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Both the JGHM Museum and the Henry Home, 1127 Lakeview Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia, are filled with artifacts from many nations hosting prayer seminars. This picture is a gift from the very first overseas prayer seminars in India, 1985, handpainted on cloth. Guests are welcomed to tour the museum and home!

WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE

"God has made everything beautiful in its time"

Ecclesiastes 3:1b



Adoration Throne Room Praying

REMEMBERING

Dr. Armin R. Gesswein

November 28, 1907 March 10, 2001

Reidun G. Gesswein (Mrs. Armin)

August 18, 1913-March 13, 2002



A FEW DAYS AFTER ARMIN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE A TWO-PAGE HANDWRITTEN LETTER CAME FROM REIDUN ALONG WITH THIS PHOTO TAKEN THREE MONTHS BEFORE HIS DEATH.

During the time in 1977 when God was in the process of changing my views about the various aspects of the Christian life the place of a daily time in the Word, what Spirit filled means and the role of the Holy Spirit in my life, and about prayer a small booklet came across my desk entitled **The Seven Wonders of Prayer** written by **Armin Gesswein**. Through his explanation of the very **first wonder WORSHIP** I saw something I had never seen before. Prayer is not bringing God down to earth to get in on what we are up to at all. **Prayer is an act whereby a believer moves into the very presence of God in the Throne Room (Hebrews 4:16, Hebrews 10:19, Revelation 4:1-2).**

I felt grateful to **Armin Gesswein**, but had no idea who he was. Five years, later, I would not only find out, but I would meet him personally. On Monday, March 15, 1982, I was sitting at my desk in the President's Office at Northeastern Bible College, Essex Fells, New Jersey, when a telephone call came from a local pastor telling me of the availability of a guest speaker in his church to speak in chapel provided he could speak the next day. His name? **Armin Gesswein!** Although a faculty member was scheduled to speak, he graciously forfeited his time to this great man of God.

What a joy to meet a brother whose writings had profoundly influenced my prayer life forever. From that day onward, we became fast friends often exchanging letters. From early 1987 until March 2001, I was blessed to receive monthly what he called his sheets on prayer always two sheets, with each cramed full, with very narrow

margins, of thoughts related to prayer. He believed that prayer is the work that must come before all other work and could not understand why pastors and other leaders did not see what he saw.

My last visit with Armin was January 10, 2000 when we had dinner together at Hotel Huntington Beach in Huntington Beach, California. For several years, I served as an educational consultant for a new college in Orange County and spent a few days each month on their campus. My time was limited, so Armin drove up from his home in San Juan Capistrano. My notes from that meeting were as follows: Met for dinner and a time of catching up with Armin Gesswein, whom I consider my mentor in the prayer seminar ministry. He was eager to know how the prayer seminar ministry was going and I was eager to know how his ministry was going. A memorable, encouraging, humbling time of fellowship."

Armin's exodus

On the way from Caesarea-Philippi to His cross in Jerusalem, Jesus went aside to a high mountain to pray (**Luke 9:27-36**). He took with Him Peter, James, and John, who enjoyed a circle of intimacy with Him that the other disciples did not have. While He was praying, He was transfigured before them and the glory of His essence shone through. While on earth, this majestic brilliance was veiled; here these three disciples saw it unveiled for a brief time. In looking back to that moment, John said, And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory,

the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth (**John 1:14**). Peter had this to say, We ...were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.' And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain (**2 Peter 1:16b-18**).

Actually, the disciples had gone to sleep while Jesus was in prayer. When they became fully awake, they saw two men in conversation with Jesus. Moses and Elijah had come to speak with Him about His exodus that He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem (**Luke 9:31**). How wonderful to learn from this event that death is an exodus, not a cessation of existence not simply a departure from one place to another one.

On Monday afternoon, March 5, 2001, Armin, who was 93 years old and in his seventieth year of ministry, sat down with **Dr. Harold J. Sala**, president of Guidelines International Ministries, on whose board of reference he served, and said, Harold, I want you to pray with me about two burdens of my heart. The first was to get prayer into churches so that it becomes a frontal assault against the enemy. He also asked that he join him in praying that schools

"I read once in a book that a man called Christ went about doing good. It distressed me that I am so easily satisfied with just going about." Kagawa

JGH 1956 BEREА COLLEGE NOTE

like BIOLA, Moody, and Nyack help their students to understand the importance of prayer noting that Christian colleges do not have courses on prayer.

Two days later, on Wednesday morning, March 7th, Armin was felled by a stroke. For the next couple of days he was able to respond visually, though he couldn't speak. Those around him knew that he was listening and noted that he acknowledged agreement with his eyes when they prayed and quoted Scripture. He lingered until **Saturday morning, March 10** and then **Armin made his exodus**. He is now rejoicing in the presence of our Lord, whom he loved and so faithfully served for these many years. **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints (Psalm 116:15).**

In making the announcement, Dr. Sala summed up well the thoughts of Armin's family, friends and colleagues: Many of us prayed that the Lord would either restore him completely or take him. God chose to answer by taking home one of His most beloved servants. Our loss has become heaven's gain! Nonetheless, the work that he began and sustained will continue in our hearts and lives.

Armin's insights

In my tribute to Armin following his death, I pledged to share some of Armin's unique insights on prayer in future editions of the **Reflector** and the **Doorkeeper Report**. He pointed out that the early disciples asked Jesus for a prophecy conference (**Acts 1**), a request that He did not grant. Rather, He sent them to a prayer meeting. After praying ten

days, the Holy Spirit came to provide power for the Gospel presentation and over 3,000 were saved. The church must get back to the kind of praying that the early believers did in Jerusalem.

Armin, who was well acquainted with the various prayer movements around the world, often commented on the uniqueness of each one, including my prayer seminar ministry. He pointed out that there are no two alike and each leader should continue to pursue the prayer leadership God has given to him, and in his or her own way. He said in a personal letter dated January 17, 1987, It is rather unique, I think, the different ways the Lord is leading in the disciplining of those whom He has disciplined in prayer. **2 Tim. 2:2.** There are no carbon copies. I guess it is something like the four Gospels. All wrote about the same life of Christ, but the story 'came through' differently. So we have the Gospel according to Matthew ...and so on. That's great! One sentence that he included in letters was I trust 2001 [or whatever year] will be your very best year! Why not?

Armin's impact

Going back to the Huntington Beach Hotel meeting, after we finished "catching up," we turned the table in the restaurant into a prayer station. Both of us thanked our Father for our friendship and our ministries. My heart was warmly stirred as he prayed for Sue and me and I prayed for him and Reidun and his great ministry. How sharp was his mind. His handwriting was beautiful beyond words and he was ninety-two years old. I was challenged by his

every-expanding vision of how to get the church praying!

The very last monthly letter was March 2001. Armin shared plans to go to Norway in March to share his COLLEGE ON PRAYER in two major cities: Drammen and Skien. He shared his approach: Our idea is usually to center in one church and make it a kind of radiating center for also reaching others. By bringing them together a few days, we bind and bond them in unity ... and help them to 'hear what the Spirit says to the churches (not only their own church). The Lord reveals this wonderful plan in the Book of Revelation where He holds the seven star preachers of the seven lampstand-churches in the hollow of His nail-pierced (but now gloriously resurrected) hand. What a sight!

But so real! Alive! Practical! Do-able! A workable pattern and model. God's own way for REVIVAL in the churches. A real REVELATION! (See Revelation 1-2-3).

Not only did **Armin Gesswein** impact my own life and serve as an exemplar for me of how to conduct ministry, he impacted the lives of many other pastors, leaders, churches, and at least one major denomination, The Christian Missionary and Alliance, through his COLLEGE ON PRAYER. Some of these were Bill Bright, Billy Graham, Chuck Smith, Richard Halverson, David Bryant, Charles Fuller, A. W. Tozer to name a few. I'm sure that he will not be easily forgotten by any who came under the shadow of his ministry. I know that he will not be forgotten in my heart.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

The Seven Wonders of Prayer

Since 2020 is likely to be the final year for the **Reflector** ministry, it seems good to me to include a final tribute to **Armin Gesswein**, his life and his ministry as I pledged to do in 2001. I am pleased to share **The Seven Wonders of Prayer**. A few years ago, we provided copies for the **Doorkeepers**, but many of you were not with us at that time. May the Holy Spirit use his writing to rekindle your own sense of wonder about prayer and inspire you to be a prayer warrior.

I agree with Billy Graham's observation: I will never forget how Armin Gesswein challenged people all over Southern California to pray for our meetings way back in 1949. Reading about Armin's commitment to prayer will challenge you, as his life as always challenged me.

You see, Armin was not only the pioneer of the modern prayer movement, but the one who started the prayer ministry that launched the Billy Graham evangelistic crusades in Los Angeles in 1949. Perhaps in a future issue, I will share the gripping story of what is known as The Lost Prayer Meeting that is said to be THE event that launched Billy Graham's world-impacting evangelistic ministry. While Billy Graham was speaking to the masses in the preaching tent, Armin was leading a prayer service in a separate prayer tent where up to 1,000 quietly gathered to cry out to God. They were asking God to rend the heavens and come down, for God to pour out His Holy Spirit, to anoint Billy Graham, for people to be convicted of their sin and to dramatically repent and be converted to the Lord Jesus Christ. Young Graham himself consistently went into the prayer tent prior to the preaching tent.

The Seven Wonders of Prayer

Armin R. Gesswein

I. Prayer is WORSHIP

By prayer we enter into God's holy temple, and penetrate at once to the throne of His grace. Prayer is not only the shortest distance to God's mighty throne; it is the only way in. To think that this supreme wonder could take place so suddenly with one bold blood-bought step! There we see the Lord Jesus, ever ready to pray for us, and ready to give us of His own praying, by His Spirit. Glorious discovery: He is only a prayer away! The veil of sense and space that hides Him within His temple-universe is suddenly removed as we pray. We enter silently into His temple, and lo we are suddenly in the presence of angels and archangels, and with all the company of Heaven we worship and adore Him. Only there do we discover the wonder of worship, that worship is before work, and that all His works are done in the spirit of worship. There are many churchgoers, but few worshipers, because there are few pray-ers.

Scripture: "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name (**Psalm 100:4**). "And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (**Revelation 5:13**). "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (**John 4:24**).

SENTENCE SERMON: Prayer
opens Heaven even now.
Therefore, let us pray!

II. Prayer is WAITING on God

Only those who wait on Him can wait for Him. Theirs is the patience of the saints. His patience becomes theirs. Only those who wait on Him can wait on others. In the end they also experience being waited on by others.

In prayer we learn to wait. There we cease from our feverish haste and restlessness, for we are before Him. We also enter into His rest, where we cease from our own works. Prayer is wonderful relaxation, it rests me, writes a missionary.

We also listen, for there He speaks, and all the earth is silent before Him.

In prayer we learn to hear Him speak first, and then we speak; He works, and then we work. All proceeds from Him: words and works and, in worship. There we learn that God only blesses that which comes from Himself.

Prayer brings out God's personality to the full, and also mine. A minister said, My personality is zero until I pray.

Prayer puts me in the place where God can do it all. It is His one way of keeping our lives on a constant miracle basis. Therefore, let us pray!

Scripture: Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you (**James 4:8**). Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him.... Those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. (**Psalm 37:7,9**). But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount

up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary: and they shall walk, and not faint (**Isaiah 40:31**).

SENTENCE SERMON: The Lord works for those that wait for Him.

III. Prayer is WALKING with God

Prayer is communion and fellowship, and our walk is one of communion with the Lord. Fellowship seems to be a form of prayer, when the Lord Jesus is in the midst. In prayer we talk with God, walk with God, and work with God. It is as we walk with God that we also learn to work with God. There, in His way, His works appear.

The promised land is, in a real sense, the land of promises. It is as we pray that we inherit the promises, and that God fulfills them. The promises of God are shaped, one by one, for our praying. There we learn to take off our shoes and worship, for we are on holy ground. After we have learned to kneel long on His promises, we will learn to live by them and for them. They become our home. By prayer we enter into every word of God. It likewise enters into us, and we live by every word of God. It is thus that we advance in that land; on our knees. Knee-action, then foot-work, is the way.

We are no farther along with God than when we are on our knees. Also, we are no taller spiritually than we are in prayer. What that church needs, it was said, is a man so tall that he can reach Heaven on his knees.

If we are too busy to pray, we are not only too busy, but barren. Whatever else we may be doing, we

certainly are not doing the works of God.

We will never be much for God unless we are much with God, writes a minister.

Everything that the Lord Jesus did was easy, except prayer. Usually He spoke but a word, and it was done: whether preaching, teaching, healing, casting out demons, calling disciples, stilling the storm, feeding five thousand miraculously, or raising Lazarus from the dead. But, one thing was work, even sweat, tears, and agony; that was His praying. It was the one great work out of which all His works came; the great ministry in the ministry, out of which all ministry was born.

The labor of prayer also is clearly brought out by the strong words used in the New Testament: Seeking; knocking; supplication; importunity; intercession; give ourselves continually to prayer; continual coming; effectual fervent prayer; strong crying and tears; etc.

Christ was too busy to have time to pray; therefore He took time for it. And we must do the same, or we shall never pray in these days. Many have taken Christ as Savior who have not yet taken Him as Example. This is very serious. The New Testament writers were as much in dead earnest when they took Christ as their Example as they were in taking Him as their Redeemer.

Scripture: Created . . . unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (**Ephesians 2:10**). Christ hath left us an example, that ye should follow His steps (**I Peter 2:21**). Grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ (**Ephesians 4:15**).

If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

SENTENCE SERMON: The Christian life is a life of Christ, and the life of Christ is largely a life of prayer.

IV. Prayer is WORK

All of God's works are wrought by prayer. Prayer works, changes things, because through it God works. By prayer we enter into His works. Prayer not only works, but it is work, real work both for Him in Heaven, and for us on earth. If we do not learn to pray, we shall not amount to a thing for God. For it is the one work where we behold God doing His work. There, we become workers together with God. Like Christ, and with Him, it is in prayer that we must put in the real man-hours of labor. All else is easy, when we learn to labor in prayer. Christ labored in prayer to the point of sweat, tears, and agony.

Prayer is our main ministry in the ministry, even as it was His. Yes, it is right now His one supreme ministry, for He ever liveth to make intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25).

Our generation has yet to see prayer as a ministry, and to take God at His Word on this subject.

It is while we pray that God works, if we can but see Him not merely before, or after prayer. Our idea is, Let us pray, and then get on with the work. But prayer is our real work. We so often think of prayer as a prefix or a suffix to an otherwise busy round.

But God's works are wrought as we pray, and while we pray.

It brings a revolution to any minister of Christ, once he believes God's Word on this point.

His works are done through prayer, for He always works out from His throne by intercession. It is not only His intercession, but ours, too: for, by His Spirit, He not only prays for us, but in us. He gives us of His own great praying and that is the truest praying.

We are not just to imitate His praying, but to enter into it, receive it, and have it enter into us. That is how we enter into His works, become labourers together with God, and learn to cease from our own works. We learn in this way to work with Him, instead of for Him. Sons, and no longer slaves.

Then, after we have prayed, we walk with the Lord Jesus into the works He has wrought in answer to prayer. Prayer is our real work.

Working is drudgery. Even working for the Lord is dreary. But working with Him is delight.

In His Kingdom, it is those to whom He ministers who minister. The conquered conquer, and the followers of Christ lead others.

When we work with God as we do in prayer we shall see the works of God.

Scripture: In every thing by prayer and supplication . . . let your requests be made known unto God (Philippians 4:6). Workers together with him (II Corinthians 6:1). For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much (James 5:16).

SENTENCE SERMON: With God, prayer is not everything, but everything is by prayer.

V. Prayer is WARFARE

Then only do we engage the enemy Satan and his forces when we pray. There is where the battle is fought, and the real victory won.

Christian work only succumbs to the enemy; it does not engage him or overcome his power unless we pray.

It is really only in the place of prayer that we wrestle against principalities, against powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Unless we learn to pray, we never do battle for God, or become Christ's soldiers. The entire armor is shaped for prayer. That is the real battleground.

Unless we learn to pray and wrestle there, we shall get into the wrong battle and lose the hot battle of words and the clash of personalities.

The Lord had 120 knockers, but He shut them all up to prayer in the Upper Room. He taught them to do all their knocking in prayer. Then He never had the problem of knocking in His Church!

There, in that Upper Room in Jerusalem, He made them soldiers. There He mobilized them, and there He also trained them for His warfare.

All through the Acts they march, after that, on their knees! In almost every chapter they are praying. The new power they have in the Spirit is like military power. For they witness and win souls not only from sin, but from the bondage of the Devil, and

that right in the very strongholds of heathenism. With witnessing goes warfare. It is a constant battle for souls.

The victories won by prayer,
By prayer must still be held;
The foe retreats but only when
By prayer he is compelled.

Scripture: For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God. . . praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit (**Ephesians 6: 12, 13, 18**). Men ought always to pray, and not to faint (**Luke 18:1**). Ask, and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you (**Luke 11:9**). Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (**Matthew 16:19**).

SENTENCE SERMON: The battle is won in prayer; in witnessing we simply take the spoils.

VI. Prayer Fulfills the WILL of God

Does prayer change the will of God? Asks a Christian. It seems a knotty question. No. Actually, it is only by prayer, and in answer to prayer, that God's will is done on earth, as it is in Heaven. This is another way of saying that so often because we do not pray the will of man, or of the flesh, or of Satan, is being done. That is just the trouble, and the crux of the matter.

This is just where the Bible comes in. A chaplain was kneeling in prayer with

a group, as one by one they prayed, Lord, if it be thy will . . . He suggested that they all rise from their knees, take their Bibles, and find out what God's will was in the matter; and then go to prayer, praying that His will, revealed in His Word, be done.

This is the point where we must watch closely. The point of reason is that prayer changes God's will; the point of Scripture is that prayer realizes God's will as revealed in God's Word.

Reason can also argue very subtly in the opposite direction: God is sovereign. He is God, you know, and He will do this thing whether we pray about it or not. Nothing is closer to reason, at times, than this; yet, nothing is further from Scripture. For God will not do apart from prayer what He has promised to do in answer to prayer, and it is my Christian responsibility to search the Scriptures and find out just what that is.

It has well been said, When God is about to do a work, He always starts by getting His people to prayer.

It is only as we pray that we get what God can do.

Nothing lies outside the circle of prayer except what lies outside the orbit of God's will.

Scripture: Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth (**Luke 11:2**). If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you (**John 15:7**). Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not (**Jeremiah 33:3**). For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure (**Philippians 2:13**).

SENTENCE SERMON: In the Bible God reveals His will, in prayer He fulfills it.

VII. Prayer is the School Where God Teaches Us His WORD

Someone has said, the promises are the molds into which we pour our prayers. D. L. Moody said, Tarry at a promise, and God will meet you there. When the answer comes, it comes by the way of the promise, and fulfills it.

The promises, then, are the very size and shape our prayers should take; and they are also the size our answers should have.

How far along are we with Christ? How large is our development? Our growth? Our stature? Our Christian maturity? This is shown by our prayer life. For our real discipleship is in the school of prayer. Likewise, most all of our dealings and disciplines of the Lord are registered there. We are no further along with Christ than we are in our praying. Prayer, for the Christian, is a life. We should speak of the prayer life. That is the exact measure of our spiritual growth. It is the exact level of our power. Satan need not attack our power; only our praying.

Our spiritual stature is revealed by the kind of praying we do, and by the kind of answers we receive. A leading Christian lady once asked a young minister: You speak of getting answers to your prayers in a new way. I would like to know what kind of answers you are getting. That was a well-pointed question.

Our prayers should grow with our Christian life, and we should likewise have larger answers. In Acts 9, for example, while Paul was receiving the answer to prayer for his soul's salvation, Peter was receiving mighty answers which resulted in spiritual awakening in whole communities. Something like that was the young preacher's experience, just mentioned: he not only experienced the fullness of God's Spirit in his own heart, but was rejoicing in a spirit of revival in his congregation.

Another way we know of our progress is by the kind of tests and trials we are given. Every failure arises from some failure in prayer, in our Christian life. Spurgeon once said, The best evidence that we are in God's will is the Devil's growl!"

In this school which is our life the Lord Jesus teaches us prayer and faith. These always go together, in every lesson. Question: Am I in the kindergarten? First grade? Or, how far? Many Christians do not advance. Some never mature. A great many remain babes, carnal.

Then, too, if we fail (in a test), we must take the examination over. We must learn to pray. We must learn that lesson, or we do not advance in the Christian life. The lesson is largely a prayer-faith lesson. It does no good to run away from it, or to resign. We must face it, and go through! We shall have to meet that same lesson and learn it, though we flee to the uttermost parts of the earth. And, it might be even worse there.

As they went on, the disciples began to learn that the Lord Jesus' great secret was in prayer. They also discovered that He was in dead earnest about the fact that His

big prayer secret must become theirs; and that by His promises, His precepts, His parables, and, above all, His own tremendous practice He was passing it on to them.

By the time our Lord was ready to depart for Heaven, whatever His disciples had not learned as yet, they really did know how to pray. The secret had become theirs. Now He could depart, for He had gotten them so well schooled in prayer and faith that they would fully trust His Word, and He could therefore trust them. They graduated. It was their commencement. From then on they advanced, chapter by chapter through Acts, on their knees.

Everything was by prayer. The main reason for this is that their entire life and ours is to be on a constant miracle basis. It is His one way of getting right into everything, and doing it, by having us proceed in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. Then He is All in all, and gets all the glory.

Scripture: Lord, teach us to pray (**Luke 11:1**). These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren (**Acts 1:14**). In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God (**Philippians 4:6**)

SENTENCE SERMON: If we are to be like Christ, we must search the Scriptures to learn what Christ was like.

OUR MANTRA:
GOD'S WAY:
EVERYTHING BY
PRAYER!

FOCUS ON ADAM - 2020

Adam Nathanson has been a good steward since he has assumed the responsibility for the prayer seminar ministry. His areas of ministry have been Panama, Venezuela and Florida. His wife, **Dianna**, joined him in the latter two venues. In Panama, the nine prayer seminars were well-received. Over 320 participated with encouraging feedback from over 34 pastors and many other leaders who are now considering how to reproduce the prayer seminar in their churches. Adam has been invited to return.



Adam will be at Colonial Baptist Church, Randallstown MD, for a prayer seminar and a missions conference before traveling to Argentina and Brazil for prayer seminars in April. Contact Adam if you are interested in scheduling a prayer seminar in your church or in your area. Prayer is the work that must come before all other work.

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Touching Lives in Panama

NOTES from MY BIBLE

Note 5051. A TRUTH UNCHANGED: It is impossible to please God without faith. "Lord, increase [our] faith."

Note 5052. The only sure object of faith is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Note 5053. Faith is confidence in God's faithfulness to me in an uncertain world, on an uncharted course through an unknown future.

Note 5054. "The only way to learn strong faith is to endure great trials." --George Mueller

Note 5055. Trials are the food of faith.

**FAITH HONORS GOD;
GOD HONORS FAITH.**

ROPEHOLDER/DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

1/23/2020-2/19/2020

Regular	58	\$8,116.00
Ropeholder-Kenya	1	150.00
Total	59	\$8,266.00



PRAYER CALENDAR**MARCH 2020***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

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)

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Joshua 1-3 (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

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Joshua 4-7 (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)
Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
Kim Bradshaw (VA)
Lurlene Braud (VA)
Michael Breed (WI)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Joshua 8-10 (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))

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Joshua 11-15 (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)

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Joshua 16-20 (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)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Joshua 21-24
Lynn Elkins (TN)
Jeff & Leeann 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)

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

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)

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Judges 1-4 (USA 330M)
Sam/Michele Graisbury (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)

TUESDAY, MARCH 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)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Judges 9-12 (USA 330M)
Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
Frank & Pat Hitchings (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)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Judges 13-16 (USA 330M)
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)

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Judges 17-21 (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)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Ruth 1-4 (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

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Harriet Kennedy (VA)
Louis & Jane Kiger (VA)

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

MONDAY, MARCH 16

1 Samuel 1-3 (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)

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

1 Samuel 4-8 (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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

1 Samuel 9-12 (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/Loretta Mathis (TN)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

1 Samuel 13-15 (USA 330M)

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)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

1 Samuel 16-19 (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

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

1 Samuel 20-23 (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)

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

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)

MONDAY, MARCH 23

1 Samuel 24-26 (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)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

1 Samuel 27-31 (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)
 Mary Skiles (KS)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

2 Samuel 1-4 (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)

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

2 Samuel 5-7 (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)

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

2 Samuel 8-10 (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)

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

2 Samuel 11-14 (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)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

2 Samuel 15-18 (USA 330M)

Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Holland & Mary Warren (VA)
 Rodger Watts (WI)
 Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
 Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

MONDAY, MARCH 30

2 Samuel 19-20 (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)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

2 Samuel 21-24 (USA 330M)

Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
 Jon & Selenia Wood (PA)
 Layden Wood (VA)
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)
 Yeshua Ministries (TN)
 Dr. Frank Bell, Pres.
 Fred & Susan Zeller (VA)

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!

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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TELL IT TO JESUS!

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**AMERICA, YOU ARE
TOO YOUNG TO DIE!**



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TELL A FRIEND!

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

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST



Joseph & Esther Tan, Singapore, have been special friends and co-laborers in ministry for over thirty years. As the coordinator for prayer seminars in Indonesia, Malaysia (with special focus on Borneo), and Singapore, thousands have been touched. Their own ministry has been very effective throughout much of Asia.

Joseph has recently informed us that he is stepping aside from his great work to do an even greater work, serving as caregiver for Esther who is now confined to a wheelchair.

Prayer Warriors. Please place this godly couple on your permanent prayer list. One day in Heaven, you can meet them face to face and talk things over.



Jakarta, Indonesia in 1990

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Heritage is much more than a word. Just think about it! Do you know whose shoulders you have stood upon? Do you really know from where you came? Do you know their trials, struggles, their cares, concerns, anything of the cost, human, monetary and just the blood, sweat and many tears? What do you really know? Just a question, would you care? Then, would you take the time to explore your heritage?

If you would, it could change your outlook, your demeanor, values and spiritual life. Thankfulness would or could also change your response to life. As a person puts self aside, takes a look back and considers the **Heritage** God has blessed him/her with, there may be insights to guide you. Be thankful for those who gave you your heritage. Don't forget that the best of all is God's gift for your salvation, His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ the only Savior for the world.

Doorkeeper Walt Sommers
Forest, Virginia 9/11/2019



PRACTICAL STEPS TO GROWING YOUR PRAYER LIFE

A Devotional By Sunday & Grace Bwanhot

1. What is Prayer?

The journey to a successful prayer life begins with a proper understanding of what prayer is. Although all Christians have uttered a prayer at one time or another in their lives, prayer is still largely misunderstood by the majority of Christians. How else can we the fact that one of the most powerful tools available to us (prayer) is the least attractive of our Christian activities? Most western Christians spend an average of four minutes in prayer in a day and Church prayer meetings are either nonexistent or attended by fewer than 5% of the congregation.

What then is prayer? Prayer is more than just asking God for things or His intervention in situations that your own resources cannot provide for you. Some people turn to prayer only when they have a need. Prayer is not a wish to a benevolent being without an assurance that it will be answered. Prayer is fellowship with the Living God. It is a real fellowship where God's Spirit and your spirit commune together with God's Word (the Bible) and your word (prayer) 'dialoging'. This fellowship brings a mortal being into the presence of the immortal God and what happens there is better experienced than described.

When rightly engaged with God in this fellowship, your personal needs shrink and become secondary compared to the exaltation of the Person and attributes of God. This is the chief need and chief end of man. Until you get into this sort of praying ground, you are only living on the fringes of your relationship with God. This is what prayer is and about.

2. Why Pray?

We defined prayer as fellowship or communion with God. This definition also provides the strongest motivation on why we should pray. Fellowship or communion require a dialog between God and you! God does not need you and me to be God and He is not less fulfilled because someone is refusing to have fellowship with Him. We, rather than God, are the ones who desperately need to reconnect with God. Our search for meaning in life and to make our lives count are expressions of our deep longings to reconnect with the God that made us. If we do not get to the point of 'dialoging' (praying) with God regularly, our lives will remain empty,

unfulfilled, frustrating and even depressing.

A second reason to pray is that our resources cannot meet our needs and therefore we need to turn to God who owns everything and can supply all our needs. Thirdly, God commands us to pray. Whether there is benefit in praying or not, that is beside the point. We cannot ignore God's command to pray or any other command for that matter and go scot free.



Sunday & Grace Bwanhot have been closely aligned with JGHH since 1988. His understanding of prayer and his ability to communicate is clear as he shares three of seventeen steps to develop a prayer life.

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

3. Prayer is not a Spiritual Gift but a Command!

We defined prayer as fellowship or communion with God - God desires it; we will be insane without it and our lives will just be plain purposeless. All through Scriptures, God calls on His people to pray. Just a few examples will suffice for now: "If my people shall humble themselves and pray..." 2Chr. 7:14; "Call to me and I will answer..." Jer. 33:3; "Devote yourselves to prayer ..." Col 4:2; "Pray continually" 1Thess 5:17; "Watch and pray so that you do not fall into temptation..." Matt. 26:41; "I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer..." 1Tim 2:8.

Unlike spiritual gifts which are assigned differently to individuals as the Holy Spirit chooses to, prayer is a basic foundational premise for every believer. We are all commanded to pray. God gave us 24 hours a day and commanded us to pray without ceasing. When we constantly substitute prayer for things of lesser importance and even things God did not command us to do, we are disobeying God. If we are not obeying God, then we are not following Him. Sounds too hard? Sometimes that is how the truth sounds and certainly now. Follow Jesus to the garden and tarry in prayer. Your work, fatigue and even ministry are not good excuses. Ask Peter who slept when he was supposed to be praying!



Beginning 2020

The Henrys

Loving God-Loving Each Other

PHOTO BY CAROLYN PEERMAN

Personal Perspectives

I have a problem (or a challenge). For the past sixty-five years I have written **Reflector** articles never thinking of a terminal date. Now that has changed. I anticipate preparing nine more Reflectors with December 2020 being the last issue. This is my problem. There is so much that I would like to say and so little time to say it. The theme for 2020 is **IT'S BEEN A GREAT JOURNEY**. The challenge now is to make the necessary adjustments in mind-set to handle the changes the Lord chooses for our lives.

So, don't be surprised if I share a few personal perspectives from here on out. In this issue of the **Reflector** I have highlighted my life-changing truth. I am sharing the incident that the Lord used to change my prayer life. It was through a paragraph in a booklet written by **Armin Gesswein** entitled **Seven Wonders of Prayer**.

When our granddaughter, **Jeanne Ware Pribble**, was a fifth grader at **Black Fox Elementary School, Murfreesboro, Tennessee**, she wanted to discuss using primary sources, a subject her class was studying. I shared with her some materials prepared years before for my students in a graduate course in research techniques at Eastern

Kentucky University. I challenged those students to use primary sources in their theses or dissertations and commended Jeanne for her interest. You have my primary source for establishing the anchor for my own spiritual growth and ministry on pages 8-11, particularly the first paragraph on page eight.

In fact, there is no doubt that all the work we have done since 1977 traces back to that one insight—**PRAYER IS GOING BOLDLY TO THE THRONE OF GRACE TO OBTAIN MERCY AND GRACE (HEBREWS 4:16); IT IS ENTERING INTO THE 'HOLIEST' BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS (HEBREWS 10:19) THE VERY THRONE ROOM IN HEAVEN WHERE GOD THE FATHER IS ON HIS THRONE (REVELATION 4:**

When my prayer life changed and I began to study the Word of God for my food, not to get a message to preach, that I began the walk with Him that brought me to a position of saying, Yes, Lord even before I knew what it is that the Lord wants me to do. When my attitude toward the Word of God changed, my understanding of the Holy Spirit changed (Spirit-filled does not mean getting more of the Holy Spirit; rather it means being controlled by the Holy Spirit just as a drunk man is controlled by the drink that is in Him (**Ephesians 5:18**).

Many of you have contacted us to say I'm praying for you two and we greatly appreciate knowing this is so. Our prayer lists are long. Keep us updated about what is going on in your lives. A letter is good, a phone call is better, and a visit would be best. **You are invited to visit the JGHM MUSEUM located in the lower level of our home**

And now there are eight!

The Henry Great-grandchildren



Elizabeth James Henry (Ellie) welcomes her sister Livingston Gray Henry (Vivie), born January 25, 2020, Columbus, Mississippi. James and Kathyrrn, their parents, are committed to building a home that is Christ-centered as are their lives.

Included in our morning devotions is a time of intercession for our nuclear family members. Praying in agreement, as is taught by the Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 18: , we call out the names of our three Ms (Mona, Mark, Melody), our six grandchildren (Beau, Jeanne, Wendy, James, Emilee, Kimberlee), and our eight great-grandchildren: Caleb and Lillian, (Skiatook, Oklahoma); Maggie (Forest, Virginia); Willow, Stone and Emma (Lynchburg, Virginia). We pray for their physical well-being and protection. We pray for their spiritual well-being ("Give them a heart for You, Lord") and protection from Satan, the enemy of their souls.

Sunday, February 9th, was a very special day as family and friends gathered at our home to celebrate Sue's 82nd birthday. For us it was a memorable, perfect day of liquid love flowing. Sue and I are very blessed by family!

CHRIST IN AN AGE OF CONFORMITY

by Carolyn Peerman. Lynchburg, Virginia

"Never man spake like this Man," said the officers in regards to their encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus was not like anyone they had ever met before. Some thought He was the Christ; some did not. The officers wanted the chief priests and Pharisees to know that Jesus was different. He was unforgettable. They could not get Him out of their minds.

Christ's life transcended the strictures of the society around Him. He was not standardized by conventions and customs. His attitude was one of supreme indifference to public opinion. He came to do the will of His Father and to finish His work.

Later the Holy Spirit inspired the writer of Hebrews to provide the Father's counsel: "Be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove that which is good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Why imitate anyone else? "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Romans 13:14).
DARE TO BE DIFFERENT IN THIS AGE OF CONFORMITY!