

# MM Fall Email Blue Sheet Sept 26, 2011

## Morgan's Moment

My friend Don is a Giant Killer...  
one of a famous football team  
that upset then #1 USC.  
He was a shifty defensive back...  
stopping the then-legendary  
OJ Simpson in his tracks.  
He could read offensive plays...  
anticipating where to be  
to stop whatever came.  
I've attended games with him...  
where from the stands  
he still sees what's unfolding.  
He's in a different game now...  
with a different daunting foe  
once again against the odds.  
He has team-mates all around...  
many actively helping  
others cheering him on.  
Stage 4 pancreatic cancer  
is a fearsome foe...  
a giant.  
The "giant killer" is in the game  
scoping out this adversary...  
not backing down.  
That's the way he plays the game  
and I've learned to never bet  
against the giant killer.

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### Note:

Many on this list know Don Whitney. He is known in Corvallis where he played football for Oregon State. Don lives with his family in Edmonds working on the University of Washington Bothell campus.



He offers a website for friends who wish to keep track of his journey.

[www.caringbridge.org/visit/DEWcarenetwork](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/DEWcarenetwork)

## THE BEST KNOWN PRAYER IN THE WORLD?

As fall rain pours here on Puget Sound I'm finishing write-ups of some of my reading. Two books have comments on the "Lord's Prayer" which Catholics call the "Our Father."

I've just put down the morning paper that is delivered here at the end of our road. It's not pleasant reading. Today it is another take-away of what seems like a basic human right — health care for children.

Make a list of wrongs you note in your paper.

Now look at the Lord's Prayer. According to Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan, the two authors whose recent books comment on the Lord's Prayer, it is "*the best known prayer in the world.*"\*

Lots of us can get by when asked to say it at an occasional wedding or memorial service, although we sometimes don't know whether to "*forgive our trespasses*" or "*forgive our debts*".

The prayer encompasses concerns that are true to Jesus, of a world as it would be if God ruled instead of the powers that rule today.

For instance — "*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*"

Borg comments: "*The kingdom is God's passion for the earth: a world of economic justice and peace...*" Any sign in Washington DC that anyone is serious about economic justice...peace...or praying for even a little of God's kingdom on earth?

Another line that seems pretty clear: "*Give us this day our daily bread...*" How many of us have to pray for daily bread? Yet that prayer is passionate in lots of places in the world. Even in Corvallis, Oregon, 10 miles from a freeway and 100 miles from a major city, we have food banks that are putting out meals and groceries twice as much as they were doing a year ago. People in America are praying for bread daily. Many of them children. And if the trickle down burden of our national debt is laid on the most vulnerable, as it seems destined to be, we will see more prayers for daily bread everywhere.

Even the line "*Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors*" is one that the whole financial industry might consider.

You get the idea.

Many are now pleading to Congress to make line-item budget cuts.

I suggest a line-item praying of the Lord's Prayer!

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\*Marcus Borg "Speaking Christian." — John Dominic Crossan "The Greatest Prayer"

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