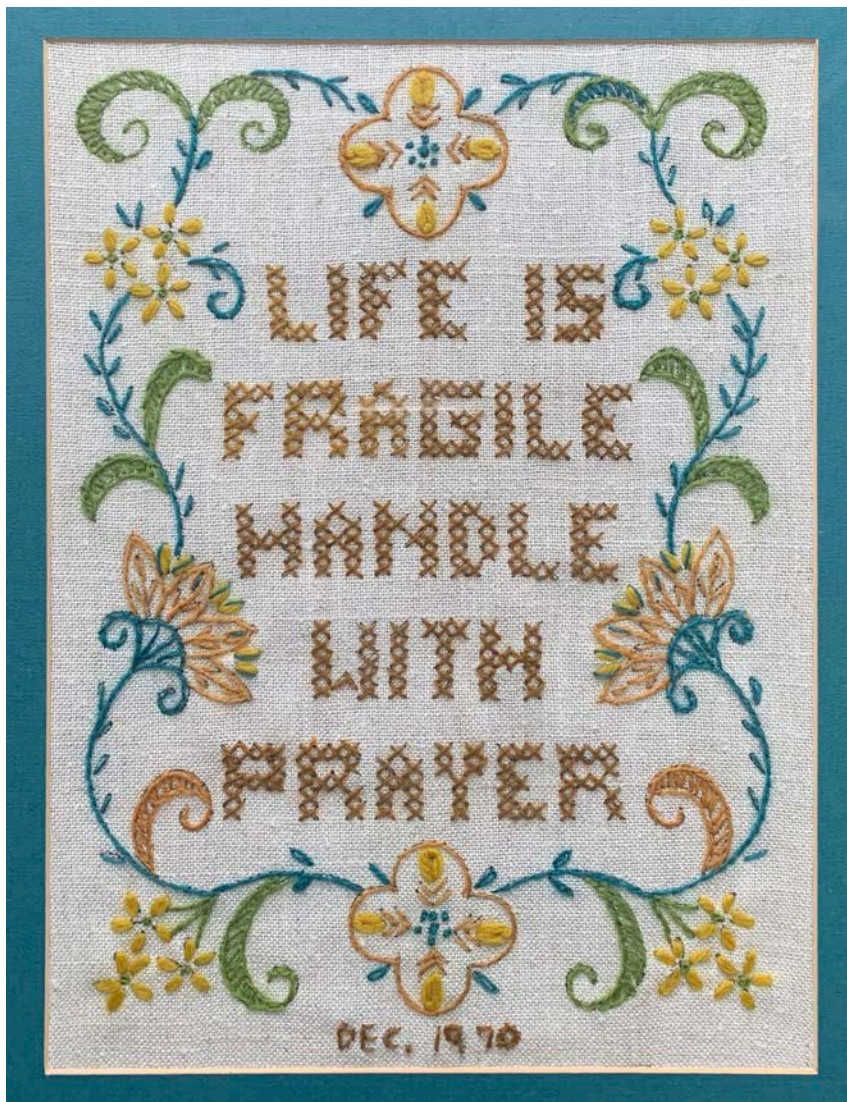


# REFLECTOR

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A 2002 GIFT FROM ELIZABETH SMITH (MRS. RAYMOND)  
OUR NEIGHBOR ON LAKEVIEW DRIVE. BOTH ARE  
NOW WITH THEIR LORD IN HEAVEN.



## Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

A very learned man once said to a little child who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ: "My little girl, you don't know whom you believe in. There are many who have said that they were Christ. In which of these do you believe?"

"I know which one I believe in," quickly replied the child. "I believe in the One who was raised from the dead!"

**He**, the one despised, rejected (**Isaiah 53:3**)

**Evermore**, triumphant, liveth! (**Revelation 1:18**)

Into hearts, **He** comes as Savior (**Revelation 3:20**)

**Sin** He conquers; life He giveth! (**John 3:36**).

**Robed** in garments bright with splendor (**Revelation 2:13**)

**In** the midst He stands and speaketh (**John 20:19**)

**See** the Son of God eternal (**John 3:16**)

**Ever** praise to Him be given (**Revelation 5:12**)

Now, may we with Christ be risen! (**Colossians 3:1**)

**To whom the Lord appears.** "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared unto Simon" and "to as many as receive Him" and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (**Luke 24:34, John 1:12, Hebrews 9:28**).

**Our mandate.** "**COME**, **SEE** the place where the Lord lay, and **GO** quickly and **TELL** His disciples that He is risen from the dead" (**Matthew 28:6-7**)

**Hope, peace, joy.** Christ is alive! The early Christians proclaimed that truth. They believed that the same power that raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will work in and through us to rescue us from our doubts, our darkness, our failure, and even our death.

As we look at the world today, we cannot help but be disturbed by what

is happening. But the resurrection of Christ tells us as His followers that we need not press the panic button. It is true that we are concerned and burdened, and it is certain we are going to pray, but we do not cry in terror as others do. We have Hope, peace, and joy.

The day before John Huss, a 15th century martyr condemned for his faith in Christ, was to be burned at the stake, he wrote, "I write this in prison and in chains, expecting tomorrow to receive the sentence of death, full of hope in God that I shall not swerve from the truth."

Is this hope and peace and joy yours? Can you face death with a smile, with full confidence that you are going into the presence of Christ?

You can have this hope if you are willing to turn from sin and trust Christ. You can do it now, "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9). Call on Him to save you. Put your trust in Him. Then confess Him before others. When you do, your name will be written in the Lamb's Book of Life, the Holy Spirit will come to live in you, and when you die you will have a home in Heaven.

Yours in Calvary love,

*J. Gordon Henry*



I asked Jesus,  
 "How much do You love me?"  
 And Jesus said,  
 "This much ..."  
 Then He spread His arms,  
 And died for me.

## HALLELUJAH!

In the bonds of Death He lay  
 Who for our offence was slain;  
 But the Lord is risen today,  
 Christ has brought us life again,  
 Wherefore let us all rejoice,  
 Singing loud, with cheerful voice,

HALLELUJAH!

—Martin Luther

THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED!

"He arose from death and all its sorrow,  
 To dwell in that land of joy and love;  
 He is coming back some glad tomorrow, And He'll  
 take all His children home above."

## Sunday Commemoration—Resurrection

Every Sunday—the first day of the week—commemorates our Lord's resurrection from the dead. The reason that His people gather together to worship on the Lord's Day is to celebrate afresh and anew the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ for our sins (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Once a year, the first day after the Jewish Passover, we celebrate His resurrection in what is termed "Easter Sunday." Christ, our Passover and God's Lamb, was sacrificed for our redemption from sin. We rejoice in the sufficiency of His shed blood to wash away our guilt and to give us a new standing with God. We joy in His glorious bodily resurrection and in the knowledge that He lives today! We serve a Risen Savior.

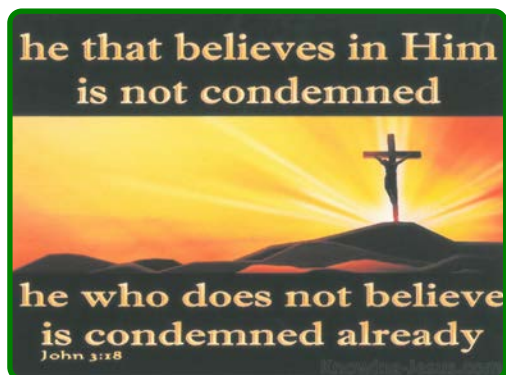
If Christ be not risen—  
Then on Easter day,  
No music and no singing,  
No flower in bright array.  
No preacher in the pulpit—  
To counsel and to guide;  
No living Word of God—  
In whom we can confide.

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!  
Oh, hear the angel tell!  
The earth awakes in splendor,  
As glad Hosannas swell.  
Risen in power and glory  
Triumphant o'er the grave;  
He lives to bring deliverance—  
To succor and to save.

If Christ be not risen—  
Instead of joy comes gloom;  
No solace for the mourner  
No hope beyond the tomb;  
No power to lift the fallen,  
No balm for the sufferers' pain;  
If Christ then, be not risen,  
Our preaching is in vain.

The Son of God is risen—  
With healing in His rays;  
Risen in the hearts of those,  
Who seek to know His ways.  
When on the great resurrection morn,  
Risen with Him, we reign,  
We'll sing the song of the ransomed,  
His death was not in vain

Edith Carr



He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:18 (NASB).



## Overheard in an Orchard



Said the Robin to the Sparrow,  
"I would surely like to know,  
Why these anxious human beings  
Rush about and worry so."

Said the Sparrow to the Robin,  
"Friend, I think that it must be,  
That they have no Heavenly Father,  
Such as cares for you and me."

"Behold the fowls of the air;  
for they sow not, neither do they  
reap, nor gather into barns; yet  
your Heavenly Father feedeth them.  
Are ye not much better than they?  
(Matthew 6:26)

## A friend

In a social function the conversation drifted to the subject of friendship. An athlete said, In my opinion, a friend is a balancing pole that enables us to walk the tight rope of life without falling. A physician said, I believe a friend may be likened to a soothing ointment for the cuts and bruises of life. A jeweler said, I think a friend is a golden link in the chain of life. Then a woman in mourning spoke up and said, **A friend is one who comes in when the world walks out.**

**DOES JESUS CARE? OH, YES!  
HE CARES! TRUST HIM AS  
YOUR SAVIOR AND FRIEND.**



**OUT OF THE BLUE, SUE AND I RECEIVED  
CHRISTMAS 2019 GREETINGS FROM JIMMY & ROSALYNN CARTER**

**"BLESSINGS, LOVE, AND PEACE TO YOU"**

**ART BY THE 39TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
WHO IS NOW 95 YEARS OLD.**

## God is Listening

God is listening  
To your every thought and fear.  
He wants you to whisper them  
In His loving ear.

As you grow closer to Him  
Your fears will slowly dim.  
As you talk and listen  
Each day that you begin.

Just think how He loves you,  
He is so like your daddy, He is!  
He wants you to sit and talk  
With Him for a while.

He wants! you to climb upon  
His lap and nestle close to Him.  
He says, tell Me all about it,  
I'm ready, my child, to listen  
To your cares and prayers.

So as you daily do this,  
You can show that you do  
Really care,  
And experience His tender  
Arms around you.  
And that this life He gave you  
You can surely bear

[Written with tears of thankfulness;  
As I write this, I often think of my  
own Dad who did this for me,]

Walt Sommers  
Forest, Virginia

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## NOTES from MY BIBLE

**Note 5056.** "When I cannot enjoy the faith of assurance, I live by the faith of adherence." **Matthew Henry**

**Note 5057.** Instant obedience is the only kind of obedience there is; delayed obedience is disobedience; partial obedience is disobedience.

**Note 5058.** Faith is not sense, nor sight, nor reason, but taking God at His Word.

**Note 5059.** The men who have done the most for God in this world have been early upon their knees. Trials are the food of faith.

**Note 5060.** Faith is not faith in faith itself, but faith in what Christ has done for me in His death and resurrection.

## ROPEHOLDER/DOORKEEPER REPORT

"We give thanks to God always for you all,  
making mention of you in our prayers."  
1 Thessalonians 1:2

2/20/2020-3/25/2020

Regular	67	\$7,111.00
Ropeholder-Kenya 1		150.00
Total	68	\$7,261.00



## PRAYER CALENDAR

**APRIL 2020**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalms 109:4b

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

1 Kings 1-3 (USA 330M)

Mae Adams (NC)

Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)

Norma Ailes (FL)

H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

David & Eunjoo Andersen (VA)

Marvin/Donna Anderson (VA)

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

Eldon & Gayle Armstrong (SC)

Leonor Avila (MD)

Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

1 Kings 4-8 (USA 330M)

Linda Beattie (PA)

Emily Baskin (TN)

Jean Beasley (TN)

Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Beulah Baptist Church (VA)

Dennis/Doreen Hollandsworth

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

1 Kings 9-11 (USA 330M)

Beverly Blankenship (TN)

Jimmy/Christina Borsh (VA)

Loretta Bolen (VA)

William/Debbie Bowden (NC)

Kathleen Boyce (PA)

David & Marna Boyd (OR)

Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Lurlene Braud (VA)

Michael Breed (WI)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

1 Kings 12-16 (USA 330M)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Judy Britt (GA)

Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Anne Campbell (VA)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)

Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)

Vernia Coleman (MD)

Mary Columbus (VA)

Kathie Connolly (VA)

Philip & Jennifer Cooke (VA)

Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)

Foster/Ravenna Covington (VA)

Barry & Melanie Cox (VA)

Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

1 Kings 17-19 (USA 330M)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)

Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

Barbara Custalow (VA)

Tina Darden (MD)

Bobby & Deborah Davis (VA)

John Davis (VA)

Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

Robert & Janice DeLong (VA)

Carolyn Dodd (VA)

Jo Ann Dudley (VA)

Micheal & Diane Eagle (VA)

Kathryn Eaton (ME)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

1 Kings 20-22 (USA 330M)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Jeff & Leann Englert (KY)

Don & Mary Enoch (FL)

Duane Eriean (WI)

Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

John & Susan Finnessy (MD)

James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

Nancy Fowser (NJ)

Claire/MaryAnn Fredstrom (NE)

Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

2 Kings 1-3 (USA 330M)

Emilee & Emma Fulcher (VA)

John & Kim Gaines (DE)

Ron & Kay Gavette (VA)

Gloucester Co. Community Ch

(NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor

Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)

Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)

Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)

Steve & Sue Gordon (VA)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

2 Kings 4-8 (USA 330M)

Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)

Dale & Mary Gray (IL)

Odether Gray (GA)

Linda Gregory (UT)

Mike Hall (IN)

Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)

Sadie Harris (VA)

Hazel Hartless (VA)

William & Sara Hefner (PA)

Mary Pat Hendrick (VA)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

2 Kings 9-12 (USA 330M)

Jim Hengoed (CT)

Gina Henry (VA)

J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

Jack Henry (TN)

James & Kathryn Henry (MS)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Roger & Sara Henry (OH)

Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 11

2 Kings 13-17 (USA 330M)

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)

Frank & Pat Hittings (VA)

Jeff Hodge (VA)

Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)

Bill Hogan (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John & Glenda Holland (VA)

Anita Horton (VA)

Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Joyce Hunt (TN)

Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)

Gene Jeffries (AR)

Mark & Debbie Jenifer (MD)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)

Millicent John (NY)

### MONDAY, APRIL 13

2 Kings 18-21 (USA 330M)

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)

Ben & Gwen Jones (MD)

Gwen Johnson (AZ)

Aaron & Iris Johnson (MD)

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)

Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)

Vicky Johnson (MD)

James Jones (FL)

Paul Jones (KY)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 14

1 Chronicles 1-9 (USA 330M)

Theo/Sherry Jones (MD)

W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

Mohan Katta (IL)

Suzie Kauffmann (NC)

Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)

Kerby Knob Baptist Church

(KY) Darren Hisel, Pastor

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

1 Chronicles 10-16 (USA 330M)

Harriet Kennedy (VA)

Louis & Jane Kiger (VA)

**PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL  
AWAKENING  
IN AMERICA!**

Larry & Janet King (NC)  
 Ken & Bonnie Kirby (PA)  
 Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)  
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (ID)  
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

1 Chronicles 17-21 (USA 330M)  
 Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk  
 Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)  
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)  
 Sylvia LaFond (ME)  
 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)  
 Phil & Edra Landers (OK)  
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)  
 Aaron & Wanda Lewis (MD)

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 17

1 Chronicles 22-27 (USA 330M)  
 Liberty University (VA)  
 Jerry Falwell Jr., President  
 Delores Liely (MD)  
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)  
 Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)  
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)  
 Don & Betty Lowry (SC)  
 Manship Chapel (DE)  
 Bruce & Vickie Tribbett

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

1 Chronicles 28-29 (USA 330M)  
 Wilma Marcum (KY)  
 Nick & Pat Markham (VA)  
 Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)  
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)  
 Beau Ware Masonry (VA)  
 Deborah Mathias (NY)  
 Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)  
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

R. O. & June McHaney (VA)  
 Nancy McPherson (ME)  
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)  
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)  
 Betsy Miedema (MI)  
 Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)  
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)  
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)

#### MONDAY, APRIL 20

2 Chronicles 1-5 (USA 330M)  
 Doris Moos (NJ)  
 Elaine Moser (MN)  
 Drever/Roberta Morton (VA)  
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)  
 Betty Nichols (VA)  
 NE Baptist College (VT)  
 Mark Ballard, President  
 Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)  
 Peter Dorn, Pastor

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

2 Chronicles 6-9 (USA 330M)  
 Zach & Jackie Olcott (VA)  
 Cliff & Mary Pavalonis (VA)  
 Pecks Baptist Church (VA)  
 Bryan Sheehan, Pastor  
 Sandy Pederson (MN)  
 Jack & Carolyn Peerman (VA)  
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)  
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

2 Chronicles 10-12 (USA 330M)  
 Greg & Christene Powell (VA)  
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)  
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)  
 Marjorie Randall (TX)  
 Dave Ricker (ME)  
 Joyce Riley (KY)  
 Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)  
 Cynthia Roach (VA)  
 John & Sandra Roberts (NC)  
 Dorlos & Betty Robinson (MS)  
 Isabel Robotham (NY)

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

2 Chronicles 13-16 (USA 330M)  
 James & Shelly Rode (FL)  
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)  
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)  
 John Saint (PA)  
 St Paul Baptist Church (IN)  
 C. L. Adams, Pastor  
 Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO)  
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)  
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

2 Chronicles 17-20 (USA 330M)  
 Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)  
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)  
 Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)  
 Shenandoah Valley Bapt Ch (VA)  
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)  
 Lola Simpson (NY)

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

2 Chronicles 21-25 (USA 330M)  
 Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)  
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)  
 Helen Sourlis (MD)  
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)  
 Carol Snow Stewart (CT)  
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)  
 Charles Stinson (VA)  
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 26

William Suttles (NC)  
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)  
 Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)  
 Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)

Ron Taylor (VA)  
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)  
 Jimmy & Mary Thomas (VA)  
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)  
 W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)  
 Montez Thompson (WI)  
 Cathy Tilton (VA)

#### MONDAY, APRIL 27

2 Chronicles 26-28 (USA 330M)  
 Paula Tipton (TN)  
 William & Katie Toney (NC)  
 Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)  
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)  
 Diane Troutman (KY)  
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)  
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)  
 Malcom Troutman (KY)  
 Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)  
 Frances Turpin (VA)

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 28

2 Chronicles 29-32 (USA 330M)  
 Sara Underwood (TN)  
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)  
 Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)  
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)  
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)  
 Mary Ann Voss (DE)  
 Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)  
 Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

2 Chronicles 33-34 (USA 330M)  
 Joyce Warpoole (TN)  
 Holland & Mary Warren (VA)  
 Rodger Watts (WI)  
 Frank & Nell Weer (KY)  
 Nancy Wetzel (KY)  
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)  
 Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)  
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)  
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)  
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 30

2 Chronicles 35-36 (USA 330M)  
 Eva Winebarger (VA)  
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)  
 Jon & Selenia Wood (PA)  
 Layden Wood (VA)  
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)  
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**APRIL PRAYER FOCUS**  
**USA (330M)**



# DAILY INTERCESSION:

J. GORDON & SUE HENRY  
ADAM & DIANNA NATHANSON

"Call upon Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things that you do not know" Jeremiah 33:3

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Aija Ozolins [John] (Latvia)

Bobby Smith [Cindy] (VA)

Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)

Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)

Esther Tan [Joseph] (Singapore)

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Othnel Wakili (Nigeria)

Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

**TELL IT TO JESUS!**

**PRAYER FOCUS:**  
**USA**  
**PROTECT US BY**  
**THY MIGHT**



"For lo, the winter is past . . . The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come . . ." (Song of Solomon 2:11-12).

"The Lord will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth" (Hosea 6:3).

I WANT MY CHURCH TO BE A  
PRAYING CHURCH!

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**THE BATON HAS BEEN PASSED TO ADAM NATHANSON**



**ADAM. A MASTER TEACHER, WITH STUDENTS, A SPANISH PRAYER SEMINAR WORKBOOK, A PEN, AND HIS BIBLE**



**GOD IS WORKING IN LATIN AMERICA**

## First ministry to another nation Cuba January 1960

### A PRECIOUS FIND

Although going through boxes and drawers of files accumulated over sixty-seven years of ministry is quite time-consuming, both Sue and I have been blessed by reading some of them. One is from the Rosedale (KY) Baptist Reflector (January 1960) when I was twenty-four years old and on my way to Cuba, my first ministry in another country.

#### Rosedale Baptist Reflector (VOL V, No. 2- January 12, 1960)

##### PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

While you are reading this edition of the Reflector, your pastor will be on his way to Keywest, Florida, where he and the other ministers will fly to Havana, Cuba early Wednesday morning, January 13<sup>th</sup>. The team will spend the next seven days preaching in revival meetings in Cuba.

Dr. Lopen Munoz, Secretary of Evangelism in Cuba for our Baptist work, has arranged our mission. As you know there is much Catholic opposition in Cuba. But our Baptist work is really going forward.

Please remember me in prayer while we are going for this revival. Let me express my deepest appreciation to each of you who have contributed to make this revival possible.

Also, I'm asking each member to be **ESPECIALLY** loyal to our church during the Sunday I am absent. Why not determine to make next Sunday a **HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY** with all of you making a determined effort to be present for all the Sunday services? Bring a friend with you!

I know that every soul that is won while we are on the preaching tour will be a tribute to those of you who are faithful here at home while we are away.

Remember to pray for our family [Sue, Mona, and Mark] while I am away! Call upon them if they can help you in any way. I know that is the desire of Sue.



**Family Begins when Mona arrived**

**NOTE: Reading the 1960 Reflector article evoked a journey down reminiscent trail.** I was twenty-four years old at the time. By that time we had two children, Mona (born April 24, 1958) and Mark (born October 8, 1959). Rosedale was founded by Rev. Eldred Taylor who was currently Secretary of Evangelism for the Kentucky Baptist Convention after having served as pastor for First Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky. When we arrived, Rosedale was a

community church. By the time of the trip to Cuba, many across the city and some from Madison County had been reached. God was blessing mightily.

My assignment in Cuba was to conduct an evangelistic crusade in Santa Clara Province at Placetas Baptist Church, four hours east of Havana. Seventy people came to Christ. I served as a local church pastor from 1953 until 1980 OVER 1,400 Sundays! God is good!

As the years passed, I completed my formal education with a master of arts degree from Eastern Kentucky University and a doctor's degree from the University of Kentucky. I began my career in education teaching English, History and other social sciences including freshmen civics and American government. I became the principal of the Berea City Schools, taught psychology at Averitt College in Danville, Virginia. and then human development at Eastern Kentucky University. At Eastern I became the director of Model Laboratory School, a department in the College of Education. Melody joined our family May 7, 1961. Over the years we have welcomed six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Sue graduated from Berea College's School of Nursing and earned a B.S. degree in psychology at Middle Tennessee State University. She held many positions in the churches and traveled to 43 nations.

We moved to Lynchburg, Virginia in April 1972 where I became the first Provost/Vice President for Academic

Affairs. My next educational position was president, Northeastern Bible College in Essex Fells, New Jersey, across the river from New York City. My last eleven years was serving as the executive director for the Transnational Association for Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) with headquarters in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

After TRACS was recognized by the U. S. Department of Education, I opted for early retirement to devote more time to the worldwide prayer seminar ministry. For five years I served as an educational consultant for colleges in California, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

The first prayer seminar was in September 1980. I averaged 52 prayer seminars a year through 2012 traveling almost three million miles conducting prayer seminars in 47 states, the District of Columbia. and 58 nations.

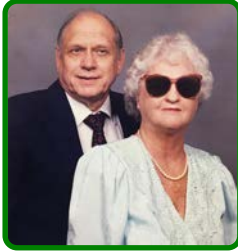
Fifteen years later in 1985, the first international prayer seminar was conducted in India. Then in 2010, fifty years after the first Placetas crusade, Adam Nathanson, my interpreter, and I had the privilege of returning to Placetas. Nine of the seventy who were saved fifty years earlier were present. At that time Digmar Garcia, the current director for JGHM: Cuba-Venezuela Branch, was serving as pastor of First Baptist Church, Placetas. We stand amazed at the Lord's blessings.

**WE love you LORD!**

**IT'S BEEN A GREAT JOURNEY!  
TO GOD BE THE GLORY!  
HITHERTO HAS THE LORD HELPED US!**



**DOORKEEPERS  
JOHN AND  
MARGARET  
DAVIS FACED  
TROUBLE  
FIRST-HAND**



**I lost my sight**

**Margaret Davis**

**10/10,1934-8/8,2013**

For forty years or more I walked the earth with sighted eyes, seldom bothering to look into the skies. I missed some smiles and I missed some frowns; I even found a few coins lying on the ground.

I felt guilty to partake of HIS cup. Then He put me on my back so I would look up. Lying in the darkness night after night, feeling so low and lonely, thinking of myself only, wondering if I had gotten my share of things that were fair. Feeling like a little whipped puppy, I knew God had put me on my back so I would look up.

My friends and family were so kind and true, When they were around, I wasn't even blue. I didn't darken a church door for five years or more, Those feelings inside I could not ignore, For with Him and friends I wanted to sup. He put me on my back so I would look up.

Now as I pray diligently night and day, I am more at ease and can cope more with my disease. Unworthy, I now partake of HIS cup. He surely had to put me on my back before so I would look up. And I really almost gave up.

**Spring memories**

**by Margaret Davis**

One can smell the freshness of the earth; Mother nature is about to give birth to all the bulbs and seeds. Thank You God for the flowers & trees.

The periwinkle, with its violet blue lights, on a bed of mossy green, A lovelier picture I've never seen. Yellow forsythia blooming everywhere. Thank You, Heavenly Father, for Your loving care.

The birds are singing and the children swinging; Off somewhere a dinner bell is ringing. Crocus, daffodils, and tulips peek out of the soil, Such fragrance & beauty makes it worth the toil. I'm not too proud to wash Jesus' feet with the finest oil.

There goes a toe-headed lad with his pole; He's running toward his favorite fishing hole; He dug red worms for his bait, For fishes to bite, I hope he can wait. Almighty God, thank you for the pearly gates.

I hear a little girl say, "Mother, may I go barefoot today?" Mother says, "No, not until the first of May." Mrs. Robin Redbreast is building her nest, For her babies she wants the best.

Here comes an April shower in all its glory; Of God's Son, I love to tell the story. Lilac bushes with all their blossoming hues, Thank You, Master, for the Gospel, the Good News.

Oh, look! Here comes the morning sun, Showing its brilliant face. Jesus, thank You for You love, mercy and grace. Who says God is dead? By His creation, word and power, our souls are richly fed. What a mighty God we serve!

## PRACTICAL STEPS TO GROWING YOUR PRAYER LIFE by SUNDAY & GRACE BWANHOT

### 4. Prayer requires planning.

As we consciously choose to obey God's call to pray and enjoy fellowship with Him, we must realize that without planning for it, it will not happen. Great ideas only become reality when we step into the field of play. Although the Holy Spirit may prompt us any time to pray, yet we know that this is just a small fraction of the time we should be spending in prayer. The bigger fraction of time must be scheduled, or else other 'urgent' and 'important' things soon take its place. The patriarchs erected altars where they called upon the Lord. Moses set up a tent and went there regularly to meet with the Lord. Daniel used his upper room and showed up there unfailingly three times a day to pray. David says in Psalm 119:164: **"Seven times a day I praise you..."** Jesus got up a great while before it was morning to pray (Mark 1:35). Paul travailed in prayer day and night for the church. You want to grow in your prayer life? Schedule formal times of prayer several times a day and mark them as: **"Very important and Urgent!"** so that nothing else is substituted for your prayer time.

### 5. Put down "Time with God" on your daily to-do list.

In the busy world that we live in, appointments are important. Appointments are needed to see the doctor; appointments needed to see those in office who, not so long ago, came knocking at our doors begging us for our votes with promises to serve us; appointment needed to see some pastors; appointment needed to have quality time with your spouse or children. Whatever is important must be scheduled or else it will never be done. God has made Himself available to us 24/7 and all that remains is for you to choose the time(s) that you want to meet with Him formally during the day. As stated previously, all great men and women of prayer had prayer closets and they maintained a regular schedule of meeting with God. Two reasons why you should have an appointment with God:

1. You show that prayer/fellowship with God is your number one priority over other things.
2. You look forward with excitement to your appointment with God That's heart preparation.

Any time can be scheduled to meet with God; however, it is more beneficial if one starts the day with God before we are confronted by the challenges of the day. What time(s) do you meet with God daily? Are you really doing okay without scheduling your time with God?

## Thoughts

Why is it so important to meditate on the Word of God day and night? It is so that your thoughts will be filled with His wisdom and guidance. "How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with Thee."

Know the joy of meditating on God's Word. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," saith the LORD. "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you", saith the LORD, "thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." "Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established."

**Carolyn Peerman**  
Lynchburg, Virginia

**"There has never been a  
spiritual awakening in any  
country or locality that did  
not begin in united prayer."**

**Dr. A. T. Pierson**

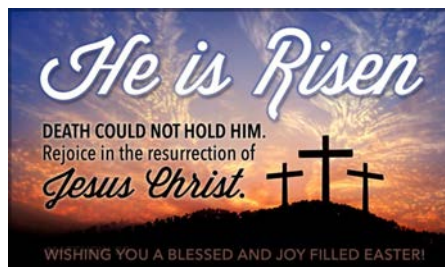
## In Touch with God

In 1997, JGHM received a letter from Doorkeeper Craton Noyes (KY), who was living in Florida at the time, along with a gift to the prayer seminar ministry. He shared: "I certainly enjoy the contents of the Reflector, but more important than my enjoyment is the fact this paper helps me keep in touch with God. Often times, I quote what I have read because it is just the answer I need in a given situation."

From its very beginning sixty-six years ago, preparing copy for each issue has been a labor of love and joy. My intention has been two-fold, (1) to inform and (2) to inspire. I want you to "reflect" on your life in the context of biblical truths. I want each article to result in a believer's seeing Him more clearly and loving Him more dearly.

There has never been a subscription price for the Reflector. Through the gifts of our Doorkeepers, we have been able to maintain this publication (printing and postage are primary costs). As a faith ministry, we depend solely on gifts from our friends to maintain the work (which includes providing a prayer seminar workbook for each person in a seminar regardless of a workbook contribution).

Each month, the Reflector wends its ways into homes across the nation. As we prepare to "sign off" with the 2020 December issue, our prayer is that the final nine issues will inspire each reader to "keep in touch with God." May each reader see Him more clearly, experience Him more nearly, and love Him more fully until we see Him face to face in all His glory.



## A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

### President Donald Trump announces National Day of Prayer

In our times of greatest need, Americans have always turned to prayer to help guide us through trials and periods of uncertainty. As we continue to face the unique challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic, millions of Americans are unable to gather in their churches, temples, synagogues, mosques, and other houses of worship. But in this time we must not cease asking God for added wisdom, comfort, and strength, and we must especially pray for those who have suffered harm or who have lost loved ones.

I ask you to join me in a day of prayer for all people who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic and to pray for God's healing hand to be placed on the people of our Nation.

As your President, I ask you to pray for the health and well-being of your fellow Americans and to remember that no problem is too big for God to handle. We should all take to heart the holy words found in 1 Peter 5:7: "Casting all your care upon him, for He careth for you." Let us pray that all those affected by the virus will feel the presence of our Lord's protection and love during this time. With God's help, we will overcome this threat.

On Friday, I declared a national emergency and took other bold actions to help deploy the full power of the Federal Government to assist with efforts to combat the coronavirus pandemic. I now encourage all Americans to pray for those on the front lines of the response, especially our Nation's outstanding medical professionals and public health officials who are working tirelessly to protect all of us from the coronavirus and treat patients who are infected; all of our courageous first responders, National Guard, and dedicated individuals who are working to ensure the health and safety of our communities; and our Federal, State, and local leaders. We are confident that He will provide them with the wisdom they need to make difficult decisions and take decisive actions to protect Americans all across the country. As we come to our Father in prayer, we remember the words found in Psalm 91: "He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."

As we unite in prayer, we are reminded that there is no burden too heavy for God to lift or for this country to bear with His help. Luke 1:37 promises that "For with God nothing shall be impossible," and those words are just as true today as they have ever been. As one Nation under God, we are greater than the hardships we face, and through prayer and acts of compassion and love, we will rise to this challenge and emerge stronger and more united than ever before. May God bless each of you, and may God bless the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2020, as a National Day of Prayer for All Americans Affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic and for our National Response Efforts. I urge Americans of all faiths and religious traditions and backgrounds to offer prayers for all those affected, including people who have suffered harm or lost loved ones.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.

**DONALD J. TRUMP**