

For This Child I Prayed

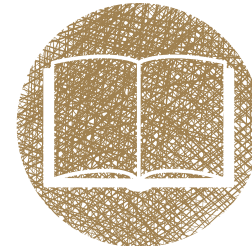
1 Samuel 1:27

DEVOUT souls delight to look upon those mercies which they have obtained in answer to supplication, for they can see God's especial love in them. When we can name our blessings Samuel, that is, "asked of God," they will be as dear to us as her child was to Hannah. Peninnah had many children, but they came as common blessings unsought in prayer: Hannah's one heaven-given child was dearer far, because he was the fruit of earnest pleadings. How sweet was that water to Samson which he found at "the well of him that prayed!" Quassia cups turn all waters bitter, but the cup of prayer puts a sweetness into the draughts it brings. Did we pray for the conversion of our children? How doubly sweet, when they are saved, to see in them our own petitions fulfilled! Better to rejoice over them as the fruit of our pleadings than as the fruit of our bodies. Have we sought of the Lord some choice spiritual gift? When it comes to us it will be wrapped up in the gold cloth of God's faithfulness and truth, and so be doubly precious. Have we petitioned for success in the Lord's work? How joyful is the prosperity which comes flying upon the wings of prayer! It is always best to get blessings into our house in the legitimate way, by the door of prayer; then they are blessings indeed, and not temptations. Even when prayer speeds not, the blessings grow all the richer for the delay; the child Jesus was all the more lovely in the eyes of Mary when she found Him after having sought Him sorrowing. That which we win by prayer we should dedicate to God, as Hannah dedicated Samuel. The gift came from heaven, let it go to heaven. Prayer brought it, gratitude sang over it, let devotion consecrate it. Here will be a special occasion for saying, "Of Thine own have I given unto Thee." Reader, is prayer your element or your weariness? Which?

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 19, 2020

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THE BIBLICAL PATTERN FOR PRAYER



"And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes."

Daniel 9:3

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

The Harris Family

Faith Independent Baptist Church

- Please pray for Earlene as she seeks God's direction.
- Pray for wisdom in establishing a new pastor at Faith Independent Baptist Church.

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

Dr. Jim Boyce - knee-replacement surgery today
Dolores Smith (Karl Swelling's grandmother) - hospice care

DEACONS

Johnny Brock	Anthony Johnson	Jerry Mays
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We extend our deepest sympathy to Barbara Leon at the passing of her brother, Stanley.