

# The Royal Tapestry

Her hair was like a royal tapestry, the King was held captive in its tresses. Song of Songs 7:5

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An individual woman, like a single cord of three strands consisting of yesterday's goodly heritage, today's prayer, and tomorrow's ministry (*a cord of three* Ec. 4:12) joins with other women to become part of a beautifully woven picture of God's living prayer - a TAPESTRY.

TAPESTRY COVENANT: I agree, with God's help, to daily follow Mary's example in submission to God's will by praying, *let it be done unto me according to Thy Word*. Luke 1:38. I agree to pray to God, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit for my family, the church, nations, and myself.



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## TAPESTRY DAY OF PRAYER Annapolis, Maryland

The Tapestry Day of Prayer for Maryland was held on 24 September 2005 at Saint John Neumann Catholic Church in Annapolis.

### *City of Annapolis Proclamation*

**Whereas**, women from all over the world have gathered in different places to celebrate a living Tapestry of prayer; and **Whereas**, these gatherings have been held in Jerusalem, San Diego, Mobile, Los Angeles, Atlanta, El Paso, Orlando, and Washington, D.C.; and **Whereas**, September 24<sup>th</sup> women from throughout Maryland will come to Annapolis to share that spiritual experience; and **Whereas**, Bonnie Shannonhouse, founder and President of Tapestry and onetime resident of Annapolis, will be in attendance for the all day celebration at St. John Neumann.

**Now, therefore, I, Ellen Moyer, Mayor of the City of Annapolis, Maryland** do hereby proclaim September 24, 2005 to be

### **Tapestry Day**

in the City of Annapolis and call upon all the citizens thereof to appreciate the power of positive affirmation in our lives and our community.

*A letter from the  
Archdiocese of Baltimore*

24 September 2005

Dear Friends,

I welcome the women from many faith traditions gathered today at St. John Neumann Church in Annapolis for a Day of Prayer and Refection.

You come to Maryland, the Free State, where the roots of religious freedom go deeper than anywhere else in the English-speaking world. Here, within a few years of their establishing a colony in 1634, the Catholic leadership of the early Parliament, although a minority of the colonists, passed Acts of Toleration. Decades later the majority used its political power to set aside these laws. Nonetheless, Maryland's early posture helped inspire the framers of our national Bill of Rights to guarantee the religious freedom which has so blessed so many in this land.

As you join together today to focus on Jesus Christ, Who unites us and the prayer life that sustains us, remember with gratitude those who struggled to bring us the religious freedom we now enjoy.

With cordial and prayerful wishes, I remain  
Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Cardinal William H. Keeler  
Archbishop of Baltimore



*Titus Woman Arise! Speakers*

Tapestry is thankful to God for His mercy (undeserved forgiveness) and His grace (favor). We give thanks to Him for His gift of Maryland Hostess Beverly Tignanelli, for her tireless work and hours of prayer, and praise to the guest speakers for their inspiring words:

Marjorie Dannenfelser, *Susan B. Anthony*  
*List*;  
Hastings S. Masterson, *Tapestry*;

Susan Michael, *International Christian  
Embassy of Jerusalem, USA*;  
Mina Nevisa, *Touch of Christ Ministries*;  
Dr. Sybil Pentsil, physician and author;  
Joan Randell, author;  
Barbara Steigler, *Inn of the Shepherd*; and  
Guest of Honor  
Lt. Colonel Gill Bosh, *National Secretary  
for Women's Ministries of The Salvation  
Army*.

In future issues, a version of the talks shall be posted on  
[www.TapestryLostCoin.org/The Royal  
Tapestry Newsletter](http://www.TapestryLostCoin.org/TheRoyalTapestryNewsletter).



Titus Woman Arise! Speakers with some attendants in Annapolis on 24 September 2005



*The Days of Job*  
B. H. Shannonhouse

As I continue to reflect upon the Day in Annapolis and to listen to the reflections of others, The Book of Job returns often to my mind.

In so many ways the times we live in are like the Days of Job. There has been much loss, scorn and contempt, a lack of trust, neighbor's concern for neighbor, and restoration.

Job was a *perfect and upright man, one that feared GOD* (1:1), yet GOD removed His protective hedge from around

him. Therefore allowing satan limited access to Job, his family, and possessions. As Job fell further and further from his worldly position with loss of all but his life and his wife, 'friends' began to access the damage. Our hero finally reaches the point of total submission, admits his faults, prays for his friends/enemies, and is restored.

Across this land and abroad, we are constantly bombarded with the images of the death of loved ones; destruction of homes, businesses, and economic byproducts vital to nations, war and rumors of war, earthquakes in divers places, famines, floods, hurricanes, genocide, corruption, strife, and contention. It is as though our hedge has been removed and satan is taking full advantage of the time allotted to him. But *be not terrified* for Jesus told of this centuries ago - all is in His Hand. Luke 21.

As individuals and as the corporate church, we are called to trust God, even when it appears that He is slaying us in different manners through the loss of a family member, home, our business, our job therefore our income, all our worldly goods, the destruction of our churches through heresy and sin, the scorn of the easy and the contempt of the proud because of what is perceived to be our fault which becomes our sin when our *soul is filled with the scorn of those that are at ease and with the contempt of the proud*. Ps 123:4 . But we must reach the point where with Job we can say, *Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him*. (Job 13:15)

As we begin in earnest to seek Him, pray without ceasing, discipline our outer and inner life, and respond to His knock at the door; the eyes of our hearts will open and we can with honest reflection say: *I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth Thee. Wherefore I abhor (despise) myself, and repent in dust and ashes*. Job 42:5

And we can *count it all joy* when we fall into divers temptations (trials) knowing that our faith will develop patience. James 1:2-3

Just as Job, once we stand in His Presence to listen in silent adoration; praise

Him for Who He is, not for what He has given or done for us; give grateful thanks for all things in all circumstances; confess our sins; give ourselves (oblation) to His service as He chooses not as we choose; forgive our neighbors and intercede for them; and lastly petition for our own needs - then God, in His mercy, can restore and use us to prepare for His Coming. *The LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends... :The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning*. Job 42:10-12

These are as the Days of Job. Our faith is being tested. May we pass the test as Job so that God may use our latter days to usher in His Kingdom.

Bonnie H. Shannonhouse  
All Saints Day 2005

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LINK

*Piety of Prayer:  
Seven Historic Parts of Prayer*

A teaching on the historic parts of prayer can be found under The Piety of Prayer/  
[www.TapestryLostCoin.org](http://www.TapestryLostCoin.org)

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*Prayer, Self-Knowledge,  
& Changing the Culture*  
Marjorie Dannenfelser

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*Exceptional in the Ordinary*  
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*Strengthen Your Soul!*  
Sybil Pentsil, M. D.

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*Recommendation*

Intercessors for America Newsletter,  
November 2005 issue articles:  
*Watching Unto Prayer* - Gary P. Bergel  
*God Gave Them Up* - H. Guy Kump  
[www.ifapray.org](http://www.ifapray.org)