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## The Benefits of Prayer

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### The Saints' Prayers

As I travel on life's journey,  
I know not what lies out before,  
But I know the saints are praying,  
That I safely reach the shore.

Be agreed with one another,  
God will hear you when you pray.  
Do not doubt or do not waver,  
This is the good old Bible way.

Two of you may gather,  
Send your petition to the sky,  
Be agreed in the name of Jesus,  
God will answer from on high.

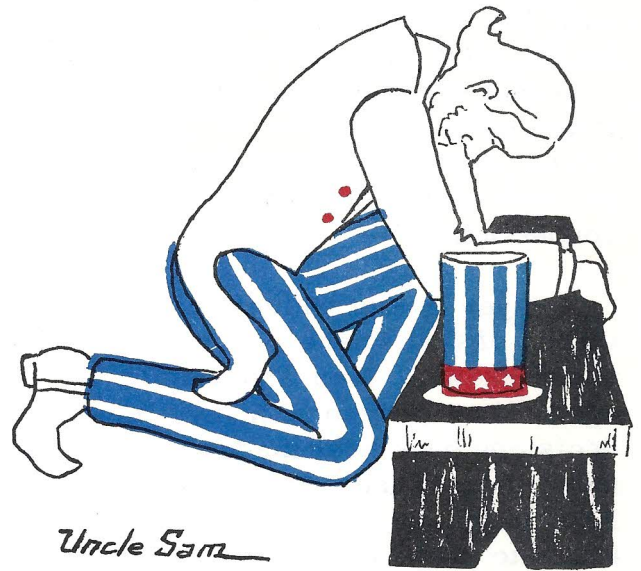
Just one has a promise,  
If they abide in Him still,  
And His Word abides within them  
They shall ask what they will.

All true prayer is answered,  
May be yes and may be no,  
May be wait a while on Jesus,  
Until He His will doth show.

Pray for God's work and for sinners,  
Pray for workers on the field,  
Pray that God will send the workers,  
And that sinners--they may yield.

Pray for sick and suffering bodies.  
Pray the lost may find the fold,  
Even pray for all the rulers,  
This is what God's Word has told.

--Rada Watkins



Friends, it is a real pleasure to be coming your way once again with a short gospel message. We hope you will stay tuned to this station for the next few moments because, I believe, I have something very important for your welfare and happiness. After all, you know, happiness is something many people are seeking and never seem to find. Let me give you a recipe for it here.

In I Samuel, the 7th chapter and the 5th verse we read these words. "And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the Lord." He said this at a time when the Lord's people were in trouble. They needed help. Samuel prayed for them, and they were given help from

God. There are times when you and I need help, too, and we need to know how to pray. It is astonishing and appalling that some people do not have the habit, neither do they know how to pray.

Prayer is the sincere desire of the heart. It may either be uttered or unexpressed. However, I believe that earnest prayer is certainly expressed with the voice, and sometimes with tears. But the important thing about it is that everyone should learn to pray. If you do not know how to call upon the Lord, you have missed the secret link between you and God. There is no connection.

Prayer is that which ties us to the throne of God where our petitions are made known. Men and women of all ages have prayed. Many important decisions have been made while one was upon their knees in prayer to God. Really, you do not have to be on your knees to pray, but I like it better that way if the going is rough. When the load is heavy and the pull is great, you can find help in the secret place of prayer on your knees before God.

Elijah the prophet of old was a mighty man of prayer. When the drouth had been upon the land and the ground had failed to yield its fruit, Elijah knew how to get in touch with God. Listen from I Kings 18 and verse 42 we read, "And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the

sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain." You see, friends, the Lord heard and answered Elijah's prayer.

When Daniel was carried away captive by the mighty empire of the Medes and Persians, there was one thing which his enemies could not take away from him. That was his connecting link with God--the power of prayer. Three times each day Daniel prayed at morning, at noon, and at night. He let nothing stop him, but let me read it to you from the 6th chapter of Daniel and verse 10. "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime."

Friends, let us learn to trust and believe God and go to Him often in prayer.

I do not know if the following incident is really true or not. I do know that it could be true as a remarkable manner in which God answers prayer.

But it is written that in Chicago "two Christian ladies agreed to pray daily for the conversion of their unbelieving husbands. For three years they continued to pray earnestly, but with no apparent result.

"At length one lady said to her friend, 'It's useless praying any longer for John's conversion; he seems every day to grow more hardened to all re-



ligious impressions. I have resolved to stop, for I fear his conscience is quite seared.'

" 'Well!' replied her friend, 'I can't stop praying for my husband while I have breath. So, if he goes down to the pit, he'll go weighed down with his wife's believing prayers.'

"The two continued in prayer for their respective husbands for four years longer, yet still without any apparent result. Time passed, and after seven years of crying and waiting, Mrs. B. awoke one night, and saw, to her surprise, her husband reading the Bible by the light of a candle. She called to him, and he told her he was in sore distress about his sins; he begged her to help him find peace.

"She joyfully rose, and having joined him at the table, told how long and anxiously she had prayed and watched for his conversion. At last she saw that God was answering her prayers. They knelt down together, while she uttered a few broken words, imploring the Lord to save her dear husband, and make him decide at once for Christ. When she could not continue for tears, the husband began to pray earnestly for himself; and while he was thus praying, the mighty change was wrought in his soul by the Holy Spirit, so that his prayer ended in a burst of joy and thanksgiving.

"Next morning the happy wife set out to convey the glad tidings to her friend, who met the other, who was on the way to visit her, with a face radiant with joy. Before Mrs. B. had time to tell her tale Mrs. A. began eagerly to relate the story of the sudden conversion of her own husband during the previous night.

" 'Why! that is just what brought me to see you,' cried Mrs. B. 'My husband also was converted last night, and I couldn't rest till I had told you the wonderful news.'

"On comparing notes, it was found that the prayers of both wives had been answered simultaneously, and in circumstances almost identical.

"Christian mothers, wives, sisters, keep on praying for your dear ones. God is faithful, who hath said: 'Ask, and it shall be given.' " --Selected  
Let us pray.

Our Father,

Teach us how to pray in earnest and in the spirit that we may receive from thee the things which will strengthen and help us to be better soldiers of the cross. Bless the words of the message today to every heart, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Now before I go let me leave this thought with you. True religion is not negative, only a giving up of this or that, but positive, a getting and a possessing. If a man will be content with nothing but the best thought, best work, best friends, best environment, he need not trouble about avoiding the worst. The good drives out the bad. There are two ways of lighting a dark room--one is to attack the darkness with candles; the other is to open the shutters, and let in the light.

Friends, I for one would like to here and now state my conviction that I believe prayer is in order in every home, in every school, and in every city, state, and nation under heaven. What we need is to see Uncle Sam on his knees before God in prayer.



Now may I remind you that you are listening to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We come to you each week over this same station. We are trusting God by faith to keep his word going over the air and through the mail. If you would like a printed copy of today's message, let us know. We would be glad to send you one without cost or obligation. This is Willie Murphey speaking. You may write to us by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

Listen now to the recording of this song, "The Love of God". One of the singers, Sister May Carver, has already gone to be with the Lord. Others singing with her are Lynn and Alma Carver and Marie Mitchell.

Friends, it has been a real pleasure to bring you this short gospel message today. If you have enjoyed its contents, we would be pleased to hear from you. If there is any way we can help you, be sure to let us know. If you desire our prayers or need healing or spiritual help in any way, be sure to let us know. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Be with us again next week on this same station at this same time. Until then may the Lord watch between you and me while we are absent one from another. A very cheerful good-bye!

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"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses."

## Standing on the Promises

From Missouri: "Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Frances, Greetings of love. Our little darling Ruth is still very sick. But we are waiting on the Lord and expecting Him to heal her. We appreciate the prayers of all the saints and we know their prayers are not in vain. The Lord has undertaken in marvelous ways at different times. The Lord gave me a special blessing last Sunday morning between 1:30 and 2:00 a. m. I was lying in bed resisting the devil. Pretty soon within my heart came forth the praises of God. Then it seems like it came to me so strong that I said, 'The victory is ours.' I lay there praising the Lord some more. Seem like I wanted to wake up the whole house and tell them 'the victory is ours'. Then yesterday I picked up my Bible and opened to where Peter walked on the water. Jesus said, 'Come', and Peter began walking on the water, but when he saw the wind boisterous he was afraid and beginning to sink, he cried saying, 'Lord, save me'. Jesus stretched forth his hand and caught him and said unto him, 'O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt.' Matt. 14:23-33. That was such a blessing to me. Seem like it came to my mind that the Lord had said the victory is ours and that even though the wind is boisterous, so as to speak, that victory is ours if we won't doubt. Our faith is being tried, but we are encouraged in the Lord. Having done all to stand, stand. That is what we are endeavoring to do. As the song says, 'Standing on the promises of God'. Pray that we'll continue to stand firm. We appreciate all the prayers, phone calls, cards, little gifts, flowers, food and other help in different ways. May the Lord richly bless all. . . Christian love," --Clayton and Eva Lou Gaines



## Testimonies

From Mississippi: "Dear Brother Willie and family, Greetings in Jesus' precious name. Even though I can't receive your broadcasts by means of radio, I do enjoy reading the Mission Trail. I would like for you to continue sending it to me.

"I have been saved for about four months now and desire to press on for the Lord. I'm 17 years of age and find it hard to find anyone else my age who is saved. . . I request your prayers that I may please God in every thing I do. . . Love," --Mrs. Nancy Wagoner

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From Louisiana: ". . . It is very interesting to read the testimonies of the saints and to know how the Lord is answering prayer and keeping His children encouraged. We're thankful for the Lord's love and mercy extended to us and desire to live acceptable lives for Him. . . Love and prayers,"

--Don and Juanita Williamson

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From Oregon: "Dear Bro. Sis. Murphey, I'd appreciate your sending me the Mission Trail in 1968. It means so much to me as I live a long ways from any of the saints and don't get to go to meeting much. My trust is in the dear Lord, and He is so good to me. I had sick headaches occasionally and suffer terribly for a while, but I keep praying and trusting the Lord, and He so wonderfully stops all the pain. Praise His dear name! . . . I was pleased to see the addition of more stations available to receive the Word. With Christian love,"

--Sister Lucille Trimble

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From Oklahoma: ". . . I am still saved this morning and much encouraged to go on in this true way until the crown is won. . ." --Tempie M. Crisp

From Missouri: "Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances and family, Greetings to you! Yes, we would appreciate your keeping our name on the mailing list for the Mission Trail. . . The Lord has blessed us much in the past year. We have a desire to keep our names written in Heaven, too. We have been blessed with another little son. He was born Oct. 15, 1967. We have named him Bradon Shane. It would be very hard to count all our blessings and benefits supplied by the Lord. Surely God is a just and merciful leader. We want to always be followers of Him. . ." --Kathryn, Wayne, Scott & Brad Baltzell

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From Missouri: ". . . I can truly say the good Lord has answered prayer Dec. 30, for that unspoken special request. I want to thank all dear saints for their prayers. May God reward each one. Trust you all are well. . ."

--Lottie Hilton

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From West Virginia: ". . . I love the truth and enjoy reading the gospel messages. . ."

--Olive Keene

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From Missouri: ". . . Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I trust all is going well with you there and that the Lord is blessing you in every way. . . I'm glad now that you are on KCLC for I think I can most always get that station. It came in real good the last two Sundays, of course, I didn't know about the first Sunday. It's good to hear the program all of the way through and not just a part. I wish it were possible to have more good songs for I enjoy the good singing. Of course, I know 15 min. isn't very long, so you can't get so much on in it. . . May God bless and prosper you in your work for Him and that souls will be reached with the gospel that need God. Yours with Christian love," --Edith Torrance



From Kansas: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family, I greet you at the beginning of the new year of 1968 in the name of Jesus which is the name above all others. I am still saved and very much satisfied with the ways of the Lord. He has been so good to me and so merciful unto me and patient with me. I surely love the Lord today and I am endeavoring to keep him first in my heart and life at all times. I can surely say that salvation has surely brought pleasure and everlasting joy in my life.

"Bro. Williams called meeting for New Year's night and exhorted us to submit our will to the Lord in all things and be more humble if we want to be better saints this year than last year. By the grace and help of God, I will be doing my best to follow this admonition and feel that all saints will be found in a better place if they will do so. I certainly enjoy the Mission Trail and get encouragement from it. I am thankful for the news items and testimonies also. Please keep my Mission Trail coming in 1968. . . Your sister in Christ,"

--Shirley Knight

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From California: "Dear Saints, God has given us a beautiful day here so may we be glad in it. The Lord is blessing us richly here in Orland. We are made to rejoice as we walk in the narrow way. God has promised us grace sufficient for each furnace, test or trial He sends our way. He looks them over and sees we need them to perfect us for heaven. My desire is to be humble and pliant in his hands for Him to mold and make into the vessel He wants me to be as the potter does the clay. The narrow way grows sweeter each day as I draw closer to the Lord. Keep me on your prayer list. May God richly bless each of you as you labor in His vineyard. . . Christian love,"

--Letha Reece

From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie, I am still encouraged to press the battle on. I suffer some with my right eye and jaw. Please continue to remember me in prayer."

--Sister Lillie Miller

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From Louisiana: ". . . Greetings of love in Jesus' name. The Lord has been so good to me. He blessed and gave me the extra strength I needed during the final illness and death of my husband, Dec. 22. The Lord is good to his trusting children for which I thank and praise Him. I enjoy the Mission Trail very much. It is a great encouragement to me. . ."

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From Oklahoma: "Dear Brother Murphey and family, Greetings of love to you in the name of Jesus. Hope this writing finds you well and enjoying the blessings of life. I am one of the (Knight) daughters who was brought up in the truth. I remember my father bringing you to our home and also hearing you preach at our congregation here in Tulsa. . . that was about 20 or 30 years ago. It is truly wonderful how the Lord has blessed you in this work. I am thankful to be saved and sanctified and working for the Lord. Please pray that I live clean and pure and do my Christian duty that others who are watching my life may find Jesus. I get much good knowledge and strength from reading the Mission Trail. . . May God bless and keep you in his tender care. Love to all. . ."

--Mattie Simpson

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Build a little fence of trust

Just around to-day

Fill the space with loving deeds

And therein stay.

Look not thru the sheltering bars

Upon to-morrow

God will help thee bear, whatever comes

Of joy or sorrow.



# at press time

we understand:

"I am praying for a good harvest of souls this coming year. Things about us are going from evil to evil and we need to let the divine light of God shine through us."

--Edith Cole

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From Arkansas: "Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances and family, Greetings of love in the name of the Lord. I am thankful to be saved and with the Lord's help intend to make heaven my home. I have felt impressed for a week to send in a testimony as I promised the Lord I would if He would heal me. I am glad to report that the Lord healed me a day or two before we left the meeting. I'm so thankful. I thank the Lord daily for it. I appreciate and thank each of the saints for their prayers. I have felt better the last two weeks than I have for months. The Lord has done so much for me. I feel the need of doing more for Him. I desire to know the will of God in my life and to do more for him. I feel like through this affliction the Lord has given me even a greater burden for others. I enjoyed the meeting this year so much. . . Pray for us. Your Sis. In Christ,"

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From Indiana: ". . . I sure did appreciate the offering the saints took up for me in the meeting. I love every one and pray God will richly bless and reward every one that has been so kind to me. When I received it, I had to weep. . ."

--Earl Bliss

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Sis. Minnie Duncan is now living at 931 Robinhood, Shreveport, La. 71106.

From Oklahoma: "Pray for me that I'll stay true to God. This is the only way. If only the young people could get a hold of it and get the enjoyment from salvation. . ."

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The latest reports indicate that little Ruth Gaines is still very very sick.

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From California: "My heart goes out in sympathy to Sister Rada Watkins in the loss of her brother Odie. . . Odie loved the Lord and loved the truth with all the understanding that he had. . ."

--Edith Reavis

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We extend best wishes to Brother Carver on his 65th birthday, Jan. 18. His mailing address is 6123 Willard St., Shreveport, Louisiana 71106.

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While Frances and Patsy remained at home caring for the office work and also Willie and Wayne who are school age, Kathleen accompanied me on a trip into Louisiana and Arkansas. It was a pleasure to be with the saints of West Monroe, Midway and Shreveport. Even though our time was limited, we were glad to be in a few services with them. Brother Ernest Mitchell is still sorely afflicted and is in need of prayer. Before returning home we also visited the saints of Garfield, Arkansas. We found that a number of the saints have been sick with colds or flu and many schools in Louisiana were closed temporarily. However we are glad that the Lord is still hearing and answering prayer for his little ones.



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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

## Broadcast Schedule

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following stations:

RADIO STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
KXOW	Hot Springs, Ark.	1420 kc.	Sunday, 7:15 a.m.
KCRS	Midland, Texas	550 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kans.	1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p.m.
WFPR	Hammond, La.	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCKW	Jena, La.	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, La.	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

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