



**PLUG
INTO THE
POWER
PRAYER**

#1

"THE POWER OF PRAYER!"

TABLE OF CONTENTS

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Title</i>
<i>1.</i>	<i>"CAN MY PRAYERS HELP CHANGE THE OUTCOME OF LIFE'S CIRCUMSTANCES?".....3</i>
<i>2.</i>	<i>"CAN MY PRAYERS GREATLY IMPACT BOTH MY LIFE AND MANY OTHERS?".....8</i>
<i>3.</i>	<i>"WHAT BENEFITS ARE DERIVED WHEN I EXPERIENCE EXTENDED PRAYING?".....13</i>
<i>4.</i>	<i>"HOW CAN I MORE EFFECTIVELY MAKE PRAYER A WAY OF LIFE?".....18</i>
<i>5.</i>	<i>"WHAT SHOULD MY PRAYER CONSIST OF?".....23</i>
<i>6.</i>	<i>"CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME GUIDELINES FOR MORE EFFECTIVE PRAYING?".....28</i>

1.

*"CAN MY PRAYERS HELP CHANGE
THE OUTCOME OF LIFE'S
CIRCUMSTANCES?"*

"A good man's prayer is powerful and effective." (James 5:16b) We have often read that scripture but do we really believe it? Some simply do not believe it, proven by the almost total absence of prayer in their lives. Others out rightly simply believe it, and practice it, whether or not they have faced the intellectual problems connected with prayer.

Others want to believe this passage but are faced with problems relating to God's will. Those people reason that since God is all-powerful, God's will can only be accomplished regardless of whether or not man prays.

They see no real need of prayer and reason that, at the best, prayer is simply for the purpose of submission to God's powerful will or thanksgiving for God's gifts. They find no place for petition or intercession, but only submission, adoration, and thanksgiving.

Those who leave petition and intercession out of their prayers believe, if only subconsciously, that their prayers have no direct causal effect upon God's will being realized. Jesus' practice of prayer demonstrated his belief that this is a purposive universe (not a mechanical universe) in which God wills for man to cooperate with god in fulfilling God's eternal purposes. Prayer is possible then because this is a purposive universe instead of a mechanical universe. Prayer is necessary because man cannot help carry out God's purposes through his life without knowledge of those purposes and strength to fulfill these purposes, both of which come through prayer.

Why pray "If God Knows Best" and God Will Accomplish What He Desires Anyway? Because prayer is fellowship; and through fellowship with God man becomes like God. Thus, fulfilling man's purpose for creation and thus fulfilling God's desire for companionship with Man.

Example: a human father may know a child's needs without the child ever asking the father for gifts and necessities, but the father nevertheless desires the child to ask, in order to deepen the love relation-

ship between father and son. Prayer helps God, for prayer "...persuades people to listen to God". (Frank Laubach)

TIME FOR A LITTLE INSIGHT!

It appears that prayer has much of the same effect that a verbal witness, a sermon, book, letter, telephone call, or even a telegram has. Prayer communicates a message to them to and persuades another to take a certain course of action, in this case, to turn to God.

The evidence seems to show that prayer is like a radio wave, beaming out messages, which are received by the unconscious mental receiving sets of hundreds of people who happen to be tuned into a particular prayer frequency. If this idea is true, then prayer is probably the most effective means of communicating the Gospel of which we know.

Why work to get an answer to a problem if you can pray? Because, prayer is not a substitute for work. You probably have heard the classic statement: "Prayer is work, prayer works, prayer leads to work." That statement is classic, because it is true.

Example: A student cannot ask God to give him an 'A' on an exam if he never opens a book to study himself. A farmer cannot pray for a good harvest, if he has not worked to plant the seed, cultivate, and irrigate. A Christian cannot expect a spiritual harvest of souls if he sits back and expects God to do all the work of evangelism.

Luther said, "He that has prayed well has studied well." Prayer without study is vain; study without prayer is also vain. Prayer and work must go hand in hand.

TIME FOR PERSONALIZED PRAYER!

"O God, if it is true that you are all-knowing (i.e., you know all the thoughts, intents, desires of every human being), and if it is true that you are all-loving (i.e., you desire nothing but the best for every human being), and if it is true that you are all-powerful (i.e., you have the ability to give to every human being what is best) - then, O God, why do I need to pray? Will you not accomplish Your divine will, even if I do not pray?"

Why should I ask such a daring question, in light of the fact that You commanded me to pray, and especially in light of the fact that

Jesus (the sinless One who knew His Father most intimately) spent much time in prayer (and even, on occasion, prayed all night long)?

I admit that I don't fully understand the "dynamics" ('inner workings') of Prayer, but I do believe that prayer is a joyous time of loving communion with thee, that prayer is a time when I receive 'Special Strength' to meet life's challenges, that prayer is a time to praise for your great self! That prayer is a time to thank you for countless blessings, that prayer is a time for 'soul purging' through confession, and a time to receive divine guidance! Wonderful privilege!"

TIME FOR A WARM AFFIRMATION!

Writes Isaiah, the prophet, to God's back-slidden people, the Israelites: (Isaiah 59:1-2) "Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear."

2.

*"CAN MY PRAYERS GREATLY IMPACT
BOTH MY LIFE AND MANY OTHERS?"*

Think first of the prayer of the faithful saint in intercession:

"Hear my prayer, O Lord God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob. Look upon our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one." (Psalms 84:8-9)

The believer, on his pilgrimage towards heaven, finds great consolation in the fact that God is a prayer hearing and a prayer answering God. God does not close His ears to the pilgrim whose prayers are earnest and whose needs are openly expressed.

God's power to accomplish miracles is limitless! God is able to do abundantly above all that we can ask or think. God is not only able to do the miraculous, but He is desirous to do the miraculous!

It is God's desire to "Throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." (Malachi 3:10)

God is a God of infinite power and of abundant goodness. He is lavish in His gifts of love! He wants to bless your life beyond measure! Behind every prayer, there stands God who is 'Almighty'. One whose arm is not shortened that it cannot help; One whose ears are not stopped that He cannot hear; and One whose heart is not hardened that He cannot feel. He is a God who is ready to hear and to answer Your Prayer!

TIME FOR A LITTLE INSIGHT!

The faithful saint—the one whose heart is pure and whose desires are fixed on the Lord—can take great consolation in the fact that his prayers will be heard and answered by an Almighty God!

The praying pilgrim finds great delight in knowing his prayers will be answered. For what does the faithful saint pray? For much, but especially that God's favor may rest on God's anointed one – the King of Israel. Translating this prayer request into the context of Christian faith, we can say that this Scripture refers to the refreshed saint who has overcome his obstacles along the pathway to heaven and who has received a fresh outpouring of blessing from the Lord.

"Passing through the valley of Weeping they make it a place of springs; Yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings." Psalms 84:6

is the pilgrim whose earnest prayers are offered to God for the prosperity of the Church (i.e., 'spiritual Israel') and for the favor and anointing of God's spiritual leaders.

He who is close to God is the same one whose prayers often rise to God for the success and for the prosperity of God's kingdom and for God's spiritual leaders.

His prayer is something like this (paraphrasing Psalms 84:9) *"Almighty God, who hast given me personal victory in the trials of life and who hast refreshed me with your blessings during my personal periods of spiritual 'dryness' and 'barrenness', I ask you to hear my prayer for your leaders—for those who shepherd your church. O God, look with favor on your anointed ones, and help them to lead your people in the right ways!"*

Wrote Paul to Timothy, *"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."* (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Paul wrote to the Church at Thessalonian; "Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you." (1 Thessalonians 5:12)

TIME FOR PERSONALIZED PRAYER!

"Dear God, forgive me for all my sins—my willful transgressions against Your clearly revealed laws, and also cleanse me from all my inward willfulness, sins of my disposition that inhibit me from sincerely and wholeheartedly loving and caring for others. I want to have both "clean hands" (Godly deeds), and a "clean heart" (pure motives)! Save me from what I have done (as a sinner by choice), and from what I am (as a sinner by nature). Let the blood of Christ cleanse me from all unrighteousness!

I know that I need both forgiveness and inner heart renovation (transformation), if I ever expect to have a close and prayerful communion with you. If I regard (cherish) iniquity and wrongdoing (hostility toward my fellowmen) in my heart, you are not obliged or ready to hear me when I pray to you, so just now in faith, I gladly accept your forgiveness and Your inner soul cleansing. Thank You for those wonderful gifts of grace. Not only make

me pure within today, but also every day of my life, please let the "healing streams" of Jesus' atoning blood keep me pure, whole, and spiritually healthy!

I want to be a humble, righteous man whose prayers, are quickly heard and powerfully answered by my gracious prayer-hearing God! Thank You! Amen!"

TIME FOR A WARM AFFIRMATION!

The only thing that will hinder God from answering your prayers is unconfessed sin. Writes Isaiah, the prophet, to God's backslidden people, the Israelites: "Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear." (Isaiah 59:1-2)

3.

"WHAT BENEFITS ARE DERIVED WHEN I EXPERIENCE EXTENDED PRAYING?"

It Is Important to Give an Answer to The Question, "Why Pray". Jesus spent much time in prayer. He not only exhorted prayer but He demonstrated it throughout His entire life. Jesus' practice of prayer demonstrated His belief that this is a purposive universe, in which God wills for man to cooperate with God, in fulfilling God's eternal purposes.

Prayer is possible then because this is a purposive universe, instead of a mechanical universe. Prayer is necessary because man cannot help carry out God's purposes through his life without knowledge of those purposes and strength to fulfill those purposes, both of which come through prayer.

The intensity of our desire in praying will reflect itself by the amount of time we spend in prayer. Jesus spent many hours in prayer, sometimes He spent all night in communion with His Father; other times He arose early in the morning to pray. Jesus sometimes prayed at length and in deep earnestness.

To justify this, the writer to the Hebrews says, "Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears." (Hebrews 5:7)

TIME FOR A LITTLE INSIGHT!

It is not that God cannot hear or does not want to answer when Christians pray at great length; rather long prayers are expressions of deep human desires and urgent needs. That which we feel is so important to us, we talk most about, not only to men but also moreso to God.

This constant confiding in God establishes an even deeper love relationship between God and man. Waiting upon God in prayer does more for us than it does for God. God knows our needs no better after we have prayed to Him than He knew before we prayed to Him. Instead, extended praying helps us to become more sensitive to God's presence and power, helps us better to discover ourselves, and helps us to become more aware of God's plan for our life and the lives of others.

Extended praying also helps us to clarify in our own minds just what God wants specifically to do through us to help one another. To pray to God at length minimalizes our

problems and helps us to center our mind more upon God and His boundless resources. It appears that prayer has much of the same effect that a verbal witness or a sermon, book, letter, telephone call, telegram has. Prayer communicates a message to another and persuades another to take a certain course of action in this case to turn to God.

The evidence seems to show that prayer is like a radio wave, beaming out messages that are received by the unconscious mental receiving sets of hundreds of people, who happen to be tuned in to a particular prayer frequency. If this idea is true, then prayer is probably the most effective means of communicating the Gospel that we know of.

TIME FOR PERSONALIZED PRAYER!

“Dear God, forgive me for all my sins—my willful transgressions against Your clearly revealed laws, and also cleanse me from all my inward willfulness, sins of my disposition that inhibit me from sincerely and wholeheartedly loving and caring for others. I want to have both “clean hands” (Godly deeds), and a “clean heart” (pure motives)! Save me from what I have done (as a sinner by choice), and from what I am (as a sinner by

nature). Let the blood of Christ cleanse me from all unrighteousness!

I know that I need both forgiveness and inner heart renovation (transformation), if I ever expect to have a close and prayerful communion with you. If I regard (cherish) iniquity and wrongdoing (hostility toward my fellow-men) in my heart, you are not obliged or ready to hear me when I pray to you, so just now in faith, I gladly accept your forgiveness and Your inner soul cleansing. Thank You for those wonderful gifts of grace. Not only make me pure within today, but also every day of my life, please let the "healing streams" of Jesus' atoning blood keep me pure, whole, and spiritually healthy!

I want to be a humble, righteous man whose prayers, are quickly heard and powerfully answered by my gracious prayer-hearing God! Thank You! Amen!"

TIME FOR A WARM AFFIRMATION!

The only thing that will hinder God from answering your prayers is unconfessed sin. Writes Isaiah, the prophet, to God's backslidden people, the Israelites: "Surely the arm of

the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.” (Isaiah 59:1-2)

4.

"HOW CAN I MORE EFFECTIVELY MAKE PRAYER A WAY OF LIFE?"

Use Variety in Praying! For instance:

(1) On knees in a specific place, (great men in history had a special "prayer closet" to get alone daily to pray).

(2) Sitting comfortably with eyes open and carrying on normal conversation with God.

(3) Walking and praying. Example: walk around a block three consecutive times, in the cool evening, praying while you walk. Three times, reminds you of the great Tri-une GOD and represents symbolically the bringing of the whole of yourself (body soul, spirit) to the whole of the Trinity!

(4) Riding or traveling in your car, practice the presence of God by visualizing God sitting in the seat with you, talking and communing with you.

(5) When jogging in the early morning pray with relaxation as one jogs. This has advantages physically, mentally, and spiritually.

(6) Write out your prayers in a daily journal or a diary, and once a month or once a quarter, have a half day of prayer and meditation in the mountains or alone somewhere, reflecting on your diary entries and your written prayers.

(7) Pray with the Scriptures using great portions such as Psalms 103, 111, 145, and John 17.

(8) Use a book of written prayers occasionally (like the treasured classics, "The Private Devotions of Lancelot Andrews", Peter Marshall's "Book of Prayers", etc. The hymnbook is an excellent source of written prayers that eloquently express the deep desires of your soul.

(9) Fast and pray for two meals a week.

(10) Keep a prayer notebook and record answers to prayer. Of course, spontaneous prayers at any time and in any place, verbally, or silently, are always in order.

TIME FOR A LITTLE INSIGHT!

Learning to be patient as you wait for tangible results is very important in the life of a person or in the corporate life of a church.

Learning to pray might be similar unto learning to play the piano. Learning to pray, like learning to play the piano, may be slow at first, but the longer we persist in practice, the more skilled we become and the more enjoyable the practice and results become.

Remember, the test of effective praying is not how exhilarated you feel but how well the insights gained through prayer are worked into your daily life.

Learning to wait quietly before God in an age of quickness, speed, and impatience is a challenge indeed, but an absolute necessity if we are ever to develop skill in communication with God and enjoy communion with the Divine One.

Realize several things in dealing with this problem of impatience within yourself. Pray short prayers more often rather than long prayers occasionally.

The point is this: Be consistent in talking to God daily, regardless of the length of your talks. The more you talk to God, the more you come to know Him and the more you come to rely upon Him. When that reliance upon God becomes great, your prayers will become more natural and frequent.

Pray short flash prayers throughout your entire day. Practice saying a quick flash prayer for everyone that you talk with.

Practice having a short prayer with anyone that you are with, especially when you are visiting with another Christian.

When someone gives you a prayer request, stop right there and pray with them about their request if possible.

TIME FOR PERSONALIZED PRAYER!

"O God, teach me to know that all of life is to be lived in your presence, not just when I meet you in the church sanctuary, at the Prayer Group, and when I enjoy my daily Quiet Times. All of these times are so important, but I want to feel Your presence when I am at my job, when I am playing with my kids, when I am loving my wife.

When I am engaged in an important business transaction, when I am in the process of making a life-changing decision or when I am confused in the midst of a heart breaking trial, test, or temptation. When I am laughing with friends at a party, or when I am lying on a hospital bed because of a life-threatening illness, when I am seeking to speak words of

comfort to a friend who has just lost his wife or child.

When I am awestruck with the beauty around me during a mountain hike, when I routinely have supper with my family or when I am helping my kids with their homework each evening. When I attend a political rally and come away wondering which candidate I should vote for, when I am tempted to 'cut corners' with certain 'rationalizations' as I prepare my annual income tax returns, when I carefully calculate my current salary increase and must decide how much more I should give to my church. Yes, Lord, teach me constantly to pray about everything. Amen!"

TIME FOR A WARM AFFIRMATION!

The God you serve is the God who took the first steps to seek and to find you, when you were walking away from Him. After He finds you and saves you, He waits daily upon you, expecting you to find a quiet place to commune with Him! "And therefore will the Lord wait, that He may be gracious unto you." (Isaiah 30:18) How God rejoices when you come daily to talk to Him in special Prayer!

5.

"WHAT SHOULD MY PRAYER CONSIST OF?"

Prayers Should Consist of: Adoration - What is the purpose of adoration? It is to realize the greatness of the God to whom we are praying. This is the time in prayer when we wait upon God. In Psalms 62:5 is written, "My Soul, wait then only upon God, for my expectation is from him."

Confession: - It is important to have one's mind and heart cleansed by God's Spirit. After one acknowledges the holiness of God, he cannot help but cry out for God's cleansing, just as Isaiah did. (See Isaiah 6)

Thanksgiving: - Learning slowly to count one's blessings and thanking God for each one in turn is a very helpful and healthy practice. It gets one's mind off personal problems, and builds an attitude of optimism and gratitude. Thank God regularly for such things as home, health, country, work, friends, opportunities, nature, music, answered prayers, Bible, books, children, church, circumstances which bring growth, guidance in decision-making, comfort in trouble and strength in routine and most of

all, God's personal Salvation and Eternal Life.

Intercession: - A great portion of the prayer time of a mature Christian should be spent in intercession, as it centers attention on the needs of others. It takes time but the results from earnest intercession are great. The course of one's life and even the course of nations have been changed because of intercessory prayer. "More is wrought through prayer than this world dreams of", is more than a classic saying. Yes, it is a classic saying but what makes it classic is that it is a description of reality.

Petition: - Petition is prayer for one's self. One should ask God to help to find solutions to specific problems. Too much time spent concentrating on personal problems may lead to despondency and morbidity, instead of trust in God. One must take his burdens to God and leave them there. This is the time to ask for guidance in making decisions. Self-dedication of one's desires and judgments is the answer to finding guidance from God.

TIME FOR A LITTLE INSIGHT!

This is also the time to present our needs to God, whatever those needs may be.

If it is spiritual problems, we should honestly present them to God for God made the spirit of man.

If it is physical problems, we should simply tell God about them. It is always God's will to do one of two things about physical ailments; either He heals them or He leaves them and by leaving, they perfect the character of the sufferer.

If the need is social, we should frankly acknowledge our problems concerning living with our fellowman. God can heal social relationships.

If our need is emotional, we should face the problem and ask God to conquer the enemies within and to give inner strength and stability to live with ourselves.

If the need is financial, we should tell God how real the problem is to us and accept God's counsel in making needed adjustments to live more comfortably and simply.

Whatever our need may be, let us confidently claim the promise: "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

TIME FOR PERSONALIZED PRAYER!

"Dear God, I cannot understand You with my finite mind, a mind that has been corrupted by sin because I am a member of a fallen race and I have allowed the terrible power of sin to wrongly influence my thinking! I ask you, loving God, to forgive all my sins (the sins I remember and the many sins I do not remember). Purge me of all my sins, and I shall be "whiter than snow". Transform me by the renewing of my mind. Begin to pattern my mind after the mind of Christ.

Make me a new 'creature' in Christ Jesus. By Your transforming power (Your miracle grace), give me a whole new life (intellectually, psychologically, emotionally, volitionally, physically)! I cannot change myself so you must change me inwardly (in my spirit) and outwardly (in my conduct and behavior and relationships) every day. Let the Holy Spirit bring greater renewal to every dimension of my life. Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me! Let the Light of Jesus shine through my

life in such a way that all persons will be attracted to me, and in turn to the source of my life and light! Make me victorious, beautiful, radiant, joyful, peaceful, and compassionate in my "daily walk" with your Son, the blessed Lord Jesus!"

TIME FOR A WARM AFFIRMATION!

Just as a human father wants his son to come to him and share with him, all his physical needs, so your Heavenly Father wants you to come to Him, and share with Him, your every need, desire, heartache, and joy. YOUR FATHER LOVES YOU!

6.

"CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME GUIDELINES
FOR MORE EFFECTIVE PRAYING?"

How Should I Pray? "With Great Earnestness and Desire!" The intensity of our desire in praying will be reflected by the amount of time we spend in prayer. Jesus spent many hours in prayer - who in the days of his flesh, having offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and having been heard for his Godly fear. "Yet while Christ was here on earth he pleaded with God, praying with tears and agony of soul to the only one who would save him from premature death. And God heard his prayers because of his strong desire to obey God at all times". (Hebrews 5:7)

Extended praying helps us to become more sensitive to God's presence and power; helps us better to discover ourselves; and helps us to become more aware of God's plan for our life and the lives of others. Extended praying helps us to clarify in our own minds just what God wants specifically to do through us to help another. To pray to God at length de-emphasizes our problems and helps us to

center our minds upon God and His boundless resources.

"With Simplicity:" There is also a time for short, direct, 'flash' prayers. Jesus also practiced this type of praying. What are 'flash' prayers? They are short but regular prayers uttered silently throughout the whole day when meeting every circumstance of life.

"With Submission:" Jesus prayed to His Father 'Not my will, but thine be done.' His entire life was in submission to God's will.

WHERE AND WHEN SHOULD I PRAY?

WHERE? Because worship is an attitude of one's heart, you may pray anywhere, any time! "But the hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such doth the Father seek to be his worshippers." John 4:23.

Because prayer is not merely an act connected with a certain religious posture, man may pray to God in any place. However, having a special place to pray daily has certain advantages: (a) guards one against negligence, (b) helps one to get into the proper frame of mind through association with a

specific place (c) guards against interruptions.

WHEN? No universal law can be laid down at this point, but it is reasonable to believe that, just as there are specific times to eat, to sleep, or to work, so there should be specific times to pray.

TIME FOR A LITTLE INSIGHT!

Petition - Petition is prayer for one's self. One should ask God to help to find solutions to specific problems. Too much time spent concentrating on personal problems may lead to despondency and morbidity, instead of trust in God. One must take his burdens to God and leave them there. This is the time to ask for guidance in making decisions. Self-dedication of one's desires and judgments is the answer to finding guidance from God. This is the time also to present our needs to God, whatever those needs may be.

If it is Spiritual problems, we should honestly present them to God, for God made the spirit of man!

If it is Physical problems, we should plainly tell God about them. It is always God's will to do one of two things about physical ail-

ments—either He heals them or He leaves them and by leaving them, perfects the character of the sufferer.

If the need is Social, we should frankly acknowledge our problems concerning living with our fellowman. God can heal social relationships.

If our need is Emotional, we should face the problem and ask God to conquer the enemies within and to give inner strength and stability to live with ourselves.

If the need is Financial, we should tell God how real the problem is to us, and accept God’s counsel in making needed adjustments to live more comfortably and simply.

*Whatever our need may be, let us confidently claim the promise: **“My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”** (Philippians 4:19)*

TIME FOR A PERSONALIZED PRAYER!

“Dear God, I know that You are a prayer hearing and a prayer answering God! You hear the ‘cries of Your people’! As the poet said, “More is wrought through prayer than this world dreams of! What is often termed ‘co-incidence’ (life’s happenings) is really God’s

intervention because of someone's faithfulness in praying!

Yes, dear Lord, I realize with gratitude that You are using your power to bring great blessings to mankind, but I also come with great sadness, for I realize that your perfect will is often 'frustrated' (truncated) because of man's resistance and stubbornness and insensitivity to your powerful presence! I find it so astonishing that a mere human being has the 'power to hinder Your power and presence and your holy will!'

How, O God, do I reconcile the 'Sovereignty' of God, and the 'free will' of man? I believe that you, O God, can even make the 'wrath of men' to praise you! Some way you can even take a 'tragedy' in my life (caused by the wrong moral choices of others around me), and can turn that 'tragedy' into a 'triumph' (i.e., a victory for good and right and integrity)! I have often heard godly people say, 'God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform!'

Lord, when I pray, I have a sense of Your companionship, and thus I am fulfilling my inner spiritual and social cravings for fellowship! My days go better, and I am easier to live with, when I pray. Prayer puts me in

touch with a higher 'Reality', and, at the same time, releases a divine energy to serve the Purposes of that higher revealed Reality. Thank you, dearest Lord! Amen."

TIME FOR A WARM AFFIRMATION!

If you meet God's conditions, you will experience answers to your prayers. He will open the windows of heaven, and pour out so many blessings you will not be able to contain them all! Pray with submission in Jesus' name, in faith believing, unselfishly, persistently - and answers Will Come!

*Booklet Titles Of
"Effective Christian Living" Series!"*

- | <i>No.</i> | <i>Titles</i> |
|------------|--|
| 1. | <i>THE POWER OF PRAYER!</i> |
| 2. | <i>THE CROSS OF JESUS!</i> |
| 3. | <i>THE CHRIST OF EASTER!</i> |
| 4. | <i>PREPARING FOR DEATH!</i> |
| 5. | <i>CHRISTIAN WITNESS TO OTHERS!</i> |
| 6. | <i>LIFE IN THE CHURCH!</i> |
| 7. | <i>GOD FOR ALL HOLIDAYS!</i> |
| 8. | <i>THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE!</i> |
| 9. | <i>PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE!</i> |
| 10. | <i>OUR ETERNAL HOME - HEAVEN!</i> |
| 11. | <i>CULTIVATING CHRISTLIKE CHARACTER!</i> |
| 12. | <i>CONFRONTING LIFE'S COMPLEXITIES!</i> |
| 13. | <i>LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE!</i> |
| 14. | <i>CONQUERING THE ENEMIES WITHIN!</i> |
| 15. | <i>GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION!</i> |
| 16. | <i>THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS!</i> |
| 17. | <i>COPING WITH LIFE'S HARDSHIPS!</i> |