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I am calling on you, Father, from the Garden Earth to untwine these vines that stifle me.

Cultivate me.

Loosen the soil around me.

Cutaway these lustful vines of hate and greed that seek to breed in me.

Free me.

Free me from these vines of humanity that bind me.

Roll back

The dark clouds and let the sweetness of sunshine beam down on me As the dew drops from heaven flower me into the woman I was meant to be. Breathe on me your mercy and grace as I blossom in your almighty presence.

I Samuel 17:4

Thank you, God, that in my battles you will give my enemies into your hands.

Luke 3:22

I believe by faith that because I am in Christ, you say to me as you said to him, "You are my beloved. In you I am well pleased and find delight."

Now that faith lives in me I have finally blossomed!

And all will see how truly, truly awesome you can be to have created one such as me.

Amen.

THE BLOSSOM By: Mary Viola Williams











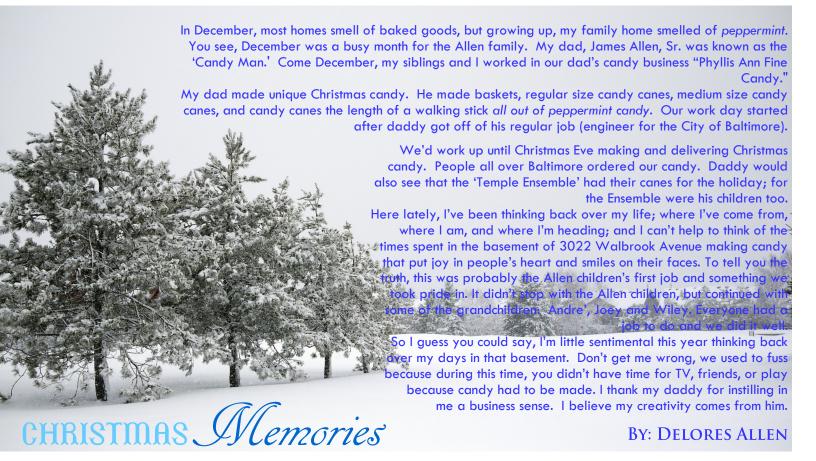


"I need a Valentine."

What better one than one who has walked, talked, and prayed with the Father? One who knows how to love through all kinds of weather, one who has weathered the storm and still loves, one who has seen it all and still loves, one who has had good and bad times and still knows how to hold on to God's unchanging hands. You, my child, are that Valentine.

Submitted by the Young At Heart Ministry Shirley Lindsay – Group Leader Evelyn Wooly – Co-Group Leader





ANSWERED PRAYER

God Grant Me
The SERENITY to accept the things I cannot change:
DEATH
My Daddy, My Mama, My Past

I was

Angry, Outraged, Enraged!
Victimized, Traumatized, Paralyzed.
Yelling, Screaming, Crying
Was anybody listening?

I am Survivor, Over Comer, Victor

God Grant Me
The COURAGE to Change the things I can:
RELATIONSHIPS
With my children, with my spouse, with my Self

I was

Scared, Unnerved, Terrified!

I felt so embarrassed, guilty, ashamed, and remorseful.
Hiding, Pretending, Ignoring and Denying
Could anybody make the "elephant" leave the room?

I am Hopeful, Joyful, Peaceful

God Grant Me
The WISDOM to know the difference:
SURRENDER
Ask my God; Trust my God; Obey my God

I was

Confused, Unfocused, Undisciplined! Disorganized, Disillusioned, Diseased Mindless, Clueless, Meaningless Who will stay with me?

> I am Stating, Standing, Stepping

My Prayer, answered by God AMEN.

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Answers to Picture Puzzle Game: 1. Jingle Bells 2. Winter Wonderland 3. Santa Claus Is Coming to Town 4. Joy to the World 5. Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer 6.