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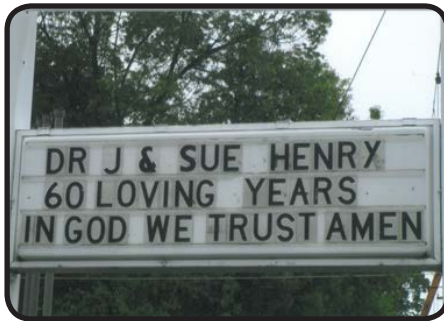
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"Let us continue to go and pray to the Lord, and seek the Lord of hosts. I myself will go also" (Zechariah 8:21b).

Israel's ultimate reason for existence was to be a witness to all nations. Long ago, the prophet Zechariah had a vision that all nations would be drawn to God. "Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to pray before the Lord" (Zechariah 8:22). Prior to the great turning of all nations to God, the Lord revealed something that is strategic to the accomplishment of Israel's ultimate purpose. A great multitude of people from many cities will go to Jerusalem to seek the Lord. "The inhabitants of one city shall go to another and say, 'Let us continue to go and pray to the Lord, and seek the Lord of hosts; I myself will go also'" (vv 20-21). I love it! What a day that will be.

The same vision applies to Christ's church. When she becomes a praying church, as God has called her to be, the result will be effective evangelistic and missionary service. If the church is to be a praying church, the members must become praying people. **My purpose is to encourage our readers to make a decision to SPEND ONE HOUR praying and provide some practical suggestions. I myself will go also.**

This is the second article in a series on how to spend time with God in prayer. It is my intention in the next three issues of the Reflector to share thoughts from three discourses given by **Matthew Henry**, the great Scottish commentator on the Scriptures, delivered in morning lectures in the year 1712. In his lectures, he described a plan related to meaningful, daily communion with God. Pointedly, the June study will deal with "How to Begin the Day with God." The July feature will be "How to Spend the Day with God." This will be followed by the August study: "How to Close the Day with God." For those who are seeking a more meaningful prayer life, and I sincerely hope that you are one who desires a closer walk with God, I believe this series will be helpful.

We often sing in our worship services, William Walford's **Sweet Hour of Prayer**. The words were written by this blind English preacher and appeared in **The New York Observer**, on September 23, 1845. The words are touching and appealing to the spirit. Few, however, have had this experience. In fact, a major study a few years ago found that most Christians pray less than four minutes a day, if at all. While Jesus Himself said that "men ought always to pray and not faint" (**Luke 18:1**), most of us do not think to pray until we do faint.

Frankly, it is not easy to pray. It is easier to be a preacher, a deacon, an elder, a Sunday school teacher, a youth worker, or a visitor than to be a praying person. Hence, maintaining a daily, consistent prayer life is hard work. Why is this true? There are two basic reasons: (1) Satan does not want us to pray; and (2) the flesh does not want us to pray. Satan would rather we do anything than pray. He trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees crying out to God engaging in spiritual warfare. You can imagine

his reaction when a strong Christian prepares himself for battle by donning the whole armor God has provided for his protection and then going to the place, the battle is fought, which is prayer. Read **Ephesians 6:10-18** noting in verse eighteen that prayer is the first activity mentioned after we get our armor on. To prevent prayer, the devil exercises his "wiles," his stratagems, to attack our mind and divert us to other pressing matters. Not only does Satan not want us to pray, neither does the flesh. While the old man was crucified when we trusted Christ as Savior, his influence lives on to war against the Spirit and keep us under the flesh's influence. As we explore **HOW TO SPEND AN HOUR in prayer**, we can expect Satan and our flesh to attempt to thwart us.

Keep in mind that you, as did Mary, are determined to sit at the feet of Jesus enthralled by His presence. When you do, distractions will be minimized and have little power over your mind. This will make a difference.

A place to pray. When Jesus was explaining prayer, he spoke of closet praying. In his day, people kept their valuables in their closets; hence, there was limited access to the closet. It seems obvious that what Jesus was pointing out is to find a place as free from interruptions as possible for prayer—a set place, a shut place, and a secluded place. If possible, kneel down for your time of worship and intercession.

Throne room praying. In **Revelation 4**, the Holy Spirit gave us a glimpse into Heaven itself and speaks of a Throne Room. John saw an occupied throne God, the Father on His throne. We know that His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is seated at His right hand

(the place of honor and authority). Instead of thinking that prayer is bringing God down to earth, visualize going into the Throne Room and kneeling before Him in His majesty and glory. Remember that you are in the Throne Room before the "throne of grace" to obtain mercy and grace (**Hebrews 4:16**). You can come boldly into the "holiest" place of all through the blood of Jesus (**Hebrew 10:19**).

My suggestion, for many years, has been to follow the "soul nourishment first" principle set out long ago by **George Mueller**, who took care of orphan children in Bristol, England, in the early 1800's. Instead of telling his friends and others about the great needs, he expressed them to God alone. God never failed to provide. But Mueller stated something that guided his time with God that he called "soul nourishment first." He found that he should let God speak to Him through His Word before He began to speak to God. For years, that has been my own approach in daily praying. Since I have been reading the Bible systematically following an established plan, no time is needed to decide what to read. Inevitably, I see God in the Scriptures and launch my prayer time accordingly.

A basic definition of praying is laid out in **Psalms 25:1** when David declared "to You, O LORD, I lift up my soul." Prayer is basically lifting yourself (spirit and soul) up to God.

The elements of prayer. Keep the five elements of prayer in mind as you begin your hour in prayer. You may not always use this order, but using the acronym **A-C-T-S** [adoration, confession, thanksgiving, seeking for self (petition), seeking for others (intercession)] is a good way to review.

In the **Prayer Seminar Workbook**, the content of Session 7, dealing with your personal praying, could become the framework for a sweet hour of prayer. In a sense, I am providing a modified approach below.

FIRST Drawing near. Without doubt one of the most remarkable verses for the Christian is **James 4:8**: "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." In God's mind, this issue of access is settled; He is sovereign (i.e., has final say) and He has given us this Word. Otherwise, we could never have the access indicated. It is quite easy to see reciprocal (two-way) movement. As you and I draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to us. Whether it happens or not depends on you and me. We must take the initiative and exercise DISCIPLINE.

What follows is a framework, a prayer ladder, on which to structure our time with God. As you think about how you can apply the framework, be creative in making notes on what you might include in each area. This will help. You may not follow the steps as I have laid them out, but before you finish include each area. Write prayer items on a piece of paper and keep it in front of you as you pray.

SECOND Thanksgiving. Begin your hour with thanksgiving following the Lord's admonition in **Psalms 100:4**: "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise." You might begin thanking Him for the privilege He has given you to enter into His presence in His throne room. Then you could thank Him for your salvation letting your mind dwell unhurriedly on that experience. To bring it clearly into perspective, go back to the place where you were when you trusted Jesus and placed your faith in Him.

Dwell on the joy that He gave you the hour you first experienced His amazing grace.

Take some time to list specific things He has done for you. Count some of your blessings. Choose one blessing out of each of the common categories of life (physical, material, spiritual, and people) and tell Him why you are thankful. The psalmist tells us to praise the Lord who "daily loadeth us with benefits" (**Psalms 68:19**). "Daily" does not mean "every now and then;" "loadeth" does not mean a little, but a lot.

THIRD Confession. Now ask God to examine your life. Ask Him to show you any sins in your life (things you are doing that He does not want you to do and things you are not doing that He wants you to do). Wait and listen for His answer. When the searchlight of the Holy Spirit stops on a certain sin, be honest enough to look at it, acknowledge it as sin, and confess it. Use David's prayer in **Psalms 139:23-24** to guide you. Confess any sin the Holy Spirit reveals. Agree with God's assessment. He expects us to name the sins and confess each one specifically. Once you have confessed a sin, be willing to receive His forgiveness (**1 John 1:9**). Yield to the Holy Spirit. Ask God to make your heart tender and alert you so won't continue in that sin.

FOURTH Adoration. Reserve a portion of your prayer time for praise and worship. **Adoration is looking at God and loving Him for who He is.** Tell Him you love Him. Concentrate on His attributes, His essence, and His character. Now is the time to praise Him for who He is. Be still before the Lord and know that He is God (**Psalms 46:10**). Rejoice in your

fellowship with Him. Let your heart fill up with praise and worship knowing He is worthy. Pray some passages of Scripture back to God. You might want to use **Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149, 150** to express your feelings to Him. Use some of your prayer time to sing to the Lord. Remember He has instructed us to "make a joyful noise." This means that you can sing beautiful music to Him whether you can carry a tune or not.

You might want to procure a copy of my book, **Adoration: Prayer as Worship** and review it in preparation for this phase of your prayer time.

FIFTH Pray for yourself. It is important to pray for yourself during your sweet hour of prayer. You and I don't have to be defeated. We must, however, use the provision that God has given to us the privilege of prayer. God intends for us to order our lives around prayer. Anything that concerns you concerns Him. Nothing is too small or too large. You are talking to your Father, not a stranger, who is vitally interested in His child.


SIXTH Pray for others. Ask God to impress upon you the names of people who need your intercession. Folks do not benefit from prayers that are not prayed. Pray for those who have yet to hear and understand the gospel knowing God wants to save them (**2 Peter 3:9; I Timothy 2:3-4**). Remember, also, that each person is precious to God. You will never meet a person He does not love. Pray for laborers in the vineyard. Pray for the missionaries who are currently serving. Pray for your non-Christian family members, friends, neighbors, and workmates. Pray for those in authority in accordance to **1 Timothy**

2:1-2. There is no plainer directive in the Scriptures than this passage. Pray for fellow believers using Paul's prayers in **Philippians 1:9-11, Colossians 1:9-12, Ephesians 1:16-19** as models. Often the Holy Spirit will bring some specific Scripture to mind to cover the person for whom you are praying.

You might want to procure a copy of my book, **Intercession: Prayer as Work** and review it in preparation for this part of your sweet hour of prayer.

SEVENTH Surrender. Close your prayer time by surrendering to Him and asking that His will be done. Tell Him that you want Him to get glory out of each answer that He gives. Thank Him for the time in His presence and tell Him you look forward to the next **SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER.**

Yours in Calvary love,



Zechariah 8:21b

The Power of Words

"Words matter," says former Vice President Joe Biden. That is because words are powerful. Words can destroy. Words can lift up; words can put down. Words can kill; words can give life. Is the violence of our society born of the coarsening of our words? Is the coarsening of our words the reason why it is increasingly difficult to live a civil life in an uncivil world?

Why not think first, then speak? "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength" (**Isaiah 30:15**).

Carolyn Lee Peerman

AN AMERICAN HISTORY LESSON

John Hancock, one of the founding fathers of America said, "Let us humbly commit our righteous cause to the great Lord of the Universe... Let us joyfully leave our concerns in the hands of Him who raises up and puts down empires and kingdoms of the earth as He pleases." On **November 1, 1777**, the United States Congress called for a National Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer for the victory at Saratoga during the Revolutionary War. During this day of prayer, Congress urged the people to ask "...Jesus Christ mercifully to forgive and blot out (our sins)" and "to prosper the means of religion for the promotion and enlargement of that Kingdom which consists of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Three years later, on **October 18, 1780**, Congress once again called for a Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving for the discovery of Benedict Arnold's treasonous plot. Again the people were urged to ask God, "...to cause the knowledge of Christianity to spread over the whole earth". In **1787**, the year the American Constitution was framed, Congress urged the people to thank God for providing us "the light of the Gospel truth ..." and to ask Him to "raise up from among our youth men eminent for virtue, learning, and piety, to His service in the church and State; to cause virtue and true religion to flourish;... and to fill the world with His glory."

Congress renegotiated and ratified the Treaty of Tripoli in **1805** only after repudiating and deleting the phrase. "The United States is not, in

any sense, founded on the Christian religion." In **1854**, the House of Representatives passed a Resolution proclaiming "the great and vital element in our system is the belief of our people in the pure doctrines and divine truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ." Congress and President Ronald Reagan proclaimed **1984** as the "Year of the Bible."

Why include a history lesson in this issue of the **Reflector**? These words remind us of the glorious past of our nation and documents that in years past America sought God and God blessed the nation. God established and has sustained this nation. Yet, it also reveals how far we have strayed from God. Why are we teetering on the point of disaster? Is it not due to the spiritual and moral decay of our nation? **We are guilty** of condoning unthinkable sins. As a society, we have blood on our hands, a reality that is compounded day by day. Shame on us!

A study of United States history magnifies the disregard for God and His Word that fills our society. As I read and think about these things, my heart grieves. I fear for our national psychic. I love this nation. Much of what I see and hear in our nation on a daily basis shatters me. I have great concern for the future destiny of our nation. God gave **Ten Commandments** (not ten suggestions) that are surely absolutes for any nation's stability. Some speak of "breaking" the commandments. The truth is that when any people disregard the commandments, that people breaks themselves. God's Word could not be clearer: "Righteousness exalts a nation," "The nations who forget God will be turned into hell."

Yet, as I read these words, hope fills my heart. My spirit grows resolute. God reigns on His throne! The future of America is not in the hands of politicians. The future of America is in the hands of God's people who are "called by His name." If we will seek Him in a contrite spirit of confession and repentance asking for His mercy, God will hear and God will touch and bless our nation afresh and anew. America can have spiritual awakening. Pray that this will happen soon. Are you really praying for your nation? The **2018 National Day of Prayer--Thursday, May 3rd**, could be the starting point of the return to God. "Judgment must begin at the house of God" and it must begin with individual believers.

TAKE 5 AT 12 NOON

Join thousands of others across America at 12 noon on Thursday, May 3, 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.

"Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

INTERNATIONAL

PAKISTAN 2018
Prayer Seminars in four major cities--400 pastors.
FUNDING IS BEING RECEIVED. 57 HAVE GIVEN \$12,255.

The reception for the prayer seminar and the prayer seminar workbooks in other nations is not short of remarkable. Our focus has been on **EAST-CENTRAL AFRICA**, under the leadership of Martin Shikuku. Although he is a leading Baptist pastor in West Kenya, his field includes many nations. Prayer seminars are ongoing month by month. On March 19-31, Martin and Ann traveled 1,688 miles. During the thirteen days, he conducted 9 prayer seminars with 764 in attendance. There were 99 pastors. 64 came to Christ.

PANAMA. Adam Nathanson has conducted the first prayer seminars in Panama. His major location has been Venezuela and he is quite involved in several other Latin countries including Argentina, Brazil, and Cuba.

CUBA. Digmar Garcia's work in Cuba has been well received. Prayer seminars are being taught regularly.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018**

A Charge to Keep I Have

Charles Wesley, published 1762

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill;
Oh, may it all my pow'rs engage
To do my Master's will!

Arm me with jealous care,
As in Thy sight to live;
And O Thy servant, Lord,
prepare
A strict account to give!

Help me to watch and pray,
And on Thyself rely,
Assured, if I my trust betray,
I shall forever die.

WELCOME!

NEW DOORKEEPERS!

Mary Pat Hendrick (Va)

Bill Hogan (VA)

Bruce & Wanda Kirby (KY)

Cliff & Mary Pavalonis (VA)

Jack &Carolynn Peerman (VA)

"Laborers together with God:"

1 Corinthians 3:6-9

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NOTES FROM MY BIBLE

May God Bless America!

Note 4046. The battle that began in Eden is being waged with equal ferocity today.

Note 4047. Satan assaults the Christian with information that contradicts the Word of God.

Note 4048. Every Christian is called upon to decide what is true.

Note 4049. Is truth what the world says or is truth what the Word says?

Note 4050. The Christian can, if he will, hear God as readily as he hears what the world has to say.

These words are from an address Dr. Henry gave in Ellenville, New York, New York on Saturday, October 11, 1980. His first sentence was "People need to be reminded as well as instructed." Interestingly enough, the week started with the very first prayer seminar (October 5-7) at the Madison Baptist Church, Madison, New Jersey. He has now conducted 1,750 prayer seminars in fifty-eight nations.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

March 24-April 20, 2017

Regular	57	5,467.00
Pakistan 2018	58	12,555.00
Kenya	2	<u>100.00</u>
Total	116	\$18,037.00



PRAYER CALENDAR**MAY 2018**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

TUESDAY, MAY 1*Ezra 1-3 (Comoros 794.698)*

Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)

Mae Adams (NC)

Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)

Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)

Norma Ailes (NJ)

H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

David & Eunjoo Andersen (VA)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2*Ezra 4-6 (Congo D.R. 81.3M)*

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

Eldon/Gayle Armstrong (SC)

Leonor Avila (MD)

Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)

Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ)

Emily Baskin (TN)

THURSDAY, MAY 3*Ezra 7-8 (Congo Republic 4.9M)*

Jean Beasley (TN)

Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Beulah Baptist Church (VA)

Dr. Dennis Hollandsworth

Beverly Blankenship (TN)

Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

FRIDAY, MAY 4*Ezra 9-10 (Cook Isl 9,556)*

William/Debbie Bowden (MD)

David & Marna Boyd (OR)

Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Michal Breed (WI)

Lurline Braud (VA)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

SATURDAY, MAY 5*Nehemiah 1-2 (Costa Rica 4.9M)*

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

George & Janet Buck (NJ)

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)

Eileen Camarena (NJ)

Dallas & Anne Campbell (VA)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL)

Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)

Robert & Anita Carroll (VA)

MONDAY, MAY 7*Nehemiah 3-4 (Ivory Coast 23.7M)*

Mary Columbus (VA)

Kathie Connolly (VA)

Foster Covington (VA)

Barry & Melanie Cox (VA)

Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)

Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

Barbara Custalow (VA)

TUESDAY, MAY 8*Nehemiah 5-7 (Croatia 4.3M)*

John Davis (VA)

Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

Robert & Janice DeLong (VA)

Carolyn Dodd (VA)

Jo Anne Dudley (VA)

Katherine Eatonn (ME)

Bessie Eggleston (MD)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Jeff Leann Englert (KY)

Don & Mary Enoch (FL)

Eric & Mary Farel (VA)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9*Nehemiah 8-10 (Cuba 11.2M)*

Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

John & Susan Finnessy (MD)

James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

Nancy Fowser (NJ)

Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)

Freedom Through Faith (MD)

Robert Tribeau, Pastor

Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

THURSDAY, MAY 10*Neh 11-13 (Curacao 149,035)*

James Fugate (CA)

Travis & Emilee Fulcher (VA)

John & Kim Gaines (DE)

Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Ron & Kay Gavette (VA)

Frank Geiger (HI)

Sara George (GA)

FRIDAY, MAY 11*Esther 1-2 (Cyprus 1.2M)*

Gloucester Co. Community Ch

(NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor

Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)

Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)

Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)

Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)

Dale & Mary Gray (IL)

Odether Gray (GA)

SATURDAY, MAY 12*Esther 3-4 (Czechis 10.6M)*

Linda Gregory (UT)

Mike Hall (IN)

Joy Harper (VA)

Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)

Sadie Harris (VA)

Hazel Hartless (VA)

Mary Pat Hendrick (VA)

Jim Hengoed (CT)

Gina Henry (VA)

J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Jack Henry (TN)

James & Kathryn Henry (MS)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Roger & Sara Henry (OH)

Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)

Ed & Donna Hindson (VA)

Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA)

Jeff Hodge (VA)

Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)

Bill Hogan (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John & Glenda Holland (VA)

MONDAY, MAY 14*Esther 5-7 (Denmark 5.6M)*

Anita Horton (VA)

Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

Jide & Bumi Iware (MD)

Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)

TUESDAY, MAY 15*Esther 8-10 (Djibouti 846,687)*

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)

Gwen Johnson (AZ)

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)

Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)

Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)

James Jones (FL)

Paul Jones (KY)

W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

Mohan Katta (IL)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16*Job 1-2 (Dominica 73,757)*

Suzie Kauffmann (NC)

Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)

Harriet Kennedy (VA)

Kerby Knob Baptist Church

(KY) Daren Hisel, Pastor

Larry & Janet King (NC)

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)

Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)

Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Job 3-4 (Djibouti 846,687)

Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)
 Liberty University (VA)

Jerry Falwell Jr., President
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Job 5-7 (Dominican Rep 10.6M)

Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
 Manship Chapel (DE)

Bruce & Vickie Tribbett
 Wilma Marcum (KY)

Nick & Pat Marcum (VA)
 Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Beau Ware Masonry (VA)

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Job 8-10 (Ecuador 16.1M)

Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
 Nancy McPherson (ME)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Ch (VA)
 Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (TN)

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Betsy Miedema (MI)

Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
 Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)

MONDAY, MAY 21

Job 11-14 (Egypt 94.7M)

Elaine Moser (MN)
 Eileen Murphy GCCC (NJ)
 NE Baptist College (VT)

Mark Ballard, President
 Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)
 Peter Dorn, Pastor

Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 Zack & Jackie Olcott (VA)
 Ann Palumbo (PA)
 Raleigh & Janet Parker (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)

TUESDAY, MAY 22

Job 15-17 (El Salvador 6.2M)

Barbara Powell (NY)
 Eldon/Barbara L. 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)
 Isabell Robotham (NY)
 James & Shelly Rode (FL)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Job 18-19 (Eq Guinea 759,451)

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

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Job 20-21 (USA 324M)

Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
 St. Paul Baptist Church (IN)
 C. L. Adams, Pastor
 Sam & Jill Scott (VA)

John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)
 Shenandoah Valley Bap Ch (VA)
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Lola Simpson (NY)

FRIDAY, MAY 25

Job 22-24 (Eritrea 5.9M)

Mary Skiles (KS)
 Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Randy & Cheryl Stauter (MN)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

SATURDAY, MAY 26

Job 25-28 (Estonia 1.3M)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Charles Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose Street (TX)
 William Suttles (NC)
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
 Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
 Ron Taylor (VA)
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Jimmy & Mary Thomas (VA)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)

W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
 Larry Thompson (VA)
 Montez Thompson (WI)
 Cathy Tilton (VA)
 Paula Tipton (TN)
 William & Katie Toney (NC)
 Carroll/Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)

MONDAY, MAY 28

Job 29-31 (Ethiopia 102.4M)

Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)

TUESDAY, MAY 29

Job 32-34 (European Union 515M)

Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
 Mary Ann Voss (DE)
 Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
 Willow & Stone Ware (VA)
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)
 Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Holland & Mary Warren (VA)
 Rodger Watts (WI)
 Naomi Webb (NJ)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

Job 35-39 (Falkland Is 2,931)

Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)
 Jeff Williamson (FL)
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)

THURSDAY, MAY 31

Job 40-42 (Faroe Is 50,456)

Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
 Eva Winebarger (VA)
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
 Jonathon & Selena Wood (PA)
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Willie Troutman [Diana] (KY)
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Leslie/Tabitha Motalane (South Africa)
Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)
Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
Joseph & Esther Tan (Singapore)
Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil/China)
Roberto & Joana Waisman (Brazil)
Othnel Wakili (Nigeria)
Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

**AMAZING GRACE!
HOW SWEET
THE
SOUND!
READ IT FOR
YOURSELF!
James 4:6
Ephesians 2:8-9
Romans 3:10**

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FROM THE MAILBOX



**EZRA 3:11/ISAIAH 2:5/ISAIAH
55:4/2 CORINTHIANS 2:14**
2/5/2018

Dear Dr. Henry and Sweet Sue,
You're such a blessing in so many
ways. Our prayer for you both is
that you may be in good health.
Thanks so much for being our
friends, our mentors, our brother
and sister in Christ, and shining
lights on "our path in His life."

Are you tired and weary?
I have something cheery.
As you went on your way today,
I took time for you to pray.
I hope you could feel,
My petition to God was real,
And you were lifted up,
So our God you could praise!
He is always there for us,
Just a prayer away.

Composed 1/26/2017

**In Christ's love
Walt and Betty Sommers
Forest, Virginia**

**THANKS FOR YOUR CARDS,
NOTES AND EXPRESSIONS OF
LOVE FOR OUR 61ST WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY. THE LOVELY
FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS FROM
TENNESSEE WERE BEAUTIFUL!**

The cycle of life is interesting, indeed. Solomon long ago encapsulated many of the truths about life that are worthy of pondering in our minds. One is "**a time to be born and a time to die**" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-9). I have just written a memorial tribute for one of our long-time **Doorkeepers** in Michigan, **Dr. Harris Verkaik**, and felt led to use in the header, "we are going down the valley one by one, with our faces toward the setting of the sun." **Sunrise**, when we come into the world, followed by **Sunset**, when we leave the world.

THE CLOCK

The clock of Life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed.
To lose one's health is more.
To lose one's soul is such a loss
That no one can restore.

SEEK THE LORD. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). His "name" is Jesus, which means "He who saves." To "Call upon" His name is "Ask him to save you."

BELIEVE. "For God so loved [the people of the world] that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "Believe" is not simply an intellectual acknowledgment; rather "believe" is to "trust" Him as your Savior and put your "faith" in Him.

FOLLOW JESUS. "Jesus saith unto him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me" (John 14:6). "Today is the day of salvation; now is the appointed time" (2 Corinthians 6:2). **QUESTION:** Why "today" and why "now?" **ANSWER:** Because "tomorrow" may be too late. No person on earth is promised a tomorrow

Do you have questions? Contact information: Write (snail mail: 1127 Lakeview Drive, Lynchburg VA 24502) or e-mail (jghm84@aol.com). Text a message or Call (434) 239-8837.

What you do with Jesus, who is standing at your heart's door and knocking, will determine where you will "be" (not "spend") eternity. Your address will either be "Heaven" or "Hell." Open your heart's door and let Him come in and do it quickly while there is time. The psalmist looked at his situation and said "no man cares for my soul" (Psalm 142:4c). You cannot say that because someone prepared this invitation and sent this **Reflector** to you.

For Christians, Sue and I share two Scripture passages that you can read for yourself and store in your heart and mind. If you have not needed them yet, you will. To have them burned into your mind will make a difference. Before the day is over memorize them. Before you sleep tonight, recite them. **Psalm 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." 2 Corinthians 5:1,8: "We know that [when] our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens ... We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord."**

Farewell, Dr. Harris John Verkaik

"We'll see you in the morning!"

Sunrise: November 11, 1933 Sunset: April 5, 2018

Hudsonville, Michigan

"We are going down the valley one by one,
with our faces toward the setting of the sun"

Since Sunday, May 8, 1986, **Harris and Jane Verkaik** have been on our list of special friends and partners. Sue and I had just returned from twenty-four days in **South Korea and Japan** on the Thursday before. When I arrived in **Grand Rapids, Michigan**, I was in the throes of serious jet lag. But after a few hours with new friends (**Bob and Shirley Rose, Herman and Flora Rosenberg, Harris and Jane Verkaik**), I was ready for the all-day prayer seminar at Zion Reformed Church in Grandville, Michigan. From the beginning to the end, the unction of the Holy Spirit saturated the environment.

After hosting several prayer seminars in his churches, **Dr. Verkaik** wrote: "Thank you, thank you for the prayer seminar. Can people sit for over six hours to be instructed in the work of prayer? They can! Time speeds, interest grows, and conviction comes by the Holy Spirit. Growth and change come of the Holy Spirit's work as your prayer seminar proceeds. I have heard only positive, and grateful, expressions for the changes God has produced. I can say without hesitation that I learned more about prayer in the seminar than I learned in seminary and over thirty years of pastoral ministry. Your humble help was felt by so many people here. I will pray for you as long as I live, and for your ministry."

Every letter, every e-mail (and there have been many down through the years) and telephone calls are cherished memories. Harris and Jane visited us in Murfreesboro, Tennessee; we visited them in Bradenton, Florida. They accompanied us on one of our trips to Israel. The greatest lesson **Dr. Verkaik** taught me came following the 2017 Brazil-Argentina prayer seminars. I have read and re-read his letter stating that he had a new ministry. His body no longer allowed him to go to the pulpit. The Holy Spirit explained to his heart that his ministry was to be prayer. It was at that time that I realized that God reassigns His workers and that our task is to lead the **Doorkeepers** who have faithfully provided prayer and financial support to enable Sue and me to go to other nations to become **Ropeholder Doorkeepers** for our partners in other nations to conduct prayer seminars.

When Jane wrote a few hours after her husband's passing, she said, "Harris went to meet Jesus this morning around 4 a.m. I will miss him, but he was so ready." After the visitation/funeral service in Hudsonville, Michigan on Saturday, April 14, she wrote, "Now he is with the Lord where he was longing to go. I am lonely, but so happy for Harris ... My love to you both. God bless you. I am doing fine. Only at nights before

I fall asleep do I really miss Harris."

Someone has said **Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. Harris John Verkaik** was prepared and the glory of Heaven is now his a glory so magnificent that even the apostle Paul found it difficult to describe (**2 Corinthians 12:1-6**). And while we wait to join him in the supreme ecstasy of seeing Him "who sits on the throne" (**Revelation 7:10**), we have the opportunity to ponder both the words about Heaven in the Scriptures and cherish the glimpses we are given with eyes on the Person who is our hope.

When we finished moving our libraries from 1127 Lakeview Drive to Northeastern Baptist College, Bennington, Vermont, my extensive library dealing with prayer were in the collection. Of course, I miss those volumes very much. But I kept back several books on Heaven. From time to time, I go to the shelf, choose a book, sit down, and read. To say simply that I have Heaven on my mind would be an understatement. My family (parents, brothers and sisters) have all gone into eternity and await our arrival. Neither Sue nor I know the day or hour. Many friends and **Doorkeepers** have left us, one by one, and are rejoicing in that "great cloud of witnesses." Of course, I have Heaven on my mind.

What can I say about my interest in the afterlife and the glorious anticipation that is growing stronger about Heaven particularly? Don't be surprised if there are not additional articles about Heaven in upcoming **Reflectors**. My summary statement for now is Paul's

statement to the Philippians: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: **I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far...**" **Philippians 1:21-23.**

HEAVEN: BETTER BY FAR

From the biblical information, the highest and holiest and most joyous experiences of earth will be far exceeded by the realities of Heaven.

WITH CHRIST BETTER BY FAR!

Some years ago, I included a poem in the **Reflector** about entering into Heaven that touched my heart. For nineteen years, **Sue Bell** was my right hand. Since we were responsible for **Transnational Association of Christian Colleges (TRACS)** and the prayer seminar ministry, my work was much easier by Sue's support as my administrative assistant. When God called her home, her family found the poem from the **Reflector** in her Bible.

O think! To step on shore
 And that shore heaven!
 To take hold of a hand,
 And that God's hand!
 To breathe a new air,
 And find it celestial air!
 To feel invigorated
 And know it immortality!
 O think! To pass from storm and
 tempest
 To one unbroken calm!
 To wake up
 And find it glory!

G. P. Singer

The Holy Spirit: Personal Ministry in our Lives

Sara George (Mrs. Robert)
Columbus, Georgia

Comforter: One who relieves of mental distress.

Counselor: One who gives advice and manages causes.

Helper: One who furnishes relief or support.

Intercessor: One who acts between parties to reconcile differences.

Advocate: One who pleads the cause of another.

Strengtheners: One who causes strength and endurance.

Standby: One who can be always relied upon.

Note from JGH. I counted **Robert George** one of my best friends. He not only was "salt" and "light" for the Columbus, Georgia area, he had the "world on His heart." God used Robert and Sara mightily in the founding and development of **Sias University** in China. His footprints are all over that campus as well as Columbus. As a **Doorkeeper**, he provided prayer and generous financial support for every trip Sue and I have made to over fifty nations. An image of this devoted couple often comes into my mind. I miss Robert and can only imagine the glories He is experiencing with His Lord and Savior in Heaven while he is waiting for his dear wife, family, and friends to join him.

In a recent telephone conversation, Sara shared her deep appreciation for the work of the Holy Spirit that keeps her going from hour to hour. She shared details of her "discovery"

about the Holy Spirit's ministry in our lives. As we prayed together, her words struck a chord as she praised and worshiped. God's provision for His children, in whatever circumstances, begins with the Holy Spirit's work.

Consequently, my advice to my students in prayer seminars is to major on understanding the work of the Holy Spirit that Sara so clearly has learned and follows. You and I don't have to be defeated; we can "walk in the Spirit" instead of the flesh.

Remember that the moment you become a Christian you have all the Holy Spirit you are going to have living in you. In fact, His presence is the essence of the new life that is termed a "new birth." He begins His work by baptizing you into the Body of Christ. He then gives you a spiritual gift to use to build up the body of Christ. Sara has provided a framework for your further study.

For those who have a **Prayer Seminar Workbook**. See pages 4, 16 and 20 for basic material about the Holy Spirit. Note, He is your "**Interpreter**" when you begin to pray. That becomes your power to anchor and sustain you. If your do not have a workbook, request one or, better still, schedule a prayer seminar in your area and everyone present will be presented a **Prayer Seminar Workbook** and its author will spend six hours walking you through this teaching-learning tool! The seminar is available on DVD, as well.

**AMAZING! THE MOMENT WE BEGIN TO PRAY
BOTH JESUS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT JOIN US!**



**DR. HENRY & SUE IN THEIR KITCHEN IN MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE,
PLANNING FOR THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL PRAYER SEMINARS
IN INDIA IN 1985**



Local ministers and religious leaders discuss the "Walk in Unity" conference targeting racial barriers. From left are Jimmy Tyson, pastor of Rockvale Original Church of God; event organizer Bob Dellinger of Rutherford Men's Ministry; conference speakers Claude V. King and Dr. J. Gordon Henry; and Craig Hale of Rutherford Men's Ministry.

Claude King, whose father, Archie, served on the JGHM Board of Directors many years, was co-author of Experiencing God with Henry Blackaby.

PRESIDENTIAL QUOTE

"Almighty God, Who has given us this good land for our heritage; we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable ministry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues ... all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Thomas Jefferson