

There is no situation so chaotic that God cannot create something that is surpassingly good. He did it at the creation. He did it at the cross. And He can do it here and now.

Romans 8:28 reads, "**And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.**"

Can the humble request of believing lips restrain, accelerate, or change the settled order of events? Can prayer make things that are not to be as though they were? Yes, that's what intercessory prayer is all about.

John Wesley wrote, "**I continue to dream and pray about a revival of holiness in our day that moves forth in mission and creates authentic community in which each person can be unleashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfil God's creational intentions.**"

No matter how chaotic the times, God is still in control and He still has a purpose for each of us. God has the miraculous ability to bring order to the chaos of our times. He has the ability and desire to bring stability to our lives! Stability to our nation. Stability to our world. And He can do it no matter how confused the times are. After all, He took all the chaos in the beginning, all that disorder, confusion, havoc, turmoil, commotion, and disruption, and brought forth something new and wonderful. Chaos in the hands of God can bring forth something wonderful and new.

Sometimes chaos is inevitable & completely unavoidable. Situations and circumstances come up that are out of our control. There are also times where our own action or inaction is the source of the chaos we are experiencing.

This is Psalm 51:10, "**Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**"

This is David's prayer after being confronted by the prophet Nathan. Nathan confronted him about his affair with Bathsheba and the killing of her husband, Uriah. David is repentant. He's humbled. But his life is filled with chaos as a result of his own choices. He desires a new start.

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Fresh Starts are great! Clearing the deck. Wiping the slate clean. New beginnings. A tabula rassa- a clean slate. A new chapter. David is crying out, “God give me a mulligan! A do-over! A second chance.” And he knows that he can’t do it by his own power. He is saying, “God, I can’t make a fresh start in my own power. I need you to step into my situation and bring order and peace to my chaos”. He is saying, “God I’ve made a mess of things forgive me. But don’t just forgive me, help me to turn things around!” David is saying, “Lord, launch something creatively new and healthy in the innermost part of who I am. In my heart. In my mind. In my soul.

That’s what David is asking God to do and that’s what God can do out of the chaos of your life as well. He can do it through the chaos our nation is going through. He can do it through the chaos of the world. Out of disorder, God brings forth order. From the very beginning God has taken chaos and created beauty in its place.

Genesis 1:1-2 reads, **“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.”**

There is nothing hopeful in this except God’s Spirit was there hovering over the chaos. And it’s into this soup of nothingness, this bottomless emptiness, this inky blackness, this chaotic mess that God starts to bring order. God brings meaning and significance and beauty where there had been only chaos.

God is still doing the same thing today. The Holy Spirit was hovering over the chaos of David’s life and He’s hovering over the chaos of your life. He is just waiting to fill you with His creative, life-giving, life empowering presence. When God speaks:

- **He gives form to the formless.**
- **He fills the empty places with good things.**
- **He brings life and light to the darkest of places.**
- **He takes the clutter and puts things where they belong.**
- **He takes what is lacking and makes it excessively good.**
- **He takes the depleted and brings increase.**
- **He takes things and people who have no significance and uses them to accomplish monumental and eternal things.**
- **He takes hopeless, dark, utter confusion and brings light.**
- **He delivers peace where there was none.**

There has never been a time when God was not. There has never been a time when God wasn't in control. He was there before the chaos. He was there when there was nothing but chaos, and He was there after the chaos.

Think about this: Before there was a created "order" there was a created "chaos" over which the Spirit hovered. Nothing catches God off guard. He never panics. We serve a God who brings order out of chaos. He can take your life and my life and make something beautiful out of them.

We live in a chaotic world. I have never to this degree seen the uncertainty, turmoil, and tumult we are presently seeing. But we have a God that can take the most chaotic of situations and create something beautiful out of it all. We have a God that we can trust when things in life go wrong. We have a God who brings order to the chaos of our lives.

God's willingness and ability to bring order out of chaos is a central Biblical theme. Look at Adam & Eve. How about Jonah? How about the disciples and the calming of the sea?

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

Psalms 139 tells me that there is nowhere that God is not. That means He is with us even when things are falling apart. He's with us in the chaos. Regardless of how it may feel at the time, regardless of how things may appear, we are not alone. God is at work. He can bring something out of nothing. Failure isn't fatal. The darkness, the confusion, the turmoil, the chaos isn't the end of the story.

I believe that through all this chaos God would bring a new order. I believe God wants to bring a Genesis Week into the chaos of your life. I believe He wants to bring order to whatever is disordered. I believe His Spirit is hovering over the chaos even now.

I believe He wants you to experience light instead of darkness. Order instead of chaos. Discernment instead of confusion. Energy, life, and vitality instead of lethargy. Abundance instead of lack. Here is the Good News: He is still in the creation business.

In Revelation 21:5, Jesus says, **"...Behold, I make all things new!"**

- **He is here and He wants to do a new thing in...your SPIRIT!**
- **He is here and He wants to do a new thing in your MIND!**
- **He is here and He wants to do a new thing in your HOME!**
- **He is here and He wants to renew your STRENGTH!**
- **He is here and He wants to renew your BODY!**
- **He is here and He wants to do a new thing in your FINANCES!**
- **He is here to begin a new thing in your HEART.**
- **He is here to do a new thing in your MARRIAGE.**
- **He is here to do a new thing in your CAREER.**

He is here and there is nothing HE can't turn around! There is no area of your life He isn't able to give a fresh start. He is a turn-around God! He turns mourning into dancing. He turns sackcloth into gladness!

In every way He is ready to meet you in your need. He is able to shape a Genesis week from the chaos of your life! He is ready to put fresh wind in your sails.

Today God wants to take those areas of your life that are lacking and begin to prosper them. The days of barrenness are coming to an end. Today God is wanting to breathe new life into your spirit. Today God wants to take the chaos in your family, work, finances, health, emotions, and bring vitality.

- Give Him your marriage.
- Give Him your finances.
- Give Him your health.
- Give Him your children.
- Give Him your job.
- Give Him your future. He can take it regardless of how chaotic it's become, and He can speak order and bring beauty into any situation.

We know that no greater love has ever been shown than Jesus giving His life on the cross. Before He ever created the world, God knew it would take the sacrifice of His Son to redeem it. Imagine, before He ever laid the foundation of the earth He turned to Jesus, the Son, and before giving this creation the breath of life, He asked, "Are You Sure?" We have no doubts that Jesus said "YES, I am Sure!!" He loves us and we can be assured today that His love is still strong and can bring us through any storm this life may bring you.

When Jesus was crucified on the Cross, and was raised again on the third day, He won the victory over sin and death for us. Through that act He purchased and won us unto Himself. The abundant life in Christ is available to all who surrender to His Lordship. St. Paul, moved by the Holy Spirit, wrote a powerful truth that should govern our lives.

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again."

Your life is to be an expression of the truths of the resurrection as you invite the Holy Spirit to place this truth within your spiritual heart.

The Serenity Prayer – written by Reinhold Niebuhr

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as a pathway to peace; taking, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.