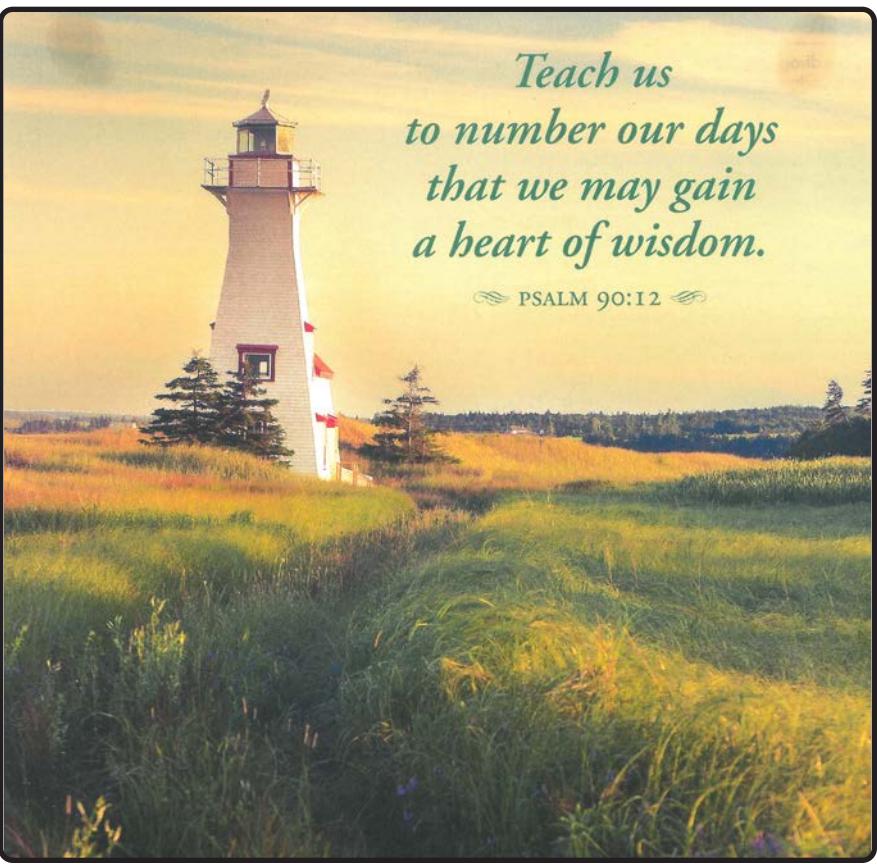


# REFLECTOR

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THE MAIN THING IS  
TO KEEP THE MAIN THING  
THE MAIN THING.



*Teach us  
to number our days  
that we may gain  
a heart of wisdom.*

PSALM 90:12

**LIGHTHOUSES OF PRAYER**  
PUSHING AGAINST SPIRITUAL DARKNESS  
ESTABLISH EVERYWHERE  
(ONE PERSON, ONE FAMILY, ONE CHURCH,  
ONE CLASS, ONE PRAYER GROUP,  
TWO PEOPLE)

## PERSPECTIVES

For the past twenty-eight years, the theme of many issues of the **Reflector** has been Bible study and prayer two primary disciplines in a successful Christian life. During the remainder of 2020, it is my desire to again deal with these two issues. Clearly, the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. During a prayer seminar, attention is given to the five emphases practiced by the early believers and the Jerusalem church: (1) the doctrine (the Word of God), (2) Spirit-filled living, (3) prayer, (4) witnessing, and (5) stewardship.

In talking to Christians around the world, I have discovered that their greatest desire is to know how to pray. When a survey was conducted on Sermons Americans Want to Hear, it was discovered that the people's first choice was How can I make prayer effective? Christians want to pray, but don't seem to know how. Subsequently, our spiritual lives are often at a low ebb.

**Hard work.** Why is it so difficult to pray? Satan does not want you to pray. In fact, he would rather you do anything than pray because prayer is the point where he is defeated. His favorite word seems to be tomorrow. He is always trying to keep us from praying today. In fact, that must be one of main jobs to keep all Christians off their knees. He knows we already belong to God and there is nothing he can do about that. But he can do everything in his power to keep us from becoming effective, believing, praying Christians. He knows the power God has made available to us through prayer, and he does everything he can to keep it from us. He is always saying,

You can pray tomorrow. You're so busy today. And when tomorrow comes, it is the same old story. Pray tomorrow. It's always tomorrow with the devil. Tomorrow and the next day and the one following, until we reach the end of our lives and find we have missed much that God had waiting to give to us.

The flesh (the continuing influence of the old man who was crucified with Christ when you trusted Christ as your Savior and Lord) does not want you to pray. The flesh says that you are too tired to pray. You need a break from your heavy duties of the day. You deserve a break. And so it goes. The flesh wars against the Holy Spirit continually. Maintaining a daily, consistent prayer life is HARD WORK.

**Understanding prayer.** What exactly is prayer? Is it really so complicated that Christians must spend a life time search for an answer? Or are we making something confusing out of what God intended to be beautiful in simplicity?

In basic terms, you can think of prayer as the talking part of relationship. It is a conversation between two friends who love each other a friend talking to a friend (**John 15:15**). Another way is to think of prayer as a servant talking to his master (**Colossians 3:24**). Further, prayer can be seen as a bride talking to the bridegroom (**Romans 7:4**) and that's lovers' talk full of intimacy. It is through prayer that we see God's love and power at work in our lives and in the lives of people for whom we are praying. As a result, prayer makes us come alive spiritually. Everyone knows that verbal communication is necessary

to develop positive relationships, so therefore, when you are praying you are developing your relationship with the Lord. You will never know God if you don't spend time in His presence.

Prayer is the key that opens the door to a whole new world a world lived in active, conscious pursuit of the living God. It becomes the foundation of everything we do. We are to order our lives around prayer and pray about everything. When we pray, we see great things happen for God; when we don't pray, we don't see much happen.

**The sin of prayerlessness.** Many Christians acknowledge that they should pray more, but say they are simply neglecting it. God's position, however, is that prayerlessness is a sin (**1 Samuel 12:23**). Prayerlessness characterizes the life of many believers. It is that state in which one prays less than he ought, less than the Father desires, and less than that one himself knows that he should. Some studies have indicated that many Christians pray less than four minutes a day, if at all.

Did you ever think of not praying as a sin? We all know we should pray and yet so few of us do. The Bible plainly says that when we know to do right and fail to do it that the failure is a sin (**James 4:17**). A Christian living a prayerless life is robbed of all the power God intends for him to have. So, you see prayerlessness is more than an area of neglect. It is a sin. If I don't talk to God, then it is an indication that He is really playing a secondary role in my life and a result of this, I will never be the person that God wants me to be.

Prayerlessness is costly. It costs the individual who isn't praying because prayer is what God has provided to help us grow, along with the Word of God. Through the Word of God, God speaks to us; through prayer, we speak to God. Prayerlessness also costs God because this is His ordained way to get His work done. Finally, prayer costs others who do not benefit from prayers that are not prayed.

**God's plan.** God has chosen to limit Himself to working through us. He has made us His partners and has even entrusted the lost into our care. Apart from us, He has nobody in the world no hands and feet or heart and voice to bring His message to a dying world. God wants to save the whole world, but He will only accomplish that goal through His children. God wants to answer prayer, but He doesn't unless we pray. All God wants to do in this world through His children, including you, can only be done through prayer. This is the one, unchanging condition that must be met if we want to see God move. Everyone agrees that God is able and willing. We must add waiting to the list. He is waiting for us to call upon Him (**Jeremiah 33:3, James 4:2b, Luke 18:1**).

Why should we pray? Because God answers prayer! Do we really believe that? Do we live as though we believe it? If we did, I think we would be spending more time on our knees in prayer. Our time with God would be the most important thing we did all day. Unfortunately, most of us do not live that way. Year after year we pray only little prayers and get little answers.

**The first step.** Why do we pray so

little? It isn't because we don't want to pray, because I believe most of us do. One reason is that we try to fit God in our schedule between other activities. We try to fit Him into our schedule rather than fitting our schedule around Him.

The first step on the learning-to-pray ladder is simple: we must make time to pray. Don't expect to awaken one morning and say, Oh, great! I have time to pray today. It just doesn't happen that way. Our lives are so full of activities (many of them good), there just doesn't seem to be any time left over to pray. That's the first problem that must be overcome.

No one has any more time than anyone else. You and I have all the time there is. We must decide how to use our time. It boils down to deciding what is essential in your life. The reality is that we manage, always, to do the things we really want to do. We do what we think is important. A helpful exercise is to do a time study to see how we are using our time. Without fail, people who are willing to do this are surprised at how much time is spent on minor pursuits. Include attending to basic needs of grooming, eating, sleeping, working, but don't forget to include talking on the telephone, watching television, and such.

A study of the life of the Lord Jesus Christ during the three years of His active ministry will establish that He made prayer top priority in His life. To prioritize is to order according to importance. That is what we must do. To pray well, we must make time to pray. We must set aside a time for prayer each day. We should try to make it as regular as possible

because we all work better and are more efficient when we are on some sort of schedule. Our physical bodies work best when we eat at a regular time each day and when we go to bed at a regular hour. Our spiritual lives work best when we have a regular time to be alone with God each day, reading His Word and praying.

The ideal time is the early morning. A principle is simply to start your day with God. Don't wait until you have messed up your day and then bring the pieces to God to put back together. Jesus Himself followed early morning praying arising long before day for prayer (**Mark 1:35**). His teachings in the Model Prayer include praying for daily bread and to not be led into temptation. In His day, folks did not have refrigeration. Rather, the custom was to go to the market and get enough food for the day. When a person waits until night to pray, he could have gone hungry all day. Temptation does not come when we go to bed to sleep. Temptation comes when we are in the world. Look through your daily schedule and find the best time for you to pray. Then make an appointment to meet God; keep the appointment.

**Being with Him.** Remember this: Our highest calling in life, when all is said and done, is not in serving Jesus, but in being with Him. Our effective service and love for others can only come from being alone with God in prayer and in fellowship and in the reading of His Word. Isn't this what Jesus told Martha in **Luke 18:38-42**? Martha was busy rushing around the kitchen, trying to get things ready. Mary was simply sitting at the feet of Jesus. Martha couldn't understand this and

went into the living room to complain. Do you think it is fair for Mary to be sitting there with You when there is so much work to be done? And Jesus said to her gently, Martha, Martha there is really only one thing worth being concerned about, and Mary has discovered it. Have you learned, as Mary did, what is really of lasting value in your life?

No matter how busy and full your day may be, the most worthwhile thing you can do is to sit alone at the feet of Jesus. Sitting means taking time to be relaxed. Prepare your mind. Think. This is the most important part of your day. Don't rush. Determine to wait upon the Lord (**Isaiah 40:31**), to be still and know He is God (**Psalm 46:10-11**), to take the initiative to draw nigh to God knowing that when you do He will draw nigh to you (**James 4:8**).

**Spiritual discipline.** We have become a generation of soft, weak, undisciplined, prayerless Christians. Spiritual discipline is the key to growth in the spiritual life. It is the only key that will open the door to a full and joyous life with Christ. Why are there so many weak, frail, stumbling Christians today? Because we have ignored the only Source of our strength and power the Lord Jesus Christ and the importance of being with Him, loving Him, and sharing our lives with Him in prayer. God being our Helper, we want to do something about this matter.

**Future studies.** It would be unfair for me to urge you to set aside time for daily prayer, without sharing some practical things you can do to make it so. For many years, I preached the Word of God telling people what to do,

never sharing how they could do it. I simply sent them away on a guilt trip. Now I know better. My prayer is that the remaining 2020 PERSPECTIVES will make a tremendous difference in the spiritual lives of many people.

Yours in Calvary love  
*J. Gordon Henry*

## GOD SEEKS INTERCESSORS

And God still waits and wonders in our day, that there are not more intercessors, that all His children do not give themselves to this highest and holiest work, that many of them who do so do not engage in it more intensely and perseveringly. He wonders to find ministers of His Gospel complaining that their duties do not allow them to find time for this, which He counts their first, their highest, their most delightful, their alone effective work ... He wonders to find multitudes of His children who have hardly any conception of what intercession is. He wonders to find multitudes more who have learned that it is their duty, and seek to obey it, but confess that they know but little of taking hold upon God or prevailing with Him.

Andrew Murray



Digmar (L) and Adam (R) in Cuba

## God and the World

You can summarize God's relationship to the world in three statements: God made the world and sustains it (**Genesis 1:1**); God loved the world and sent Christ to save it (**John 3:16**); and God will judge the world when Christ returns (**Acts 17:38**). Many of the people in the world question the first statement, doubt the second, and laugh at the third yet all three are true!

You cannot hide from God.  
Tho' mountains cover you,  
His eyes our secret thoughts behold,  
His mercies all our lives enfold,  
He knows our purposes untold,  
You cannot hide from God.

You cannot hide from God,  
No matter what you do,  
He meets you at life's every turn,  
He knows your tho'ts that blight and burn,  
He weeps when His own Son you spurn,  
You cannot hide from God.

You cannot hide from God,  
Tho' quietly you go,  
He notes your footsteps as they fall,  
He hears your silent heartful call,  
His knowledge rules high over all,  
You cannot hide from God.

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## NOTES from MY BIBLE

**Note 5061.** Let God's promises shine on your fears.

**Note 5062.** Let God's promises shine on your problems.

**Note 5063.** Let God's promises shine on the darkness ahead.

**Note 5064.** The promises of God are our budget.

**Note 5065.** God's promises are made payable to us through Jesus Christ and can be claimed by faith.

**LET EACH STEP  
BE A STEP OF FAITH!**

**THIS IS OUR VICTORY,  
OUR FAITH IN CHRIST!**

### ROPEHOLDER/DOORKEEPER

#### REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

3/26/2020-4/21/2020

Regular	61	\$5591.00
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Total	62	\$6,741.00



## PRAYER CALENDAR

**MAY 2020**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

### FRIDAY, MAY 1

**Ezra 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)

### SATURDAY, MAY 2

**Ezra 4-6 (USA 330M)**

Linda Beattie (PA)

Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ)

Emily Baskin (TN)

Jean Beasley (TN)

Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Beulah Baptist Church (VA)

Dr. Dennis & Doreen Hollandsworth

### SUNDAY, MAY 3

Beverly Blankenship (TN)

Jimmy/Christina Borsh (VA)

Loretta Bolen (VA)

William/Debbie Bowden (NC)

Kathleen Boyce (PA)

David & Marne Boyd (OR)

Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Lurlene Braud (VA)

Michael Breed (WI)

### MONDAY, MAY 4

**Ezra 7-8 (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)

Cliff/Laura Cannon (FL)

### TUESDAY, MAY 5

**Ezra 9-10 (USA 330M)**

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)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

**Nehemiah 1-2 (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)

### THURSDAY, MAY 7

**Nehemiah 3-4 (USA 330M)**

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)

Don & Mary Enoch (FL)

Duane Erieau (WI)

Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

John & Susan Finnessy (MD)

James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

Nancy Fowser (NJ)

Claire/MaryAnn Fredstrom (NE)

Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

### FRIDAY, MAY 8

**Nehemiah 5-7 (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)

### SATURDAY, MAY 9

**Nehemiah 8-10 (USA 330M)**

Sam/Michele Graisberry (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)**

### SUNDAY, MAY 10

**Judges 5-8 (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)

### MONDAY, MAY 11

**Nehemiah 11-13 (USA 330M)**

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)

Frank & Pat Hitchings (ME)

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)

### TUESDAY, MAY 12

**Esther 1-2 (USA 330M)**

Joyce Hunt (TN)

Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)

Gene Jeffries (AR)

Debbie Jenifer (MD)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)

Millicent John (NY)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

**Esther 3-4 (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)

### THURSDAY, MAY 14

**Esther 5-7 (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

### FRIDAY, MAY 15

**Esther 8-10 (USA 330M)**

Harriet Kennedy (VA)

Louis & Jane Kiger (VA)

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 16

**Job 1-2 (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)

### SUNDAY, MAY 17

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

### MONDAY, MAY 18

**Job 3-4 (Bulgaria 7.1M)**

Wilma Marcum (KY)  
 Nick & Pat Markham (VA)  
 Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)  
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)  
 Beau Ware Masonry (V)  
 Deborah Mathias (NY)  
 Murray Mathis (TN)  
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)

### TUESDAY, MAY 19

**Job 5-7 (USA 330M)**

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

**Job 8-10 (USA 330M)**

Doris Moos (NJ)  
 Elaine Moser (MN)  
 Drever/Roberta Morton (VA)  
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)  
 Betty Nichols (WA)  
 NE Baptist College (VT)  
 Mark Ballard, President  
 Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)  
 Peter Dorn, Pastor

### THURSDAY, MAY 21

**Job 11-14 (USA 330M)**

Zach & Jackie Olcott (VA)  
 Cliff & Mary Pavalonis (VA)  
 Pecks Baptist Church (VA)  
 Bryan Sheehan, Pastor  
 Sandy Pederson (MN)  
 Jack & Carollyn Peerman (VA)  
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)  
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

### FRIDAY, MAY 22

**Job 15-17 (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)

### SATURDAY, MAY 23

**Job 18-19 (USA 330M)**

James & Shelly Rode (FL)  
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)  
 Wanda Rolater (TN)  
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)  
 John Saint (PA)

Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO)  
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)  
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

### SUNDAY, MAY 24

Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)  
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)  
 Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)  
 ShenandoahValleyBapt Ch (VA)  
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)  
 Lola Simpson (NY)  
 Mary Skiles (KS)

### MONDAY, MAY 25

**Job 20-21 (USA 330M)**

Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)  
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)  
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)  
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)  
 Carol Snow Stewart (CT)  
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)  
 Charles Stinson (VA)

Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

### TUESDAY, MAY 26

**Job 22-24 (USA 330M)**

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)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

**Job 25-28 (USA 330M)**

Paula Tipton (TN)  
 William & Katie Toney (NC)  
 Carroll/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)

### THURSDAY, MAY 28

**Job 29-31 (USA 330M)**

Sara Underwood (TN)  
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)  
 Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)  
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)  
 Sam & Rita Vergheze (NJ)  
 Mary Ann Voss (DE)  
 Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)  
 Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)

### FRIDAY, MAY 29

**Job 32-34 (USA 330M)** Joyce  
 Warpoole (TN)

Holland & Mary Warren (VA)  
 Rodger Watts (WI)  
 Frank & Nell Weir (KY)  
 Nancy Wetzel (KY)  
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

**Job 35-39 (USA 330M)**

Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)  
 Jeff Williamson (FL)  
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)  
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)  
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)  
 Eva Winebarger (VA)

### SUNDAY, MAY 31

**Job 40-42 (USA 330M)**

Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)  
 Jon & Selena Wood (PA)  
 Layden Wood (VA)  
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)  
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)  
 Yeshua Ministries (TN)

Dr. Frank Bell, Pres.  
 Fred & Susan Zeller (VA)

**JESUS NEVER FAILS!**

# DAILY INTERCESSION:

J. GORDON & SUE HENRY  
ADAM & DIANNA NATHANSON

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you: not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27

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Bruce Kirby [Wanda] (KY)

Edra Landers [Phil] (OK)

Aija Ozolins [John] (Latvia)

Bobby Smith [Cindy] (VA)

Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)

Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)

Esther Tan [Joseph] (Singapore)

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Digmar & Lisbeysi Garcia (Cuba)

Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)

Mulumba Placide Kituta (Burundi)

Nuhu & Mercy Leo (Nigeria)

Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)

Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)

Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)

Andrew & Celestine Sakari (Kenya)

Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)

Cliff & Marcia Vincent (China)

Robert & Joana Waisman (Brazil)

Othnel Wakili (Nigeria)

Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

**TELL IT TO JESUS!**

## PRAYER FOCUS:

USA

AMERICA, YOU ARE  
TOO YOUNG TO DIE!

## IN WHAT ARE YOU TRUSTING?

Trust in yourself and you are doomed to disappointment. Trust in your friends, and they will die and leave you. Trust in money, and you will have it taken from you. Trust in reputation, and some slanderous tongue may blast it. But trust in God, and you will never be confounded in time or eternity.

Dwight L. Moody

## I WANT MY CHURCH TO BE A

PRAYING CHURCH!  
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BE A LIGHTHOUSE OF PRAYER FOR  
YOUR FAMILY, YOUR NEIGHBORS,  
YOUR CITY, YOUR NATION!

## TELL A FRIEND!

"Ye shall not fear them: for the Lord your God, He it is that fighteth for you." Deuteronomy 3:22

## A Note from Dr. Henry

Permit me to say again how grateful I am for your many kind expressions of love and appreciation to Sue and me. It is hard to believe that sixty-three years have passed since we exchanged our wedding vows at Calvary Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky. For fun, I calculated how many days we had been together on our anniversary day. As of April 18, 2020, we have been man and wife (a traditional marriage!) for 22,822 days (22,806 common days and sixteen leap year days).

As our great-granddaughter, Maggie, and I discussed this, she calculated (of course, using her smart phone) the number of hours this represents 540,728 and the number of minutes 32,863,681. During these sixty-three years, we celebrated the following anniversaries: Diamond (10 years); Emerald (20 years); Silver (25 years); Pearl (30 years); Ruby (40 years); Golden (50 years); Diamond (60 years). And it seems just like yesterday that we began our journey. By the way, the average price of gasoline in 1957 was \$.35 a gallon!

Through the **Reflector**, we have shared our lives with you. For over twenty-seven years, the relationship with many was pastor-first lady in a local church. For the last forty years, we have developed relationships through the prayer seminar ministry. The circle has widened until it embraces sixty nations in six continents, many languages and many cultures. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve the Lord with so many. For



Ruby Anniversary (40 years)



Golden Anniversary (50 years)



Diamond Anniversary (60 years).

## HONORING TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

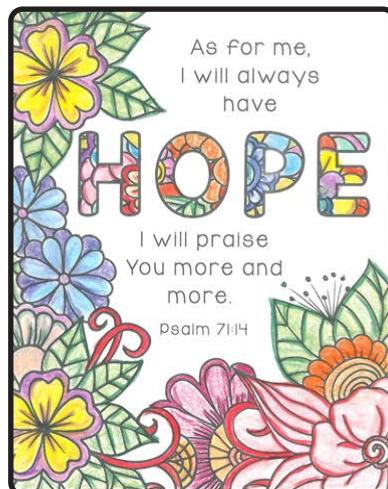
a number of years, the **Reflector** mailing list was over 13,000 for each issue.

Thank you for your interest in us personally and your partnership in the work God called us to do. Thank you for your love for the Word. Thank you for your prayer covering as we traveled (almost three million miles) to carry out the prayer seminar ministry. Thank you for giving to the Lord's work through the prayer seminar ministry. A few days ago, we passed a milestone, \$4,000,000 given through JGHM. Only in eternity will we see the impact of your faithful partnership.

When Berea College, our alma mater, awarded me with an Outstanding Educator Award a few years ago, one of their gifts was a silver dish with an inscription to Sue. The master of ceremonies pointed out the contribution that Sue had made to make all this possible. Words are not strong enough for me to affirm the truth of that observation.

She has been my inspiration and my comfort. She, too, has touched countless thousands through her nursing career and through her role as first lady in my life.

How swiftly these days are passing. We are grateful that neither of us have regrets as we come to the sunset of our ministry. Seldom does a day pass when one of us does not comment on the rapidity of a day. Our desire is to end well as a tribute to the faithfulness of our Heavenly Father.



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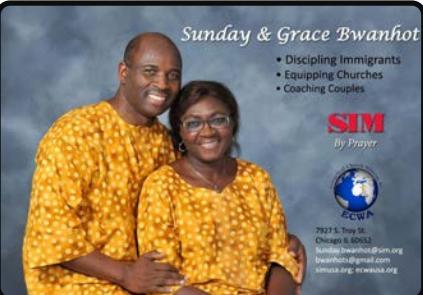


# PRACTICAL STEPS TO GROWING YOUR PRAYER LIFE

## A Devotional By Sunday & Grace Bwanhot

### **6. Create a Prayer Closet.**

Prayer is such a discipline that unless we observe it as Scripture commands, we are certain to run into major obstacles. Except for the fact that God has promised to hear and answer us, there is nothing anyone of us could do that will make God hear us. Jesus' teaching on personal prayer in Matt. 6:6 instructs us to go into our closets to pray. Personal prayer is different from corporate prayer. The lack of personal prayer time affects corporate prayer time. You have got to be alone with God with no one else or anything that will distract you; no one to impress by your language, vocabulary and tone of voice when praying. Being alone with God is a reality check of our concept of who God is and the unveiling of our motives as we pray. In the closet God is saying: I have been waiting for you to hear and answer your prayer; but tell me, why I should answer you! Only closet prayer brings us to this point with our Lord. The problem when we come to pray is not with God but with us. Show your seriousness with God by the discipline of reporting to your



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prayer closet regularly to meet with God.

**NOTE: A series with 17 Steps.**

### **Lives changed**

There are thousands upon thousands of testimonies in the **JGHM Archives** from men and women from many nations who shared what God did for them during a prayer seminar. Testimonies are from church leaders, including pastors, elders, deacons, teachers, whose hearts have been stirred and whose lives have been changed.

Here is one from 2003: God has shown me the importance of prayer, not just in my own life, but in God's work on earth. Jesus taught us the importance and value of prayer and your effort has stripped away my misunderstanding and ignorance in my communication with God.

**THANK YOU,  
DOORKEEPERS,  
FOR PROVIDING THE PRAYER  
AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

## SATAN AND THE WORD

The very moment you came to Christ Satan began to devise ways to defeat you and keep you from becoming what God wants you to be and doing what God wants you to do. It is obvious that he will strike the very core of your growth, the Word of God (God speaking to you) and Prayer (You speaking to God). Satan does not want a believer in the Word and in prayer and will do everything he can do to discourage a believer from reading the Bible and praying. The phone will ring or ping! Someone will knock at the door or enter the room. An intense feeling that something needs to be done immediately will distract you. There will be an urge to turn the television on or check the e-mail. Or you will get so sleepy that you can hardly keep your eyes open.

It is important, by the way, to remember that the devil has no place to stand in Christians unless we give him a place (Ephesians 4:27)! Prioritizing and discipline are life skills to learn and put into practice when Satan begins to do his work. Keep 1 John 4:4 at the forefront of your mind: Greater is He who is in you [the Holy Spirit] than the one who is in the world [Satan]. You and I do not have to be defeated. When you are ready for your **Quiet Hour**, be prepared for the battle to begin in your mind. Be sure that you take time each morning to put the whole armor of God on (Ephesians 6:10-18), God's protection for you when you go to battle. Since the first activity listed after your get your armor on (v 18) is prayer keep in mind that is where the battlefield will be.

There are times when the unrest, unsettleness, is not Satan, but the Holy Spirit. If freedom and release do not come it will be time to review and put into practice James 4:8: Submit yourself to God; resist the devil and he will flee from you. Follow David's example in Psalm 139:19-20 and ask for a full-scale investigation: Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. When a believer sincerely asks God to show any sins in his/her life, He will. There will be a consciousness of sin(s). The result is conviction, knowing there is a sin. It is at that time we humble ourselves and repent (change our mind and direction about the sin), confess it specifically, and receive forgiveness and cleansing (1 John 1:9). It is only then that you have submitted to God. You have the authority to resist the devil and he will flee from you. **READ THE WORD FIRST**. After God speaks to you, you will be ready to speak to Him. Start with praise and worship as often as possible. Remember in the first half of the Model Prayer, the focus is the Father Himself. Check the pronouns. It is not until the second half that the pronouns become us and our. The Model Prayer is not so much a prayer to be prayed as a prayer to teach us how to pray. It IS important how we order our praying!

**JGHM** has given away hundreds and hundreds of **George Mueller's Soul Nourishment First**. In the pamphlet, Mueller, who took care of orphan children in Bristol, England in the first half of the 1800's, wrote: "It has pleased the Lord to teach me a truth ... that the first and primary business

to which I ought to attend every day is ... how I might get my soul into a happy state ... by means of the Word of God, whilst meditating on it, my heart might be brought into experimental communion with the Lord ... that I might be comforted, encouraged, warned, reproved, instructed ... and my soul led to confession or to intercession or to supplication. I speak to my Father and to my Friend about things that He has brought before me in His precious Word." **The best praying is that which comes out of the Word of God.**

A major emphasis of the prayer seminar is coupling the Word of God and prayer. For sixty-six years, I have used the **Reflector** and other printed materials to call attention to our readers the importance of daily Bible reading and have provided practical suggestions to guide you. Many carry a copy of the Bible to Sunday school and church weekly who do not consult it for guidance in living. One reason is that **Satan does not want us to see life from God's point of view.** Certainly, he does not want us to know the provisions God has made to help us be victorious and walk in the Spirit. He does not want us to use the Word of God in our battle against his wiles and devices as the Lord Jesus Christ did during the temptation period in the wilderness. Since the devil's misuse of Scripture is a major ploy to defeat us when we do not know the Word of God well, it is to his advantage in spiritual warfare to keep believer's ignorant.

**What are some of the techniques Satan is using to achieve his goals?** One is to let books replace the Bible. Many revere the Bible more than they read it. We somehow have

concluded that it is more expedient to digest the thoughts of others about Scriptures than to digest the Scriptures themselves. Such practice is a mistake! Instead of taking time in His Word, many contemporary Christians have developed the habit of following daily devotional guides that require only a few minutes in "spiritual exercise." The daily devotion usually consists of one verse and some thoughts. Sometimes there is a poem and a prayer that can be read in a couple of minutes.

I used to think that this kind of devotional life was better than none at all, but I've changed my mind. Our spiritual needs are too great and the task is too large to settle for anything less than a solid time in the Word. For the past few years, **JGHM** has been blessed by letters from many believers in developing nations asking for books and study materials. Some include a long book list. In my reply, I point out that it is vital to spend time daily in the Bible itself not in books about the Bible. I always remind them to "stay in the Word until you know God has spoken to you from the Scriptures. You will then be in a position to have a meaningful prayer time built on an attitude of dependence and faith which comes from the reading of His Word." I firmly believe this is the way to go.

Anything that is a substitute for God's Word, including the **Reflector**, **Prayer Seminar Workbook** and other books that I have written is bound to result in retarded spiritual growth. I'm not suggesting that devotional guides and books about the Bible are wrong. My personal library, now deposited in the Northeastern

Baptist College, Bennington, Vermont (as well as Sue's library) was filled with guides and books that have been tremendously helpful and encouraging to me and often spend time with them to great profit. But these must be supplements to God's Word, not substitutes for God's Word. There are times when picking up a devotional guide or Bible study book is appropriate, but it should always be after you have spent time in the Word and prayer.

## Greetings from Florida

Dear Dr. Henry,

I'm hoping you remember me and/or my grandmother, Evalena Enoch from Newport News, VA at Immanuel Baptist Church. Your daughter, Mona, taught me piano when I was in 6th grade. I still have in my possession the New Testament Bible, where you came to my home, with Grandma, in January 1979. After assisting me with my math homework, you shared the Gospel with me [using the New Testament] and I was saved.

Grandma went home to be with the Lord January 24th, 2012, she was 94. Going through grandma's

books, I came across a set of white books, that you wrote. These are the ones you have listed on your website, which I just found recently. I've been reading through them and wanted you to know that I'm so encouraged to engage the word of God and prayer with a breath of fresh air. I have gone through **The Christian's Necessary Food** and am reading **The Model Prayer**. I'm going to order the prayer workbook and **Prayer Seminar DVD'**

I wanted to reach out and say thank you. Thank you for coming to share the Gospel with me and for the impact you had on my grandma. I know she is in heaven because she believed and trusted in our Lord Jesus Christ. I would love to hear how you, Mrs. Henry and Mona are doing. As for myself, I'm married with three daughters and we attend Idlewild Baptist Church here in Lutz, the Tampa Florida Bay area. You may already know our pastor is Ken Whitten, I hope to hear from you and God bless you, sir!

Grace and peace,  
Don Enoch  
Proverbs 3:5-6  
Wesley Chapel, Florida



**Don, Riley, Adrien, Olivia, Mary**

## A Personal Meditation

I LOVE YOU, LORD JESUS,

Help me to live each day quietly  
and calmly.

To lean upon Your great strength--

**Trustfully, restfully.**

To wait for the  
Unfolding of Your will

**Patiently, serenely.**

To meet others

**Peacefully, joyfully.**

To face each tomorrow

**Confidently, courageously.**

Fill me with YOUR love.

Let me overflow with  
**Kindness and compassion.**

Let the life I'm living  
Show that a **caring** heart

Can touch the world

And even change it, too.

Let me be a fountain, Lord,

That overflows with You.

I LOVE YOU, LORD JESUS,

Help me to remember  
That nothing is going  
To happen to me today

That You and I

Together can't handle.

In Your name, JESUS,

The name above all others,

I pray. I am Your servant.

I LOVE YOU, LORD JESUS,

I pray in Your name. Amen

**IN CHRIST,  
NO CONDEMNATION  
NO SEPARATION.  
ROMANS 8**

## A Needed Reminder

**God Alone is Worthy of  
Your Trust**

by Carollyn Peerman  
Lynchburg, Virginia

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

How many times have you been let down and disappointed by other people? God is asking you to look to Him for your help. We all need God's wisdom. Trust in Him alone. Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and who heart departeth from the LORD.

Are you meditating on His Word day and night? In God will I praise His Word: in the LORD will I praise His Word. What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee. I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. This I know; for God is with me.

### God's Hedge of Protection

During the Middle Tennessee Tornados, our son's domicile was the only thing left untouched for one-half mile. Other buildings demolished, his standing. We pray for Mark's physical protect each morning. We praise God for sparing him as well as Melody who works in neurological intensive care. This sign is in Mona's yard:





What started as an effort on the part of our daughter, Mona, to provide support and encouragement for Sue and me as we traveled to other nations grew into a tradition.

Mona prepared a series of cards/notes to be opened at set times during time away from home. Words seem insipid to convey the peace and joy her messages brought to our hearts—words of encouragement and support. Usually there were five cards to be opened on five separate days.

The message on this card is representative:  
Mom & Daddy,

"He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."

Proverbs 11:25

Have a refreshing journey!  
Thank you for your continuing work sharing about prayer. I so love you both.

Mona

**GOD, YOU'RE SO GOOD!**

**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
**JGHM BOARD MEMBER**  
**Loretta Mathis (Mrs. F. Murray)**  
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**Murfreesboro, Tennessee**



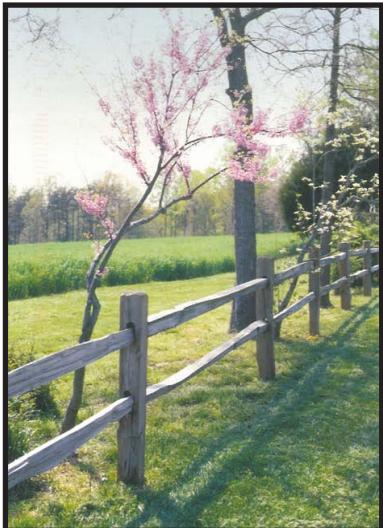
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Baltimore, Maryland

"O death, where is your sting?  
O grave, where is your victory? But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"

1 Corinthians 15:55, 57 The word death means separation. We know from New Testament teaching that a believer (spirit-soul) departs to be with Christ at the time of death while his body goes into the grave (2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23) to await the Resurrection. The believer himself is in the conscious presence of the Lord, worshiping Him in a way he never could on earth.



Red Hill, the home of the renown Patrick Henry, in the Brookneal area south of Lynchburg.

The Christian Faith is under attack in the Commonwealth of Virginia. On Good Friday, the governor signed into law radical legislation that undermines freedom of religion and social order as we have known it throughout our history. The alarm bells are ringing. It has been established that a deciding factor in the 2018 election that "flipped" Virginia from conservative controlled leadership came from outside sources determined to remove restrictions on ABORTION and promote the LBGT AGENDA. Liberty is under attack.

Remember Virginia's first governor Patrick Henry's clarion call in the early days of our history,

**"GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH."**



*"We cannot allow our country to be deprived of the Judeo-Christian values that make it so great."*

-Dr. Ben Carson



### **I HAVE A DREAM"**

Martin Shikuku has been very much a part of the prayer seminar ministry since April 2006. His work as a pastor-teacher, evangelist, missionary statesman is unassailable. Since 2013, he has served with distinction as the JGHM; EAST/CENTRAL AFRICA BRANCH. His nations are Kenya (he resides in Eldoret in the Rift Valley) Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Republic of the Congo, and South Sudan. His is the most fruitful work that I know about. My dream is that some church, ministry, family or individual would adopt Martin to ensure that he has resources to continue. He is making a difference.

## Intercede for our land

The eyes of the Father run to and fro; He's searching the earth.  
 He's looking for those who make intercession on behalf of their nation,  
 Those who will rise up and pray.

We'll stand in the gap on behalf of our land; on our knees we'll take our stand,  
 And there intercede for our land. We'll pray for the needs of our land.  
 The powers of darkness released on our lands will never prevail  
 Will never withstand the deep intercession by a people of passion  
 Those who will rise up and pray. Let us pray for our nation this day:

O Father, we admit that we have not got it right. Father, we admit that we have got it wrong. We have wronged You at times, Father, and we have wronged You, Lord. We need to pray right now for our nation, a nation You have ordained, Father, where justice and righteousness and the spirit of worship prevail. Father, we ask You in the name of Jesus Lord. We come before you Father humbly. We cry out to You, Father, and we say sweep this nation with Your Spirit. Touch us, O Lord, and help us to move in Your presence and Your power. Let us see from the North to the South Your Spirit move; Father, from the East to the West, every tongue, every tribe in every nation, touch them by the presence of Your Holy Spirit. Father we look to no one else but You and we say, Lord, You can do it. You will do it, Father as we pay the price on our knees. Help us, Lord; help us Lord, Help us Lord. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

### A Prayer for all Americans

**O God, Whose name was on the lips of the men who founded this nation, and on the lips of men who died for it be with us yet. Guide us through this period of crisis, confusion, and insecurity. Keep us steadfast in remembering the truths that our forefathers lived by. Restore our innocence, renew our vision, enter our hearts and keep us brave/ Give us, as Americans, the strength to do Your work and to make this country worthy of Your blessing. [In Jesus' name]. Amen.**

William I. Nichols

### Consider

If there is righteousness in the heart,  
 there will be beauty in the character;  
 If there is beauty in the character,  
 there will be harmony in the home;  
 If there is harmony in the home,  
 there will be order in the nation;  
 If there is order in the nation,  
 there will be peace in the world;

## National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Theme: PRAY GOD'S GLORY ACROSS THE EARTH

FOR THE EARTH WILL BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD AS THE WATERS THAT COVER THE SEA. HABAKKUK 2:14

God made a promise to the prophet Habakkuk during some very deep and troubling times in Israel's history. It was a time marked by darkness and disobedience from the culture and God's people. The prophet cried out to God for hope and help and God answered in a most unexpected way; to use a wicked, idol-worshipping nation's army to come and execute His judgment on His people. Habakkuk could not believe what he was hearing as God began to detail the woes that would come to pass, but in the middle of the pronouncement of woes God pauses to make a profound promise that would eventually be seen in the face of Jesus Christ and spread by Christ-followers until Christ returns.

God's promise, For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea echoes into the New Testament as the apostle Paul writes in 2Corinthians 4:6, For God, who said, Light shall shine out of darkness, is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. It is this knowledge, the knowledge of Jesus, the knowledge of the gospel, that we pray will spread across the earth. It is through every follower of Jesus living a prayer-care-share lifestyle that His glory will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

### TAKE FIVE AT TWELVE

Join thousands across America at 12 noon on Thursday May 7, for at least five minutes of united prayer.

- Acknowledge our dependence upon God.
- Give thanks for the many blessings He has given us.
- Confess specific sins in our nation and ask for God's mercy upon us.
- Ask for a spirit of repentance among God's children.
- Ask God to guide our leaders and to bring healing and spiritual wholeness to our nation and all our people.

May this 68th consecutive National Day of Prayer be special in your life and the life a nation that in many ways has forgotten God.

**IN TIMES LIKE THESE,  
WHERE COULD WE GO BUT TO THE LORD?**