

# REFLECTOR

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## Prayer Covering for Liberty University

The new president at Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia is **Dr Donti E. Costin**. Although I could talk about his credentials, which are impeccable actually exceeding any I have run across in the many years of working with institutions of higher learning, he is God’s man. I promised him that I would ask the **Doorkeepers** and the **Reflector** readers to provide prayer covering for Liberty. The Henrys are looking forward to having Dr, Costin and his wife, **Vickey**, in our home.



Dr. Costin is the very first president at Liberty who is committed to placing focus on the pioneer generations in the 1970s. On 15 August 2023, Dr. Costin wrote: “I have enjoyed your reflections on Liberty’s past and the role you and Mrs. Henry played in bringing Dr. Falwell’s audacious vision to life. You were truly pioneers in this great work, which God continues to build on the shoulders of giants like you. Well, done, good and faithful servants.” On 18 September 2023, he wrote: “We stand on your shoulders at Liberty, and I look forward to meeting you face to face. **Terry Falwell** is helping to work on the details for that visit, which will be a tremendous honor for me!”

## THE B-I-B-L-E: THAT’S THE BOOK FOR ME.

**Let the Bible speak.** I am the Bible. I am God’s wonderful library. I make known to all, Him who is Truth. To the weary pilgrim, I am a good strong staff. To the one who sits in black gloom, I am glorious light. To those who stoop beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest. To those who have lost the way, I am a safe guide. To those who have been hurt by sin, I am the healing balm. To the discouraged, I whisper a glad message of hope. To those who are distressed by the storms of life, I am an anchor, sure and steadfast. To those who suffer in lonely solitude, I am as a cool, soft hand resting on a fevered brow. Oh, child of man, to best defend me, just use me.

**The Bible is alive.** “The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold on me.” **Martin Luther**

**The Bible reads me.** A missionary asked an African woman who was reading the Bible: “Do you understand what you are reading?” She responded: “Sir, I’m not reading this book. This book is reading me.” Yes, the Bible is the mirror the Holy Spirit uses to show us how God sees us. It is then that we can make any needed moves to come into harmony with the will of God.

**Bible-Anchored Truths.** “On every page of the God-breathed writings there are so many thoughts, which are stretched out like long, clear arms of light across the darkness, discovering things which otherwise were hidden and illuminating wider areas than those the immediate context.” **G. Campbell Morgan**

**Reading the Bible.** “When I read the Bible I do it the way I eat fish. I eat the fish and set the bones aside. I can digest the fish, but not the bones. But I never throw the fish out simply because I cannot digest the bones. So it is when I read the Word of God. We come to many places in the Bible we do not understand. That’s the bone. When we read the Word God speaks to us even when we don’t understand.” **J. Oswald Smith**

## PERSPECTIVE

### Prayer Work



The arrangement of the Prayer Seminar content is intentional. It is biblical and practical. One reason that the six-hour seminar has been so well received around the world is that a participant receives the word, processes it in his mind as the Holy Spirit, our Teacher, does His work, and comes to the realization: “I can do that!” The result is another Lighthouse of Prayer at work.

A section of the Prayer Seminar Workbook deals with the three worlds that prayer touches: **HEAVEN**, Looking Toward God, and that is **WORSHIP** (page 7); **EARTH** Looking Toward People and Circumstances, and that is **WORK** (page 8); **HELL**, Looking toward **SATAN**, and that is **WARFARE** (PAGE 9).

The key passage of Scripture that teaches that prayer is the work that brings about **GREATER WORKS** is **John 14:12-14**. Many read this passage and ponder “Greater Works” without grasping the point John was making. *“ASKING THE FATHER IN JESUS’ NAME”* (“that the Father may be glorified in the Son”) is what God has ordained to get His work done on earth.

The Sovereign God (the One who has final say) has ordained (laid out ahead of time) prayer as the tool to get His work done. Great men (**John Wesley**, **Charles Spurgeon**, **Armin Gesswein**, **Jerry Falwell** come to mind) have stated **“GOD WORKS ONLY IN CONCERT WITH THE PRAYING OF HIS PEOPLE.”** **Oswald Chambers** said, *“Prayer does not fit us for greater works; prayer is the greater work.”* **E. M. Bounds** maintained “Prayer is not the foe of work; it does not paralyze activity. It works mightily; prayer itself is the greatest work.” If these men’s avowals are true, why are we not doing prayer work?

Why schedule a prayer seminar? One of the outcomes of the prayer seminar is that the church becomes a praying church. Much of the work we are doing has little of the ring of a work *“with”* God. It may be a work *“for”* God, but it is surely not a work *“with”* God. Prayer is working *“WITH”* Him, not just *“FOR”* Him

During my last pastorate at **Immanuel Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia**, the ground was laid for the worldwide prayer seminar ministry. The church organized a 24/7 prayer ministry with someone praying in the **PRAYER CHAPEL** every hour around the clock. ***Prayer work was done and the windows of Heaven were opened.*** I personally baptized over 100 each of the last two years of that ministry. The result was a **REVIVAL OF PRAYER IN THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS. GOD IS ABLE! GOD IS WILLING! GOD IS WAITING FOR HIS PEOPLE TO DO THE PRAYER WORK.**

Yours in Calvary love

*J. Gordon Henry*

## 2023: Troubled Times The Bible Has the Answer

Take a look in **Mark 13**. The chapter begins with a rather complex apocalyptic passage that draws a grim picture of the future. We are to expect tragedy and suffering in this world. All around us we are beholding the fulfillment of this prediction. Things will continue to worsen with the fulfillment of an ancient prophecy by Daniel, that signifies the end is near (v 14). And after that things will get even worse (vv 15-23).

**Mark** shares three things to encourage believers. First, Jesus knew the terrible things that will happen. God is not surprised and remains in control of history. Second, we are encouraged by the promise of God’s presence; the Holy Spirit is in us to help. Third, and most important, Jesus will come again with “great power and glory” (v 26). In the end, God will set things right. And we’re told to wait and watch (vv 33-35). “What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’” (v 37).

## THE SHIFT IS ON

[Founded as J. Gordon Henry Ministries in 1984]

For the past sixty-nine years, the REFLECTOR has been the mainstay of our printed ministry. The December issue will be the final edition. Beginning in January 2024, the Lord willing, I will shift to The Prayer Seminar website, [www.theprayerseminar.com](http://www.theprayerseminar.com). Although there are many unsettled details, there will be a “**FOUNDER’S BLOG**” feature. “**MY BLOG**” is not a new idea. Those of you who have visited [www.jgordonhenryministries.org](http://www.jgordonhenryministries.org) know that is a feature of that website. I particularly used it keeping everyone up-to-date when I was away in international seminars.

Currently I have two sources already in place. The first is a draft copy of **Food for the Journey** featuring thoughts from each book of the Bible. Hopefully, this will one day be my ninth book to augment what is taught and written already. The second is **Feeding the Soul**, a quasi-daily journey that began in January 2015. I wrote for my own heart in pursuit of a closer walk with the Lord. 365 x 9 = 3,285 entries. Details of how to shift over to the website will be forthcoming in the December issue of the **Reflector**.

### The Prayer Seminar News

**Adam Nathanson** recently ministered in **Cincinnati, Ohio**. The photo is one of the seminars. During a recent meeting, the board (1) approved **Migel Testone** as coordinator for European prayer seminars. He and his wife, Silvia, live in Galicia, Spain and plan to plant many Lighthouses of Prayer on that continent. Migel has been in four prayer seminars taught by Dr. Henry. (2) allocated \$15,000 toward a new van for Martin Shikuku who is responsible for East/Central Africa prayer seminars; (3) rejoiced in a report of **Digmar Garcia’s** work in Cuba (seven prayer seminars this year) and approved financial support for Cuba. (4) Adam announced that the prayer seminar is now available on YouTube in Spanish. A link is on [theprayerseminar.com](http://theprayerseminar.com). (5) Remember you can download a copy of the prayer seminar workbook. Continue to pray for open doors. (6) Adam will be working with **David Andersen** who is the Virginia director for Capitol Commission, an international ministry to legislators in national and state capitols, in a prayer walk ministry around the Capitol grounds in Richmond.



### Notes from My Bible

**Note 6094.** There is no need to attempt a corporate Prayer Ministry in a local church until there is a **REVIVAL OF PRAYER IN THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS**.

**Note 6095.** “Let us understand that the church’s noblest work, the greatest task she could ever undertake, is to be the outlet for God’s will. For the church to be the outlet of God’s will is for the church to be the outlet of God’s will. For the church to be the outlet for God’s will is for her to pray.” **Watchman Nee**

**Note 6096.** The Bible Speaks; the Bible is the “voice of God” so be careful how you handle and listen to the Word of God.

**Note 6097.** The moment you come to Christ for salvation, you receive all the Holy Spirit you will ever have. God does not give the Holy Spirit on the installment plan. “Spirit filled” does not mean more of the Holy Spirit, it means controlled by the Holy Spirit.

**Note 6098.** When people were “at their wits’ end, God sent His Word to heal them (Read carefully **Psalm 107:6, 13,19-20**).

## MINISTERING TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY

[Major General Dondi Costin retired as the Air Force Chief of Chaplains after thirty-two years in the military. He has been on a number of the Air Force Bases that have hosted prayer seminars and knows Vic Toney. Through Vic, we began our work with the military, a great blessing.]

### GOODFELLOW AIR FORCE BASE

Dear Dr. Henry:

Having just concluded your prayer seminar here at Goodfellow Air Force Base, we cannot thank you and God enough for the work God has done through you. It was a unanimous consensus that this was by far the best spiritual growth services we have had in memory.



One chaplain who attended the prayer seminar, a seventeen-year service member, stated that he has never been part of a special series of services or workshops for spiritual growth that was better than the one you led us this past month.

Dr. Henry, your prayer seminar ministry is perfectly suited for the military community. Its scope touches the need of Christians from all religious backgrounds. Your presentation is done with a sensitivity and conviction that does not offend the spiritual sensitivities of such a diverse group as a military chapel community, yet touches all involved with the challenge to walk closer to God.

Your prayer seminar has infused spiritual life and excitement into our chapel program. People now have an interest to pray, learn about prayer and walk closer to God. The seminar not only challenged nominal Christians to take seriously their relationship to God but also your seminar opened the eyes of mature Christians who thought there wasn’t much more they could know about prayer.

To the person, every participant of your seminar stated that they were touched by God through your ministry and that their prayer life took a definite turn for the better.

We can only say thank you and thank God for your gracious ministry.

Victor J. Toney  
Chaplain, Captain, USAF  
Protestant Chaplain

Dear Dr. Henry:

The prayer seminar you presented at Goodfellow AFB was absolutely outstanding! It was the highlight of this past chapel year. People are still talking about the favorable impact the Holy Spirit made upon their lives through your ministry.

Your seminar was perfect for the military community. Each night we had every major denomination in attendance. Your appeal is clearly across the board to all Christians.

I’ve been a military member and chaplain for 18 1/2 years. Never have I had such a life-changing impact on spiritual life of a chapel. I thought I had organized, systematic, daily prayer life. Little did I know all the room I had for improvement. It has been a month since the seminar and I know of a dozen people who are following what we learned in the seminar. My wife and I are included in the dozen. As a direct result of this seminar, we started a weekly prayer meeting.

Your seminar brought new spiritual life into our Chapel. I highly recommend your seminar to any church or chapel.

Charles Chris Seidlitz  
Chaplain, Lt. Col, USAF  
Center Chaplain

**DO YOU HAVE THE U.S. MILITARY ON YOUR PRAYER LIST? PRAYER IS GREATLY NEEDED EACH DAY.**

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