# "Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer nor His mercy from me."

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IN looking back upon the character of our prayers, if we do it honestly, we shall be filled with wonder that God has ever answered them. There may be some who think their prayers worthy of acceptance—as the Pharisee did; but the true Christian, in a more enlightened retrospect, weeps over his prayers, and if he could retrace his steps, he would desire to pray more earnestly. Remember, Christian, how cold thy prayers have been. When in thy closet thou shouldst have wrestled as Jacob did; but instead thereof, thy petitions have been faint and few—far removed from that humble, believing, persevering faith, which cries, "I will not let Thee go except Thou bless me." Yet, wonderful to say, God has heard these cold prayers of thine, and not only heard, but answered them. Reflect also, how infrequent have been thy prayers, unless thou hast been in trouble, and then thou hast gone often to the mercy-seat: but when deliverance has come, where has been thy constant supplication? Yet, notwithstanding thou hast ceased to pray as once thou didst, God has not ceased to bless. When thou hast neglected the mercy-seat, God has not deserted it, but the bright light of the Shekinah has always been visible between the wings of the cherubim. Oh! it is marvellous that the Lord should regard those intermittent spasms of importunity which come and go with our necessities. What a God is He thus to hear the prayers of those who come to Him when they have pressing wants, but neglect Him when they have received a mercy; who approach Him when they are forced to come, but who almost forget to address Him when mercies are plentiful and sorrows are few. Let His gracious kindness in hearing such prayers touch our hearts, so that we may henceforth be found "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit."

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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

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# THE BIBLICAL PATTERN FOR PRAYER

"I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."

1 Timothy 2:8

#### CHURCH MINISTRIES

Missionaries Worldwide
Glen Iris Baptist School
WGIB Radio (91.9 FM)
WQEM Radio (101.5 FM)
WAY Television (Channel 16)
Website (www.gleniris.net)
Gospel Outreach and Visitation
Jail Ministry

Music Ministry
Bus Ministry
Youth Ministry
Special Needs Ministry
Benevolence Ministry
AWANA Youth Program
Blazers for Christ Ministry
Highland Manor Ministry

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND WORKERS

Leah Dickey and Kathi Lamb Nursery Josh and Ashley Wilson Preschool Rob and Laine Ferrill First-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 Special Adults' Class Joy Garrison Paul and Donna Hancock Primary Church Bart and Brooke Booth Children's Church Josh Wilson Sunday School Superintendent

#### MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

#### Matt and Becky Hancock

Missionaries in Cambodia

- Pray that the COVID outbreak would die down.
- Pray for several who have heard the gospel to receive it.

#### CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER NEEDS

#### **Health Needs**

Jerry Dickey	Gloria Randolph
Don Graham	Stan Waits
	Sheryl Woodward
	Buddy York
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#### Home/Nursing Home-Bound

Mary Sue Allen	Bill Leon	Pearl Marcus
Sonia Boyer	Jackie Lightfoot	Polly Mays
Jackie Gulledge		Geraldine Sizemore

#### **Special Requests**

Don Graham - Praying for God's healing Eldon Joslen - Aspire Physical Recovery at Cahaba River Nancy Young Harmon (Roy Young's sister) - back surgery May 4

### **COLLEGE AND CAREER**

Jay Babin	Stephen Ferrell	Win Otamias
Jeremiah Babin	Geon Lee	Caralise Roach
Walton Ferguson	Hyun Lee	Savannah Saruse
Candie Ferrill	Shayna Lightfoot	Charisma Yeluri
Carlie Ferrill		Sara Young

#### SCHOOL FACULTY

Dr. Jim Boyce	Amy Griffin	Jani Pickett
Jonathan Dickey	Chris Lamb	Melanie Saruse
Leah Dickey	Kathi Lamb	Dale Scruggs
April Everett	Elise LeCroy	Brad Shaddix
Mary Beth Garrison	Natalie LeCroy	Grace Shaddix