



The Mission Trail

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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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## The Power of Prayer!

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Good morning to all the listeners! How happy we are to be coming your way once again! I feel the Spirit of the Lord working, and I believe He is going to give the listeners something good as we consider the "unsearchable riches of Christ"! Listen to this promise: "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers:" 1 Pet. 3:12.

There is power unlimited in prayer.  
But in order to tap this source one must  
go about it in the right way. We reach  
God through prayer....

There's stealing o'er my peaceful,  
trusting soul,  
A power that is most divinely sweet,  
As all my burdens on the Lord I roll,  
And meekly linger at his blessed feet

I kneel in sweet submission, while my  
prayer,  
Ascends on wings of faith to Father's  
throne;  
He listens while my hopeful spirit there  
Its faltering petitions maketh known

What bliss to dwell where heaven's  
blessings fall,  
Until my soul, with mercy's drops  
bedewed,  
Responds in answer to my Father's call,  
With words of thankfulness and gratitude

As angels came to dark Gethsemane  
To bless the Savior, as he there did bow  
Beneath the shadows dense, on bended  
knee;  
O Father, bless my waiting spirit now

In the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C. and also the Wright-Patterson Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, both of which I have visited, I saw planes of antique vintage, which date back to some of the earliest and most primitive machines making it possible for man to realize his dreams of flying in the heavens as a bird! These gave man the "wings" to soar as the eagle in the sky! What a thrill it must have been for the Wright brothers to prove to the skeptics that it is possible for mankind to fly! He can defy the laws of gravity and rise into the heavens to soar away into the great expanse of the universe. However, we know there are limitations to this! God sets the boundaries. But who can tell the limitations and the power of God wrought through prayer?

Through prayer the spirit of man is set free to serve the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Bars indeed, make prisons, but prayer and faith gives release from bondage! "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it

might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit." Jas. 5:16-18. There is power in prayer and faith to remove mountains. Nothing is impossible with God. Who has the privilege of prayer? Any and every soul may learn the secret of prayer. The highest thing in human experience is not limited to the talented, the highly educated, the famous; it is not confined to old or young, rich or poor, high or low. Every individual may partake of this source of power. Man is the crowning work of creation; the masterpiece of the plan of salvation, with the equipment supplied by the Lord to be an overcomer. There is no shortage with God.

Even the lowest sinner may be redeemed from the curse of sin and have fellowship with the most High through the power of prayer, thus being made a saint of God. The heathen in darkest lands can find God through prayer and faith. Mothers under hard conditions may know the secret of prayer. Youths from commonest homes may engage in prayer thus giving them strength to face the enemy with strong temptations. Many answers have been obtained through prevailing prayer. People of limited talent and training have had marvelous experiences and accomplished wonders through prayer. It should be made known that any life may have access to this power of prayer. Godly lives receive their strength and beauty through prayer. These high or low, old or young, rich or poor, who have learned to really pray have found a secret that will give them strength to overcome the enemy of their souls.

Prayer may be likened to an electric line of power to the throne of God. No

one seems to know exactly what electricity is. Scientists are baffled to know. They know how to produce it; how to transmit it; how to use it. We know how to turn the switch and the light comes on. But it is surrounded with mystery... One thing is certain-- electricity will produce results. After all, that is what counts. And so it is with prayer. Lives are transformed through prayer. Battles are fought and won through prevailing prayer. Sickness is healed and God's power is the same yesterday, today and forever. Experience is the test of reality. Skeptics may disbelieve in prayer, critics may make fun of it, but to the child of God, it is the life-line to the throne of God. Prayer is the thing that can be switched on and cause tremendous things to happen. Prayer ties us in with the generators of God's power. We can draw without limitations and cause great things to be accomplished.

Be it ever so great, prayer is available even to children and the unlearned. It is free as the air we breathe. Suppose I had asked my father fifty years ago if he knew what air is. He might have looked at me in astonishment and replied, Certainly I know what air is. Air is what we breathe. We cannot live without air. And that is true. But would he know that we were going to pound heads on rivets? That we are going to drill holes into the flint and do drilling in the mines with air; that huge trucks are controlled by air pressure to their brakes; that trains do the same? Even the school boy of today knows that air compressed is full of wonderful energy and commercial possibilities. So prayer is simple, but no less great and tremendous.

Prayer will bring conviction to the sinners, it brings about revivals. It

awakens the spiritually dead. Beware of that professor who has not learned to pray. Jesus arose a great while before day and went into the mountain to pray. From His Father he drew strength to cast out devils, heal the sick and preach the gospel of the kingdom. The psalmist wrote: "For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause. For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer." Psa. 109:2-4.

When Herod thought to behead Peter, the church prayed. What happened? The prison doors were opened and Peter went out a free man because the church prayed. When Daniel was accused by enemies, he prayed. God delivered him from the lion's den. When Paul and Silas were cast into prison they sang and prayed at the midnight hour. The prison was opened and the jailer was saved and baptised that very night.

When a man of God with a soul burden prays, people are melted, moved, inspired and uplifted under his messages. They get material for eternal value. Their hearts are fed, definite results are felt. On the other hand another preacher with an even greater ability of expression may not see the results if he fails to pray and completely yield to God. Lives and destinies of children are often affected by the prayers of their mothers and fathers. On the other hand, take parents who do not pray. Their children may be talented, learned in the ways of this world, but grow up to be selfish, cold and perish after having lived utterly meaningless lives. Great men and women of God have learned their strength lies in the power

of prayer. Our Bible came to us because men of God were moved and inspired to write under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Often their writings were seasoned with prayer. Jacob prevailed with God in prayer and was prepared to meet his brother. Thereafter he was known as Israel.

"There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always." Acts 10:1-2.

This man was a Gentile, but God heard his prayer and sent Peter to preach the gospel to him. God witnessed to him, saying: "...thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God." Acts 10:31. Was it not good to know God heard his prayer? Indeed, and God is not partial, nor does He respect any man above another. James tells us "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." James 5:14-15.

Listen to this verse: "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Phil. 4:6.

Friends, if you haven't learned to pray, you are missing the source of power to a victorious life. It will give you grace to smile when things go wrong. When you are falsely accused, if you are prayed up, there is victory for you.

## THE CONQUEROR

It's easy to smile when the skies are  
blue  
And the sun is shining bright;  
Yes, easy to smile when your friends  
are true  
And there's happiness in sight;  
But when hope has fled and the skies  
are gray,  
And the friends of the past have turned  
away,  
Ah, then indeed it's a hero's feat  
To create a smile in the face of defeat.

It's easy to smile when the storm is o'er  
And your ship is safe in port;  
Yes, easy to smile when you're on the  
shore  
Secure from the tempest's sport;  
But when wild waves wash o'er the  
storm-swept deck  
And your gallant ship is a battered  
wreck,  
Ah, that is the time when it's well worth  
while  
To look in the face of defeat with a smile.

It's easy to smile when the battle's  
fought  
And you know that the victory's won;  
Yes, easy to smile when the prize you  
sought  
Is yours when the race is run;  
But here's to the man who can smile  
when the blast  
Of adversity blows; he will conquer at  
last,  
For the hardest man in the world to beat  
Is the man who can smile in the face of  
defeat.

Our Father, bless the message to the  
good of every listener. May they learn  
the secret of victory through prayer.  
Break the hard hearts, call the sinners  
and backsliders to repentance and give  
the saints victory through Christ, for

we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Dear ones, when you come to the valley  
of the shadow of death, you will need to  
be prayed up. May the Lord be gracious  
to you when you come to--

## CROSSING THE BAR

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound or foam,  
When that which drew from out the  
boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of fare-  
well,  
When I embark;

For though from out our bourne of Time  
and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.

--Alfred Tennyson

Thank you, friends, for a few moments  
of your time. Until we meet again this  
is Willie Murphey saying God bless and  
keep you always and a very cheerful  
good-bye!

*Today a cross has been placed on you  
It's a burden almost too great to bear  
Wear it well, be strong and courageous  
Find comfort in our love and in prayer.  
Don't let bitterness flood over you—  
Don't say "Why must it be me?"  
God has his reasons for each event  
And a pattern for each Soul's destiny  
Give to the world a smiling face  
Be an inspiration to all whom you meet  
Begin each day with the will to pray—  
And Life again will be sweet.*

Selected by  
Clara Wahl

## Testimonies

From Okla.: "Dear Bro. Willi & Sis. Frances, Greetings: May God bless you always in the work of God. We enjoy the radio message from Coffeyville each Sunday morning and we enjoyed Frances, when you had a little on your anniversary. We liked your singing together...we trust you will have many more happy years together, unless the Lord will come. Then you can praise God through all eternity round the great throne of God. We just feel like sometimes it would be good to see him coming with all the holy angels and his saints. Won't that be a wonderful sight to behold? When we get to meet a few saints it gladdens our hearts so much and we are told he will come with ten thousands of his saints. We had a Bible study last evening on saints. We all got a blessing, but know one is not a saint that has not been redeemed by the blood and living a pure holy life free from sin and bearing the fruit of the Spirit. May God help us to live worthy of the name of Saint."

--Bro. Albert and Sis. Margaret Eck.

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From Pa.: "God be with you in all you do. I can't write as I fell and hurt my wrist. X-ray showed no broken bones."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From Calif.: "...God is blessing me in every way. I have more of everything it seems, more health, more grace, more love, more thankful, more God in my soul. Yes, my health is better than it was when I was 60, but not as strong in body. I used to have stomach trouble, but God healed that. ...surely it is more blessed to give than to receive....give my love to the saints...Pray for us here."

--Bro. H. P. Huskey

From Calif.: "Greetings to you in the Lord's work. We are saved and kept through the sanctified grace of God for which we are thankful. We were permitted to attend two services of the Oakland meeting. Both were blessed of the Lord. One very good point was brought out that we must not muse within ourselves over hurts and wounds received; how one who is wounded cannot be helpful to others. During the war the enemy would rather wound a soldier than kill him, for it would take 2 or 3 others to care for him than if he were dead requiring no care. The enemy of our souls is the same. David in the 55th Psalms prayed morning, noon and night to get victory over the wounds inflicted by those he walked to the house of the Lord with, but he did get victory. It was a good and timely message for me to remember. Papa [Bro. Ulysses Phillips] is well but very feeble, still goes. Mama Davenport is still at the Oakland meeting for most of it... Continue to remember us and our unsaved loved ones."

--Bro. & Sis. E. V. Davenport

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From Minn.: "Greetings in the love of Jesus who has done so much for us and has prepared a beautiful home for us everlasting in the heavens. He provides all our needs also while we are in this world and keeps us day by day as we do not know when the Lord will come and call us home to joy everlasting."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Okla.: "I'm not so well in body. Remember me in prayer. My chest gives me trouble...I want to make it to Monark to the meeting...Let us pray earnestly that the Lord make that a great meeting in Monark. Give all the saints and your loved ones my regards....I sure want to be ready when Jesus comes."

--Sis. Lizzie Jordan

From Calif.: "Greetings in Jesus name. He has been so good to me. I'm encouraged to keep pressing on and desire a closer walk with the Lord. I'm still working at the Home here and need more patience and love. Lord willing, I'm going to the wedding of my niece this Saturday at No. Sacramento and attend some of the Fresno meeting on the way up there and then go on to Orland before coming home. I do appreciate the Mission Trail paper and am sending an offering to help. Remember me in prayer. With Christian love,"

--Barbara Severs

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From Oregon: "Our meeting was the best in a number of years and one of the reasons we had so many outsiders. ...In spite of our unfinished dining room and having to wash dishes in wash tubs and many inconveniences, everyone took it in good humor and helped all they could. We now have our steps cemented and ceilings are being painted and lower part of wall in our dining room being paneled. We are waiting on our electric dish washer Sis. Spaur's nephew is giving us with a lot of other kitchen equipment. Bro. Burdette is building our drawers in the kitchen and quite a lot of work to be done yet so we are really going to have a lovely dining room ... We were saddened by Bro. Francis Doolittle's death. ...It's always hard to say farewell to our loved ones in this world for the last time, but much easier if we know they have joined the church above. Now our dear Bro. Benson is critically ill. ...So remember him in your prayers. ...I did so enjoy The Mission Trail this time. That was a good picture of Sis. Vera Forbes. I have known her many years and stayed in her home some at Pacoima years ago. I know she will be greatly missed. Much Christian love to all."

--Sis. Grace Jones

From La.: "Greetings to you in the name of Jesus. ...I am so thankful for what He is to me. He blesses and helps me in so many ways daily. I surely would not want to live one day without Him. I truly love Him and am seeking to know how to please Him in every way. He speaks of keeping His commandments, and doing those things that are pleasing in His sight. He said if we love him we'll keep his commandments, his sayings, so I want to do that, and seek to please him in every detail of life."

--Sis. Myrtis Flynn

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From Okla.: "The Lord is so good to His trusting children. I appreciate so much His dealings with me. I want to prove my love to Him by keeping His commandments and doing those things that are pleasing in His sight."

--Sis. Emma Dilley

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From Colo.: "The Lord has been good to me in every way. I am so glad I ever learned to serve and trust him. My only desire is to serve him and always be ready to go when he calls for me. I still desire your prayers for my children and loved ones."

--Sis. Addie McEndree

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From Okla.: "We had the sad news of Aunt Vera Forbes taken from among us. Oh, how I did miss her love and guidance when we left Calif., but did not get to be with her very much after we left there. How precious she was."

--Sis. Verlene Williams

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From Wash.: "We were privileged to go to Jefferson again this year to the camp meeting there. We surely had a good meeting, a good attendance from the first day till the last. The Lord sure blessed them there to have the dining hall useable. Praise his name,"

--Sis. Violet Thomas

# at press time

we understand:

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Cor. 5:1. What an assuring scripture for the saints to have in the time of sorrow! June 27th marked a day to be remembered. It was on that date Sis. Vera Forbes, a real pioneer, finished her earthly work and slipped away to be at rest. We were singing for her one evening and someone asked if she was tired. She certainly must have been tired but "not of the singing!" She left a wonderful testimony by saying "all is well between me and God, all is well between me and the church, and all is well between me and my family!" After a memorial service in Guthrie her body was returned to Calif. for burial. On the same day, June 27th, Bro. Francis Doolittle died in Calif. His body was returned to south La., Oak Grove near Lofanger, for burial. These two will be greatly missed among the saints.

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## IN APPRECIATION

We are sincerely grateful to all who extended comforting sympathy and help at the time of our dear mother's sickness and home-going. The food was so thoughtfully prepared and the flowers were beautiful. The many cards and letters, gifts and memorials were all so appreciated as well as the phone calls and personal visits. May God bless all of you.

--The families of Sis. Vera Forbes

TULSA--"We did appreciate you attending our campmeeting. The Lord really did bless. It was well attended and truly Holy Ghost conviction was in the meeting, several saved and many received spiritual help. May I take this method to thank all who attended and prayed for our meeting. Those ministers and workers that came over the miles to be of spiritual help, may God richly bless you. I know we will not forget your labors of love. Please continue to pray for us as we do continually pray for each of you. Yours in the faith,"

--Sis. Theresa Gaines

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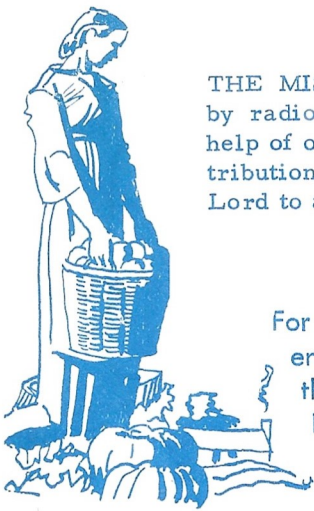
Neosho, Mo.--"I would like my paper Mission Trails, sent to my new address as Sis. Eva Kobus and I were married July 8th."

--Ralph and Eva Sell,

624 N. High, Neosho, Mo. 64850.

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Frances and I were so happy we could attend a few days of the Hammond, La. campmeeting and renew our fellowship with the saints in that part of the south. We often think of the first campmeeting we attended there 43 years ago. Many of the "pioneers" are gone, but it is encouraging to know others are carrying the "torch of truth" and letting their light shine there. One street has been widened and black-topped giving better access to the grounds and a chain link fence installed on one side. The Lord worked and souls were stirred, the saints edified and blessed. The summer is fast slipping away and what we do for souls this season must be done quickly. We hope to see many saints at Monark.



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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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