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Testimony

By: Kari Chancellor

These past few years as I've tried to think of a way to write down some of the things God has done for me, I realized how miraculous the works of God truly are! I think sometimes we get so wrapped up in the cares of life we begin to take for granted all God has given us or done for us.

These past few months have been hard for me, but God has done so many things! Due to what doctors said, we thought that two of my closest relatives as well as one of my aunt's relatives all had major (possibly even fatal) physical problems. Through our prayers and those of all the saints, none of our worst fears came true! I can never thank God enough for this.

There are many times we tend to send up little prayers here and there, hoping but maybe not truly expecting, God to hear and answer them. But God loves us so much that He hears every time we call upon Him, and he always answers our prayers even if the answer is no. He works in our lives in such ways that sometimes I just sit in awe of all He has done. Little things that seem unimportant to most people are not only important to God but also precious. Think about it ~ He sent His own Son to this world so that He might experience and understand what we go through. Many times at work lately it has been hard to focus on God and His plan for my life because of some of the difficulties we've had to face, but as I watched some of the people I've worked with I realized that through each person He has brought into my life I have learned something. He has taught me many lessons lately, some of which were more painful than others, but all of them valuable. I only hope that He will always find me a student worthy of teaching. I'll never understand why he loves me so much or cares to listen to my prayers much less work miracles right before my eyes but I am thankful for it. And I know if He can do it for me, He can do it for you. So, if you are struggling with something take it to God and let him work a miracle in your life too. "For with God nothing shall be impossible." I know at times you may be in impossible-looking situations but as a songwriter once wrote, "God will make a way when there seems to be no way, Forever He is faithful." Just remember He has a plan for you, even if you don't understand what it is. Keep trusting and He will work it out. Sometimes it may take longer than you expect but don't get discouraged. He hasn't forgotten about you.

Tidbits of Wisdom

From Sis. Garman

To Pray through and get the victory is the greatest battle ever won!

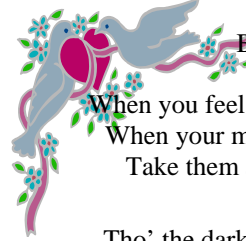
Prayer is the "doorbell" that "rings" into Heaven

My Childhood prayer was: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take."

I expect an answer anytime now!

Keep on Praying

By: Lizzie De Armond



When you feel discouraged with your load of care,
When your many troubles seem to hard to bear,
Take them all to Jesus, leave burdens there-
Keep on Praying!

Tho' the dark clouds gather do not yield to fear,
Thro' your lifelong journey he will still be near;
Able to deliver is this Savior dear-
Keep on Praying!

Thank him for his blessings, every day so new,
Trust the loving kindness of this friend so true;
All you ask in His own time He'll surely do-
Keep on Praying!

Keep on praying; prayers of faith avail:
Keep on praying; God will never fail.
Keep on praying; plead His promise true;
Keep on praying, he will answer you.



Prayer of the Month

Savior, More Than Life

By: Fanny J. Crosby



**Savior, more than life to me,
I am clinging, clinging close to thee
Let thy precious blood applied,
Keep me ever, ever near thy side.**

**Thro' this changing world below,
Lead me gently, gently as I go;
Trusting thee, I can not stray,
I can never, never lose my way.**

**Let me love thee more and more,
Till this fleeting, fleeting life is o'er;
Till my soul is lost in love,
In a brighter, brighter world above.**

**Ev'ry day, Ev'ry hour,
Let me feel thy cleansing pow'r;
May thy tender love to me
Bind me closer, closer, Lord, to thee.**



Prayer Changes Things.

By: Geneva Garman



ello Children! Do you believe that prayer changes things? IT DOES! And usually the change is better for you an me. As a child I learned that prayer should be very a very important part of our lives. My grandmother believed in prayer. She had great faith in God. She lived in such a way that I knew that when she prayed, she believed God heard her, and would give her an answer. And He did!

I learned that she prayed by talking to God. I learned to talk to God the same way. You should talk to God by praying too. God loves you and wants to hear from you. The Holy Word of God, the Bible, tells us to pray to God. It is not Biblical to pray to any other person, or to an idol that represents a person. God is our father. He created us and is the only source we should ever pray to – NONE OTHER. I had an experience as a child that caused me to pray, and my prayer was answered. My survival depended on it, and I have never forgotten it.

My parents allowed a girl friend and I to visit a nearby stream that we called the “water hole.” She and I were alone as boys and girls did not swim at the same place. My parents believed that it was not proper to swim where there was mixed bathing – boys and girls, or men and women. I am glad my parents had a good moral standard and raised me as correctly as they knew how.

I could not swim, but longed to learn how. My friend patiently taught me until I understood how to keep myself afloat. Eventually I could swim along with her, but not well. Then she suggested we go to a large rock which was out in the middle of the stream. We decided to make it a game to swim to the rock, rest, and return to shore. Both of us swam to the rock, my friend getting there first because she was more skilled at swimming. She dashed away calling for me to follow her, but I was not ready to return at that time. Seeing her leave without me caused me to become afraid and fearful that I could not swim that distance alone. My friend beckoned for me to catch up with her, but I decided to wait, thinking she would swim back to be sure I made it safely alongside her.

She did not return. She shouted to me that I was able to swim alone and if I decided to stay on the rock I could do so. She needed to go home. She gathered up her things and left. I was so frightened. I had never swam alone and did not want to try it. I did not want to spend the rest of my day and the night on the rock either. I looked up into the sky and remembered that God was a loving Father and cared about my problem. I prayed and asked for the courage to swim across the stream so that I could go home. I felt more comfortable about being able to swim alone. I counted – One, two, three – jumped into the water and swam safely to shore.

I arrived home later than I was supposed to and explained to my mother why I could not come sooner. She explained that my friend had probably done me a favor. I did not understand what she meant until she said that some people fail to exercise their self confidence, and always want to rely on others to make the decisions for them. She helped me to understand that I needed to develop more confidence in myself, because someday I need to help someone else.

I learned a good lesson that day. I believe it has helped me, as I grew older, to put my confidence securely in God. I know that God never fails. What He says He will do. It makes me think of the scripture in Hebrews 13:5 which reads “...I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”



Testimony

By: Casey Rustin



For several weeks my life both spiritually and physically, had been rapidly going downhill. I began to think that no one cared for me, that God wasn't listening to me or helping me, and that I was all alone. I thought that I was lost from God's sight because of my sins. I knew I should confess my sins, but I felt that no one would understand. One day, my hope and my faith had all but diminished. I told a close friend that I did not think I could go to Church anymore. She just kept telling me not to give up, but to keep on praying, and she assured me that lots of people were praying for me as well.

When I got off the phone, I fell to my knees and begged God for help. I told Him that I didn't know where to go or what to do. Then the thought came for me to call a friend came to me over and over again. I couldn't think of anything else but to call her. When I called her and she said that she would meet me to talk. When we met, I told her of my feelings and my doubts. The words that came from her were exactly what I needed to hear. I know that God was speaking to me through her. On Sunday I was back at Church, my hope and my faith renewed. I thank God for His constant help and I thank you all for your prayers.

Thank the Lord

By: A.K. Chancellor

Thank the Lord for every blessing,
And the work that He will do,
If when trusted in the trials,
He will always prove He's true.

Thank the Lord for every promise,
He has made within His Word,
For I know He does fulfill them,
When we serve Him as our Lord.

Blessings more than we are counting,
Daily He does send our way,
Then O Lord why are we doubting,
When some trials come each day?

Sore afflictions, Satan bringing,
And the darkness of the night,
Yet thru faith my heart is singing,
Coming next is precious light.

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Service Times:

Wednesday Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Young People's Service	4:45 p.m.
Sunday Children's Service	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

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