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***“Taking up the Cause of the Weak and Oppressed”***

“Taking up the Cause of the Weak and Oppressed” is on a list we present to our Covenant-keeping LORD when we gather around baskets and take up the offering at Craighouse. Also on that list is “care of animals” and “needs of children” among other things for which we trust.

A few days ago Cheri Fritts called me from Missouri. She told me of her passionate concern for what is happening as I write to wild horses and burros in the USA. She has developed a prayer. We prayed that prayer as a congregation this past Sunday. Before we did, I gave my own opinion as to why this has importance.

We are being de-sensitized to violence and abuse of the weak and oppressed. Having dominion does not mean domination to do whatever we want as if animals have no souls. Dominion means to tend, to nurture, to care for, to protect, to govern properly as shepherd-leaders, to take up the cause of those God has placed in our care. As violence towards animals increases with the breaking of moral boundaries, so also we see those boundaries broken relative to the life of the unborn, to children, to the elderly, etc. People are becoming numb to the sale of body parts, even joking on T.V. about what one would do with the money they might get from selling one of their kidneys. It isn't funny. All life matters.

Cheri wrote a prayer and asks that you join her in appealing to our Heavenly Father for divine intervention on behalf of the wild horse and burro population in the U. S. A.

***“Whoever is righteous has regard for the life of his animal, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel.” Luke 12:6 “Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God.” Proverbs 12:10***

Cheri Fritts has been a horsewoman from her youth, and also a horse artist. WhiteHorseArts.com She wrote me:

“In the late 1960's the wild horses had been persecuted and slaughtered almost to the point of extinction. There was a nationwide public outcry and Congress passed **The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burro Act of 1971**. The Act said the Horses and Burros are **“living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West, which continue to contribute to the diversity of life forms within the Nation and enrich the lives of the American people.”** The Act made it a Federal crime to harm or remove horses from the public lands, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under the Department of Interior was charged with managing the horses on their existing ranges.

Since 1971 the Act has been amended and its original language has changed. Now there are loopholes that allow the BLM, the agency supposed to be protecting these animals, to drastically reduce their numbers and even to sell them to for slaughter.

Over 80% of the grazing rights on Public Land have been given to the livestock industry. Livestock interests wants the horses gone so they can bring yet more livestock onto the public land where the horses, burros and wildlife live. The livestock is destroying the natural habitat and the wild horses and burros are being blamed and “scapegoated” **The horses are being removed at an alarming rate from Public Land. The BLM can and will sell the horses for**

**slaughter or destroy them. They have “zeroed out” several herds all over the Western states in the last few weeks.”**

She supplied two articles so we can be more familiar with the issues.

<http://wildhorsefreedomfederation.org/wild-horse-and-burro-issues/wild-horses/>

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Christians cannot always get involved in everything, but we can pray as the priesthood of believers, bringing our appeals for divine intervention to the One True and Living God and the Divine Court. I hope you will join those of us at Craighouse in doing so. You might even think of other ways to help, like posting the prayer to your Facebook pages. Those of you in other nations might get stirred up to related “love and good works” in your area of the world.

Thank you for taking time today. Love does no harm. Let’s remember that the faith of God moves mountains. As one of my seminary professors said, “Prayer changes things.”

For His glory,

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## Prayer of Agreement - Deliverance for Wild Horses and Burros

*“Again, I tell you truly that if two of you on the earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven.” Mat. 18:19*

*“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Heb. 4:16*

We come to the Father on behalf of the wild horses and burros in America to petition the Father for mercy in their time of crisis and need.

May the Holy Spirit hover over the darkness and chaos and bring order out of chaos. Grant that the issues be exposed and come to light. May the Lord's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven, and may He grant a “just resolution” for the wild horses and burros.

Let there be favor surrounding the wild horses and burros. May the horses and burros no longer be “scapegoated” and persecuted.

May the Lord raise up a “strong deliverer” and a loud voice for the wild horses and burros. May He send his holy and elect angels, as many as are sufficient and necessary, to protect and bring comfort and justice to them, and grant them protection from further harm, persecutions and slaughter.

Lord, let the wild horses and burros live out their natural lives in FREEDOM with their families and social structures left intact. Grant the Bureau of Land Management intelligent and humane plans to manage the wild horses in a natural and harmonious way on the range allotted to the them, as intended in the **original** Act of Congress, *The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burro Act of 1971*.

Let there be a spirit of cooperation and unity among the wild horse advocates. May the Bureau of Land Management be free from the pressures of livestock interests and other special interests. May the BLM also be free to act with integrity to fulfill their mission and purpose as protectors of the horses, burros and wildlife and preservers of the public land for the enjoyment of future generations.

May you grant us all grace to be moved with compassion to pray and give voice to the plight of the wild horses and burros in America until You bring about a just resolution.

We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we give You thanks for the answers. AMEN.

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