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“LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.” — JOHN 4:35

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P stands for PRAYER

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Good morning to one and all of the listeners of the broadcast. It is gospel alphabet time again. We are down to the letter "P". We could say this letter stands for a lot of things, such as power, pious, pity, pardon, partaker, path, patience, peace, perfection, perform, perish, persecution and persuade. Or it could be for pilgrim, pleasures, poor, praise, proclaim, profit, promise, purge, pure, and oh, so many more words. But none of these is the word I want to talk about today. I will be glad to tell you what the letter "P" stands for in just a moment. But first this scripture:

"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." 1 Pet. 3:12. There is the word we want! "P" stands for prayer. It has been said that more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Prayer makes the source of "all power" available unto God's children! It opens the avenue to the throne of grace and no doubt, more has been accomplished through prayer than this world has ever realized. Here is where men and women are stripped of their deceit and pretense. We must face the facts of reality, life and death included! When we face ourselves as we really are, it is then we can petition God through prayer for victory over our faults, trials and troubles, aims and ambitions.

Prayer is as necessary to the Christian, and the development of our spiritual inner man, as the fresh air is to the health of our body. It is through

prayer that we may communicate with God through the Spirit. This, I would say is indispensable! Jesus used the relationship of a father and child to show how willing God is to hear and answer the prayers of his trusting children. Listen: "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" Matt. 7:11.

There are at least two outstanding benefits derived from prayer. Perhaps many others could be named. But one blessing which is achieved from prayer is the strength which comes from complete harmony of spirit, soul and body. It is then that one is more able to face the problems which lie ahead. In other words we might say we get the courage to stand on our feet for truth and right after we have first been on our knees.

In the second place it gives God the opportunity to work and answer in our

particular case because we have invited and pleaded with him to do so! James expresses it this way: "...ye have not, because ye ask not." James 4:2. Wouldn't that be tragic to think the reason one did not receive was simply because they did not ask God to work! This could be caused from pride or arrogance. Therefore, no human need lies beyond the reach of God. He is all-powerful. Would you not like to invite Him to help in your case?

But remember this, God sometimes answers in a way different from what we think is right and best! He knows what is best, and sometimes this is not the case with us! The apostle prayed for the thorn to be removed from his flesh, but the Lord saw it was better to give him an extra supply of grace and take him through it all with victory! Some folks pray for rain and others at the same time are praying that it won't rain, but the Lord knows best of all! He does accordingly! There might be such a thing as a person being ruined at his own request!

Now let us look at some of the conditions which are necessary to pray in the right way. Many pray, but not properly. There are lots of selfish prayers.

First, one is to address God with reverence and respect. "Our Father", can be approached even in secret closet. This is the way Jesus taught his disciples. Secondly, we must come in faith: "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matt. 21:22. Thirdly, prayer is to be with a forgiving heart. "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matt. 6:15. Next, God wants and expects obedience. Listen:

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." 1 John 3:22. Is that too much? not for God! In the fifth place, let us ask in keeping with God's will. "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us" 1 John 5:14. And last, but certainly not least, all of our petitions certainly should be made in the name of Jesus! "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." John 14:13-14.

However, don't fail to go to prayer just because you do not measure to all these things. There is where we get strength to measure up. Even though one does not understand all about how the answer is to come, this is no sign they should not pray. And don't give up if the answer doesn't come the first time. Elijah prayed seven times before the rain came. So, I say prayer does work. Keep praying! Peter was released from prison just in time before he was beheaded, as the saints prayed.

The saints are invited to come boldly. Listen: "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16. Isn't that encouraging? All of us need mercy and also help. No one is above the need of prayer. Therefore, if you feel that God's will is to be done in your life, pray accordingly: "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Matt. 6:10. Give Him the chance to work his will in your life. Let Him do it. Don't hold back. If you are in need of food and clothing, ask freely, "Give us this day our daily bread". If you have missed

God's plan in your life, then pray: "...forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Matt. 6:12. If you see or fear a temptation is coming, there is help in prayer for you. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Matt. 6:13.

When the burdens of life become too heavy, and you are weary, remember there is rest in prayer. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." Psa. 55:22. So, let us be like the camel which kneels each evening to have the burden of the day, lifted from its back. As we grow older we realize more and more that life is complicated. There are many ups and downs, for which we need to be prepared for through prayer. In other words, let us be prayed up, for whatever may come.

Nehemiah prayed before he attempted to rebuild the walls around the city of Jerusalem. And it is well that he did, for he certainly met with many problems and there were enemies to face. Listen to his words. What a lesson for us: "And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven" Neh. 1:4. God blessed him and he succeeded because he was prayed up.

The early morning church met with strong opposition. Do you know what they did? "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:42. They kept prayed up for persecutions awaited them. They needed all the strength they could get. Stephen met death caused by the stones thrown from the hands of his enemies. Listen to the way it

came: "And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Acts 7:59. I say that was with victory because he prayed. Jesus was ready for the mob, crucifixion and death because he prayed.

Friends, you too can be victorious in the face of difficulties, problems, and trials, if you will seek God, and submit yourself to him in prayer! "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." 1 Tim. 2:8.

Our Father, we come to thee, just now in behalf of all who hear the broadcast today. Give an extra supply of grace for every need. Direct those who are seeking thy will to be done in their lives. And we ask also for the many souls of men and women everywhere. Save all who will come before it is too late and thine shall be the praise in Jesus name. Amen.

Testimonies

BAHRAIN ISLAND: "I happened to go through "The Mission Trail" and was very much impressed by the message. After reading it, I had a desire to get the published message regularly for me to Bahrain as I found it to be simple, meaningful and spiritually guiding and strengthening. Would you please enlist me as one of the readers wishing to have the message by post and be kind enough to send me one printed copy by post? I hope you will oblige and I thank you for the same. I may also be enlightened whether there is any subscription or membership for this message so that I may send what ever is required. Wishing to hear from you soon,
Yours in Christ, " --Edgar R. B.

From Kansas: "I know that Jesus is able to heal me today just the same as he did when I was 11 years of age at Hot Springs, Ark. I remember so well when my mother and I walked down to the tent and went in. They had just finished singing a song. We sat down about half way down to the front. Bro. J. D. Ferris got up and said, "Is anyone sick or afflicted in the tent?" So mother held up her hand and we went down to the front seat. Bro. Ferris said, "What is your trouble?" So my mother said, "My son has the leprosy according to what the doctors say." They had told her that my leg would have to be amputated and my mother told them that she would not come to that. So Bro. Ferris turned to James 5:14 and read. He anointed my head with oil and asked mother if she believed the Lord could heal me and she said she did and he asked me the same question and I told him I believed the Lord would heal, so Bro. Ferris said, "so do I." He said he would pray the prayer of faith and the Lord would do the rest. We lived 17 miles north of Hot Springs, so the next morning we hitched up the mules and started home, slept that night and got up the next morning. I was in my gown. I started to scratch my leg and the scales started falling off. They had been running sores for many months. So they continued to fall off until they were all gone and it was not long till I was completely healed. Praise the Lord. I promised him I would tell the world about this so that's what I do. It's no secret what God can do."

--Bro. C. A. Stone

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From Fla.: "As this leaves us my sister and myself are up and about, thank the good Lord. That is the life we live, a thankful life, saved from every avenue of sin and I am pressing on to the goal."--Sis. E. B. McNair

From Kans.: "I am fine and my hope is bright and my determination is strong to keep going on ... Sis. Fisher from Topeka, who had taken her stand with the saints last summer, passed away Tuesday a week ago and her funeral was Saturday... I hope to get to the Guthrie meeting, perhaps on the last week end and hope to see you there. The devil is busy and working so hard but I believe if the saints travail in prayer some few will get saved in our meetings this year."

--Sis. Shirley Knight

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From Kans.: "We thank the Lord for our salvation and for his tender mercies unto us."--Keith, Janet Marsh and girls

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From Kansas: "Thank you so very much for keeping the Mission Trail coming our way. We have received much good to our souls from reading your messages and testimonies of the saints. The last one we received, the message was on "Optimism," and it was so rich to our hearts. But how hard the devil works to cause us to have a pessimistic outlook on life. And what a sobering thought, that God cannot work when we have that outlook. In the Bible, a parable is told by Jesus of a man that received one talent. He let doubts and fears overcome him, and hid his talent. So when his day of judgment came, he was condemned and cast into outer darkness. Let us each one ask God to help us keep an optimistic attitude, (one of faith and hope in God) lest we too be cast into outer darkness. "But without faith, it is impossible to please him." Heb. 11:6. It is true that when we are going through a severe trial or prolonged affliction, that pessimistic thoughts will be presented to us, but thank God those thoughts can be dispelled if we cry out to God, "Help thou mine unbelief." Mark 9:24.

--Carol, Paul Cole and family

From Mo.: "We are still thanking the Lord for what he means to us. Thank him for answering prayer. My husband and I both had 2 kinds of flu and we were real bad, but thank the Lord we are up and going again... My desire is to always be what he would have me to be... remember us in prayer when you pray."--Bro. and Sis. Howard Boulden

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From Okla.: "I still love to read the Mission Trail. I pray you will stay on radio to tell others the good news. Because so many need to be saved."

--Maggie Smith

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From Tenn.: "...thanks for the Mission Trail. Trust this finds you well in soul and body, and encouraged to press on, ever holding high and beautiful the gospel, the good news to man. "It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes." We thank the Lord for his many blessings to us, and mean to be faithful to the end."

--Chas. B. Williams

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From Okla.: "Time surely goes so fast, almost another month of '76 gone. Yet we praise God for all His blessings. He has been so good to me. I owe Him all my praise and yet I am unworthy of it. The strength He gives me each day to labor here and help these aged folks. I know He led us out here and into this field, a truly mission field. Workers are needed so badly, not only in preaching but such as can still use their strength in working with their hands. These dear old folks need help in caring for them and in the garden in gathering the fresh vegetables, etc. They so much enjoy them. I am glad I can be a part in this field. I can't preach, but I can use my strength to labor here and oh God has and is so good to me in helping me each day. Bless His name."

--Sis. Edith Cramer

From Miss.: "We welcome the saints to stop by to see us. We may have a meeting just before the Hammond meeting, Lord willing. We can have services in our home if we do not have some other place. I plan to go to the Hammond meeting."

--Sis. Dorothy Bridges

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From S. Car.: "Brother Willie, I have been reading your message from time to time... I am glad for the work you are doing for God, so may He bless you with health and love to keep it going till Jesus comes."

--Bro. Eddie Driggers

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From Ohio: "We send greetings of love once again from Xenia. Trust these lines finds you well and encouraged in the work of the Lord. Seems time does fly so quickly. We think of you folks many times and pray for your labors. We do enjoy the Mission Trail and desire the Lord to bless you in every way. We surely desire to be able to live a life of victory. We need your prayers also. We are looking forward to be able to be in some meetings this year. We really don't know which one or ones... We surely miss Bro. and Sis. McCoy, but still have to submit things to God..."

--Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Lois Abbott

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From Mo.: "Greetings in Jesus name! This is a chill Sunday afternoon after the rain we needed so badly. Seems we've had a pleasant spring season this year. Our garden is off to a nice start so we've again been blessed for the start of a new growing season. Surely we thank the Lord for the necessary blessings of daily life. We got your broadcast about "the love of money" today. It is so good to get the true meaning of the scriptures. We couldn't hear KBOA at Prattsville last week..."

--Bro. Leslie Adams

From Mo.: "We look forward to listen to your broadcast on the radio each Sun. morning. We attended the funeral of our dear Bro. Edward Atnip. He was an encouragement to us all while he was with us for 2 years at Myrtle. We appreciated him and Sis. Stella so much."

--Bro. Alsia and Sis. Dollie Sorrell

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From Okla.: "I sure love the Lord and want to please Him in every little thing. I want to live every day as though it was my last day. I want to see the end of a successful Christian race, with victory in my soul. It will be worth it all to see Jesus face to face."

--Sis. Emma Dilley

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From Miss.: "The weather here is beautiful, but we have had a lot of bad weather, a lot of hard winds, one tornado, that we felt, just what the Bible tells us will be in the last days. Of course, I know that one day to him is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as a day, but we are sure of one thing, He is coming back, and what he says to one, he says to all, watch. I'm glad and happy to say, I love all people, not every one's ways, but their soul, and want them to be saved. I wouldn't go on for a day, not one hour, without knowing I am saved..."

--Sis. Grace Gill

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From Okla.: "We are all very well, happy to be encouraged to press on in the one true way. What wonderful words of life we find in the Word of God. By believing and searching his word we find full salvation that saves us and leads us into all truth. We are glad to be able to pray for all saints, sinners and will say, too, the ungodly, that people will wake up to see where they stand before God. We also pray for the oncoming meetings this summer and trust the dear Lord permits us to be at some of the camp meetings."

--Sis. Katie Gibson

From Penna.: "I greet you in the name above every name--Jesus, wonderful Lord. He is so precious to me and hears and answers when we call. Nothing is too big or too small for Him and His promises are to all who will claim them. Today is quite windy and chilly. It is dark and cloudy, but they said we would have sun this afternoon. My husband...enjoys the birds. He talks to them like they understood. Some of them do stop and look up at him. The little chickadee wants to be talked to. It just twitters all around his head and when he is sitting outside, they come around. God's creation is so very precious. I am glad I lived on a farm at one time, so can enjoy those things more. He has set out onions in his garden. They are up 6 inches. Lettuce is coming thru the ground even tho it has been so cold. We had snow flakes this week...God is so good and supplies all our needs. I do thank Him each day for His goodness and mercy to us. We should praise Him more and more each day, even when we have some difficult times. The hard places have to come to make us appreciate the better times. ...God bless and keep you each day and may souls be saved thru your ministry."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From N. Mex.: "Trust every one is well and happy in serving the good Lord. The Mission Trail is such an encouraging paper to read and always love to get it. We are getting along pretty good so do continue to pray for us and will pray for you. I am sending a little offering to help you in sending out the truth to many precious souls and pray many to be helped."

--Sis. Ruth Doolittle

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"Some people's lives look as if their greatest opportunity was sin, but we know those were the opportunities that they chose."

--Mamie Norcutt

at press time

we understand:



Sis. Ruby and Bro. Merrill Williamson
with grandson, Keith

Sister Ruby Williamson departed to be with the Lord April 15. Funeral was in Oak Grove Church of God chapel, Loranger, La. Remember her companion: Bro. Merrill Williamson, R. 1, Box 49A, Olla, La. 71465.

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Sis. Margaret Brant died May 4, 1976. Remember her companion in sorrow, Bro. Clarence Brant, 13 North St., Bangor, Michigan 49013.

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Bro. Edward Atnip died May 3, 1976. Remember his companion Sis. Stella Atnip, Shook, Mo. 63963.

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Bro. Royal R. Taylor died May 12, 1976. Remember his companion Sis. Virginia Taylor, R. 1, Box 178C, Eagle Creek, Oregon 97022.

Funeral service was held for Sis. N. E. Adams, Swifton, Ark., April 21, 1976. She loved the saints and the truth.

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Bro. Clifford Lindner died March 29. Remember his companion in this time of sorrow, Sis. Marie Lindner, 205 Aquila, Nokomis, Florida 33555.

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Funeral for Bro. J. M. Mitchell was held in Jena, La. April 27, 1976. For many years he took an active interest in promoting the work of the Lord.

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From La.: "I want to tell you that our Sister Mildred Spurlock went to be with the Lord. She left us on Monday, 29th of March. We miss her so much, but are glad that she is with Jesus now... Sister Mildred would get up at 5:30 a.m. every morning and pray and study the Bible. She listened to your broadcast on Sunday and loved it. Jena, this little town, has lost a prophet of the Lord, one who preached to them the truth."

--Sis. Carrie Sheppard

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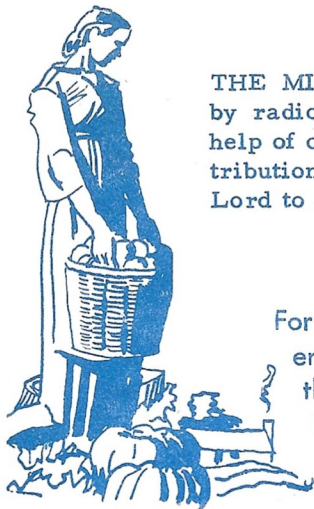
Oklahoma State camp meeting begins in Guthrie May 28th. Monark starts July 23rd, continuing through Aug. 1st.

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Provisions of food or finances for camp meeting in Muncie, Ind., July 9-18 may be sent directly to Bro. Orie Young, 12 S. Walnut, Sapulpa, Okla. 74066.

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Your prayers for the broadcast and the printed copies as well as for us over the many miles traveled are much appreciated. We are praying for you also.



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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."

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WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.
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