

## HEARTBEATS Staying Connected 9/12/2022

Dear Friends in CHRIST,

***ONE AT ONE*** – *Every day this week beginning on Tuesday, September 13 you are encouraged to pray for one minute at one o'clock. This week, pray for the leaders of our state, nation, and world. Pray that they be kept safe and that they be guided by the HOLY SPIRIT in seeking to serve their people according to the will of GOD.*

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I saw this from a friend and thought it was a thought-provoking piece for we who identify as Christians:

When I say that “I am a Christian,” I am not shouting that that “I am clean living.” I’m whispering, “I was lost, but now I’m found and forgiven.”

When I say that “I am a Christian,” I don’t speak of this with pride. I’m confessing that I stumble and need CHRIST to be my guide.

When I say that “I am a Christian,” I am not trying to be strong. I’m professing that I’m weak and need HIS strength to carry on.

When I say that “I am a Christian,” I am not bragging of success. I’m admitting that I have failed and need GOD to clean my mess.

When I say that “I am a Christian,” I’m not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but GOD believes I am worth it.

When I say that “I am a Christian,” I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon HIS name.

When I say that “I am a Christian,” I’m not holier than thou. I’m just a simple sinner who received GOD’S good grace, somehow!

In CHRIST'S love,  
Pastor Jeffrey