

"Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if Thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit."

Psalm 28:1

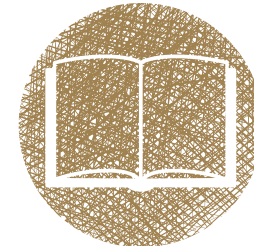
A cry is the natural expression of sorrow, and a suitable utterance when all other modes of appeal fail us; but the cry must be alone directed to the Lord, for to cry to man is to waste our entreaties upon the air. When we consider the readiness of the Lord to hear, and His ability to aid, we shall see good reason for directing all our appeals at once to the God of our salvation. It will be in vain to call to the rocks in the day of judgment, but our Rock attends to our cries.

"Be not silent to me." Mere formalists may be content without answers to their prayers, but genuine suppliants cannot; they are not satisfied with the results of prayer itself in calming the mind and subduing the will—they must go further, and obtain actual replies from heaven, or they cannot rest; and those replies they long to receive at once, they dread even a little of God's silence. God's voice is often so terrible that it shakes the wilderness; but His silence is equally full of awe to an eager suppliant. When God seems to close His ear, we must not therefore close our mouths, but rather cry with more earnestness; for when our note grows shrill with eagerness and grief, He will not long deny us a hearing. What a dreadful case should we be in if the Lord should become for ever silent to our prayers? "Lest, if Thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit." Deprived of the God who answers prayer, we should be in a more pitiable plight than the dead in the grave, and should soon sink to the same level as the lost in hell. We must have answers to prayer: ours is an urgent case of dire necessity; surely the Lord will speak peace to our agitated minds, for He never can find it in His heart to permit His own elect to perish.

Taken from C. H. Spurgeon's *Morning and Evening*

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BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MEETING

"Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people."

ISAIAH 56:7

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020

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THE BIBLICAL PATTERN FOR PRAYER



"Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years."

Isaiah 38:5

CHURCH MINISTRIES

Missionaries Worldwide	Music Ministry
Glen Iris Baptist School	Bus Ministry
WGIB Radio (91.9 FM)	Youth Ministry
WQEM Radio (101.5 FM)	Special Needs Ministry
WAY Television (Channel 47)	Benevolence Ministry
Website (www.gleniris.net)	AWANA Youth Program
Gospel Outreach and Visitation	Blazers for Christ Ministry
Jail Ministry	Highland Manor Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND WORKERS

Leah Dickey and Kathi Lamb	Nursery
Josh and Ashley Wilson	Preschool
Alan and Rebekah Franks	First-Second Grades
Nelson and Melanie Saruse	Third-Fifth Grades
Anthony and Anna Johnson	Sixth-Twelfth Grades
Brian and Robin Babin	College and Career
Don Graham	Sunday School of the Air
Gayle Waits	Ladies' Bible Class
Joy Garrison	Special Adults' Class
Paul and Donna Hancock	Primary Church
Doug and Anna Franks	Children's Church
Josh Wilson	Sunday School Superintendent

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Nick and Patty Sutmaier

Missionaries to Mexico

- Please pray for the growth of new converts.
- Pray for God to begin a Great Awakening, not only in the United States, but also in Mexico.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER NEEDS

Health Needs

Janet Brock	Jackie Lightfoot	Stan Waits
Robert Crocker	Gloria Randolph	Sheryl Woodward
Jerry Dickey	Wendy Swelling	Buddy York

Home/Nursing Home-Bound

Mary Sue Allen	Montez Haley	Pearl Marcus
Betty Duke	Bill Leon	Geraldine Sizemore
Robert Duke		Bette Talley

Special Requests

Carrie Hancock (Paul's mother) - recovering from surgery
Stanley Mascoe (Barbara Leon's brother) - on ventilator, COVID-19
Dolores Smith (Karl Swelling's grandmother) - Brookwood Hospital
GIBS Resuming - August 17

DEACONS

Johnny Brock	Anthony Johnson	Jerry Mays
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We extend our sympathy to David Foltz
at the passing of his brother, Paul.