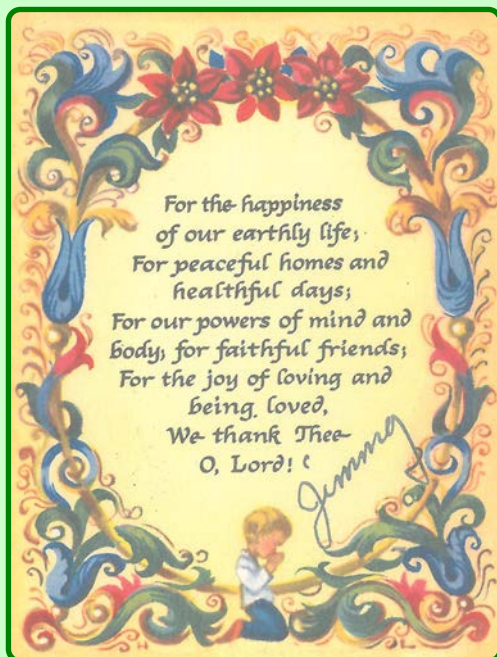


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A cherished Berea College
1957 graduation gift from a cherished
professor and mentor,
Dr. Herbert Fergus Thomson, Jr.



READ THE STORY ON PAGE 11

God's Prayer Book

The Bible is a ready-made prayer book for God's family. In fact, many passages are recorded prayers. **Dr. Herbert Lockyer** (1886-1984) spent nearly three decades as a pastor in England and Scotland before coming to the United States where he conducted a ten-year lecturing ministry under the auspices of Moody Bible Institute. He authored more than fifty books including the well-known, fifteen volume "All" series that includes **All the Prayers in the Bible** (one of my favorites). He and **Dr. Robert Witty** (1906-2007), founder of Luther Rice Seminary who co-authored **The Enabler** with me) were best friends. Dr. Lockyer maintained there are over 700 prayers recorded in the Bible; 350 have answers.

Session two of the **Prayer Seminar Workbook** (copies available through **JGHM**) is entitled "**Bible Examples of Prayer**" and features **Jabez** as the Old Testament example (**2 Chronicles 4:9-10**) and Jesus as the New Testament example (twenty-one times we see Him praying and another twenty-one times He is teaching about prayer). Did Jesus believe in prayer? Yes. How do we know? We have His example.

For more than three thousands years, believers have used the **Psalms** as a prayer book for private and public worship. And at the heart of the book is the 119th Psalm—176 verses of "praying Scripture!" We "pray the Scripture" when we use passages of Scripture to form prayers or when we say the verses directly back to God, making them our own expressions. Jesus said, "If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you" (**John 15:7**).

Moses used God's own words to intercede for his stubborn mob of desert wanderers. Jesus often used Scriptures in His prayer for Himself and His disciples. In

FACING LIFE: Realities

Annie Johnson Flint

I know not, but God knows,
Oh, blessed rest from fear!
All my unfolding days
To Him are plain and clear.
Each anxious, puzzled,
Why?
From doubt or dread that
grows,
Finds answer in this thought
I know not, but God knows.

I cannot, but God can;
Oh, balm for all my care!
The burden that I drop
His hand will lift and bear.
Though eagle pinions tire,
I walk where once I ran,
This is my strength to know
I cannot, but He can.

I see not, but God sees;
Oh, all sufficient light!
My dark and hidden way
To Him is always bright.
My strained and peering eyes
May close in restful ease,
And I in peace may sleep!
I see not, but He sees.



fact, throughout the Bible we see examples of godly men and women incorporating God's promises and commands in their petitions to Him. They used the Word in their prayers for encouragement, calling to mind who God is and what He has done. Jesus and His disciples sang the psalms together as part of morning and evening prayers. And at the moment of His greatest agony on the cross, Jesus cried out the words of a psalm: "My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?" (**Psalms 22:1**).

I recall quite vividly the deep desire the Holy Spirit planted in me in 1977 and thereafter to learn everything I could about prayer. My library grew as I added book after book (now in the Northeastern Baptist College Library in Bennington, Vermont). I began to incorporate prayer as a major element in my life, in my teaching/living/and in my pastorate. I listened to tapes or attended lectures of spiritual giants, many who became my friends over the years (Jack McCalister, Peter Lord, Huber Drumwright, Dwight Pentecost, Ron Dunn, Jack Taylor and others). I used what I learned to write lessons that became the **Prayer Seminar Workbook**. The Prayer Seminar, a six-hour event, came into existence. My passion became a prayer seminar ministry that absorbed my life. The first seminar, outside my own pastorate, was in September 1980 at Madison Baptist Church, Madison, New Jersey.

God began to open doors with invitations coming from far and near from churches, groups, ministries, colleges/seminaries, annual retreats/conventions.

Seminars have been conducted in most evangelical denominations and with many non-denominational groups. There have been more than 2,000 prayer seminars in forty-seven states, the District of Columbia, and over sixty nations on six continents. Some nations have been blanketed by prayer seminars including Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya, Peru, Venezuela, Cuba, and South Korea (to name a few).

Since my weekdays were devoted to serving as president for Northeastern Bible College or Executive Director for the Transnational Association for Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS), most prayer seminars were on Sunday (six hours = "A Day in God's Courts.") We have hundreds of testimonies as to the effectiveness of an all-day seminar.

In speaking of a Sunday seminar, one **New Jersey pastor** commented: "Our people greatly appreciated the seminar. It was truly a good experience just being together "in the Word" for that length of time. I can see where the all-day seminar is more profitable to the Body than a weeklong series of meetings. We plan to do this again." An **Alabama pastor** (who later served one of Maryland's leading Baptist churches and then led the SBC Ocala Baptist Association in Florida) wrote: "I am unable to express the joy and deep appreciation for the prayer seminar. I do not believe I have ever attended any seminar, or training conference of any type, that was more helpful than the prayer seminar. I am confident that I speak for our members as well." Finally, a highly respected **Tennessee**

pastor shared: "On behalf of all of us here at Park Avenue, Nashville, thank you for the blessings of this past Sunday. I believe it will go down as one of the great days in the history of our church, as far as spiritual growth is concerned."

International feedback has been on the same level of impact. One dramatic illustration was when secular newspapers in Nigeria carried headlines of a series of prayer seminars in seminaries and Bible colleges (Sudan Interior Mission and Evangelical Church of West Africa), **SPIRITUAL AWAKENING SWEEPS NIGERIA**. Literally thousands have come to Christ through this ministry. In a few short years, ECWA's membership grew from 2.2 million to over five million. Prayer is the work that must come before all other work.

Ways to Pray the Bible. If you've written someone's name next to a Bible verse as many of you have done, then you have begun to pray the Bible. You're saying to God, "This is my heart's desire for this person. I agree with the truth and promise of Your words here, and I claim them for this person." Here are six other ways to pray Scripture.

1 PERSONALIZING A BIBLE PRAYER. Our Father in heaven, Thank You that Jesus showed us and taught us how to talk to You. Hallowed be Your name. We come before You with respect and love today.

2 PERSONALIZING A BIBLE TEACHING. Thank You, Father, for never being too busy or making us wait while You listen to someone else. Thank You for listening to us when

we're happy, grateful, sad, angry, or in any kind of trouble. Your Word says, "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me (Psalm 50:15).

3 PRAYING THROUGH A BIBLE PASSAGE. Dear Great Shepherd, yes, You are our Shepherd. Because of this, we know we'll never be without anything we truly need (Psalm 23:1).

4 PERSONALIZING A BIBLE PROMISE. Help us to keep asking for big, big things because You can do more than we ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). We know that even now a miracle might be knocking on our door. You, Father, can do more than we ask or even imagine;

5 PERSONALIZING A BIBLE STORY. [Zacchaeus encounters Jesus] Thank You, Lord Jesus, that You are willing to go out of Your way to look for people who are looking for You (Luke 19:5).

6 PERSONALIZING A BIBLE TRUTH AS MEDITATION. I am welcome in my Father's presence today—no matter what (Hebrews 10:19-22).

During your daily Quiet Time, it will be well to begin by asking God to speak to you from His Word. Read your Bible first before you get into serious prayer time. The Word is His voice. Listen with the intention to put into your life and practice anything that the Holy Spirit tells you to do. Obedience is the bottom line of Christianity.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

A NEW BEGINNING A NEW YEAR

**What Better Time Than Friday, January 1, 2021
I will arise and go to my Father Luke 15:18**

O my God, my Father, I hear
And help me to believe;
Weak and weary I draw near;
Thy child, O God, receive.
I so oft have gone astray;
To the perfect Guide I flee;
Thou wilt turn me not away,
Thy love is pledged to me.

O CHILD, hast thou fallen? Arise, and go, with childlike trust, to thy Father, like the prodigal son, and humbly say, with heart and mouth, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before Thee, and no more worthy to be called Thy son; make me as one of Thy hired servants. And what will the heavenly Father do but what the father did in the parable? Assuredly He will not change His essence, which is love, for the sake of thy misdoings. Is it not His own precious treasurer, and a small thing with Him to forgive thee thy trespasses, if thou believe in Him? For His hand is not shortened that it cannot make thee fit the saved.

John Tauler

THE ONLY ACCESS TO THE FATHER IS THROUGH THE SON

Listen to Jesus:

**"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE,
NO MAN COMES TO THE FATHER BUT BY ME."**

From Upper Room Discourse, John 14:6



A New Sheet



"He came to my desk with a quivering lip,
The lesson was done.

'Have you a new sheet for me, dear teacher?
I've spoiled this one.'

I took his sheet, all soiled and blotted,
And gave him a new one all unspotted,
And to his tired heart I cried,

'Do better now, my child.'

I went to the throne with troubled heart,
The day was done.

'Have you a new day for me, dear Master?
I've spoiled this one.'

He took my day, all soiled and blotted,
And gave me a new one all unspotted.
And to my tired heart He cried,
'Do better now, my child.'"

Kathleen Wheeler

A comment: I've heard this poem quoted several times by Ravi Zacharias. I imagine that the child in this poem is myself. My life has been blessed through it. What an amazing God we serve who forgives my sins and is ready to give me another chance when I blow it. My promise Lord is that I will do better as your child. I know you will help me.

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Coming Together Is A
Beginning,
Keeping Together Is A
Progress,
Working Together Is A
Success..

NOTES from my BIBLE

**PERHAPS TODAY!
BE READY. BE WATCHING.
BE WORKING.**

Note 5046. The forces of evil are mighty; God is Almighty.

Note 5047. Prayer is not preparation for work, it is the work.

Note 5048. Focusing on Christ puts everything else in perspective.

Note 5049. Since prayer is the secret of power, then much prayer, much power; some prayer, some power; no prayer, no power.

Note 5050. Exercise daily; walk with God.

GOD'S WORD IS SETTLED IN HEAVEN!

ROPEHOLDER/DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

November 20-December 15, 2020

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Kenya	<u>1</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total	52	\$5,389.00



PRAYER CALENDAR**JANUARY 2021***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1*Genesis 1-2 (Azerbaijan 10M)*

Mae Adams (NC)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 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, JANUARY 2*Genesis 3-5 (Bangladesh 157.8M)*

Marcia Barna (PA)
 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, JANUARY 3

John & Jean Billingslea (VA)
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Loretta Bolen (VA)
 William/Debbie Bowden (NC)
 Kathleen Boyce (PA)
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Lurlene Braud (VA)
 Michael Breed (WI)

MONDAY, JANUARY 4*Genesis 6-9 (Barbados 292,336)*

Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Judy Britt (GA)
 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)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5*Genesis 10-11 (Belarus 9.5M)*

Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)
 Robert & Anita 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, JANUARY 6*Genesis 12-14 (Belgium 11.5M)*

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, JANUARY 7*Genesis 15-17 (Belize 360,346)*

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, JANUARY 8*Genesis 18-20 (Benin 11M)*

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, JANUARY 9*Genesis 21-24 (Bermuda 70,864)*

Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)
 Odether Gray (GA)
 Linda Gregory (UT)
 Mike Hall (IN)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Sadie Harris (VA)
 Hazel Hartless (VA)
 William & Sara Hefner (PA)
 Mary Pat Hendrick (VA)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

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, JANUARY 11*Genesis 25-26 (Bhutan 758,298)*

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
 Frank & Pat Hitchings (ME)
 Jeff Hodge (VA)
 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
 Jackie Hoffmann (KY)
 Bill Hogan (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Anita Horton (VA)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12*Genesis 27-31 (Bolivia 11.1M)*

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, JANUARY 13*Genesis 32-36 (Bosnia 3.8M)*

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, JANUARY 14*Genesis 37-40 (Botswana 2.2M)*

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, JANUARY 15*Genesis 41-44 (Brazil 207.4M)*

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, JANUARY 16

Genesis 25-26 (BR VirginIs 35,015)
Korean Branch:

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 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, JANUARY 18

Genesis 48-50 (Brunei 443,593)
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)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Exodus 1-2 (Bulgaria 7.1M)
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)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Exodus 3-6 (Burkina Faso 201M)
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, JANUARY 21

Exodus 7-10 (Burma 55.1M)
Zach & Jackie Olcott (VA)
Ann Palumbo (PA)
Cliff & Mary Pavalonis (VA)
Pecks Baptist Church (VA)
Bryan (Ada) Sheehan, Pastor
Sandy Pederson (MN)
Jack & Carolyn Peerman (VA)
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Exodus 11-12 (Burundi 11.5M)
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, JANUARY 23

Exodus 13-15 (CaboVerde560,999)
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, JANUARY 24

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

Exodus 16-18 (Cambodia 16.2M)
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
Helen Sourlis (MD)
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
Reba Stinnett (VA)
Charles Stinson (VA)
Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

Exodus 19-20 (Cameroon 16.2M)
William Suttles (NC)
Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Exodus 21-24 (Canada 35.6M)
Paula Tipton (TN)
William & Katie Toney (NC)
Virginia Trask (VA)
Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)
Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
Diane Troutman (KY)
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
Marshall Troutman (KY)
Frances Turpin (VA)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

Exodus 25-27 (Cayman Is 58,441)
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)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Exodus 28-31 (Cen Afr Rep 5.6M)
Joyce Warpoole (TN)
Holland & Mary Warren (VA)
Rodger Watts (WI)
Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
Nancy Wetzel (KY)
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Exodus 32-34 (Chad 12M)
Julie L. Wilson (PA)
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
Eva Winebarger (VA)
Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
Jon & Selena Wood (PA)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31
Exodus 35-40 (Cocos Is 596)
Layden Wood (VA)
Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
Lili Wykle (VA)

Yeshua Ministries (TN)
Dr. Frank Bell, Pres.
Fred & Susan Zeller (VA)
Norman/Mary Sue Zink (MI)

ADDITIONAL BOOKMARKS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

DAILY INTERCESSION:

J. GORDON & SUE HENRY
ADAM & DIANNA NATHANSON

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men." Psalm 107:8

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You never have to bear your burden alone. We are eager to pray with you and then supply needed prayer support daily. Keep us updated.

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WISHING FOR YOU AND YOURS A PROSPEROUS NEW

The New Year lies before me,
A spotless, shining thing,
Bright as the promises of God,
Fresh as the breath of Spring.

A year to fill with lovely thoughts,
And kindly, helpful deeds,
Losing all consciousness of self,
In prayer for others' needs.

—Sybil Leonard Armes

INTERNATIONAL

Volumes could be written about our work in other nations. God has opened doors for us and we will share more later. Take a glimpse of Southern Africa on page 20. Our work there has centered in Black townships. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance as we look ahead. God is moving!

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TELL A FRIEND!

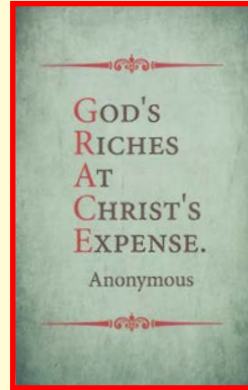
A Favorite Acronym

Sue Henry has always favored acronyms, handy memory devices. So do I. Even teaching graduate students a course in human development, I used the first session each semester to explain teaching-learning and included some remarks about helpful memory techniques. Knowing the required reading for the course (sometimes a chapter before the next session OR an entire book), I taught them the **P-Q-R-S-T** study approach.

P is preview, basically getting your brain in gear. Turn through the pages. Look at chapter/paragraph headings, words that are bold, italicized, or underlined. Look at illustrations and read their captions. By all means, if there is a chapter summary, read it carefully. Q is questions. If any of the above stir interest, ask questions that might be answered as you read. Only when your brain is in gear are you ready for serious reading and studying. R is read the text. S is a key component. While you are reading, look away from the page or close your eyes and state to yourself some things you have just read. T is test yourself later in the day (or even at night when the light is extinguished) to see what you remember from your reading. Isn't the P-Q-R-S-T technique helpful? You can apply it to your Bible reading as well.

Then I have used **A-C-T-S** to teach the elements of prayer: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Seeking for self (petition) and for others (intercession). Anytime something strengthens memory, intentionally put it into practice.

One of Sue's favorite acronyms is **G-R-A-C-E**.



Recently, our daughter, **Mona Thomas**, shared a thought-provoking acronym for **B-I-B-L-E**.

Basic
Instructions
Before
Leaving
Earth

YES, THE BIBLE IS THE ONLY RELIABLE SOURCE OF THE INSTRUCTIONS YOU AND I WILL NEED TO PREPARE FOR LEAVING THE EARTH. The Bible has the answers. One of my favorite authors is G. Campbell Morgan (1863-1945). His legacy includes about sixty of the most beloved books for understanding and preaching from Scripture. He said of the Bible-anchored truths: On every page of the God-breathed writings there are many thoughts, which stretch out like long, clear arms of light across the darkness, discovering things which otherwise were hidden, and illumination wider areas than those of the immediate context.

ARE YOU GROWING IN THE LORD?

DR. HERBERT FERGUS THOMSON, Jr. (1917-2013)

During my time at Berea College, Kentucky (1953-57), a school where no one loafes and all work, one of my labor assignments was to be the student grader for Dr. Herbert F. Thomson, Jr. His grandparents and parents were Presbyterian missionaries in China. He graduated from the Shanghai American School. He was later graduated from Princeton University, Princeton Seminary, Columbia University, and the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Dr. Thomson called me Jimmy and became my mentor. I not only respected him as a great theologian and professor, I loved him as a personal friend and counted it a great honor to be his student assistant. But I could do something that he could not do. I could drive a car; he could not. So ... I taught him to drive. From that time, he would drive up into the mountains of eastern Kentucky and speak at small Presbyterian churches while I was tending my flock at the Liberty Avenue Baptist Church in Berea. Some nights, as my schedule allowed, I traveled with him.

One night on our drive back to Berea, Dr. Thomson said that one of the main responsibilities of a true spokesman for God was to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comforted. Since I was engaged in my boot camp preparing for future ministry, I began to understand that viewpoint and incorporate this as one of the guidelines for pastoral ministry.

Dr. Thomson taught at the Gerard

Institute in Sidon, Lebanon. He also taught at Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, and was a faculty member at Muskingum College (John Glenn's alma mater) from 1961 to 1992. At the invitation of **Reg Martin** (one of our first **Doorkeepers**), my classmate at Berea and then pastor of First Baptist Church, Cambridge, Ohio, I conducted an Guernsey County area wide prayer seminar, *A Day in God's Courts*. Dr. Thomson attended and urged me to go to dinner with him. He needed to talk with me about a trend that he saw developing, pastors divorcing their wives, remarrying, and continuing their pastorates. In fact, this had happened in Cambridge. I'm really bothered. This is not right, is it? My answer was swift and unequivocal. No. What a travesty for any church or city to see such a spectacle! I would add, **DISGRACEFUL**.

On July 24, 2013, at the age of ninety-six, Dr. Thomson experienced another graduation—to his home in Heaven. He was buried in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania.

I cherish a book my professor and mentor gave me at my Berea College graduation in 1957, **The Book of Common Worship**. I want to share the card that has rested inside that book for the past sixty-three years. The thought expresses my deepest thoughts toward family, friends, and, especially teachers who invested in my life, none more significant than Dr. Thomson. To these teachers. I am a debtor--forever grateful for their influence in shaping my life and my ministry.

Consecration

Use me, My Savior, for whatever purpose and in whatever way You may require. Here is my poor heart, an empty vessel; fill it with Your grace. Here is my sinful and troubled soul; quicken it and re-freshen it with Your love. Take my heart for Your abode; my mouth to spread abroad the glory of Your name; my love and all my powers for the advance of Your believing people and never allow the steadfastness and confidence on my faith to abate.

Dio volente ("d.v.")

"whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow, For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away"

(James 4:14),

These are the words of James, the half-brother of Jesus and a leader in the early church in Jerusalem, in what is probably the very first epistle written. Another translation expresses it thusly, You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes (NIV). This phrase is in a paragraph that deals with making plans (James 4:13-17). James says, Come now, you who say 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little while, and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that. The problem here is not the plan or the concept of planning; it is leaving God out of the plan. An elderly school teacher always closed her letters to ex-students with d.v. Finally one student ventured to ask her what the

initials meant. The answer was *Dio volente* —if God wills.

Those of you who have followed our ministry know that the **JGHM Board of Directors** approved a Five-Year Plan to position us for the future with the desire that the prayer seminar ministry would continue in the future. Although we did not complete each of the goals that were set, a major one was achieved and implemented. **Adam Nathanson** has resumed responsibility for The Prayer Seminar. During 2020, he and his team have taught a number of prayer seminars operating under the parameters set for COVID-19 events Adam has conducted seminars and other ministry in a number of states.

The primary focus of 2021 is The Prayer Seminar in the light of it continuing on and on. Attention will be given to anchoring and strengthening Adam's work as leader of The Prayer Seminar.

Dio volente (if God wills) Dr, Henry (85) and Sue (82) will remain active through 2021. Plans are to prepare twelve **Reflectors** for its 67th year of publication, produce a new DVD of the six-hour prayer seminar following the thirty-page **Prayer Seminar Workbook**, supervise the other print ministry, including the eight books that he has written to flesh out points taught in the prayer seminar (**A Christian's**

I would not have you ignorant, brethren.

1. A Christian is not pleasing God who is not in the Word of God.
2. Prayer is the work that must come before all other work.
3. It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment.

Necessary Food; Adoration: Prayer as Worship; The Enabler; Hey! I'm Saved!; Intercession: Prayer as Work; The Model Prayer; Spiritual Warfare and the **Upper Room Discourse** books that he has written. Many inquiries come from time to time wanting to know if there is a DVD Prayer Seminar with Dr Henry teaching that can be used individually, in small groups, and/or in churches, The **JGHM MUSEUM** will be a focus of the last year for the Henrys.

Since the late 1990s, JGHM website [jgordonhenryministries.org] has been available. The late Lon Thomas developed and maintained the website until his death. Although there are helpful features on the site, it must be updated. Currently **Reflectors** since 2006 are archived on the site. Fifteen favorite sermons Dr Henry has preached during his twenty-seven years as a pastor/evangelist are also available. If God wills to extend His grace and blessings, we can make decided progress in many areas.

Holding the Ropes

When the risen Christ last appeared to His disciples before ascending to His Father to sit at

His right hand in the Throne Room of Heaven, the position of honor and authority where He is now making intercession for us, He gave them a task that encompasses the world. They were assigned the mission be His witnesses to the ends of the earth (**Acts 1:8**). In essence, He cautioned, But don't even think about it until the Holy Spirit comes to empower you.

The disciples obeyed. They put aside their curiosity about when God would restore the kingdom to Israel. Instead, they gave themselves to prayer. The Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost (fifty days after the Passover) and in the Spirit's power they bore witness to the crucified-resurrected Christ all over the known world. But the task is unfinished, Their commission is ours. It has never been rescinded. We, too, are to pray and witness. We are to go!

HOLDING THE ROPES is a call to pray and to give. When **William Carey**, one of the first missionaries from England, responded to the call to go to India, he agreed to go if those back home would hold the ropes. Praying and giving has been likened to **holding the ropes** for missionaries who go and nationals who are His witnesses. In Carey's day it was dangerous and precarious, and it remains true. The spiritual darkness is becoming more intense in our day. We need Lighthouses of Prayer both at home and aboard to push against the spiritual darkness with the Light of the Gospel message. The quest is not for mere gold deposited down in the dark places, but the souls of persons, any one of whom is more valuable than the entire physical universe and far more precious to God.



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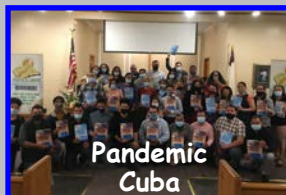
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Adam
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IN LOVING MEMORY

**"Absent from the body,
present with the Lord"
2 Corinthians 5:8b**



**Malcom Troutman
4/13/1940-12/5/2020**

Owensboro, Kentucky
Sue Henry's brother; Member first
JGHM Board of Directors; Provided
funds for the first printing of Prayer
Seminar Workbooks.

Sue appreciates your prayers
for the Troutman family.

**David Vance Wykle
6/20/1949-12/9/2020**

Forest, Virginia
We pray for Lili who
has been a long-standing
DOORKEEPER.

**Mrs. Jean Barnes
1931-12/15/2020**

Mount Juliet, Tennessee
Jean, our grandson Jamey's grand-
mother, served as pianist at
Tulip Grove Baptist Church,
Hermitage, Tennessee and secretary
at Donelson (TN) Christian Academy
for many years.

Give Thanks

Upon a life I did not live,
Upon a death I did not die,
Upon Another's life,
Another's death,
I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have
shed,
Not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears, Another's griefs,
On them I rest, on them alone.

Not what these hands have done
Can save the guilty soul;
Not what this failing flesh has
borne
Can make the spirit whole.

Thy blood alone, Lord Jesus,
Can cleanse my soul from sin;
Thy Word alone, O Lamb of God,
Can give me peace within.



WITH THIS ISSUE THE REFLECTOR BEGINS ITS SIXTY-SEVENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION.

The **Reflector** was born in 1954 when I was an undergraduate student at **Berea College** (KY) and was pastor of **Liberty Avenue Baptist Church**. Because I was working my way through college, I did not have time to visit in the homes of members and prospects as much as I wanted to do. It was obvious we needed a church paper. I purchased an Underwood manual typewriter from Sears-Roebuck—\$10 down and \$10 a month for \$100 worth! Our printed ministry was launched. With this issue, we are now beginning our 67th year of publication.

The name “**Reflector**” came from the Tennessee state Baptist paper founded in 1835 known as the **Baptist and Reflector**. Across the years, we have attempted to provide needed **information** and **inspiration** to our readers. The response has been gratifying. Many have told us that they always sit down and read the **Reflector** before any other mail. Others tell us that they clip articles to use in their own lives and share with family or friends or members of their Sunday school class. Praise the Lord!

My prayer as I begin to write copy is that heart-needs will be met as folks read the **Reflector**. We trust that each issue is a blessing to you and yours. We encourage you to read it and then pass it around to others, especially your family. It is a joy to share with you.

Although 2020 has been a challenging year, twelve issues are now ready for binding, **A new year**

represents a new beginning—and I’m excited about that. Will you continue to pray with me that each issue and each prayer seminar will be helpful to God’s children? Since God moves as we pray, it is crucial for each church to teach the purpose and power of prayer and become a praying church. To me **a new year is a time of renewed commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ.** Why don’t you join with me in a special act of rededication of time, talents, energy, and possessions to the One who gave His life for us? In eternity, we will be glad that we did.



The twelve issues of the 2021 **Reflector** are dedicated to two of our most faithful **DOORKEEPERS, Johnny and Rosie Street, Celina, Texas** who have provided funds for printing and mailing to ensure its continuance another year. It is their deep desire to touch as many lives as possible in their home area and the world beyond for the Lord Jesus Christ. Their encouragement has meant so much to the Henrys year by year. As a rule, Rosie has provided funding for one day of each of our international seminars. We praise our Father for this sweet relationship; our love over-flows at the thought of Johnny and Rosie partnering with us.

Congressman Bob Good (R-VA)

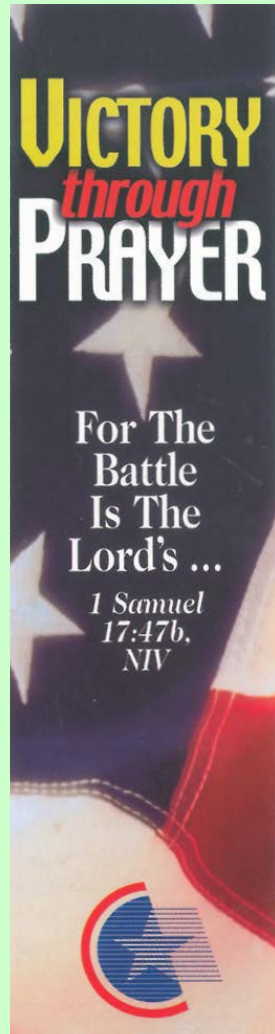
The genesis of a special 2020 prayer request was a decision by a member of the U. S. Congress representing Virginia's Fifth District (that includes nearby Campbell County) to perform a same-sex marriage. Outrage was the reaction of a number of his constituents. The matter was shared with our Sunday morning 9:15 prayer group as a matter of concern. We prayed about it that morning and placed it on our prayer list for our nation

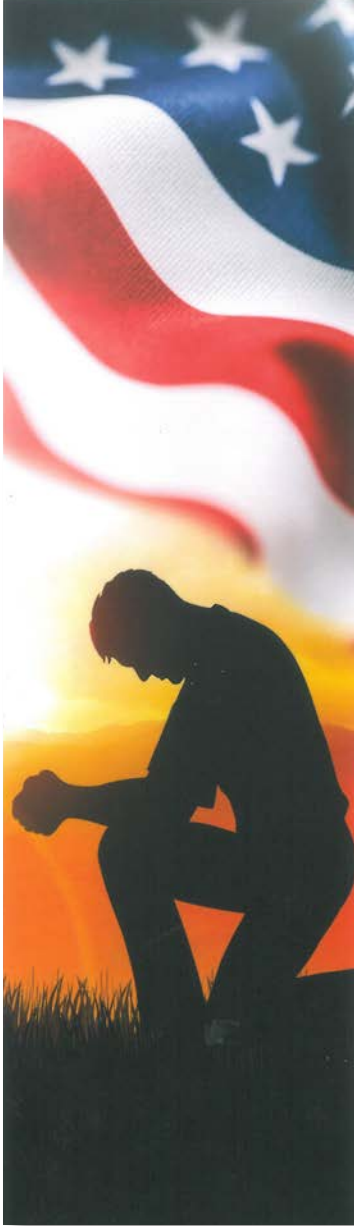


A few weeks later, Nancy Good Minney (Mrs. Roger) asked prayer for her son, **Bob Good**, who was considering a run for that position. The Minneys are **Ropeholder Doorkeepers** and long-time friends. The Bob Good family is on the **Reflector** mailing list. We shared the request with **Reflector** readers in the July 2020 issue. We continued to pray and placed a Bob Good support sign in along our property although we live in the Sixth District.

God answered the prayers and honored the hard work of this Christian family and supporters as he is seated as a member of the 117th United States Congress. We are certainly in perilous times with a very divided nation and Congress. We can be sure that Satan has placed Bob Good and other God-fearing legislators on his hit list. You and I have the privilege, as well as the responsibility, to provide prayer covering as the Scripture teaches us to do.

We do not know the future but we know that Christianity and religious freedom are under attack. It would be wise to read and reread the reaction of Peter and John in **Acts 4:19-20** when an effort was made to silence their message: Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than God, you judge, but we cannot help but speak in His name. They returned to the believers who joined them in praying for holy boldness.





**MUCH PRAYER
MUCH POWER**
**"I will give myself
to prayer"**
Psalm 109:4b

BEING SALT

You are the salt of the earth, Jesus said to His disciples. What did He mean? Certainly He is speaking metaphorically, telling us that Christians should have some of the same kind of impact in this world that salt has on things with which it comes in contact.

What are some of the most common characteristics and uses of salt? Its primary use is as a **flavoring** for food. In the same way, the lives of believers should have such flavor that they cause others to want to taste and see that the Lord is good. Salt **preserves**.

Salt **makes us thirsty**. In the same way, a Christian living the kind of life Jesus has promised will cause those who do not know Christ to be thirsty for the One who can quench their thirst with living water.

In areas where snow and ice are common in the winter, salt is used to **melt** the snow and clear a path. We can certainly be instruments to clear a path for family and friends to come to the Savior.

Salt is **a medicine**, and we can provide comfort and love, and also introduce others to the Great Physician. But salt in an open wound is **painful**, and as our lives reflect His righteousness, we will be painful to those who choose to reject Him.

These are just a few of the many ways that salt is useful, and they serve to remind us of the many ways that **Christ intends for us to affect the world around us**. Christ wants us to be salt in every area. He wants His children, wherever He has placed them, to be demonstrating such qualities of life love, joy, peace, righteousness, holiness that those around us will see the difference and hunger and thirst for what we are demonstrating that they will want to know our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS



The following article is taken from **The Rosedale Reflector, December 1959**. The **Reflector** was in its fifth year of publication. I was twenty-four years old. Our first child, Mona, was twenty months old and our second child, Mark, was two months old. December averages for the church year were as follows: Sunday School 187; Training Union 102; Offerings - \$292.07. There were ten additions that month.

A few weeks later, in January 1960, I traveled to Cuba to lead an evangelistic crusade in Santa Clara Province, four hours east of Havana, at First Baptist Church, Placetas. You can see why I was excited; life was good and keeps getting better!

You may or may not be a person who makes, New Year resolutions, but you can use the thoughts for self-examination. After all, the unexamined life is not worth living, according to the ancient philosopher, Socrates. Seriously, Paul's admonition, speaking to believers in Corinth, was even more appropriate and relevant to any Christian, Let a man examine himself. You might couple this activity with David's prayer in **Psalm 139:19-20** for a closer walk with God.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Some folks say they don't believe in making New Year's resolutions.

Well, I do! Isn't it wonderful that God is giving us a new slate a clean slate on which to write a word or two and then comes night? I'm going to make some resolutions for the New Year [1960] and **TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY I'M GOING TO KEEP THEM.**

Here are some soul-searching questions that might help us to see what resolutions are needed.

1. Throughout [1959] have I grown in grace and in knowledge of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? (**2 Peter 3:18**).
2. Do I know my Bible better than I did last year [1958]? Have I been in Sunday school to study God's Word?
3. Have I spent much time praying for others during this year?
4. How many orphans, widows, aged, bereaved, discourage, afflicted and poor persons have I visited this year?
5. How far and effectively have I helped spread the Gospel of Christ by giving Bibles, Testaments, Gospels, tracts, etc.?
6. How much have I given, or **SACRIFICED** for the work of the Lord at home and abroad? Have I taken advantage of the opportunities I have had to give to missions?
7. Have I tithed my income during the year? Would I be satisfied to have as my income in 1960 ten times the amount I gave to the Lord during 1959?
8. Have I been responsible for leading someone to Jesus during this year? **HAVE I TRIED** to win someone to Him?

9. In what spirit have I received the destructive, as well as the constructive, criticism given me?
10. How deep is my thankfulness to the Lord and to all the persons He has used to be a blessing to me during this past year?
11. Have I faithfully attended the mid-week prayer meeting?
12. Do I belong to the Brotherhood or WMU?

GIVE THESE QUESTIONS SERIOUS CONSIDERATION ONE-BY-ONE. Decisions determine destiny.

As I reviewed the questions sixty-one years later, I am in my eighty-sixth year of life (using John Wesley's method of measuring life). After giving serious consideration to each one, I resolve to put into practice the steps impressed upon me by the Holy Spirit through Paul's advice, Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has laid hold of

me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended, but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:12-14).



The First Mission with Adam as interpreter was Aug 18-September 5, 1999--Brazil, Argentina, and Chile. He and Sue discuss travel plans. God blessed wonderfully. During the next two decades Adam and Dr. Henry traveled together thousands of miles throughout Latin America with thousands attending. Twenty-two years later, Adam is now the leader of The Prayer Seminar.

THE SOUTHERN AFRICA STORY



LESLIE'S CHURCH IN THABONG, SOUTH AFRICA

From 1996 through 2013, JGHM focused on Southern Africa under the leadership of Leslie Motsalane with headquarters in Welkom, Free State, South Africa. During this period, prayer seminars were conducted in eight nations: Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland, and Zambia. Besides the seminars conducted by Leslie and his team, Dr. Henry conducted 153 prayer seminars, spent 273 days in these nations and traveled 346,309 miles. Around \$250,000 was invested.