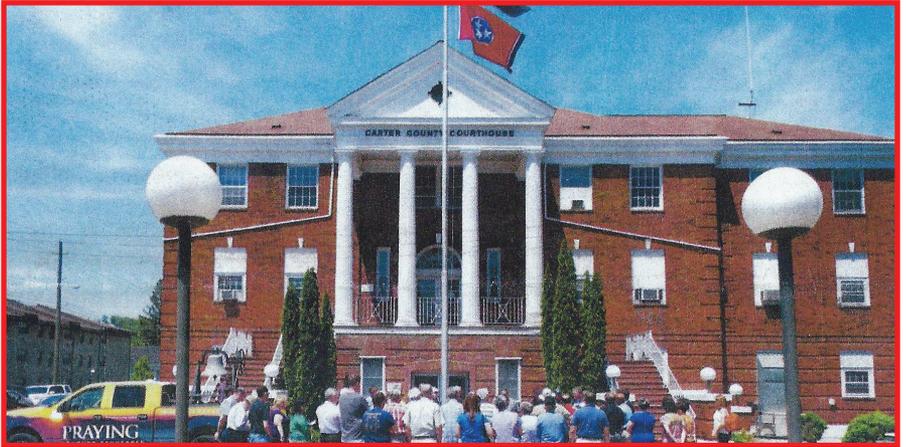


# REFLECTOR

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## PUSHING BACK THE DARKNESS ESTABLISHING LIGHTHOUSES OF PRAYER



ONE OF TENNESSEE'S 95 PRAYER RALLIES  
IN 2014. CARTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ELIZABETHTON.

At the beginning of 2014, Randy C. Davis, executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, had an ambitious goal. His desire was to ring the "salvation bell" and to lead prayer rallies in each of Tennessee's ninety-five counties. The goal was achieved. More than 5,000 attended the prayer rallies. The idea behind the rallies was to bathe the state in prayer and to pray for the vast lostness in the state. It is estimated that half of the state's nearly 6.5 million people do not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Spiritual darkness is spreading across my home state and across my beloved nation. My heart grieves. This trend will continue until Satan is thwarted.

How can you and I have a part in PUSHING BACK THE DARKNESS? We must pray because the Sovereign Lord has established prayer as the tool to get His work accomplished. Prayer is the work that must come before all other work. The only thing that Jesus left behind when He returned to Heaven was a praying church. We seldom find churches that are praying churches and we are paying a great price.

A lead thought introduced early in a prayer seminar is a statement on the inside front cover of the prayer seminar workbook under the heading "The Word of God and Prayer." The statement is simply

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## The written Word and the living Word— Gifts from God Himself

The Bible is the most important book ever written. This Book, the written Word, is a gift from God Himself, as is His Son, the living Word. Anytime you see a copy of the Bible, treat it with special reverence. God reveals Himself in this Book. It contains the mind of God and the plan of God for the ages. Sadly, for many even Christians, it is the UNREAD BOOK.

**DAILY BREAD.** In the Model Prayer, Jesus instructed His disciples to pray for their "daily bread." Of course, we take that literally, but we must never forget that the Scripture itself is our daily bread spiritually. During His temptation period in the wilderness, Jesus reminded Satan: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (**Matthew 4:4**). When you pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," couple it with this very helpful statement: "I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food" (**Job 23:12b**). This statement became the genesis of my book, **A Christian's Necessary Food**.

When Dwight Lyman Moody (1837-1899) wrote a book entitled **Pleasure and Profit in Bible Study**, he prefaced all that he said with this Scripture: "The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart . . . More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb (**Psalms 19:8a, 10**)." In the preface, Moody began, "It is always a pleasure to me to speak on the subject of this volume. I think I would

### MY TESTIMONY.

From 1953 until 1977, I was only in the Bible for a message to preach. At that time, I realized that I did not know God very well although I was engaged "full-time," seven days a week in His work as VP for Academic Affairs at Liberty Baptist College [now Liberty University] and pastor of Pleasant View Baptist Church). Simply, my plan was to read through the Bible in 1977, beginning each day in the Word, reading devotionally allowing God to speak to me as the Holy Spirit brought the Word alive. My life changed!

The insights that I have and teach were accrued during my Bible reading. A year later, I decided to take a page of notes out of my reading each day. I have a complete set of those notes in binders beginning in 1983. It is quite helpful to review a few years of my notes from time to time as I read passages that I read every year.

If on a given day, life becomes rushed and the choice is to use time for prayer or for Bible reading, I have learned that it should be Bible reading. Why? It is more important for me to "hear" what God is saying to me than for God to hear what I have to say to Him. In this context "hear" is listening with the intent to obey.

### WRITE ON THE FLYLEAF OF YOUR STUDY BIBLE:

**THIS BOOK WILL KEEP YOU FROM SIN;  
SIN WILL KEEP YOU FROM THIS BOOK.**

rather preach about the Word of God than anything else, except the Love of God; because I believe it is the best thing in the world. We cannot overestimate the importance of a through familiarity with the Bible. I try to lose no opportunity of urging people by every means in my power to the constant study of this wonderful Book. If through the pages that follow, I can reach still others and rouse them to read their Bibles, not at random but with a plan and purpose, I shall indeed be thankful." This was followed by his note-worthy signature and another Scripture: "When thou goest, it shall lead thee; When thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; When thou awakest, it shall talk with thee (**Proverbs 6:22**).

**GOD'S LOVE LETTER.** I want to speak of the Bible as His love letter to mankind, to you and to me. How would we know that He loves us if we did not know His story? Although there are many helpful thoughts in **A Christian's Necessary Food**, I will share a few from Study Three (pages 15-17).

### **Study Three**

***"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of God"***  
(2 Timothy 2:15)

I am convinced that **a person will never have a meaningful, daily prayer life apart from being in the Word of God.** No believer will ever be hungry for God's Word unless he acknowledges his need for that Word. No believer's knowledge and understanding of the Bible will ever expand unless he spends time reading and studying the Word of God. As you and I saturate ourselves in the

Word of God, it is going to make a difference in our desire to pray and our prayer lives.

Since 1977, my Bible reading has been a main stay in my own Christian pilgrimage. My intention has been to spend time daily reading the Bible devotionally. Although the purpose of devotional reading is not to gain Bible knowledge, that is one of the obvious outcomes. In fact, the basic objective of my own Bible reading from 1953 (when I became a pastor) until 1977 was to prepare messages to preach. Now, the issue is not to have a message to preach. Rather, it is having time to share what I have in my heart. Devotional reading means reading and studying the Word of God to know God and His will in order to live a pleasing Christian life.

**A personal letter from God.** Do you have a favorite Bible? Hold it in your hand. What kind of Book is it? Do you believe the Bible **is** the Word of God with fervent conviction? During my ordination service to the gospel ministry, the late O. B. Mylum, pastor, Berea Baptist Church, Berea, Kentucky asked me the question: "Do you believe the Bible **is** the Word of God or that it **contains** the Word of God?" My answer was definite, "I believe the Bible **is** the Word of God!" He exhorted me, therefore, to preach the Word, not my own opinions or the views of others. For a 19-year old preacher, that was a significant question that has guided me over the years. Six decades later, I feel even more intensely that the Bible **is** God's Word.

So, what kind of Book do you hold in your hands? While it is the **Word of God to MEN**, it is the **Word of God to ME!** Compare the Scriptures to a personal letter from your best friend. The Bible is not a "Dear Sir" business letter, but a personal letter from God's heart to your heart.

When God brought **Sue Troutman**, my wife, into my life in 1955, I had no doubt that she was a very special person. My first contact with her was processing her application in the Office of Guidance at Berea College. One of the work assignments that I had was to review the applications of each accepted student and extract basic information that would enable Berea College to meet their personal needs. As I read her personal comments, she indicated what God meant in her life and how she wanted to use her life for the Lord Jesus Christ. Since I felt the same way, I was impressed. She had chosen the School of Nursing. Through her roommate, Nola White (who attended the church where I was pastor along with a large number of other students from the college), I met Sue and was impressed even more with her keen mind and her ability to communicate. Soon she began attending Liberty Avenue Baptist Church where I served as pastor and we began dating. Coming from a Western Kentucky family of thirteen children, she was very homesick during her first summer at Berea College. Few Berea College students were permitted to have automobiles on campus. Since I was pastor, I was one of the few but could only use the car for pastoral duties. Since the Dean of Women was a personal friend who knew how homesick Sue was, she gave permission for Sue to accompany me on pastoral visits.

It was a sad day in my heart when Sue's nursing program required her to live in Cincinnati to gain experience in a metropolitan hospital. **The void was filled with love letters.** She wrote to me every single day and I wrote to her every single day. When a letter came, I gave it devoted attention. I would first read it standing in the college post office. Then I re-read it many times weighing

every word, studying every sentence. I read between the lines to see her point of view and to determine how the one I loved felt. I did not ask someone else to read the letters and write a commentary on them. **The Bible is a love letter from God's heart to our hearts!**

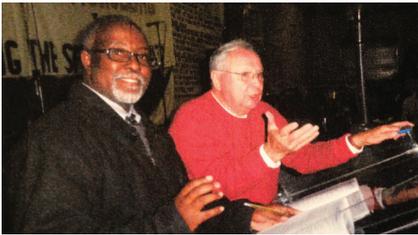
God gave me a "father" in the ministry who was special to me. His name was **Harris Bell Harris**. My first contact with him came through radio. He had what he called the "Sunday School of the Air" broadcast every weekend on WCRK, Morristown, Tennessee. How he communicated the Word of God! When it was the responsibility of my high school class in my junior year to be responsible for a chapel service, I suggested Harris as a speaker. He came. His smile and caring spirit captured my heart. When he invited students to accept Christ as Savior following his Bible message, a number came forward. He asked me to help him counsel them. He became my pastor, my special friend, my mentor, my father in the ministry. His interest in every aspect of my life was unbelievably real and vibrant.

When I chose Berea College (KY), my pastor did his best to prepare me before I left home. Then **he continued his counsel through letters.** As I prepared this copy, I went back to a few of his letters that I have kept and caressed them and thanked God once again for what he meant in my life. I needed direction. I needed advice. I needed encouragement and love. I needed acceptance and someone who believed in me. **Harris Bell Harris** provided all of these. What a difference he made in my personal life and ministry. Much to my horror, as he returned from a revival meeting in Kentucky the Easter weekend in 1955, a drunk driver struck his car near Oneida, Tennessee. He was at the point of death for days and days at St. Mary's Hospital in Knoxville,

Tennessee. He called my name many times and I went to his bedside. Through a miracle, God spared his life. The recuperation was long and difficult, but his almost illegible notes to me were cherished more than ever. In January 1961, God called Harris and his daughter, Elizabeth, home through another automobile accident early one Monday morning near Mount Vernon, Kentucky in January 1961. Hundreds came to the funeral home both in Richmond, Kentucky and later in Morristown, Tennessee. I stood at the head of his casket for hours not wanting to leave his physical remains one minute. I was "his boy" and then the letters I had kept meant more than ever.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry



Remember Leslie and Tabitha Motsalane as they lead JGHM — Southern Africa Branch that God would be Jehovah - Jiveh and provide for every need there.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

"absent from the body, present with the Lord"

2 Corinthians 5:8  
HONORARY

JGHM BOARD MEMBER  
LIN CUSTALOW, M.D.

Williamsburg, Virginia  
7/8/1925-12/22/2014

Please continue to pray for Barbara and the Custalow family. During the early years of the prayer seminar, Dr. Custalow's sound counsel helped shape the content and approach of the prayer seminar with almost daily phone calls.

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"You will never develop a meaningful, sustained prayer life apart from the Word of God!" Before reading in unison, I ask the participants to strike the "you" and write "I." Thus, the **two foundational pillars** upon which we must build our lives are introduced— **the Word of God and prayer**. As I sought the direction of the Lord related to the content of the February 2015 issue of the **Reflector**, the Holy Spirit has burdened my heart to emphasize these two pillars. Please set aside some quality time to read prayerfully and reflectively.

By the way, sixty years ago I named this paper the **Reflector** after Tennessee Baptists' state paper, the **Baptist and Reflector**, founded in 1835.



### ADAM TEACHING IN CARACAS

Adam Nathanson texted from Venezuela when he was returning home from a one and one-half hour pastors' prayer meeting in Caracas. During the 2014 seminars, a commitment was made to organize a pastors' prayer meeting to push against the spiritual darkness of that great city. Adam said, "It's been a great victory today! We are set for next month, as well."

### PTL! CUBA OPENING!

In January 1960, my first overseas ministry was in Cuba!

## POTPOURRI

Paul wanted his friends in churches where he had ministered to know of his affairs so he sent letters and individuals. He specifically wanted them to know his affairs so they could pray intelligently for his ministry and for his personal walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. I certainly understand his sentiments!

Perhaps our greatest overall influence in any nation has been in Nigeria. From the beginning in 1986, we learned about the spiritual war with Christians being killed openly by militant Muslims in northern Nigeria. We have watched with sadness to see this behavior spreading out to other parts of the nation. Our primary contact in Nigeria since 1992 is **Silas Yashim**. His insights have been sound, sensible, and spiritual. I have learned to "listen" to my brother as he pleads for prayer support for his nation.

With few words and four pictures, Silas has cried out: **PRAY FOR NIGERIA**. I considered publishing the pictures showing hundreds of dead bodies (over 2,000) recently slaughtered by Boko Haram. What can we do? We must **pray and believe** because all things are possible when we **pray and believe!**

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## NOTES from my BIBLE

**Note 2256.** The Lord never calls any of us to a task but that He also enables us to accomplish it.

**Note 2257.** It is the end of the race that counts, not the beginning.

**Note 2258.** The Bible is not given to us only to increase our knowledge; it was given to us to change our lives.

**Note 2259.** A lot of kneeling keeps you in good standing with God.

**Note 2260.** What you were is not as important to God or others as what you are now.

## JESUS IS LORD!

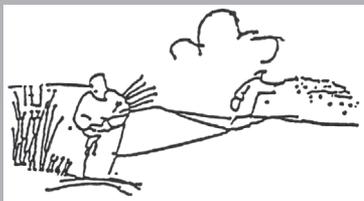
### DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

12/17/14--01/15/15

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Regular	69	\$8,665.
Kenya	1	100
Total	70	\$8,765.



**THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!**  
Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:9

**MARTIN SHIKUKU NEEDS  
A VAN TO CARRY ON THE  
PRAYER SEMINARS IN EAST/  
CENTRAL AFRICA. PRAY!**

**PRAYER CALENDAR****February 2015***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

Mae Adams (NC)  
 Marie Adams (VA)  
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)  
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)  
 Norma Ailes (FL)  
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**LEVITICUS 1-3 (Turks Is 49,070)**  
 Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)  
 Eldon & Gayle Armstrong (SC)  
 Milcie Arnold (VA)  
 Leonor Avila (MD)  
 Bill & Karen Baker (OK)  
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)  
 Marilyn Barry (VA)  
 Tim Bash - GCCC (NJ)  
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

**LEVITICUS 4-7 (Tuvalu 10,782)**  
 Jean Beasley (TN)  
 Tommy Bell (TN)  
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)  
 Johnny/Juanita Bernard (FL)  
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)  
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)  
 Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)  
 Robert/Hilda Bondurant (NC)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**LEVITICUS 8-10 (Uganda 36M)**  
 Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)  
 William/Debbie Bowden (MD)  
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)  
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)  
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)  
 Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)  
 Nancy Bretz (PA)  
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**LEV 11-15 (Ukraine 44.3M )**  
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)  
 Arretta Bruce (TN)  
 Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)  
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)  
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (NJ)  
 George & Janet Buck (KY)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**LEV 16-20 (UN Arab Em 5.6M)**  
 Janice Bugg (TN/China)  
 M/M Vernon Bundt (IA)  
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)  
 Mary Campbell (ID)  
 Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL)  
 Joeretha Capers (FL)  
 Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)  
 David & Martha Cecil (VA)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

**LEV1-23 (United Kingdom 63.7M)**  
 Gus/Janice Christofield (VA)  
 Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)  
 Vernia Coleman (MD)  
 Mary Columbus (VA)  
 Kathie Connolly (VA)  
 Foster/ Georgia Covington (VA)  
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)  
 Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)  
 Dan Cravey (VA)  
 Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)  
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)  
 Barbara Custalow (VA)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

Ida J. Davis (GA)  
 John Davis (VA)  
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)  
 Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)  
 Mary J. Dugans (LA)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

**LEVITICUS 24-27 (Uruguay 3.3M)**  
 Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)  
 Lynn Elkins (TN)  
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)  
 Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)  
 Lynne Farrow (PA)  
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)  
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

**NUM 1-4 (Uzbekistan 28.9M)**  
 Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)  
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)  
 James Fugate (CA)  
 Estelle Gabbard (KY)  
 Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)  
 Pauline Garrett (NJ)  
 Frank Geiger (HI)  
 Sara George (GA)

**WED, FEBRUARY 11**

**NUMBERS 5-8 (Vanuatu 266,937)**  
 Gloucester Co. Community Ch  
 Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)  
 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)  
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)  
 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)  
 Sam/Michele Graisbury (NJ)  
 Velma Graven (KY)  
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)  
 Odether Gray (GA)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

**NUMBERS 9-12 (Vietnam 93.4M)**  
 Linda Gregory (UT)  
 George & Joy Harper (VA)  
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)  
 Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)  
 Jim Hengoed (FL/CT)  
 Gina Henry (VA)  
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**NUM 13-16 (Virgin IS 104,170)**  
 Jacqueline Henry (VA)  
 Jack Henry (TN)  
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)  
 Mark Henry (TN)  
 Melody Henry (VA)  
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)  
 Sean Henry (VA)  
 Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)  
 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)  
 Joanna Holland (VA)  
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)  
 Russ/Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)  
 Anita Horton (VA)  
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)  
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)  
 Joyce Hunt (TN)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**NUM 17-20 (Wallis 15,561)**  
 Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)  
 Ed Hurlow (IN)  
 Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)  
 Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA)  
 Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)  
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)  
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

Millicent John (NY)  
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)  
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)  
 Bob & Rhonda Johnson (WA)  
 Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)  
 Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)  
 James Jones (FL)  
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**NUM 21-25 (West Bank 2.7M)**  
 Mohan Katta (IL)  
 Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA)  
 HarperShelia Keebaugh (PA)  
 Kerby Knob Baptist Ch (KY)  
 Daren Hisel, Pastor  
 Larry & Janet King (NC)  
 Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)  
 Robert & Rose Klous (VA)  
 Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH)  
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**NUM 26-30 (W Sahara 554.8M)**  
Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)  
Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk  
Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)  
Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)  
Steven & Dawn Lambert (NC)  
Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)  
Phil & Edra Landers (OK)  
Charles/Cynthia Larson (MI)  
Bob Lawrence (MD)  
Del & Mary Leach (VA)  
Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)

**WED. FEBRUARY 18**

**NUM 31-33 (Yemen 26.1M)**

Liberty University (VA)  
Jerry Falwell Jr., President  
Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)  
Vince/Mary Lobisco (MI)  
Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)  
Don & Betty Lowry (SC)  
Edward Lucas (VT)  
John & Rachel Mann (SC)  
Manship Chapel (DE)  
Bruce & Vickie Tribbett  
Wilma Marcum (KY)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

**NUMBERS 34-36 (Syria 18M)**

Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)  
Larry & Sue Mason (VA)  
Deborah Mathias (NY)  
Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)  
Dan & Fay McConville (VA)  
R. O. & June McHaney (VA)  
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)  
Memorial Christian Ch (VA)  
Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors  
Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)  
Betsy Miedema (MI)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

**DEUT 1-4 (Taiwan 23.4M)**

Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)  
Ted & Natalie Monroe (KY)  
Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)  
French & Laura Moore (VA)  
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)  
Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)  
Elaine Moser (MN)  
Eileen Murphy GCCC (NJ)  
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)  
Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)  
Ann Palumbo (PA)  
Raleigh & Janet Parker (VA)  
Roger & Kay Pede (VA)  
Sandy Pederson (MN)  
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)  
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

Mildred Pittman (NC)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**DEUT 5-7 (Zambia 14.6M)**

Ben Poplin (VA)  
Ayers Porter (TN)  
Barbara Powell (NY)  
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)  
Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)  
Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)  
John Reed (NH)  
Dave Ricker (ME)  
Alice Riddick (NC)  
Joyce Riley (KY)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**DEUT 8-11 (World 7.1B)**

Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)  
Cynthia Roach (VA)  
John & Sandra Roberts (NC)  
Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)  
Isabel Robotham (NY)  
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

**DEUT 12-16 (Albania 3M)**

Fred/Jeanette Rolater (TN)  
Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)  
Sandra Rumore (VA)  
John Saint (PA)  
Don/Marie Satterwhite (FL)  
Dwayne Schmaltz (WI) Gary &  
Sandy Schnittjer (PA)  
Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

**DEUT 17-20 (Algeria 38.8M)**

Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)  
John & Peggy Seibert (AL)  
Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)  
Shenandoah Valley Bapt Ch (VA)  
Gene Jones, Pastor  
Nellie F. Shepard (CT)  
Charlie & Liz Sill (VA)  
Bobby & Cindy Smith (VA)  
Mildred Smith (VA)  
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)  
John & Helen Sourlis (MD)  
Leroy/Suk Hi Standifer (WA)  
Randy & Cheryl Stauter (MN)  
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)  
Carol Snow Stewart (CT)  
Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)  
Charles Stinson (VA)

**WED. FEBRUARY 25**

**DEUT 21-26 (Am Samoa 54,517)**

Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX)  
William Suttles (NC)  
Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)  
Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)  
Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)

Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)  
Stephanie Taylor (GA)  
Rose Tengstrand (VA)  
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)  
W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)  
Montez Thompson (WI)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**DEUT 27-30 Andorra 85,454)**

William & Katie Toney (NC)  
Virginia Trask (VA)  
Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)  
Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)  
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)  
Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)  
Malcom Troutman (KY)  
Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)  
Willie/Diane Troutman (KY)  
Tommy/Frances Turpin (VA)  
Sara Underwood (TN)  
Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)  
Harris/ & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**DEUT 31-32 (Angola 19M)**

George/Jeanette Vernachik (NJ)  
Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)  
Keith/Doris Verrall (FL)  
Horace & Becky Ward (NC)  
Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)  
Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)  
Kay Warmerdam (TX)  
Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)  
Rodger Watts (WI)  
Frank & Nell Weer (KY)

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28**

**DEUT 33-34 (Anguilla 16)**

Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)  
Kay Wice (TN)  
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)  
Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)  
Jeff Williamson  
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)  
Julie L. Wilson (PA)  
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)  
Eva Winebarger (VA)  
Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)  
Jonathan & Selena Wood (PA)  
David & Lili Wykle (VA)  
Fred & Susan Zeller (MD)



## DAILY INTERCESSION

### PHYSICAL WELL-BEING

**Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)**  
**Jennie Agee [Wayne] (VA)**  
**Milcie Arnold [Carrol] (VA)**  
**Dr. Jim Britt [Judy] (GA)**  
**Margarie Coffee (VA)**  
**Sam Hough [Linda] (VA)**  
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**DO YOU HAVE THE PEOPLE OF  
 THE WORLD ON YOUR HEART?**

**DON'T FORGET TO  
 PRAY!**

## Prayer is our greatest need!

(James 4:2b, Jeremiah 33:3,  
John 14:12-14).

**PUSH AGAINST  
THE DARKNESS!!  
BE A LIGHTHOUSE  
OF PRAYER!**

Of all the disciplines in the Christian life, prayer and Bible reading are the most neglected. A major reason for the failure to pray is the lack of understanding the place prayer holds in God's plan. When this insight comes, most believers willingly enter into prayer and will "[strive] to lay hold of [God]" (Isaiah 64:7).

A few years ago, Rod Sargent asked that I write an article for the Navigators' Discipleship Journal to encourage readers to make prayer a priority. The article follows.

Here's a workable plan on how to begin and maintain a morning meeting with the Lord. Sink your roots deeply into a REGULAR, DAILY DEVOTIONAL LIFE. Without such a QUIET TIME, you will not grow

## READ GOD'S WORD! Yes! Then, DON'T FORGET PRAYER!

In God's plan the practice of searching the Scriptures was never intended to be divorced from the practice of prayer. Jesus said, "If you remain in me and My words remain in you," here is the place of **Bible study** "ask whatever you wish," and here is the place of **prayer**, "and it will be given you" here is **God's promise** (John 15:7).

**Is prayer profitable?** When Job described wicked men, one of his most scathing criticisms of them was their attitude toward God. "Leave us alone!" they would say. "We have no desire to know your ways. Who is the Almighty that we should serve Him? What would we gain by praying to Him?" (Job 21:14-15).

Perhaps nothing so reveals a man's heart as his prayer life. Does he pray? Does he believe God answers prayer? Or does he ask with the skeptics, "What would we gain by praying to Him?" Does prayer really make a difference? Is prayer profitable? Won't God do what needs to be done anyway whether I pray or not? It is very important for these questions to be answered; otherwise, a person will never get excited about prayer and will never exercise the discipline necessary to become a praying person.

The penetrating question found in Job 21:15 causes us to face the question, "Is prayer profitable? Does it really make any difference if I pray?"

It does make a difference. The fact is that **God's intention always has been for His children to order their lives around prayer.** Prayer history begins with these words, "then began men to call upon the name of the Lord" (Genesis 4:26b).

Prayer occasions God's action. God acts when His people pray. Think of 2 Chronicles 7:14, often called the revival text of the Bible: "... if My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn

from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Notice those two words: "**if... then.**"

God is sovereign because He alone has the final say in every matter. **The sovereign God has ordained prayer as the undergirding, primary tool for all His work.** God's will related to prayer is revealed plainly in the Scriptures. "Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." (**Jeremiah 33:3**). This is a command. Consequently, **prayer is not an option: it is commanded by God.**

In the New Testament, James reminds us, "You do not have, because you do not ask God" (**James 4:2b**). "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" (**James 5:16b**).

**One of the tricks of Satan is leading us to believe prayer is simply a desirable exercise.** Not so! It is an essential exercise, though terribly neglected by believers. In fact, it is more than an area of neglect: **prayerlessness is sin.** Thus Samuel assured the people of Israel, "As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you" (**1 Samuel 12:23**).

I'm not a military strategist, but I know that you will never win the war if you don't know where the battle is being fought and, whether you have acknowledged it or not, we are in a spiritual battle from the moment we're saved.

In **Ephesians 6:10-18**, Paul plainly describes the battle and advises the Christian to put on the whole armor of God. We have been so involved in figuring out the

armor that we've neglected to see where the battle is being fought. Therefore, we don't engage in the battle, but spend our time on the fringes doing things that are perhaps good, but are inconsequential as far as eternity and souls are concerned. The first activity mentioned after the **armor is described** is clearly prayer (**Ephesians 5:18**).

Satan does not want you to understand this because you'll never be a threat to him and his cause apart from prayer. Do anything you want to do, and he'll not bother you; begin to pray and he'll put you on his hit list. Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees.

Do you understand the place of prayer? God moves in response to the prayers of His people. Although our finite minds cannot understand "why" this is God's way, isn't it time that we simply obeyed Him and became involved in the battle? **Every believer, including you, can begin today to make a tremendous difference in lives and circumstances through prayer.**

Begin today to pray more consistently. Make a prayer list of concerns in your mind and on your heart. Begin to bring these before the Lord and you will see Him begin to move. He answers prayer! People get saved when God's people pray for them.

**Take Time to Pray.** Most Christians put prayer high on their list of failures and deficiencies. Several years ago, a college student said, "I have a prayer life, but it is nothing to write home about right now."

What about your personal altar? Is it broken down and deserted?

Take measure of your prayer life. What has happened to the practice of prayer in your life?

No believer's spiritual life will ever rise above the level of his praying. You are what you are on your knees—nothing more. Regular daily contact with your Source of spiritual life, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, is absolutely necessary.

Average Christians fail in their prayer lives because they do not set apart a definite time and place to meet the Lord daily. Would you expect to be healthy if you ate a meal only once a week? Of course not! The same is true of your spiritual life.

Here are some suggestions for starting your daily time with the Lord:

### **ESTABLISH IN YOUR MIND THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER.**

You do what you consider important. You have spent a lifetime developing patterns of behavior which have become habits in your life. In order to establish a prayer time, you will need to develop new habits. As you are in the process of doing this, you will be pulled between old habits and the new ones; that's normal, so expect it. Make up your mind that each day you will find a time to be alone with Christ. Set a specific time to meet the Lord in prayer.

### **DESIGNATE A TIME AND A PLACE.**

Begin each day with God. If you normally get up at 6 a.m., plan to get up at 5:45 a.m. to have minutes for God. **THIS IS A MATTER OF DISCIPLINE.** If we follow the example of Jesus, it will be a morning hour. You may need to get to bed earlier so you can meet your

appointment with God. Jesus gave His disciples the **Model Prayer**, expressing a manner of praying for us to follow. That prayer does not lend itself to any other time than the early morning. You would not ask God for your daily bread, for example, after your day was over. Neither would you need deliverance from temptation when you are about to go to sleep.

A major reason why it should be the first part of your day is that we should bring God in on the beginning; we should not wait until we have messed up our day and then go to God to put the pieces together again.

The place of prayer should be private. Jesus suggested a place that is quiet, secluded, and shut. Designate a place which will be your altar of prayer. Use that place exclusively for your time with God.

Remember, you must in your mind and heart make prayer a priority enough to schedule a time for prayer in your daily life just as you schedule eating and sleeping. You can do it! Ask God to help you: "Lord, I look forward to meeting You the first thing in the morning for a few minutes. When I awaken, I have an appointment with you."

### **HOW TO USE THE TIME DAILY.**

Have a Bible and pencil handy. As you read the Word and put the proper information into your mind, you program your day to let Christ be Lord of your life.

Let God speak to you directly through His Word. Read a brief portion and think about what you are reading. Open your heart to God, offering Him the right to teach, to discipline, to direct you as you study. You will be surprised at what He is ready to do for you.