

FOR THIS CHILD I PRAYED

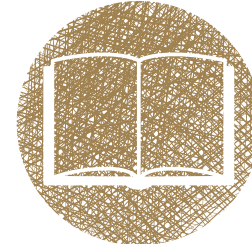
1 SAMUEL 1:27

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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BAPTIST CHURCH



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



"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."

James 5:17

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 16)	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
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
Joy Garrison	Special Adults' Class
Paul and Donna Hancock	Primary Church
Bart and Brooke Booth	Children's Church
Josh Wilson	Sunday School Superintendent

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Berean Baptist Bible College

Dr. Edwin Chelli, President

- Please remember the college in your prayers as we begin the academic year at the beginning of August.
- Please pray for the two schools we are starting. We will be completing two buildings and selecting teaching staff.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER NEEDS

Health Needs

Janet Brock	Gary Dennison	Stan Waits
Jack Criswell	Jerry Dickey	Sheryl Woodward
Robert Crocker	Gloria Randolph	Buddy York

Home/Nursing Home-Bound

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

Special Requests

Eldon Joslen - Aspire Physical Recovery at Cahaba River
Ken Taylor (pastor of Upper Room Baptist) - at Brookwood Hospital

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

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Paul Hancock at the passing of his brother, David. Funeral services will be Friday in Iowa where David's wife resides.