient of all His promises. Let's declare 2018 **The Year of Joy!** Share this: #TheYearOfJoy

*For I, the Lord your God,
hold your right hand;
it is I who say to you, "Do not fear,
I will help you."*

~Isaiah 41:13 (New Revised Standard Version)

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2017 A YEAR IN REVIEW!

Beloit City Councilors Address NAACP

Beloit, WI - Officers from Beloit City Council addressed a recent meeting of the local branch of the NAACP. President Kevin Leavy and Vice President Regina Dunkin spoke about city challenges and invited NAACP members to attend City Council meetings which are held at Beloit City Hall on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.



Kevin Leavy



Regina Dunkin

Trump's Black Sheriff Withdraws From Homeland Security Job David Clarke still backs Trump's law enforcement agenda and believes he can serve in an "aggressive role."



Sheriff David Clarke Jr.

2017 A Year In Review!

-High Fashion Styling-
Famous Hair & Nail Salon
Your Professional Hair Care Specialist

"Specializing in"

- Problem hair
- Relaxing
- Coloring
- Cuts
- Hair Weaving
- High Fashion Styling
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