



Remember to Give Thanks...

Metro Praiz

A Message From Our Director...

This month was one year since our freedom and the simple pleasures of life that we so often take for granted, were threatened. It was a wake up call for everyone and a clear indication that 'tomorrow is not promised'.

If there is any lesson to be learned from 9/11, it is to take stock of your life and think about what is important to you. Okay, so you didn't like what your family member said about you. No one said you must like it. Go and make peace. You don't know when you're not going to see them again... said something you shouldn't have about a friend? Make it right! Apologize. This may be the only friend you see walking in when everyone else is walking out. Remember this...there were

many singers who died on 9/11. They can no longer sing to God's honor and glory. Metro Praiz can! This is a fact not to be taken lightly. We must never take for granted the ministry of God. Instead, it should empower us—ALL of us—to be more dedicated and focused.

"We must sing cause we cannot keep silent..."

Rehearsals are for learning music and preparing to sing for a performance. It is not a Friday night hang out. Yes, this is the time when members usually see each other and many friendships have been formed within Metro Praiz, and I encourage this. But we need to be as focused and attentive in rehearsals as we are in performance.

There are words and notes to learn—we must concentrate. There are performances to prepare for—we must meditate on the words. There is a ministry we have been called to do—we must dedicate ourselves to that ministry. That means we show up at all performances and not just when we sing out of state.

As Metro Praiz members, we cannot be a 'sometimes' member. We must strive to be full-time members!

Metro Praiz has a message to deliver—

"Sing For Jesus and Let the Whole World Feel His Power!"

—Miguel Davis

The Difference

I got up early one morning;
And rushed into my day.
I had so much to accomplish;
I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me,
And heavier came the task.
"Why doesn't God help?" I wondered.
He answered, "Because you didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty,
But the day toiled on gray and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me,
He answered, "Because you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence;
I used my key at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning
And paused before starting my day;
I had so much to accomplish,
I had to take time to Pray.



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Remember...

- Friends are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly.
- **Dance**...as though no one is watching you.
- **Love**...as though you've never been hurt before.
- **Sing**...as though no one can hear you.
- **Live**...as though heaven is here on Earth.