

# REFLECTOR

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*"Holding Forth the Word of Life"*

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## People God calls fools

There are some people God calls fools. Those who say "There is no God" (**Psalm 14:1**); those who hear the Word, but refuse to obey it (**Matthew 7:26ff**); those not ready for His return (**Matthew 25:1ff**); those who despise instruction (**Proverbs 15:5**); those who lay up treasures on earth (**Luke 12:20**); those who get angry quickly (**Proverbs 14:7**); those who will not believe God's Word (**Luke 24:25**).

There is NO HOPE for the person who hears the Word and continues to build his house upon the sand. The Rock for a foundation upon which you can build a life that will bring love, joy, and peace is the Lord Jesus Christ. He invites those who hear to come to Him and trust Him today (**2 Corinthians 6:2**).

## The Road to Heaven

Life's most important decision!

A party of friends once went to visit an old church building, which because of its antiquity, aroused the interest of tourists. When they sought admittance, the caretaker told them, "*You can go right in and I'll come shortly and show you the interesting features.*"

The group went to the door, turned the key, and tried to gain entrance, but were unable to do so. When they were about ready to give up, the man in charge returned: "*Oh, I beg your pardon,*" said the sexton, "*I quite forgot to tell you that the door is not locked at all. All you need to do is lift the latch and you can walk right in.*"

A great many people are like those frustrated tourists. Desperately, they try to gain entrance

into the fold of God, but all their strenuous self-efforts do not avail and are a waste of time. Salvation is all of grace, a word that means unmerited favor. No one is ever saved by works; otherwise, he would boast about it. By faith, we receive salvation as a gift as we receive Christ, the blessed Door to the Father and all His blessings.

Read it for yourself: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: [Salvation] is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (**Ephesians 2:8-9**). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (**Romans 3:23**). "Then Jesus said to them again, Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep" (**John 10:7**).

## Understand faith

Faith, however, does not save anyone. Faith brings a person to the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Savior. **Faith means trust to the point of action.** Sit down in a chair. Then take your feet off the floor and hold them out in front of you. Put your feet down. You just demonstrated faith. As you rested your weight on the chair, rest your weight on the Lord Jesus. Believe means trusting Him, not just having a head knowledge about Him. Question: **Where were you when you trusted Christ?**

I know where I was—in a tent revival meeting in White Pine, Tennessee. After the preacher shared the gospel, he extended an invitation. An elderly friend of our family, Mr. Templin, asked if I wanted to become a Christian. Under the conviction of the Holy Spirit, I said, "*Yes, but I don't know what to do.*" In simple terms, he explained the Gospel—the good news that God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth. He died on

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## Perspective

**“But you shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be witnesses to me both in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth.”**

**Acts 1:8**

Suppose you were a person of unlimited wealth—a multimillionaire—and said to a missionary “You go and do your work for the Lord. Don’t be concerned about support, because I will supply all your needs.” Time passes. One day you meet the missionary and are eager to hear a report. You are thrilled to learn that God is blessing and that many are coming to Christ. “Now,” you inquire, “how about your own needs? How are you doing?” His answer is startling because he says, “We are really struggling. In fact, we are just getting by.” In amazement, you ask, “Haven’t you used the provision that I made for you?” How do you think that you would feel if he said, “No, we haven’t used that at all?” How do you think God feels when His children do not use the provisions that He has supplied for them?

More and more I am aware of God’s provisions for His children. One possible way to analyze the content of the prayer seminar is to focus on His provisions that we cover in the seminar. Some of them follow.

**The Holy Spirit.** A major area covered in the prayer seminar is the Holy Spirit. We look at the basic information shared by Jesus with His eleven disciples in the Upper Room just hours before His death. He knew that He was leaving because His time had come. He knew, also, that His disciples were the ones who would carry His work forward. Comprehending the news that He was returning to His Father was disconcerting, indeed.

As the disciples pondered life without Jesus, they were distressed beyond words. In fact, Jesus could see it in their faces; they looked like orphans. When He said, “I will not leave you comfortless” (**John 14:18**), the Greek word

translated “comfortless” is orphan. Once the Holy Spirit came, they would never be alone. Prior to this statement, He introduced the Holy Spirit by explaining to the disciples that He would ask (pray) the Father to send the Holy Spirit (**John 14:16**). The Greek word that He used for the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a very significant word that means *one called along side to help*. He further explained that when the Holy Spirit came, He would be in them (**v 17**). Wherever a believer goes and whatever he faces, the Holy Spirit is with him and will be his Helper. A key verse to memorize and appropriate in your life is **1 John 4:4**, “Greater is He who is in you [the Holy Spirit] than the one who is in the world [Satan].” We are to be Spirit-filled, which means Spirit-controlled.

**The Bible.** What a privilege it is to have the Bible. Knowing that the Holy Spirit inspired the writers gives us confidence that the Bible just does not contain the Word of God, it is the Word of God. Although I have been a Christian for almost six decades, I am convinced that the one thing that keeps me going forward is the nourishment that I receive during early morning hours in the Word. The Word of God is His provision for us. Consequently, much attention is given to direct teaching on the importance of the Word of God during the prayer seminar. It is important that participants see the need to make Bible reading a priority. God speaks out of His Word

**The armor.** Finally, we are engaged in a spiritual war. Our enemy, Satan, has one intention—to hinder our influence to the end that we are often defeated in our walk and talk for Jesus. The amazing thing is that we do not have to enter into the battle without protection. God has provided armor to protect us from the enemy. Hence, the section in the prayer seminar that deals with spiritual warfare explaining **Ephesians 6:10-18** is one that is meaningful to participants because it is so relevant to their daily lives.

**Power to witness.** Just prior to His ascension, the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ explained to

His followers that they were to be witnesses to the Gospel to everyone every where (**Acts 1:8**). He told them, however, that they needed power beyond themselves in order to be effective witnesses. It is as though He said to them, "Be witnesses. Tell the world about My death, burial, and resurrection since this is the Gospel that can set them free. But, don't even think about it until the Holy Spirit comes because you will need power for your witness to be effective. Go back into Jerusalem and wait for His coming and then witness."

You and I know the rest of the story. Ten days after He ascended, the Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost. When the disciples faced a serious obstacle (people from other nations in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost who could not understand their language), the power of the Holy Spirit was there. He enabled each person to hear in His own language. Around 3,000 trusted Christ that day.

### The prayer seminar

It is a joy to teach God's children about His provisions for them during the prayer seminar. It is equally thrilling to see the Holy Spirit bring the Word of God alive in the minds and hearts of the participants.

If you are not as close to the Lord Jesus Christ as you once were, the reason may be that you have forgotten or have failed to accept His provisions for you. When we drift along, as many do, we can be sure that Satan is pleased.

One truth that is obvious is that Satan does not have ground to stand on, unless we give him the ground (**Ephesians 4:27**). If you have given him ground to stand on, you must get it back. **James 4:7** tells how this is done. There are two steps. First "submit yourself to God"—which means confessing and forsaking known sin (conviction, repentance, confession, receiving forgiveness and cleansing, change of direction and surrendering to the Holy Spirit). It is only then that you will be in a position to exercise the special authority He provides to "resist the devil [so] he will flee from you."

### Your decision

Make a decision today to learn biblical teachings on God's provisions for you as His child. Don't be satisfied until you have implemented these provisions in your own life.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

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### Perseverance

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"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all **PERSEVERANCE** and supplication for the saints" (**Ephesians 6:18**).

We are to pray "*with all perseverance*" which means that when we are praying we are to hold on, hold out, not faint, not quit, and not yield to discouragement. Paul had told the Romans: "*Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, and continuing instant in prayer*" (**Romans 12:12**).

It is easy to be deflected by the pressure of other things and give up. Many no longer have prayer lives because they have given up.

If you have quit praying, start doing it again, or you are headed for trouble. Prayer is never going to be something that comes automatically. It is a matter of personal discipline. We have to "*redeem the time*" (**Ephesians 5:16**, **Colossians 4:5**) and take time to be holy. We have to "*exercise ourselves unto godliness*" (**1 Timothy 4:7**).

As we understand the place of prayer, we are to persevere regardless of the cost. Otherwise, we will become casualties in the war.

Satan has "wiles" to discourage us in persevering. If you have had two good days, he tries to get you to believe it will always be like that. Then on the third day, when it doesn't work, he comes and says: "You've blown it now. There is no use trying anymore." Satan is a master in getting us to believe because we missed a day of prayer, we might as well cancel our prayer ministry.

## Jerry Falwell 1933—2007



Dr. Falwell & Dr. Henry

Of all the colleagues I have had professionally, Jerry Falwell was undoubtedly the greatest visionary with whom I have worked. Between the years of 1972 and 1980 (six years on campus and two years as a consultant), my job was to take his vision for an educational institution of higher learning and bring it to a level of reality. The attestation of success was Liberty Baptist College's being granted accredited status by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools—a goal shared by Dr. Falwell in my initial interview with him—faster than any other institution.

The daily challenge was to keep up with Dr. Falwell's vision. I reminded him quite often that he was constantly throwing balls in the air expecting them to be caught and given proper attention, which was virtually impossible.

On Tuesday, May 15, Dr. Falwell's work on-site was completed and God sent an angel to take him home to glory. One need only to visit the beautiful campus of Liberty University, which houses the Lynchburg Christian Academy, and the Thomas Road Baptist Church to see the hand of God upon Dr. Falwell's ministry. His radio-television ministry continues to thrive. My own introduction to Dr. Falwell included his telecast that was entitled "Sunday Morning at Thomas Road." I could hardly wait for the next record. One of his messages that I have used over the years in motivating my colleagues at the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) during our most challenging years was one entitled "What to Do When the Brook Dries Up"—based on the story of Elijah.

Pastor-Teacher, Educator, Missionary Statesman, Friend are all correct designations for Jerry Falwell, but the one title that will forever stay with me is VISIONARY. Truly, he had the world on his heart and determined to do everything possible to reach souls for the Lord Jesus Christ and His Kingdom.

I could fill many pages of memorable moments with Dr. Falwell. We had no campus during those early days utilizing church properties and rented facilities. It was obvious that the Thomas Road property could not house the institution that he envisioned. We prayed not only for the income to come in to sustain us (tuition at that time was almost nothing), but for a permanent home. One day he called me to go with him to the site that he believed God was directing for a new campus. The two of us went to what is now called Liberty Mountain. He shared his vision for a campus that would serve 50,000. As we knelt to pray, we agreed together that we wanted what would bring God glory.

My first work after we moved to Lynchburg in May 19972 was to travel each weekend to Winchester, Virginia, to plant a new church, now known as the Shenandoah Valley Baptist Church. My agreement was to stay with them until there were one-hundred members. In ten months, I baptized ninety-nine. A date was fixed to organize with Dr. Falwell as the keynote speaker. At no cost to the church, he flew to Winchester and brought the LBC Chorale. That was the kind of man he was--always giving.

The last time that Sue and I went to hear him preach at Thomas Road his message was on leaving a legacy. As usual, it was a powerful, thought-provoking message. All of us should be reminded that everyone must die and we must be ready at any moment for death or for the Lord's return. May God continue to build on Dr. Falwell's legacy in Lynchburg and around the world; may we be faithful in building our own legacy for family, friends, and for the world around us. I am thankful for Dr. Falwell and for the opportunity to build the academic foundation for Liberty University. **"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints" (Psalm 116:15).**

## Putting on the armor

“Finally, my brethern, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. [You] put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil . . . take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand” (**Ephesians 6:10-11,13**).

Most of us know George Duffield’s hymn “Stand up, Stand up for Jesus.” He clearly understood that prayer was putting on the armor.

“Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Stand in His strength alone,  
The arm of flesh will fail you,  
You dare not trust your own.  
Put on the Gospel armor,  
Each piece put on with prayer,  
Where duty calls nor danger,  
Be never wanting there.”

Duffield understood that it is through prayer that the spiritual armor is appropriated. It is how we get spiritually dressed for the conflict.

Warren Wiersbe, retired Director of Back to the Bible radio broadcast, shared that in his morning devotional time, he puts on the armor piece by piece. He stressed that he has found that the morning devotional time is the best time to put on the armor—getting ready for the day. He first gives God his body, his mind, and will. He asks the Holy Spirit to fill him and then by faith puts on the pieces of the armor. His prayer goes something like this:

“Father, thank you for the provision You have made for victory over Satan. Now, by faith, I put on the **girdle of truth**. May my life today be motivated by truth. Help me to maintain integrity. By faith, I put on the **breastplate of righteousness**. May my heart love that which is righteous and refuse what is sinful. Thank you for the imputed righteousness of Christ. By faith, I put on the **shoes of peace**. Help me to stand in Christ’s victory today. Help me to be a peacemaker and not a troublemaker. By faith, I take the **shield of faith**. May I trust you and your Word today and not add fuel to any of Satan’s darts. Thank you that I can go into this day without fear. By faith, I put on the **helmet of**

**salvation**. May I remember today that Jesus is coming again. Help me to live in the future tense. Protect my mind from discouragement and despair. By faith, I take the **sword of the Spirit**. Help me to remember Your Word and to use it today. Father, by faith I have put on the armor. May this be a day of victory.”

Wonder what would happen if we prayed through that prayer in the morning in our own preparation for the day? It is interesting that the first activity mentioned after the armor is on is prayer (**Ephesians 6:18**). It is obvious that the reason that you put on the armor is to have protection during battle. The battle is fought in the place of prayer. You will never win the war if you do not know where the battle is fought and prepare yourself by putting on the armor that God has provided.

Paul asked for the prayers of his friends for himself, but not for comfort or peace. He asked that prayer helpers would stand with him praying that he be allowed to tell God’s secret—that God’s love is for all men in all the world.

We would do well to remember Christian leaders and Christian preachers need God’s people more than ever to hold up their hands in prayer.

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## Israel’s birthday: May 14

“I will bless those who bless you . . . and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed” (**Genesis 12:3**). “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May they prosper who love you. May peace be within your wall” (**Psalms 122:6-7**).

On May 14, 1948, Israel became a nation once again. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (**Psalms 122:6**). Pray for the evangelization of the Jews living in Israel and for those scattered around the world.

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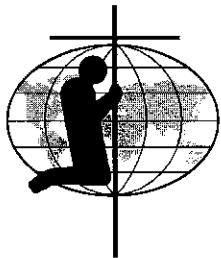
You need to keep praying. If you missed yesterday, pray today. If you did not pray all last week, start today. Praying is so important to our survival and success as Christians, we cannot let it be any less than our top priority.

# DOORKEEPER PRAYER CALENDAR

## JUNE 2007

"I will give myself to prayer..."

**Psalm 109:4b**



**Basic principles**

"Ask [and keep on asking]..."

**Matthew 7:7**

1. Be specific (James 4:2b)
2. With right motive to glorify God, not self (James 4:3)
3. Pray for laborers (Luke 10:2)

### FRIDAY, JUNE 1

**PSALM 1-6 (Ecuador 11.5M)**

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)

Burnace Abrams (OH)

Joseph W. Adams (OH)

Mae Adams (NC)

Marie Adams (VA)

Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)

Rosalee Adams (VA)

Norma Ailes (FL)

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

### SATURDAY, JUNE 2

**PSALM 7-12 (Ecuador 11.5M)**

Leonor Avila (MD)

Lon & Denise Anderkin (FL)

Milcie Arnold (VA)

Solomon & Kriskna Arrington (MD)

Kenneth Banks (NC)

Carolyn Barkley (NY)

Steven & Marie Basilici (NC)

Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

John & Joan Bateman (PA)

### SUNDAY, JUNE 3

**(Ecuador 11.5M)**

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)

Jean Beasley (TN)

Tommy & Sue Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Bethesda Ministries

Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)

Dorothy Spickard Biddle (TN)

Stephen & Joyce Bishop (VA)

Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)

### MONDAY, JUNE 4

**PSALM 13-18 (Ecuador 11.5M)**

Bob & Jewel Bouchard (KY)

William & Debbie Bowden (MD)

Gordon & Chloe Ann Bowyer (VA)

Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Emilee & Kimberlee Bradshaw (VA)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Von M. Bridges (TX)

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Shirley Brown (VA)

### TUESDAY, JUNE 5

**PSALM 19-24 (Ecuador 11.5M)**

Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)

Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

Janice Bugg (TN)

Alvin & Berthena Bullard (FL)

Ruby Burger (TN)

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Lew & Mary Campbell (ID)

Joreatha Capers (FL)

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

**PSALM 25-30 (Ecuador 11.5M)**

Ron & Julia Carlin (AL)

David & Martha Cecil (VA)

Merry J Chandler (MD)

Mary Clark (VA)

Margarie Coffee (VA)

Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)

Ted & Terry Cooper (SC)

Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)

Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

### THURSDAY, JUNE 7

**PSALM 31-36 (Peru 28.3M)**

Joel & Paula Criz (HI)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)

Bill & Beverly Curtis (PA)

Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)

Ida J. Davis (GA)

John & Margaret Davis (VA)

Mark and Charmaine Davis (VA)

Lelia Dean (FL)

Robert & Virginia DeBoer (NE)

Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

Nick & Wilma DeGroot (IL)

### FRIDAY, JUNE 8

**PSALM 37-44 (Peru 28.3M)**

Delmarva Evangelistic Church (MD)

Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor

Mary J. Dugans (LA)

Walt Edwards (NC)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Evalena Enoch (VA)

Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)

Lynne Farrow (NJ)

Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

### SATURDAY, JUNE 9

**PSALM 45-49 (Peru 28.3M)**

June Fisher (TN)

Josephine Fitzgerald (AL)

Claire & Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)

Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

Raymond & Estelle Gabbard (KY)

Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Carole B. Garvin (PA)

Frank & Doris Geiger (HI)

Robert & Sara George (GA)

### SUNDAY, JUNE 10

**(Peru 28.3M)**

Frances Glass (AL)

Gloucester Co. Community Church

Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)

Ronald & Maryann Gold (CO)

Odether Gray (GA)

Eddie & Georgianna Green (NC)

Linda Gregory (NJ)

Tim & Merry Gregory (VA)

Sue Hamm (KY)

Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)

Jim & Joyce Hengood (FL/CT)

### MONDAY, JUNE 11

**PSALM 50-54 (Peru 28.3M)**

Bruce & Gina Henry (VA)

Doug Henry (TN)

J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

Jacqueline Henry (VA)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Roger Henry (OH)

Susan & Jamey Henry (TN)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John & Glenda Holland (VA)

Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA)

### TUESDAY, JUNE 12

**PSALM 55-59 (Peru 28.3M)**

Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)

Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)

Sam & Linda Hough (VA)

Lamar & Cindy Sue Houser (MD)

Bonnie Houston (TN)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

H. J. & Paula Hutchins (MS)

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

**PSALM 60-66 (Peru 28.3M)**

Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)

Louis & May Jenkins (DC)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Jonathan & Julie Jobe (NC)

Peter & Millicent John (NY)

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)  
Tara Johnson (KY)  
Wilbur & Gwendolyn Johnson (AZ)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 14**

**PSALM 67-72 (Peru 28.3M)**

James Jones (FL)  
Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)  
W I & Eloise Jones (SC)  
Howard & Suzie Kauffman (GA)  
Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)  
Joyce Kelley (OR)  
Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)

Bruce Kirby, Pastor

Alice Kern (NJ)

Archie & Mary King (TN)

Kenneth & Bonnie Kirby (PA)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 15**

**PSALM 73-77 (Peru 28.3M)**

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)  
Sherry Klutz (WA)  
Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH)  
Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)  
Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)  
Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk

Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)

Phil & Loetta Landers (OK)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16**

**PSALM 78-83 (Egypt 78.9M)**

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)  
Bob Lawrence (MD)  
Kevin & Kay Layne (NC)  
Kehaunani L. S. Lee (HI)  
Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)  
Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)  
Kevin & Stacy Logsdon (KY)  
Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 17**

Kenneth & Debra Magee (SC)

Manship Chapel (DE)

Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)

Larry & Sue Mason (VA)

Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA)

Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)

Bill & Mirlle Matheny (VA)

Deborah Mathias (NY)

Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)

Bill & Shirley Maybin (SC)

**MONDAY, JUNE 18**

**PSALM 84-89 (El Salvador 6.8M)**

Sid & Jane McLaughlin (AL)

Jim & Lin McLean (TN)

Leonard & Martha Meador (VA)

Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)

Memorial Christian Church (VA)

Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)

Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)

Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)

Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 19**

**PSALM 90-97 (Eq Guinea 540,109)**

Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)

Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)

Katherine Morgan (VA)

Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)

Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20**

**PSALM 98-103 (Eritrea 4.8M)**

Tom & Ann Palumbo (NJ)

Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)

Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

Luther & Leslie Poellnitz (MD)

Ben Poplin (VA)

Ayers & Nina Porter (TN)

Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)

Brandon Jeanne, Maggie Pribble (VA)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 21**

**PSALM 104-106 (Estonia 1.3M)**

Phyllis Reed (NH)

Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)

Cynthia Roach (VA)

Windi & Caleb Roach (OK)

John & Sandra Roberts (FL)

Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)

David & Cathie Rocke (IA)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 22**

**PSALM 107-110 (Ethiopia 74.\*M)**

Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)

Bob & Shirley Rose (MJ)

John Saint (PA)

Don & Marie Satterwhite (MD)

David & Betty Schaum (NY)

Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)

Dwayne Schmaltz (WI)

Gary & Sandy Schnitjzer (PA)

Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23**

**PSALM 111-118 (Falkland 2,927)**

Philip & Wendy Schrank (WI)

John & Peggy Seibert (AL)

Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)

Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)

Eric Farel, Pastor

Nellie F. Shepard (CT)

Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)

Mary Skiles (KS)

Doris Snyder (FL/OH)

John & Helen Sourlis (MD)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 24**

LeRoy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)

Marion J. Stansell (TX)

Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

Gordon & Carol Stewart (AZ)

Gary/Leta Fern Stillwagon (GA)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA/FL)

Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

**MONDAY, JUNE 25**

**PSALM 119 (Faroe Isles 47,246)**

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)

William Stroman, Pastor

Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)

Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)

Stephanie Taylor (GA)

Temple of Praise (TX)

Gilbert Perez, Pastor

Mona Henry Thomas (VA)

Mildred V. Thompson (GA)

Paula Tipton (TN)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 26**

**PSALM 120-127 (Fiji 905,949)**

William & Katie Toney (NC)

Virginia Trask (VA)

Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)

Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)

Malcom Troutman (KY)

Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)

Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)

Sara Underwood (TN)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27**

**PSALM 128-134 (Finland 5.2M)**

Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)

Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)

George & Jeanette Vernarchik (NY)

Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)

Tommy Waddell (TN)

Horace & Becky Ward (NC)

Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)

Beau Ware (VA)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 28**

**PSALM 135-139 (France 60.1M)**

Kay Warmerdam (TX)

Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)

Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)

Alan & Shirley Whitmore (TN)

Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)

George & Virginia Whitner (FL)

Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

Edward & Virginia Williams (NC)

Julie L. Wilson (PA)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 29**

**PSALM 140-145 (Fr Guiana 199,509)**

**Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo)**

**Stephen Latong (Nigeria)**

**Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (S Africa)**

**Adam & Dianna Nathanson**

**(Venezuela)**

**Andrew J.Sakari (Kenya)**

**Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)**

**Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)**

**Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30**

**PSALM 146-150 (Fr Polynesia 274,578)**

Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)

Dot Winfield (MD)

Amos Wipf (GA)

The Word Church (NJ)

Buz Offenbacher, Pastor

Greg & Lori Worley (GA)

Todd & Stephanie Wright (KY)

Lili Wykle (VA)

Robin & Deborah Yohee (PA)

## Begin the day with God

*"My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning I will direct it to You, and I will look up."*

**Psalms 5:3**

David was indeed a man "after God's own heart" (**1 Samuel 13:14**), for he promised God that He would hear his voice in the morning.

As a Christian, it is important how you begin your day. Ralph Cushman, a later poet, expressed a spiritual truth this way:

"So I think I know the secret

Learned from many a troubled way,  
You must seek God in the morning  
If you want Him through the day."

One would think that Jesus, being the very Son of God, would not have needed to pray. There are actually twenty-one examples of His praying in the Gospels. The Scripture says that, "In the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed" (**Mark 1:35**).

What, then, is the secret? Seek God in the morning if you want Him through the day! Begin your day with God and it will make a difference.

Begin your day with God. Don't wait until you have messed up your day and have to come to God to put the pieces back together.

*"Finally, brethren, pray for us that the Word of the Lord may have free course."*

**2 Thessalonians 3:1**

### June

- 1-5 Prayer Seminars, Ecuador
- 6-15 Prayer Seminars, Peru
- 23-24 Nathanson, Baltimore MD

### July

- 16-17 Beacon University--IOM  
Brunswick, GA

- 26- Southern Cross Ministry

- Aug 4 Sue Henry, Thailand

## The difference

I got up early one morning  
and rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I didn't have time to pray.  
Problems just tumbled about me  
And heavier came each task.  
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.  
He answered, "You didn't ask."  
I wanted to see joy and beauty,  
But the day toiled on, gray and bleak,  
I wondered why God didn't show me.  
He said, "But you didn't seek."  
I tried to come into God's presence  
And used all my keys at the lock,  
God gently and lovingly chided,  
"My child, you didn't knock."  
I work up early this morning,  
And paused before entering the day,  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I had to take time to pray.

-Author unknown

## WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELF

- ✓ enjoying any book more than your Bible,
- ✓ loving any person more than our Lord Jesus Christ,
- ✓ seeking the fellowship of men more than that of the Holy Spirit,
- ✓ coveting any pleasure more than your prayer times,
- ✓ reverencing any house more than the House of God,
- ✓ satisfied with any table more than the Lord's Table,
- ✓ or delighted with any prospect more than the return of the Lord Jesus.

**THEN YOU NEED A REVIVAL IN YOUR OWN HEART! THERE IS A LAND OF BEGINNING AGAIN!**



## I must tell Jesus



One hymn, I Must Tell Jesus, that often comes to my mind was written by Elisha A. Hoffman in 1893. A minister's son, Hoffman attended Union Seminary in New Berlin, Pennsylvania, and was ordained in 1868. Afterward, he worked with the Evangelical Association's publishing arm in Cleveland, Ohio, for eleven years. He pastored churches in Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois. In his lifetime, Hoffman wrote over 2,000 Gospel songs including these that I have used in my own ministry for many years: (1) Are You Washed in the Blood? (2) Down at the Cross (3) Is Thy Heart Right with God? (4) Is Your All on the Altar? (5) Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, (6) No Other Friend Like Jesus and (7) Sing of Jesus.

### **Background**

In his own words, Hoffman gave the background for I Must Tell Jesus. "There was a woman to whom God had permitted many visitations of sorrow and affliction. Coming to her home one day, I found her much discouraged. She unburdened her heart, concluding, 'Brother Hoffman, what shall I do?' I quoted from the word, then added, 'You cannot do better than to take all of your sorrows to Jesus. You must tell Jesus.'

For a moment she seemed lost in meditation. Then her eyes lighted as she exclaimed, 'Yes, I must tell Jesus.' As I left her home I had a vision of that joy-illuminated face ... and I heard all along my pathway the echo, 'I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus.'"

Hoffman wrote these words and the music after reaching home. File this away because,

sooner or later, you will face burdens and will need to tell Jesus.

I must tell Jesus all of my trials,  
I cannot bear these burdens alone;  
In my distress He kindly will help me,  
He ever loves and cares for His own.

Refrain:

I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!  
I cannot bear my burdens alone;  
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!  
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

I must tell Jesus all of my troubles,  
He is a kind, compassionate friend;  
If I but ask Him, He will deliver,  
Make of my troubles quickly an end.

Refrain

Tempted and tried, I need a great Savior,  
One Who can help my burdens to bear;  
I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus,  
He all my cares and sorrows will share.

Refrain

O how the world to evil allures me!  
O how my heart is tempted to sin!  
I must tell Jesus, and He will help me  
Over the world the victory to win.

Refrain

### **The role of music**

Music is an excellent way to plant spiritual principles into our minds that will guide our responses to life's circumstances. Anyone who takes time to reflect on the truths embedded in the great hymns of the faith written by Elisha A. Hoffman would become an advocate of returning them to our worship services today. One of the mistakes that churches are making is to move away from the hymns of the faith in favor of what is known as "contemporary Christian music" that often exalts man, not the Lord. Clearly, the Holy Spirit often anoints the words, the music, and the singing that helps us remember that God is our strength, our song, and our salvation (**Psalm 118:14, Isaiah 12:2**).

## Growing your prayer life

Sunday Bwanhot  
Second in a series.

### PRACTICAL STEPS TO GROWING YOUR PRAYER LIFE

#### 2. Why Pray?

Last month, we defined prayer as fellowship or communion with God. This definition also provides the strongest motivation on why we should pray. First, we should pray because fellowship, or communion, requires a dialogue—God and you! God does not need you and me to be God and He is not less fulfilled because someone is refusing to have fellowship with Him. We, rather than God, are the ones who desperately need to reconnect with God. Our search for meaning in life and ways to make our lives count are expressions of our deep longing to reconnect with the God who made us. As long as people do not get to the point of “dialoguing” (praying) with God regularly, their lives will remain empty, unfulfilled, frustrating and even depressing. A second reason to pray is that your own resources cannot meet your needs. Therefore, you need to turn to God who owns everything and can supply all your needs. Thirdly, God commands us to pray. Whether there is benefit in praying or not, that is beside the point. We cannot ignore God’s command to pray or any other command for that matter and go scot free.

God delights in your prayers, don’t deny Him. Your family, friends, and nation, are being supported by your prayers; don’t pull the plug on them. You yourself need your own prayer to remain sane in this world; don’t go crazy by not praying.

#### A testimony from Michigan

God made me aware not only of what I need to change, but how to change. I’ve wanted a stronger, committed prayer life. The prayer seminar has given me tools I can use to begin. Thank you for coming to our church. May God bless you and your ministry.

L. H., Kalamazoo



## NOTES from my BIBLE

*Note 1086.* The loneliest place in the world is the heart where Jesus is absent

*Note 1087.* Anyone who angers you conquers you.

*Note 1088.* Love was not put into your heart to stay; love isn’t love until you give it away.

*Note 1089.* The major part of self control is mouth control.

*Note 1090.* A man who has made a promise is in debt.

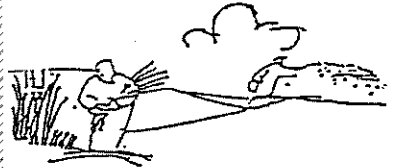
### DOORKEEPER REPORT

“We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers”

1 Thessalonians 1:2

April 23-May 22, 2007

Regular	43	\$2,655.00
Ecuador/Peru	42	3,398.00
Total	85	\$6,053.00



Thanks! Doorkeepers!

Amazing! Thirteen nations were represented in the May 4-6 prayer seminar in Montreal, Canada. Thanks for your prayer support. God is using Pastor Walker to touch many lives.

Welcome, New Doorkeepers!  
Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)  
Jerry & Sandra Hodges (VA)  
Temple of Praise (TX)  
(Dr. Gilbert Perez, Pastor)  
Brandon & Jeanne Pribble (VA)

“Laborers together with God”  
1 Corinthians 3:9

## **For all men and for me**

Often our prayers are too much for ourselves and too little for others. We need to learn to pray as much, and as intensely for others as we do for ourselves. The Lord's work everywhere is to be included in the parameters of our praying. We are to intercede for one another. The Roman soldiers were trained to look after each other. We need to come to the point we pray fully and freely for each other.

Paul says, "*pray for all saints and for me.*" In the New Testament, "saints" is always plural. God looks at saints corporately. The purpose of our praying is to remember "*all saints.*" We are never to forget that we are in a family. In the Model Prayer, Jesus taught us to pray "OUR Father," not "MY Father."

Only when Job started praying for his friends was his captivity turned (**Job 42:10**).

### **How to pray for others**

Do you know how to pray for others? There is no better approach in learning than to start with Paul's prayers recorded in his epistles. As you read, look for what Paul prayed for others and you will soon understand the direction for your prayers for others.

In his prayers, Paul prayer that the believers might have "*wisdom and power*" (**Ephesians 1:18-19**), "*strength in the inner man*" (**Ephesians 3:16-19**), and "*discernment*" (**Philippians 1:9-11**). He prayed for them to "*have knowledge of God's will*" (**Colossians 1:9**), "*a growing love for one another*" (**Colossians 3:10-13**), "*be worthy of their calling*" (**2 Thessalonians 1:11-12**), "*be comforted and established*" (**2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**), "*steadfast in their love for God*" (**2 Thessalonians 3:5**), "*live a quiet and peaceable life*" (**1 Timothy 2:1-2**), and "*recognize all they have in Christ*" (**Philemon 6**). Either Paul, or some other writer, prayed that God would work in believers "*that good will which is pleasing unto Him*" (**Hebrews 13:20-21**).

How unlike our praying that centers so much on material matters and for such things as "physical healing." What would happen if we

prayed for Christians following Paul's pattern—that they might understand the will of God, learn to love one another better, that they would have a sense of discernment about all the things going on around them? Every one of us, without exception, need what Paul prayed for in our lives. What a difference it would make in lives today if we were praying for each other as he did.

## **Consider this**

"My people do not consider" (**Isaiah 1:3**)

A father told of taking his son to the train during World War II to bid him good-bye. The son was going to overseas duty at a critical time when many young men were dying in the war. He drove home, paused in his front yard, and looked at a brilliant Florida sky at sunset. "Oh, God," he said, "for the first time I think I understand what it meant for You to give Your only begotten Son."

"God demonstrates His love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (**Romans 5:8**)

## **THE ROAD TO HEAVEN**

**continued from page one**

the Cross shedding His blood for our sins and by trusting Him, a person can be saved.

I was six days away from my thirteenth birthday when I trusted Jesus and my life was changed forever. The joy was so pervasive that I hardly remember my feet touching the ground!

If you cannot answer the question definitely and positively, you need to put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ now. If you have the faith to turn to him, that is all the faith you need. You can do it today and experience the joys of salvation. The Door is unlocked! Trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior is life's most important decision!

If you have missed the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, let us know. We will then send you our book, *Let Him Save Us*, to help you get started in your new life with Christ.

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PRAY FOR A MIGHTY MOVING OF GOD  
DURING THE PRAYER SEMINARS  
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PRAY THAT GOD WILL GET GLORY!

## A world vision

**Do you have the world on your heart, yet?**

We are living in a remarkable era of history. Due to the modern transportation and God's personal blessings, many believers are able to travel to other nations on what is called "short-term missions." Without fail, they come back changed with a vision of the world, and their place in it, that they will never forget. The privilege of going personally, regardless of sacrifice required—and the sacrifice is often heavy, indeed—is a precious opportunity and is worth the effort. Have you gone to other nations for the Lord Jesus Christ?

Before you answer, let me remind you that you may not have the privilege and opportunity of going physically to other nations, but everyone of us can go individually with our prayers and our money. **Through the prayer seminar ministry, many of you have been able to have an impact in forty-eight nations by investing both prayers and finances.**

**Over one-hundred of you provided funds to make it possible to provide prayer seminars in Venezuela in April and for up-coming prayer seminars in Ecuador and Peru in June. You said, "I cannot go ... You go" (Jeremiah 36:5-6a). Thank you for your partnership.**

When Sue and I are serving as your missionaries in other nations, there is not a day that passes when we do not remember that you are serving with us.

As your church supports missions, you have a part as well. As you give to missions through your local church, you are involved in fulfilling the Great Commission. It is important, also, to understand that you can be a missionary in your local community as you share Christ and let the salt get out of the salt shaker.

It is all of His wonderful grace that we have salvation, a ministry, and a call to share with others around the world. Determine to be faithful in doing your part to fulfill the Great Commission. No matter your age or circumstances, you can have a part in world evangelization.