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## 65<sup>th</sup> Annual National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 5, 2016

Theme: Wake Up, America!  
Shout it aloud, do not hold back.

Raise your voice like a trumpet! (Isaiah 58:1)

**God is able! God is willing! God is waiting! The Almighty God is waiting for Americans to turn back to Him in a posture of prayer and repentance. May we, this day, determine to surrender our ways to Him as did our forefathers, giving God the honor He deserves so that, as Psalm 85 states, "His glory may dwell in our land."**

## UNCHANGED: God's call to holiness

A believer who desires a "closer walk" would do well to ponder both Peter's teaching and Paul's teaching on this subject. Both are calls to holiness or holy living. Peter expresses God's call to holiness in these words: "Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you to be holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, 'Be holy, for I am holy'" (1 Peter 1:13-15). Peter goes on to say, "conduct yourselves through the time of your stay here [on earth] in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot (vv 17b-19). For Peter, the call to holiness is the call to holy living.

The call to holiness is found and developed in many of Paul's epistles. Colossians is a good example. After presenting Jesus as the center of our lives and our Christian experience, Paul looks at empty avenues to spiritual development (achievement). He dismisses ritualistic and ascetic religious practices as lacking any value (Colossians 2:20-23). Instead he describes the holy life as one involving an inner separation from those passions that bubble up from our sinful nature (3:5-11). What marks believers as "God's chosen

## I'd Rather Have Jesus

When word came that George Beverly Shea had gone Home to be with His Heavenly Father and His Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, I could only imagine his welcome. As I prayed for "the Team" who were left (Billy Graham, Cliff Barrow), I could hear Bev singing, "I'd Rather Have Jesus." In my tape library, I have a large number of his songs that I keep nearby. Several times a week I listen to one of the cassettes or CDs. I never grow tired of the hymns and gospel songs in his repertoire.

God used "I'd Rather Have Jesus" to move Bev Shea into Christian ministry. Perhaps you have heard the story shared by R. Barclay Warren: "Forty years ago Bev Shea was attending the Bible School in Ottawa (Ontario) where I was teaching. He loved to sing. After more training in New York City he was given an audition at one of the radio stations and was offered a contract. He asked that he might sing Gospel songs. He was told that he might use one occasionally, but he would have to use the songs on Hit Parade. What would he do? His mother was praying.

On Saturday night she placed a poem on the piano. In the morning, he composed a tune for it. One verse was: 'I'd rather have Jesus than silver and gold: I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame; I'd rather be true to His holy name!' Bev turned down the contract. A short time later he was offered a position with a Chicago radio station where he might use the Gospel songs he loved. While there he met Billy Graham. The rest of the story is well-known."

people, holy and dearly loved" (v 12) is their commitment to compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and

patience. It is these things, with mutual forgiveness and deepening love, which express the reality of holiness (3:12-14). As did Peter, Paul's call to holiness is a call to holy living.

It was in 1976, while serving as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia and as pastor for the Pleasant View Baptist Church, that I began to sense that I did not know God very well. This led to a transformation that I have called my spiritual "metamorphosis" that happened in 1977. The realization came that the key is the Word of God. The Source of the realization was the Holy Spirit graciously opening the mind of my understanding to a reality that had to be faced. The Word of God is not simply a message to be preached, but my spiritual food. Later when I wrote a book encouraging believers to get into the Word of God I chose the title "A Christian's Necessary Food." As I incorporated this testimony into the prayer seminar content, a participant in a 1992 Venezuela seminar wrote on his response card that he wanted a "77" in his life.

The key to a holy life is walking in the Spirit, not in the flesh. Thanks to the prayers of **Richard and Ruth Elmer**, I began to develop an interest in the Holy Spirit. When our daughter, **Mona**, went away to Converse College (Spartanburg, South Carolina), I asked Ruth to come to Pleasant View as our organist and Richard to come as our soloist. Later, they shared with me that as they listened to my sermons that there was little emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. This sweet couple did not speak to others, or even to me, about this omission, they spoke to

God and I began to preach sermons about the Holy Spirit as our Enabler.

The will of God for each believer is stated by Paul in **Ephesians 5:18**. We are to be "Spirit-filled." The analogy used to explain this is in the same verse a "drunk." The issue is never receiving more of the Holy Spirit because at the moment of salvation each believer receives all the Holy Spirit that He will ever have. God does not give the Holy Spirit in installments. Paul is not speaking of quantity (more of the Holy Spirit); rather he is speaking of being controlled by the Holy Spirit. It would be unfair to teach this truth with teaching HOW TO be controlled by the Holy Spirit. We must ask God to show us sins in our lives. Once He does, a mind change related to the sin is required. That change of mind is called **repentance**. Following **repentance**, God requires us to **confess** the sin specifically to Him (1 John 1:9). Then comes forgiveness, cleansing, and a change of direction. Then we yield to the Holy Spirit. "Spirit-filled" is not a one-time experience as is "Spirit baptized" (1 Corinthians 12:13).

As I wrote my section of **The Enabler**, a book co-authored by **Dr. Robert Witty**, I found that almost every mention of the Spirit includes the word "Holy" thus, "Holy Spirit." This title is more than a reference to the Spirit's deity; it is more specifically a reference to the nature of His work in the lives of believers. It is He who enables us to experience holy living day by day.

Yours in Calvary love,

*J. Gordon Henry*

## National Day of Prayer

Many point out, rightly so, that some participate in public services related to the National Day of Prayer who are not on praying ground. The scripture that is often claimed is **2 Chronicles 7:14**: "If My people who are called by My name, will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." Certainly, America needs healing and only God can bring the healing. It is important to remember, however, that God is speaking to "His people called by His name" (since **Acts 11:26** believers have been called "Christians.") Until God's children meet His requirements, there will be no healing in the land. As we meet God's conditions, there will be healing.

At the same time, I concluded a number of years ago that **a National Day of Prayer is a good thing** for several reasons. On one day, across the nation in cities, towns, villages, and rural areas, God is acknowledged. For eight years, JGHM (at considerable expense of time, energy, and resources) served as the Tennessee state coordinator for the National Day of Prayer.

Among the activities we promoted was an annual governor's prayer breakfast, attended by a large number from across the state. We worked with the Governor in proclaiming the day and issuing a resolution. We promoted the day with officials in every county. Year by year, the number involved increased.

Whether you attend a public prayer observance, you can have a part in this special day. My suggestion is a simple one that we promoted throughout Tennessee:

### TAKE 5 AT 12 NOON

Join thousands of others across America at 12 noon on Thursday, May 5, for at least five minutes of united prayer.

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

May this 65th consecutive **National Day of Prayer** be special in your life and in the life of a nation that in many ways has forgotten God.

### Raise your voice

For the May 5th observances, Dr. Tony Evans, the 2016 Honorary Chairman, has written a special prayer to be simultaneously read throughout the nation at noon (ET). This recitation will create a huge wave of prayer, flowing from one coast to the other, illustrating the unity of God's people and acknowledging His dominion over the circumstances facing us. Millions of people will gather to pray at thousands of events facilitated by the state coordinators and people just like you.

Perhaps you can arrange a gathering in your local church building or some other venue. Perhaps you could have a family or neighborhood gathering in your home. Remember prayer is faith. **Faith honors God. God honors faith.**



## National Prayer

By Dr. Tony Evans

**D**ear heavenly Father, we come to You today as a humble people desperate for Your supernatural intervention on behalf of our beloved nation. First, we thank You for all the blessings You have bestowed on our land, blessings that have allowed us to bring so much good and benefit to not only our own citizens but also to the rest of the world. The very ideals upon which this country was founded were based on biblical truths, no matter how some try to rewrite history to deny that very fact today.

This is why our hearts are so broken over how You continue to be marginalized and dismissed by both our people and our institutions. We are also saddened by the fact that Your people have contributed greatly to the spiritual apathy that now engulfs us. Our satisfaction in remaining religious without being fully committed to living out the truths of Your Word has caused us to become co-conspirators with the forces of evil that are destroying us as a society.

It is for this reason that we personally and collectively repent of our carnality and recommit ourselves to becoming visible and verbal disciples of Jesus Christ. Enable us, by Your Spirit, to no longer be secret agent Christians but rather to publicly declare and live out Your truth in a spirit of love so that You feel welcome in our country once

again.

Thank You for Your promise to hear our prayers when we call to You with hearts of repentance and obedience, which is how we are appealing to You today, Father. On behalf of Your church, we affirm afresh the priority You are to us that You would fill every dimension of our lives as we seek to bring You glory through the advancement of Your kingdom in our personal lives, our family lives, and in the lives of our churches and our government leaders. We confidently invite heaven's intervention into all the affairs of our nation and we praise You in advance for Your answer.

IN JESUS' NAME, WE PRAY. AMEN

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**At this **CRUCIAL TIME** for our nation, we can do nothing more important than pray. Doorkeepers, thank you for making this a priority in your life and for sharing the importance of Thursday, May 5, with others. God often begins mighty works with one person and you might very well be the kindling wood to get a fire started!**

**"LET US SEARCH AND TRY  
OUR WAYS, AND TURN  
AGAIN TO THE LORD."  
Lamentations 3:40**

**"We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power  
as no other nation; but we have forgotten God."**

**Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States of America.**



### The Meditation of my Heart

For the past few years, I have been gradually developing a rock garden as the last of several small flower gardens that are positioned around the lawns surrounding our house. My plans were to have three crosses as the backdrop for the rock garden. Thanks to Jerry Hodge and his son, Jeff, the crosses are in place and we have a name for the rock garden, "Golgotha," as a reminder of what the Father has done for us all. How much does He love us?

**Meditate! Remember the Cross.** Not only did Jesus shed His precious blood, He arose from the dead!

**There is no figure on the Cross!** Jesus, in his glorified earthly body with the nail-prints in His hand, is now seated at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us! In a few days, another element will be added to the garden. It is a rock seat that might approach 700 pounds in weight. Thank God for Calvary and the old rugged Cross!

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### NOTES from my BIBLE

**Note 3031.** Two attitudes: 1. "I'm too busy to pray." 2. "I'm too busy not to pray." Which is yours?

**Note 3032.** Repentance, to be of any avail, must work a change of mind, heart, and conduct.

**Note 3033.** Spirit-filled, which is the will of God for each believer, means Spirit-controlled.

**Note 3034.** The moment that you received Christ as Savior is the moment that you received all the Holy Spirit you will ever receive.

**Note 3035.** As a Christian, use the provisions that God has provided for you. Prayer, the Word of God, the Holy Spirit are examples.

### DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

March 18-April 12, 2016

Regular	36	3,575.00
Ropeholders	<u>2</u>	<u>60.00</u>
Total	38	\$3,635.00



**WELCOME, DOORKEEPER!**

Jeff Hodge, Virginia

**PRAYER CALENDAR****MAY 2016***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**

Mae Adams (NC)  
 Marie Adams (VA)  
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)  
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)  
 Norma Ailes (NJ)  
 Allie Allen (LA)  
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)  
 David & Eunjoo Andersen (VA)

**MONDAY, MAY 2**

Ezra 1-3 (Comoros 752,288)  
 Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)  
 Eldon/Gayle Armstrong (SC)  
 Leonor Avila (MD)  
 Bill & Karen Baker (OK)  
 Consuela Baker (NC)  
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)  
 Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ)  
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

**TUESDAY, MAY 3**

Ezra 4-6 (Congo D.R. 75.5M)  
 Jean Beasley (TN)  
 Tommy Bell (TN)  
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)  
 Johnny/Juanita Bernard (FL)  
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)  
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)  
 Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4**

Ezra 7-8 (Congo Republic 4.5M)  
 Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)  
 William/Debbie Bowden (MD)  
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)  
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)  
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)  
 Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)  
 Nancy Bretz (PA)  
 Jim & Judy Britt (GA)  
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

**THURSDAY, MAY 5**

Ezra 9-10 (Cook Isl 10,447)  
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)  
 Arretta Bruce (TN)  
 Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)  
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)  
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)  
 George & Janet Buck (NJ)

**FRIDAY, MAY 6**

Nehemiah 1-2 (Costa Rica 4.7M)  
 Janice Bugg (TN/England)  
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)  
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)  
 Mary Campbell (ID)

Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL)  
 Joeretha Capers (FL)  
 Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)

**SATURDAY, MAY 7**

Nehemiah 3-4 (Ivory Coast 22.4M)  
 Gus/Janice Christofield (VA)  
 Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)  
 Vernia Coleman (MD)  
 Mary Columbus (VA)  
 Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)  
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)  
 Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)  
 Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)  
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)  
 Barbara Custalow (VA)

**SUNDAY, MAY 8**

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

**MONDAY, MAY 9**

Nehemiah 5-7 (Croatia 4.5M)  
 Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)  
 Jeff Leann Eglert (KY)  
 Lynn Elkins (TN)  
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)  
 Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)  
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)  
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

**TUESDAY, MAY 10**

Nehemiah 8-10 (Cuba 11.1M)  
 Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)  
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)  
 James Fugate (CA)  
 Estelle Gabbard (KY)  
 John & Kim Gaines (DE)  
 Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)  
 Pauline Garrett (NJ)  
 Frank Geiger (HI)  
 Sara George (GA)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**

Neh 11-13 (Curacao 146,836)  
 Gloucester Co. Community Ch (NJ)  
 Bruce Sofia, Pastor  
 Margarie Gobart (FL)  
 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)  
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)  
 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)  
 Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)  
 Velma Graven (KY)  
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)  
 Odether Gray (GA)

**TUESDAY, MAY 12**

Esther 1-2 (Cyprus 1.1M)  
 Linda Gregory (UT)  
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)  
 Sadie Harris (VA)

Jim Hengoed (CT)  
 Gina Henry (VA)  
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

**FRIDAY, MAY 13**

Esther 3-4 (Czech Rep 10.2M)  
 Jacqueline Henry (VA)  
 Jack Henry (TN)  
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)  
 Mark Henry (TN)  
 Melody Henry (VA)  
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)  
 Sean Henry (VA)  
 Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)  
 Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA)  
 Jeff Hodge (VA)  
 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)  
 Joanna Holland (VA)  
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)  
 Anita Horton (VA)  
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)  
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)  
 Joyce Hunt (TN)

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**

Esther 5-7 (Burkina Faso 17.8M)  
 Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)  
 Ed Hurlow (IN)  
 Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA)  
 Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)  
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)  
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)  
 Jonathan & Julie Jobe \*(SC)

**SUNDAY, MAY 15**

Millicent John (NY)  
 Bob & Rhonda Johnson (WA)  
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)  
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)  
 Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)  
 Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)  
 Ben & Gwen Jones (MD)  
 Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)  
 James Jones (FL)  
 Paul Jones (KY)  
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)  
 Mohan Katta (IL)

**MONDAY, MAY 16**

Esther 8-10 (Denmark 5.6M)  
 Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA)  
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)  
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)  
 Daren Hisel, Pastor  
 Larry & Janet King (NC)  
 Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)  
 Quintin & Mary Knauer (OH)  
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

**TUESDAY, MAY 17**

Job 1-2 (Djibouti 792,198)  
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)

## Korean Branch:

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18**

*Job 3-4 (Dominica 73.286)*

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 19**

*Job 5-7 (Dominican Rep 10.2M)*

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 20**

*Job 8-10 (Ecuador 15.4M)*

Betsy Miedema (MI)  
Gwen Miller (VA)  
Marjorie Miller (VA)  
Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)  
Ted & Natalie Monroe (KY)  
Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)  
French & Laura Moore (VA)  
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)  
Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)

**SATURDAY, MAY 21**

*Job 11-14 (Egypt 85.3M)*

Elaine Moser (MN)  
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)  
Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)  
Ann Palumbo (PA)  
Raleigh & Janet Parker (VA)  
Sheryl Parker (VA)  
Roger & Kay Pede (VA)  
Sandy Pederson (MN)  
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)  
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

Mildred Pittman (NC)

**SUNDAY, MAY 22**

Barbara Powell (NY)  
Barbara L. Powell (VA)  
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)  
Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)  
John Reed (NH)  
Dave Ricker (ME)  
Alice Riddick (NC)  
Joyce Riley (KY)  
Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)  
Cynthia Roach (VA)  
John & Sandra Roberts (NC)  
Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)  
Isabell Robotham (NY)  
James & Shelly Rode (FL)  
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

**MONDAY, MAY 23**

*Job 15-17 (El Salvador 6.1M)*

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 24**

*Job 18-19 (Eq Guinea 704.001)*

Dwayne Schmaltz (WI)  
Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)  
John & Peggy Seibert (AL)  
Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)  
Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)  
Gene Jones, Pastor  
Nellie F. Shepard (CT)  
Ray Shields (VA)  
Richard Shorter (NJ)  
Charlie & Liz Sill (VA)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25**

*Job 20-21 (Chad 11.2M)*

Mary Skiles (KS)  
Bobby & Cindy Smith (TN)  
Mildred Smith (VA)  
Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)  
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)  
Helen Sourlis (MD)  
Leroy/Suk Hi Standifer (WA)  
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

**THURSDAY, MAY 26**

*Job 22-24 (Eritrea 6.2M)*

Carol Snow Stewart (CT)  
Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)  
Charles Stinson (VA)  
Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX)  
William Suttles (NC)  
Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

**FRIDAY, MAY 27**

*Job 25-28 (Estonia 1.3M)*

Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)  
Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)  
Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)  
Stephanie Taylor (GA)  
Rose Tengstrand (VA)  
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)  
W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)  
Montez Thompson (WI)  
William & Katie Toney (NC)  
Virginia Trask (VA)

**SATURDAY, MAY 28**

*Job 29-31 (Ethiopia 93.9M)*

Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)  
Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)  
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)  
Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)  
Malcom Troutman (KY)  
Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)  
Willie/Diane Troutman (KY)

**SUNDAY, MAY 29**

*Job 32-34 (European Union 503.6M)*

Frances Turpin (VA)  
Sara Underwood (TN)  
Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)  
Harris/Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)  
George/Jeanette Vernachik (NJ)  
Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)  
Horace & Becky Ward (NC)  
Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)  
Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)

**MONDAY, MAY 30**

*Job 35-39 (Falkland Is 3.140)*

Kay Warmerdam (TX)  
Joyce Warpoole (TN)  
Rodger Watts (WI)  
Naomi Webb (NJ)  
Frank & Nell Weer (KY)  
Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)  
Kay Wice (GA)  
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)

**TUESDAY, MAY 31**

*Job 40-42 (Faroe Is 49.709)*

Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)  
Jeff Williamson (FL)  
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)  
Julie L. Wilson (PA)  
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)  
Eva Winebnaqrger (VA)  
Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)  
Jon & Selena Wood (PA)  
Greg & Lori Worley (GA)  
David & Lili Wykle (VA)  
Fred & Susan Zeller (MD)

**OUR NATION  
IS IN TROUBLE!  
READ MATTHEW 23:37-39**



## DAILY INTERCESSION

### FOR GOOD HEALTH

Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)

Carrol & Milcie Arnold (VA)

Marilyn Barry (VA)

Dr. Jim Britt [Judy] (GA)

Margarie Coffee (VA)

Kathie Connolly (VA)

Georgia [Foster] Covington (VA)

George & Joy Harper (VA)

Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)

Dorothy Hensley (VA)

Sam Hough [Linda]

Linda [Gaylen] Leverett (VA)

Sam Simpson [Lola] (NY)

Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)

Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)

Mazie Taylor [Ron] (VA)

Donna Thompson [Larry] (VA)

Willie Troutman [Diana] KY

### INTERNATIONAL

Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)

Mulumba Placide Kituta (DR Congo)

Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)

Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)

Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)

Andrew & Celestine Sakari (Kenya)

Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)

Paula Tipton (Thailand)

Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil/China)

Roberto & Joana Waisman (Brazil)

Othnel Wakili (Nigeria)

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June 16—July 1, 2016

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burdens alone.

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Lynchburg VA 24502.

### A special place for the seniors

In reading Paul's letters to Timothy, it is obvious that there is a special place in the church for the godly as they grow old. Actually, a pastor is to treat each member as family, but is to show proper respect and regard for the older men—"exalt him as a father" (1 Timothy 5:1); the older women should be treated "as mothers" (v 2).

In writing about this **Walter B. Knight** noted: "What great things some men have done in the later years of their life. **Michelangelo** painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel lying on his back on a scaffold when almost 90; **Paderewski** at 79 played the piano superbly; at 88 **John Wesley** preached every day; **Tennyson**, when 88, wrote "Crossing the Bar." **Booth Tarkington** wrote sixteen novels after 60, some of them when he was almost totally blind."

A number of years ago, I traveled from our home in Murfreesboro, Tennessee to conduct a prayer seminar in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Nelson County, Virginia. That was the seminar when I became friends with one of the most remarkable "seniors" whom I have known, **Josephine Fitzgerald**, then in her mid-seventies. She shared that she felt God wanted her to write a book. My response was, "then you had better write a book." Her response was, "I can't write a book!" But she not only wrote a book, during the

remaining years of her life (and she died soon after she celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday), she wrote five of the most interesting books that I have ever read. My copies are deposited in the "J. Gordon Henry Collection" room in the Northeastern Baptist College library on Main Street, Bennington, Vermont.

**Josephine** taught herself to type. **Sue Bell**, my able assistant for nineteen years, and our daughter **Mona**, worked with her on the first few books. But **Josephine** not only became an author of note, she became my mentor teaching me lessons on what walking by faith alone really means in everyday life.

To the pastors, my advice is don't do all the praying and all the talking during a worship service. Call on seniors to participate and see the blessing that comes to all ages. To the choir directors (if there are such positions existing today), call on the seniors and see what a blessing the Lord gives through their musical renditions.

Some years ago, I conducted a prayer seminar in the Red Bank Baptist Church, in Kansas City, Missouri. A few days later, I received a letter from a lady who had attended the seminar. She told me about the special ministry that she had with retired missionaries in that area. She noted that some felt that their ministry was over. When she understood what she was observing, the Holy Spirit led her to organize them to become intercessors. She shared amazing

answers to the prayers of the saints who had felt that their ministry was over. From time to time, I have shared this example with others in similar circumstances.

Here in our city resides one of the most interesting men of God you can find anywhere. I first became familiar with **Dr Robert Sumner** who worked with **Dr John R. Rice** in producing the **Sword of the Lord**, a publication full of sermons from leading preachers whom God has used mightily. As a young pastor, I looked forward to receiving the paper. I had expected **Dr. Sumner** might be the successor to **Dr. Rice**. Instead, he founded the **Biblical Evangelist**, a publication that I recommend to every pastor. Now, when I receive a copy of this paper, I don't begin reading the excellent, powerful sermons from some of the masterful preachers. Rather I start with **Dr. Sumner's** keen observations of the times in which we are living from a Biblical perspective. I am literally amazed at his gift of communication and his understanding of the times. **Dr. Sumner** recently entered his ninety-third year of living!

**Don't forget to remember that there is a special plan in the work of the Lord for the godly as they grow older!**



Discovering  
the  
Reflector

Natalie Wood  
Jonathan & Selena's  
16-months old  
daughter

**May 14-15 Oconto Gospel Church, Oconto, Wisconsin**

☐ **Saturday, May 14 Areawide Prayer Seminar**

☐ **Sunday, May 15 a.m. preaching p.m. Evangelism Clinic**

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Chet Nichols  
1940/2-27-2016

FAITHFUL DOORKEEPER  
SINCE August 12, 1986  
Spanaway, Washington

It has been uplifting to communicate  
with Betty, a woman of faith who  
needs our prayers.

## 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 refreshen 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 advancement of Your believing people and never allow the steadfastness and confidence of my faith to abate.

Dwight L. Moody



## Another Warrior

Roger Henry, my nephew, U. S. Navy  
PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

I DON'T REGRET A MILE THAT I  
HAVE TRAVELED FOR THE LORD  
IN THE PRAYER SEMINAR MINISTRY  
THE PAST 31 YEARS!  
2,824,739 miles. THANK YOU, LORD!  
THANK YOU, DOORKEEPERS!

"...THAT THIS NATION  
UNDER GOD SHALL  
HAVE A NEW BIRTH OF  
FREEDOM ..."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

*There was a time* when God mattered in America. *There was a time* when average Americans knew their Bibles well enough that biblical teaching had a strong influence on what people thought and how they behaved and how they voted! There was a time when Christianity shaped the social, political, moral, religious, and intellectual landscape of these United States.

Warnings that have gone forth are being ignored. It is as though people, legislators, and judges are waving their fists in defiance of a holy God who has been our mainstay since our founding. Laws of God are being flouted under the guise of protecting civil liberties.

Prayer is the work that must come before all other work (**John 14:12-14**). Christians have God's directives in the Word of God and must follow them. A basic Scripture is **Psalm 66:18**. God will not hear our prayers for America if there is unconfessed and unforsaken sin in our lives. The pattern of praying for a nation is revealed in **Daniel 9**. Confess sins. Plead for mercy!

**THANK YOU, LORD!**

Prayer Seminar # 1,700 was conducted in UTAH in April. This is our 47th state. Pray that God will open doors in Montana, New Mexico, and North Dakota, our "illusive" states.

## COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

The name **Robert Robinson** is not a familiar one to many people, but the song he wrote, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessings," has been sung in churches this world over.

"Come Thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace:  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise."

**George Whitfield** was preaching and young Robert Robinson seemed unimpressed. He felt pity for the fiery preacher, but he couldn't help admire him and his followers for their happiness.

While his parents had been members of the established Church of England, Robert had never made a decision in religious matters. His only ambition was to acquire more knowledge and improve himself. At age six he attended a Latin school. Later, due to the death of his father and subsequent obligations at home, he went to work as an apprentice to a barber. Listening to George Whitfield, Robinson heard of the true remedy for a sin-sick soul. At first his heart seemed unresponsive to the message.

Two years later the Holy Spirit spoke to his heart and he was converted in a Methodist meeting.

"Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood."

It was evident immediately that the Lord had something very special for him. He left his job as a barber and began to preach. While he had a special place in his heart for

his Methodist friends who had pointed him to the Lord, there were serious questions as to whether or not he ought to stay with this group. A decision was made to break from the Methodists and form an independent church. After some serious reflection, he felt his convictions were the same as the Baptists. He was ordained and began to pastor a church. God's hand of blessing was evident. His tireless work and straightforward preaching interested students. His message was that of grace.

"O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee."

Now married with a family, his life seemed to be just beginning its fruitfulness. However, he was found dead at the age of fifty-five.

Only Heaven can truly evaluate the life and ministry of this man. His well-known hymn seems to be the heritage he left from his faithful life of service. But such is purely not the case. During his ministry he had a profound effect on the life of his successor, **Robert Hall**. Among preachers, **Robert Robinson** is hardly known. But almost every preacher indirectly reaps the benefits of the ministry of this man. **Robert Hall, the man indebted to Robert Robinson, was to have a major part in the life and ministry of another preacher known to all of us — CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON. Man may not know, but God knows & remembers.**

**RETURN TO CUBA**  
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