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Vonette Bright

May 7, 1983

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Dear Morton,

Thank you for joining me in nominating Dee Jepsen for Religious Heritage's Churchwoman of the Year. Your comments were very gracious, and coming from you, lent much credibility to our nomination.

I look forward to hearing if Dee receives this award; I would love for her to have this honor.

Sincerely,

Vonette Bright

Mr. Morton Blackwell
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Arrowhead Springs, San Bernardino, California 92414, U.S.A. Telephone (714) 886-5224 William R. Bright, President

October 21, 1982



Mr. Morton Blackwell
Assistant to the President
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My dear Morton:

Yesterday was an historic day and could well be the prelude to the greatest spiritual awakening this nation has ever known. Imagine how pleased the Lord will be when tens of millions of Americans begin to read and obey His Word as a result of 1983 The Year of the Bible. As that happens, you can know that you played a major role in this magnificent undertaking for the glory of God. You have helped to make it possible.

I trust that by this time the President has agreed to serve as honorary chairman of The Year of the Bible and the machinery is beginning to roll. John Jones and Glenn Jones have, no doubt, been in touch with you since the meeting and I am available if there is anything that I need to do.

In a few hours I leave for Europe to meet with all of our Directors of Affairs who give leadership on each of the continents, representing 151 countries. Surely the greatest spiritual harvest of all times is taking place throughout the world. What an exciting time to be alive. You are helping to lay up treasures in heaven and I am grateful for the privilege of being associated with you.

Warm affection in Christ.

Yours for fulfilling the Great
Commission in this generation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill".

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PROPOSED DRAFT

Letter from the President to Dr. Bill Bright

Dear Bill;

As I announced at the National Prayer Breakfast February 3, I am pleased to accept your invitation to be Honorary Chairman of the National Committee for the year of the Bible.

I am sure that our committee, with you as Chairman and with Cardinal Krol, Dr. Zimmerman and Dr. Cohen as Vice Chairmen, will produce great results.

When you first presented to me last year the idea of 1983 as "Year of the Bible", I was enthusiastic. It is an honor to be associated with you in this endeavor. This effort has not only my whole-hearted support, but my prayers as well.

Our proclamation stresses the Bible's great contribution to our nation's past, and our need to have it guide our future. Your efforts will be crowned with success as 1983 becomes the beginning of a renewal of faith.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

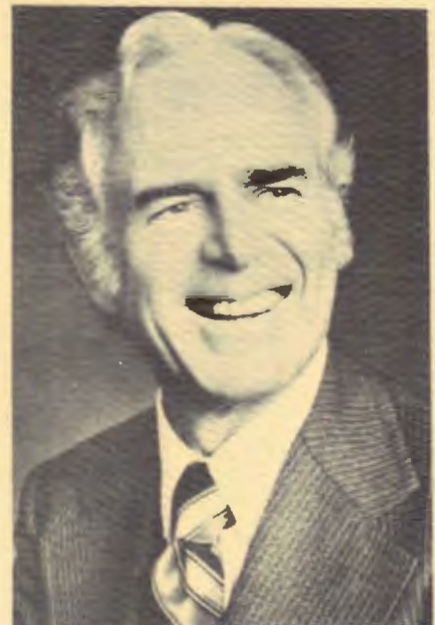
CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

William R. Bright is the founder and president of Campus Crusade for Christ International. The scope of this ministry, which he founded in 1951, is now worldwide. The Campus Crusade staff of approximately 16,000 minister to millions of students and laymen in 150 countries and protectorates of the world, discipling them in the Christian life and training them to share their faith with others. Dr. Bright is the author of numerous articles and pamphlets, and a number of books, the most recent of which are Believing God for the Impossible and The Holy Spirit, the Key to Supernatural Living.



Ben Haden, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, is the speaker on the nationwide weekly television and radio program, "Changed Lives." Three years out of seminary, he was chosen to be the speaker on "The Bible Study Hour," a national radio program founded by the late Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse in 1931. After two years on this program, Ben Haden left to start his own radio ministry. "Changed Lives" is a nondenominational program, geared to both believer and unbeliever.

Stephen Olford, President of Encounter Ministries, Inc., is a spokesman recognized the world over for his expository preaching and pastoral leadership. Dr. Olford has pastored churches in England and New York City, and in 1970 he launched Encounter Ministries, a church-related organization with an international outreach through radio, television, literature, pastors' institutes, Christian Life Conventions, ministry to missionaries, and Bible conferences. His deep concern is for expository preaching in the pulpit, spiritual renewal in the church, and aggressive evangelism in the world.





by Vonette Zachary Bright

Press a combination of numbered buttons, turn the door knob and the door opens to the church prayer room that was once an outside storage closet. The lock is for security as men and women pray around the clock. The pastor very proudly shows us the beautifully decorated room, interrupting the person praying just long enough to explain how prayer requests are recorded and prayed for during the twenty-four hours. Two couples of the church had visited Arrowhead Springs. They observed the 24-hour Prayer Ministry and returned home to challenge their congregation to begin a prayer ministry in their church. One of the laymen was a carpenter and the other was very handy with a paint brush. These two couples largely pooled their resources to finance the project.

"As a direct result of the new prayer emphasis the church has become alive with anticipation," explained the pastor. "My preaching has experienced the blessing of God in greater measure, people are coming to know Christ and the church has become different. Our church has become a house of prayer."

Similar stories are being shared in greater number as many churches are accelerating their prayer emphasis, not just for a target date, but on a continuing basis. I believe that this is one of the signs of revival in our time. More people are united together in specific prayer now than perhaps at any time in history; and yet, prayer is still the most neglected facet of Christian worship.

The greatest privilege and most available resource for the Christian is prayer. Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer." Yet the Lord's house is known for worship, singing, preaching, fellowship and many other activities, but all too often very little prayer. The most pathetic meeting of the week, if it takes place at all, is often the prayer meeting.

In Acts 6, the early disciples appointed administrators to assume the responsibilities of caring for

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widows, serving them food and so forth, so that the Twelve could devote themselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word (preaching and teaching). It is interesting to note in verse four that prayer is mentioned first in ministry, then preaching and teaching.

Jesus is our example. "Early in the morning while it was yet dark, he went to a lonely place to pray."

In reply to the question of the disciples as to why they were unable to cast out a demon, Jesus said, "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."

The Book of Acts records the dependence of the Twelve and the early church upon prayer. In each record of united, specific prayer there is recorded a demonstration of God's power in answer.

Jesus demonstrated His dependence upon God for His power and direction. If Jesus needed this time alone with the Father, how much more do we. Then, as the Twelve expressed their dependence upon God, their prayers were dramatically answered. The early church, too, experienced phenomenal growth as a result of its people expressing their dependence upon God.

During "Here's Life" campaigns in the United States from 1975 to 1977, we saw citywide cooperation in prayer for evangelism in 246 major cities and in thousands of smaller communities across America as probably never before; and yet, after the media campaigns were over the prayer lists and emphasis were all too often folded up and put in a bottom drawer. Now there is only the lingering memory of how wonderful it was when churches were praying and working together in the community.

We have learned that people do not change their lifestyles overnight. When an individual receives Christ, that is the time to really concentrate in prayer to see that he is established in his faith. As we pray and look for ways to show we care, the new Christian soon sees the relevancy of the church to his life, as he is discipled and established in his faith.

How can prayer serve as a catalyst in promoting evangelism in a church? Let me suggest some methods that many different churches have applied and have found successful.

VONETTE ZACHARY BRIGHT is Director of the Great Commission Prayer Crusade, a movement which seeks to unite Christians around the world in prayer. Her workshop on prayer for worldwide evangelization was presented at the American Festival of Evangelism on Wednesday, July 29, 1981. Mrs. Bright may be contacted for further information in care of Campus Crusade for Christ International, Arrowhead Springs, San Bernardino, CA 92414.

Teach the Congregation to Pray

The first step is to teach the congregation to pray. For many, prayer is a responsibility for the "super-spiritual." As one elderly Christian woman shared, "I have always been available enough to pray but could never fill more than fifteen minutes with prayer. After attending a Dynamics of Prayer Workshop, one hour in prayer just goes zipping by." Often people who are assumed to be mature Christians have never voiced a prayer aloud, nor have spent very much time in prayer because they just did not know how. We many times assume that when a person becomes a Christian he automatically knows how to pray. The early disciples asked Jesus, "Teach us to pray."

We learn to pray "by praying," talking to God in reverence (or respect), as we would talk to our very best friend. Mechanics, methods or how to's are important only as they enable us to *know God better*, the real purpose of prayer. Application of methods in prayer, however, can stimulate our thinking, help us concentrate, focus our attention and help us to be creative, all of which can make prayer an exciting and meaningful interaction with our heavenly Father.

For example, encouraging people to pray privately or in groups in modern language, simple and short prayers, spontaneous and conversational, helps the new believer or one inexperienced in prayer to feel at ease and more confident in praying aloud. It also causes the person more experienced in prayer to concentrate on choosing his words more carefully in order to not intimidate the beginner, and also helps to develop a more intimate personal relationship with God.

Using Scripture in Prayer

Applying the Scripture in prayer is very meaningful and helps to build our confidence in prayer. For example, choose a specific verse of Scripture which relates to the subject of evangelism such as: Rom. 10:1, 1 Tim. 2:4-6; 2 Tim. 2:25,26; Eph. 2:2; 2 Cor. 4:3,4; 2 Pet. 3:9; Mt. 9:37,38; Rom. 10:13-15; Jn. 14:13-14; Jn. 6:44; Rev. 3:20. Choose thoughts from a specific verse, even the same words, to pray, claiming God's promise. We know that we are praying according to God's will when we are praying words of Scripture back to Him.

Using entire passages of Scripture in prayer can be meaningful. Any one of the last five Psalms (145-150) is conducive to this kind of praying. Begin to read verse one. Read the verse and pray to God the thoughts that the words of the verse inspire. Read the second verse and pray again the thoughts and words that come to you. Continue in this way through the passage. This is a delightful, rewarding way to pray as an individual or in a group as each person reads through the passage and prays a verse of Scripture.

Time goes quickly in prayer when we are stimulated, inspired and feel that our prayers are vital and are being heard. Using the Scripture can contribute to a meaningful experience in prayer.

Evangelistic Prayer

Praying evangelistically for people whom you do not know to come to know Christ can be a very hard task. This demands creative thinking. The Scripture verses will help, but so will some other ideas. Gather as many

facts as you can about the person for whom you are praying. Where does he live? What kind of family does he have? Is there some special need in his life? Take a drive past his home to gain an impression of how to pray more intelligently for the individual. This is an excellent way to follow up the visitor to your church or the person who has indicated an interest in Christ. Look for a way to show love and concern for the person for whom you are praying.

This same principle with some amplification would apply as you pray for people in your neighborhood or in the neighborhood around the church. So many times we are involved in evangelism in other parts of the city and yet neglect the neighborhood of the church or the one in which we live.

Draw a map of the block on which you live. Place a square on the map in the approximate location of each house and record the house number. The name of the person or family living there and the telephone number can be obtained from a city cross-directory, usually available at the city library. Begin to pray for people by name, house by house, gathering information which you may wish to place on a separate piece of paper for each household. As soon as you have the liberty of spirit, visit or telephone the people to tell them who you are and that you have been praying for them. Perhaps mention your church as a praying and caring church.

Time goes quickly in prayer when we are stimulated, inspired and feel that our prayers are vital and are being heard.

A suggested approach is: "Hello, my name is (name). I'm your neighbor at (address). During the past several weeks I have been praying for the health, welfare and spiritual well-being of each family living on our block (or in this neighborhood). You have been included in that prayer. I hope there have been some good happenings in your life as a result of my prayers. I wanted to stop by to meet you to see if you have any specific concerns or needs for which I can pray." After the person's response, make note of requests or any special observations. Ask for the names of members of the family in order that you may pray specifically for them.

This principle of prayer for one block or neighborhood can be applied for every block or neighborhood surrounding the church. The main objective is to reach the total community. As one block at a time is reached, those involved will begin to see the total community come into focus. It is hard to visualize reaching the world when we cannot see the community being reached.

To strengthen the Here's Life Campaign in Monterrey, Mexico, the telephone directory is proving to be a vehicle for prayer. Church members select certain portions of the telephone directory and, after praying for these names, call them, talking to them as just explained in the neighborhood personal visit. In addition to finding prayer needs, you may learn whether or not the person is a Christian. Make an appointment to meet the individual personally should he not already have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Here's Life, Taiwan has a plan in operation in which church members are divided into groups of four in each prayer cell. Each person lists four persons for whom to pray and to look for opportunity to show love and concern. Those for whom they are praying may be members of families or individuals in the church. As a person finds Christ, he is invited to join the prayer cell. As soon as the cell doubles in number, it splits into two cells.

Pastor Prayer Support Team

The Pastor Prayer Support Team is another effective prayer plan for evangelism. This is designed to provide the pastor and his church with a foundation block of prayer that can be used to launch all activities of the church, including movements of evangelism and discipleship.

Ideally, the pastor selects 31 men, each of whom will join with him as a prayer partner for a given day each month. Naturally, if 31 men can't be selected, then the pastor would begin with whatever number is available. This would necessitate some men being involved more than one day per month. For example, if only seven men could be recruited initially, then these men would be involved one day each week for the entire month.

On Sunday or Monday of each week, the pastor would meet with the seven men assigned for that week (Monday through Sunday) for a one-hour meeting. The pastor would lead the group in a 15-minute devotional and then spend 45 minutes in actual prayer. Also, the seven laymen would exchange with the pastor 3 x 5 cards outlining their prayer requests. Likewise, the pastor would give each layman a 3 x 5 card outlining his schedule and needs for that given day; thus, each day of the month the pastor and one of his men would be interlocked in prayer.

On Sunday morning of each week, the seven men who had been praying the previous seven days would meet in the pastor's study to pray for him preceding or during the worship service(s).

This same strategy could be implemented by the pastor's wife, only the women would meet previous to or during the Sunday school hour on Sundays to pray for all the teachers.

This plan would provide the pastor and his wife with continuous prayer throughout the entire year, thus producing the power base for their entire ministry.

As you can readily see, this strategy could be applied to many other situations as you allow the Holy Spirit to develop creative ideas within your mind.

Church Prayer Vigils

Church Prayer Vigils are effective for special emphasis in evangelism. These consist of groups of people who will pray for the church and its activities for a specific period of time, on a monthly basis. For example, 8-hour, 16-hour or 24-hour vigils require 32, 64 or 96 persons to pray for 15 minutes each during a specified time of the vigil. These participants may also be included in an emergency prayer chain.

Praying unitedly and specifically, making lists for

whom to pray, city leadership and groups of individuals listed by name, is a real key to seeing a dramatic working of the Spirit of God. For example, in one church, a 24-hour prayer chain listed all of the state legislators and the city government officials. The men in the church decided they would like to pray specifically for the city policemen. Within two months, totally on their own initiative and separately, two of the policemen started attending church and within a few weeks were baptized. There were only two violent crimes in six months in that city in comparison to two such crimes each month before the men of the church began to pray.

Prayer and Evangelism: Critical Concerns

Prayer and evangelism go hand in hand. To keep people excited about prayer they must see answers to their prayers. People will also take action to be part of the answers to their prayers as they are trained in evangelism and discipleship. One of these aspects of the Christian life cannot survive without the other. People need to be taught how to pray, how to walk consistently in the power of the Holy Spirit, how to effectively share their faith and how to disciple the new believer. All of these are important aspects of evangelism. For too long we have emphasized the other aspects without the special emphasis of prayer that allows the Spirit of God to accomplish His purpose.

History records that no spiritual awakening has ever taken place anywhere in the world apart from an extraordinary effort of prayer. God seems to be impressing upon His people a new burden of prayer today. As we unite together as believers in churches, communities and nations around the world, following the example recorded in Acts 4:24-32, perhaps we will see the world evangelized today as the first century disciples saw it in their time. The emphasis is, "united in prayer . . . in one heart and mind." The secret to evangelism in the church, the community, the nation and throughout the world is God's people praying in united, specific prayer.

All of us are aware that the crisis facing the world today has no known precedence in all of history. We know that the solution is not found in legislative agendas but in repentance, prayer and spiritual revival.

Though many believe we are experiencing a great spiritual awakening in various parts of the world, there is little or no significant change in the moral climate of the world. Major crimes continue to accelerate. Pornography, homosexuality, drug addiction and alcoholism are increasingly accepted or tolerated. Millions of unborn babies are being deprived the privilege of life as a result of legalized murder. Many world leaders are telling us the only hope for survival of civilization as we know it is a spiritual awakening.

God promises His blessing upon all who trust and obey Him. Throughout history, nations have been blessed with security and prosperity from God. But instead of thankfully recognizing the source of their power, nations have exalted man and his achievements, rejecting God and His moral law. Humanity has begun to worship self-made gods of humanism, materialism and hedonism.

Christian leaders around the world are expressing deep concern about the moral deterioration and rebellion that is enveloping the nations of the earth. As the director of the Great Commission Prayer Crusade, God began to impress upon me that Christians need to pray for the world in a heart attitude of sackcloth and ashes. Three verses of Scripture emphasize the importance of this concept:

Isaiah 22:12-14: "Therefore in that day the Lord God of Hosts, called you to weeping, to wailing, to shaving the head and to wearing sackcloth. Instead, there is gaiety and gladness, killing of cattle and slaughtering of sheep, eating of meat and drinking of wine: 'Let us eat and drink for tomorrow we may die.' But the Lord of Hosts revealed Himself to me, 'Surely this iniquity shall not be forgiven you until you die,' says the Lord God of Hosts."

Matthew 11: 20-24: "Then He began to reproach the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not repent. 'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. Nevertheless I say to you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment, than for you. And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You shall descend to Hades: for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day. Nevertheless I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you.' "

Sackcloth and Ashes



Numbers 15:37-40: "The Lord also spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the sons of Israel, and tell them that they shall make for themselves tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and that they shall put on the tassel of each corner a cord of blue. And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the Lord, so as to do them and not follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you played harlot, in order that you may remember to do all my commandments, and be holy to your God.' "

Throughout Old Testament times sackcloth and ashes were used as a symbol of humility and repentance. A garment of sackcloth was worn as a symbol of sincere penitence to God for national or personal sin. When covered with ashes, the rough and scratchy sackcloth accentuated an individual's distress and humiliation for sin.

Using that symbol, a sackcloth and ashes pin has been developed. The pin, made of burlap covering a small bag of ashes, is designed for Christians to wear as a symbol of repentance.

This pin is only for the Christian who is willing to make a personal commitment to unite with others in specific prayer for the church, their nation and the world . . . and to say, "I'm sorry for the sins of my nation and the world, I'm sorry for the immorality in society, drug

addiction, abortion, alcoholism, lack of love and unity in the body of Christ, worship of the gods of materialism, pleasure and other manmade gods rather than the true and living God." The sackcloth and ashes pin is a reminder for the Christian to:

- (1) Yield consistently to the Holy Spirit's direction by confessing all known personal sin and recognizing God's call to holiness of life.
- (2) Confess the sin of his nation and use his influence to help make proper correction and restitution.
- (3) Pray daily for a moral and spiritual awakening and for the evangelization of the world.
- (4) Take the initiative in sharing his faith in Christ with others and in demonstrating God's love and forgiveness in his relationships.

Is there any hope for a nation plagued by sin? Yes! God's mind and intentions can be changed by prayer and repentance. Jonah prophesied doom to the wicked city of Nineveh and the entire city repented in sackcloth and ashes. "When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way, then God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it" (Jon. 3:10, 14).

In another instance, after Solomon finished building the temple, God promised, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chr. 7:14).

God will heal any nation where Christians will humble themselves, pray for spiritual revival, change their minds and turn from their wicked ways. Our current crisis can be good news if it forces us back to confidence in God.

The entire world is filled with hate and fear and war. World leaders offer little hope for solutions. But for Christians, this is our golden hour of opportunity.

Evangelism is important . . . discipleship is important . . . church growth is important . . . none of these will be effective apart from a heart attitude of dependence upon God expressed in a holy life.

As the U.S. goes, so goes the world. How we need to pray for our nation and at the same time make a powerful impact upon the world. I beg you, as a spokesman for God, to use your influence, your voice and your pen to help call the Christians of America to repentance and a fresh start in keeping with 2 Chronicles 7:14.

The American Festival of Evangelism, an historic national congress on evangelization, was conducted July 27-30, 1981 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Approximately 200 seminars and workshops were conducted on evangelizing, discipling and equipping. They are now available in manuscript format in four "Reproducible Notebooks."

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Festival Reproducible Notebooks are for sale: American Festival of Evangelism, P.O. Box 17093, Washington, D.C. 20041.

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Vonette Bright

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April 7, 1983

Dear Morton,

I believe that Dee Jepsen, Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison to Women's Organizations, is worthy of receiving the Churchwoman of the Year Award from Religious Heritage of America. If you agree, you may wish to nominate her for that award. I have enclosed a form for you to fill in and send to Religious Heritage of America to make your nomination.

Thank you for your help in honoring Dee.

Sincerely,

Vonette

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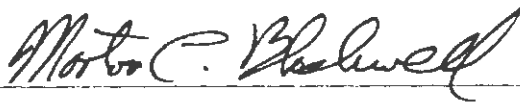
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION — PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS:

WHY DO YOU FEEL THIS NOMINEE SHOULD RECEIVE AN AWARD FROM RHA?

Mrs. Jepsen bears Christian witness every day in her words and her deeds. She is living proof that one need not fear to confess faith in Jesus, even while speaking from the White House Staff. Her charitable activities, her efforts on behalf of persecuted dissidents and her outstanding success as wife and mother all qualify her for this award.

NOMINATED BY Morton C. Blackwell



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DEE ANN DELANEY JEPSEN

BORN: March 7, 1934
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In September of 1982, President Reagan appointed Dee Jepsen to serve as Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison. In this capacity at the White House, Dee serves as the channel of communication between the President and women's organizations nationwide.

In December of 1981, Dee was appointed by President Reagan to serve on the President's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives which has worked to encourage private efforts and voluntarism to assist the needy at the local level.

From 1978 until September of 1982, Dee worked closely with her husband, U.S. Senator Roger Jepsen (R-IA), as a full-time unsalaried assistant in his office on Capitol Hill. Senator Jepsen described the two of them as "a team." During her tenure in the Senator's office, she wrote "The Heart of Washington," a monthly column for Iowa newspapers, giving Iowans back home a "behind-the-scenes" look at life in the Nation's Capital.

Currently Dee serves on the advisory board of the STEP Foundation, a private organization that is working with suburban churches to encourage their activity in the inner cities of America. With her husband and Congressman Jack Kemp (R-NY) and his wife Joanne, she founded CREED (Christian Rescue Effort for the Emancipation of Dissidents). Before she accepted the White House position, Dee served on the Board of Directors of this non-profit foundation which has been highly successful in bringing about the release of dissidents behind the Iron Curtain by public and political pressure. She is also on the board of the American Christian Heritage Foundation, a non-profit organization involved in a national Christian outreach ministry.

On behalf of the work of CREED, Mrs. Jepsen accepted the 1982 Freedom Award from Christian Solidarity International for service to the oppressed and persecuted people of the world. With her husband, Dee was the recipient of the 1982 Christian Statesmanship Award presented by the James Robison Evangelistic Association.

After coming to Washington, Dee Jepsen became involved in a wide range of activities on Capitol Hill in addition to her work with her husband. She became an active member of the Congressional Wives for Soviet Jewry. She served as an officer in the Republican Congressional Wives' Club and in the Ladies of the Senate, and also helped organize a weekly Bible study for Senate wives.

An articulate inspirational speaker, Dee Jepsen has been a frequent guest on local and national radio and television programs, including the Christian Broadcasting Network, the PTL Broadcasting Network, and various syndicated network talk shows. She was a featured speaker at the 1981 International Convention of Federated Women's Clubs and at the 1980 and 1982 Washington for Jesus religious rallies. Addressing many and varied audiences around the country, Mrs. Jepsen also speaks on voluntarism and political issues with a special sensitivity to the role of women.

Dee Jepsen has been active in her husband's political career for over 20 years, from his election as a county supervisor, to his election as a State Senator, to his post as Iowa's Lieutenant Governor, and then to his successful race in 1978 for the U.S. Senate.

Prior to the 1980 elections, Mrs. Jepsen traveled nationwide speaking on behalf of Ronald Reagan and various Republican congressional candidates. She has also taught at various campaign seminars for congressional candidates.

In 1966, Dee was elected as Co-Chairman of the Scott County Republican Party and was awarded the "Outstanding Republican Woman" award in recognition of her exceptional, successful leadership.

In between raising six children and managing an active household, Dee co-founded "The Home Place", a successful career clothing firm. She also performed with the WIC Players, a Christian women's theater group. In addition to her many activities over the years, Dee took an active role as president of the local Reserve Officers' Ladies Association while her husband served in the Army Reserve.

In her spare time, Dee enjoys painting and working with stained glass. She studied art for four years through the Municipal Art Gallery in Davenport, Iowa. Several of her oil paintings hang in the Senator's office as well as in her White House office. One of her recent works is also featured on the Senator's 1982 Christmas card.

The former Dee Ann Delaney likes to recall that she was reared on a farm in Davenport, Iowa, and began her education in a one-room country school house before going on to the Immaculate Conception Academy. She and her husband are the parents of six grown children and have three grandchildren.



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GENERAL CRITERIA FOR ALL RHA AWARDS

1. That the nominee demonstrates in his/her professional and private life the highest ideals of America's religious heritage. That he/she be known as honest and ethical in all dealings. That he/she present a good moral example to the community. That his/her integrity be above question. And that he/she be considered a good example of the religious faith, which he or she professes, to the community at large.
2. That he/she be active in the local fellowship of his/her faith (church or synagogue). No person can be considered, no matter how exemplary, unless they are an active member of a worshipping community. Participation on a denominational or judicatory level should be an asset for the nominee.
3. A nominee must not limit his/her activity solely to his/her own faith group, since the cooperative nature of the American society is integral to our religious heritage. Civic, fraternal and political activities on a local, regional, and national level will weigh in the choice.
4. For consideration by RHA, the individual must have made a contribution through his/her life of national importance or of the magnitude that national attention should be focused upon the individual.

5. Awards are presented to citizens of the United States or those holding citizenship, but residing in the United States.
6. All RHA national awards are presented in person during the Annual Convention, October 7-10, 1983 at the Washington Marriott, Washington, D.C. Ability to attend the ceremony may preclude the final choice of a nominee. Selection of awardees will be made in May at the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Religious Heritage of America.
7. **VERY IMPORTANT** — Nomination form must be typed. Incomplete forms will not be considered. **SELECTION WILL BE BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED ON NOMINATION FORM.** Additional materials may be attached. Please feel free to copy the nomination form if you need additional forms.

CATEGORIES

CLERGYMAN OF THE YEAR

This award is given annually to a distinguished clergyman. This is a recognition for an active clergyman and his prominence should be contemporary with the award. He should by his acceptance bring honor to the award. He should be in good standing with his local assembly (church or synagogue) and his denomination. This does not preclude the selection of a non-denominational minister.

CHURCHMAN, CHURCHWOMAN OF THE YEAR

These awards are given annually to one layman and one laywoman active in their churches within the U.S. that year. Their service should have been of national importance or international importance. Success in their chosen field of endeavor will be considered as a part of the criteria in judging candidates. He/she should be in good standing within the local assembly (church or synagogue) of his/her denomination. The individuals chosen for these awards should bring honor to their award.

GOLD MEDAL

The Gold Medal Award is presented to a clergyman with fifty or more years of active service (since ordination or the applicable rite). The award is given to clergymen of national prominence, who have made a lasting contribution in their field. The award recognizes superior achievement on behalf of religious freedom, brotherhood and service to God and man.

FAITH AND FREEDOM

Faith and Freedom Awards are made in journalism, radio, television, literature and film production. They are awarded for the creative service in communication ethics and the principles of America's religious heritage. The role and the relevance of the contributor to the current scene must be of at least regional importance as in the case of a major regional newspaper. Awards may be given for a specific product produced within the last twelve months or for the overall cumulative effect of the product produced by the individual. Even though not nationally known the product would be of national importance, thus that it would demand that type of attention. Not all categories are awarded annually.

REVIVAL: A Definition
by Joy Dawson

Revival is the sovereign out-pouring of the Holy Spirit in God's way and in God's time, first of all upon God's people, where the revelation of God's holiness is greatly amplified, and as a result, God's viewpoint of sin is revealed and men and women have the opportunity of repenting of their sin under those conditions--or hardening their hearts against the convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

Revival is God greatly stirring, shaking and changing His people from apathy, selfishness and self-promotion to desperate praying, humble, open and broken people with a passion only for God Himself and His glory.

- - - - SUGGESTED READING ON SPIRITUAL AWAKENING - - - -

In the Day of Thy Power - Arthur Wallis

Duncan Campbell
(The story of the Hebrides Revival)

Thy God Reigneth - Edward Miller
(The story of the Argentine Revival)

When the Spirit Came - John Greenfield
(The story of the Moravian Revival of 1727) Bethany Fellowship,
Publishers

This Is That - by the Christian Literature Crusade--authored
anonymously by missionaries who were in the Congo Revival)

The Eager Feet - (1770-1830) - J. Edwin Orr

The Fervent Prayer (1858) - J. Edwin Orr

Evangelical Awakenings (1900) Worldwide - J. Edwin Orr

Revival Praying - Leonard Ravenhill

Why Revival Tarries - Leonard Ravenhill

What Really Happened at Azuza Street - Frank Bartleman
(The story of the revival in Los Angeles in 1906)

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LIST OF SCRIPTURAL SINS TO BE READ BEFORE CONFESSING SINS IN PRAYER

Every YES answer is a sin in your life that needs to be confessed. "Therefore, he that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17

1. I Thess. 5:18 "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Do you worry about anything? Have you failed to thank God for All things, the seemingly bad as well as the good? Do you neglect to give thanks at mealtime?
2. Ephesians 3:20 "Now unto him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power THAT WORKETH IN US."

Do you fail to attempt things for God because you are not talented enough? Do feelings of inferiority keep you from trying to serve God? When you do accomplish something for Christ, do you fail to give Him all the glory?
3. Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Have you failed to be a witness with your life for Christ? Have you felt it was enough to just live your Christianity and not witness with your mouth to the lost?
4. Romans 12:3 "For I sayto every man that is among you, NOT TO THINK OF HIMSELF MORE HIGHLY THAN HE OUGHT TO THINK."

Are you proud of YOUR accomplishments, YOUR talents, YOUR family? Do you fail to see others as better than yourself, more important than yourself in the body of Christ? Do you insist on your own rights? Do you think as a Christian you are doing quite well? Do you rebel at God wanting to change you?
5. Ephesians 4:31 "Let all bitterness, and wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice."

Do you complain, find fault, argue? Do you have a critical spirit? Do you carry a grudge against Christians of another group because they don't see eye-to-eye with you on all things? Do you speak unkindly about people when they are not present? Are you angry with yourself? Others? God?
6. I Cor. 6:19 "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom ye have of God, and ye are not your own."

Are you careless with your body? Are you guilty of not caring for it as the temple of the Holy Spirit in eating and exercise habits? Do you defile your body with unholy sex acts?
7. Ephesians 4:29 "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth."

Do you ever use filthy language, tell slightly off-color jokes? Do you condone others doing so in your presence, in your home?
8. Ephesians 4:27 "Neither give place to the devil."

Do you fail to see you are a "Landing Strip" for Satan when you open your mind to him through T.M., yoga, seances, psychic predictions, occult literature and movies? Do you get advice for daily living from horoscopes rather than from God? Do you let Satan use you to thwart the cause of Christ in your church through criticism, gossip, non-support?
9. Romans 12:11 "Not slothful in business."

Do you fail to pay your debts on time? Avoid paying them altogether? Do you charge more on credit cards than you can pay when due? Do you neglect to keep honest income tax records? Do you engage in any shady business deals whether as an employer or employee?

10. I Cor. 8:9 "But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak."
- Do you feel you can do anything you want to do because the Bible says you are free in Christ? Even though you were strong enough not to fall, do you fail to take responsibility for a weaker Christian who has fallen because of following your example?
11. Hebrews 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together."
- Are you irregular or spasmodic in church attendance? Do you attend preaching services in body only, whispering, reading or planning while God's Word is being preached? Are you skipping prayer meeting? Have you neglected family devotions?
12. Colossians 3:9 "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds."
- Do you ever lie? Exaggerate? Do you fail to see "little white lies" as sin? Do you tell things the way you want them rather than the way they really are?
13. I Peter 2:11 "Dearly beloved abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul."
- Are you guilty of lustful eye toward the opposite sex? Do you fill your mind with sex orientated TV programs, movies, books, magazines? Their covers? Centerfolds? Do you indulge in any lustful activity God's word condemns – Fornications, adultery, perversion?
14. John 13:35 "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love ONE TO ANOTHER."
- Are you guilty of being a part of factions and divisions in your church? Would you rather add fuel to a misunderstanding than help correct it? Have you loved only the ones in your own church, feeling those of other denominations are not of the body of Christ? Are you secretly pleased over the misfortunes of another? Annoyed by their successes?
15. Colossians 3:13 "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."
- Have you failed to forgive anybody anything they might have said or done against you? Have you turned certain people off? Are you holding grudges?
16. Ephesians 4:28 "Let him that stole steal no more but rather let him labor."
- Do you steal from your employer by doing less work, staying on the job less time than you are paid for? Do you under-pay?
17. Ephesians 5:16 "Redeeming the time, for the days are evil."
- Do you waste time? The time of others? Do you spend time watching TV trash, reading cheap books, procrastinating?
18. Matthew 6:24 "No man can serve two masters YE CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MONEY."
- Is your goal in life to make as much money as possible? Accumulate things? Have you withheld God's Share of your income from Him? Is money your God?
19. Matthew 23:28 "Even so ye outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."
- Do you know in your heart you are a fake, just pretending to be a real Christian? Are you hiding behind church membership to cover a life still full of sin? Are you faking Christianity for social status, acceptance in your church, community? Do you smile piously during the Sunday sermon but live in your sin all week? Are you the person in your home you are trying to impress people you are?
20. Philipians 4:8 "Finally Brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, THINK ON THESE THINGS."
- Do you enjoy listening to gossip? Passing it on? Do you believe rumors or partial truths, especially about an enemy or your competitor? Do you fail to spend time every day reading the Bible? Do you fail to think on the things of God—only good and true and pure things—always?

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A CITY PRAYER COORDINATOR

Function: To provide leadership that will unite the Body of Christ into the function of prayer, thus leading the community to experience spiritual awakening.

Responsibilities:

1. To give leadership to the development of prayer through research, strategy planning, and most importantly personal application.
2. To coordinate and/or conduct training seminars for pastors and laymen that will:
 - (a) Communicate and expand the vision for the supernatural power of prayer.
 - (b) Communicate and teach the function of prayer.
 - (c) Communicate and teach strategies that will sustain the function of prayer.
3. To organize, direct, and train additional leadership that will motivate Christians and Churches to implement various prayer functions and strategies that will lead to on-going movements of sustained prayer.

Qualifications:

1. An individual who is controlled continuously, conscientiously, and conspicuously by the Holy Spirit.
2. An individual who is committed to prayer by personal example.
3. An individual who has, and is driven by, a consuming vision for spiritual awakening to impact his church, community, nation and world.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A DENOMINATIONAL PRAYER COORDINATOR

Function: To provide leadership that will unite the denomination into the function of prayer thus leading the denomination to experience revival.

Responsibilities:

1. To give leadership to the development of prayer through research, writing, strategy planning, and most importantly by personal example.
2. To coordinate and/or conduct training seminars for pastors and laymen that will:
 - (a) Communicate and expand the vision for the supernatural power of prayer.
 - (b) Communicate and teach the function of prayer
 - (c) Communicate and teach strategies that will sustain the function of prayer.
3. To organize, direct, and train additional leadership that will motivate individual Christians and churches to implement various prayer functions and strategies that will lead to on-going movements of sustained prayer.

Qualifications:

1. An individual who is controlled continuously, conscientiously, and conspicuously by the Holy Spirit.
2. An individual who is committed to the function of prayer by personal example.
3. An individual who has, and is driven by a consuming vision for spiritual awakening to impact his community, nation, and world.
4. An individual who has the gift of leadership and teaching.

Please amplify this job description, if need be, to fit your denominational needs.

Report to: Person assigned by the director of the Denomination
Work closely with: Church Prayer Coordinator

QUESTIONS MOST OFTEN ASKED

HOW CAN YOU GET A CHRISTIAN REALLY EXCITED ABOUT PRAYER?

1. Model by personal example: Several passages in the Bible admonish us to be examples, just as Jesus was; John 13:15, I Peter 2:21, I Peter 5:3. A visible dependence on the Lord and a vital prayer life can be one of your best tools for encouraging others in their prayer life. The first step is to evaluate your own prayer life. Is it a vital part of your life? Do others see how vital this is in your life?
2. People may not be excited about prayer because they do not know how to pray:
 - (a) Teach them prayer principles
 - (b) Allow them to see your prayer life
 - (c) Encourage them to pray for specific needs.
 - (d) Pray with them about specific needs, so they will see specific answers.
 - (e) Share enthusiastically with them about prayer requests and answers.

HOW CAN YOU MOTIVATE IN A CHURCH SETTING?

1. Become involved with the Pastor and the staff. Help them to develop a vision and desire for prayer.
2. Develop a church prayer chain, designate a prayer coordinator or hostess, apply creative ideas in organizing prayer groups at different times during the day, i.e., breakfast time, 10:00 a.m., afternoon or evening prayer groups.
3. Pray for specific members of the church by name.
4. Begin praying with those who have indicated an interest, (it may be just two or three). As you continue to meet and see God answer your prayers, others will become interested and the size of your group will increase.
5. Teach a Prayer Workshop.
6. For other suggestions please refer to page 73 of the manual, Learn How You Can Help Change the World Through Prayer.

HOW CAN ONE PERSON BE EFFECTIVE IN STARTING AND INFLUENCING A PRAYER MOVEMENT?

1. Seek out and call together key men and women who you think might have a like burden. Possible sources for key contacts:

(a) Christian Womens' Clubs	(e) United Church Women
(b) Bible Study Fellowship	(f) Christian Business Men's Club
(c) Youth for Christ	(g) Christian Business and Professional Women
(d) Young Life	(h) Christian schools

HOW CAN YOU BEGIN A PRAYER MOVEMENT IN A CHURCH OUTSIDE OF YOUR OWN MEMBERSHIP?

1. How to contact the pastor:
 - (a) Contact the pastor by letter.
 - (b) Follow letter with a telephone conversation with the pastor or a visit by appointment.
 - (c) Introduce yourself and ask if, before you share, you might pray together for God's direction as you meet.
 - (d) Refer to the letter he received a few days before. Ask if he has had an opportunity to look it over. Reiterate the content of the letter, emphasizing that your desire is to inform, mobilize and unite people of our nation and the world to pray, as mentioned in the letter. Let him know you are interested in being available in any way to serve him and his congregation to help enhance and accelerate his present prayer program.

- (e) Show him a copy of your prayer materials and strategy.
- (f) Emphasize that you do not want to take anyone away from present church responsibilities, but that you feel that this ministry of united prayer can be of service to the church through increased emphasis on prayer and attracting possible new members.
- (g) Ask him for names of groups in his church with whom you might share this strategy. Ask whom you should call to make arrangements. Seek to meet and inform the key man and key woman in the church.
- (h) Ask the pastor for names of individuals you should invite to an informative coffee.
- (i) Thank him for his time whatever his response.

HOW CAN I MAINTAIN A VITAL PRAYER LIFE WITH A BUSY SCHEDULE?

1. Keep a prayer diary. Divide the request into categories, i.e., sick, family, nation, church, etc.
2. Designate requests for different days of the week.
3. Plan a time each day to be alone with God and give prayer a priority in your daily schedule.
4. Make use of the time to pray and do not feel guilty if you have not had all of the time you had hoped.
5. COMMIT YOUR DAY TO THE LORD IN THE BEGINNING AND WALK WITH HIM THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
August 25, 1982

Campus Crusade

Mr. Ralph Drollinger, Executive Producer
Athletes in Action Sports Magazine
Campus Crusade for Christ, International
Arrowhead Springs
San Bernardino, California 92414

Dear Mr. Drollinger:

This is in response to your letter to the President of
August 9 concerning the television program Athletes in
Action Sports Magazine.

I spoke with Colonel David C. Cole regarding your request to
include an offer to send a free copy of your magazine to
viewers of your television program which he has decided to
broadcast over the Armed Services Network.

Col. Cole said that he was impressed with your program and
is happy to run it. The only question relates to the offer
for people to write you for free copies of the magazine.
While there is no hard and fast rule on this subject, the
general practice has been to delete such messages from Armed
Services Network telecasts.

Col. Cole said that he had consulted his Chaplains Board
about your program. They responded that they did not consider
it to be religious material falling under their jurisdiction.
He also said that in conversation with you he had asked for
sample copies of your magazine but had yet to receive them.

Col. Cole suggested that you should send magazine samples to
him. He will then pass them by the Chaplains Board for their
comment and make a determination regarding the inclusion of
the free offer on the broadcast.

He said he would keep me informed with respect to your
request. I am hopeful that this matter can be properly
resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Cordially,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

cc: Dr. William Bright
Col. David C. Cole

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to
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Arrowhead Springs, San Bernardino, California 92414, U.S.A. Telephone (714) 886-5224 William R. Bright, President

December 18, 1981

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As chairman of the Congress on the Bible to be held in San Diego next year, and as a fellow American, I would like to request that you declare 1982 the Year of the Bible in our nation. In making this request, I am confident that I speak for millions of others in every state.

As you know, the Bible can legitimately be considered the cornerstone on which the United States was built. Those who settled the country drew inspiration, encouragement, and direction from the Bible. From it later came the most basic concepts and principles of the republic established by the Founding Fathers, especially the concept of man's individual worth and dignity, rooted in his unique value in the sight of God.

Throughout our history, many of our greatest Presidents and other national leaders have acknowledged in the strongest terms the incalculable importance of the Holy Scriptures, both to them personally and to the country. George Washington himself set the tone for many others, of course, when he asked that a Bible be brought on which to place his hand as he took the oath of office as the nation's first President, then leaned over and kissed it following the oath.

Andrew Jackson called it "the rock on which our republic rests." Abraham Lincoln termed it "the best gift God has given to man." Woodrow Wilson once told an audience that "part of the destiny of America lies in (your) daily perusal of this great book." Editor Horace Greeley once noted, "It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom." Scripture passages are carved in the stone of the Capitol Rotunda and behind the bench where the Supreme Court justices sit. We inscribe "In God We Trust" on our coinage, open each session of Congress with prayer, and acknowledge in the Pledge of Allegiance that we are a nation "under God."

The testimonies to the crucial importance of the Bible to Americans as individuals and as a nation go on and on, and come from every area of American life. For me and for tens of millions of other Americans, of course, the Scriptures are God's holy Word, the place above all others in which He speaks to His children about themselves and the world in which they live.



The President
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December 18, 1981

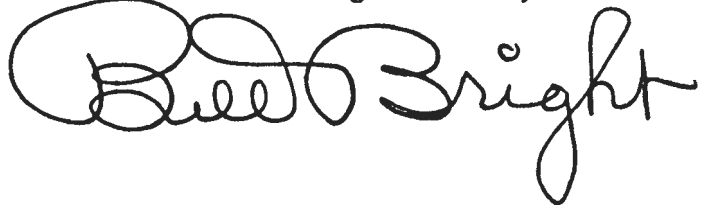
Even for the multitudes of nonbelievers, however, the Bible has for centuries been the incomparable source of wisdom and even inspiration in areas such as human relationships and morality. H. G. Wells calls it "the cement with which our Western communities were built and by which they were held together." Still more surprising was the comment of the eighteenth century French philosopher Jean Jacques Rousseau. "I must confess...that the majesty of the Scriptures astonishes me," he said, "...If it had been the invention of men, the inventor would be greater than the greatest heroes."

Mr. President, we both know that the United States faces perhaps the most difficult and dangerous period of testing in its history. As a people, we are not, I feel, adequately prepared for that testing, and the remaining time may be fearfully short. In my judgment, it is urgent that at this critical moment we seek the priceless, proven resources of wisdom and direction contained in the Scripture. A statement from you, as the respected and beloved leader of the nation, expressing your confidence in God and His Word, would give great strength, encouragement, and credibility to the effort being made to help call America back to God.

I am deeply grateful that you and Mrs. Reagan not only declare your faith in God and his Son, but that you also, by your life-styles, demonstrate your commitment to following His Word. My wife and I pray for you and your family each day, as well as for other leaders of the nation. We offer these prayers because we want to and because of the Scriptural command to pray for those who hold positions of authority.

May this glad holiday season, when we celebrate the birth of our wonderful Savior, be filled with rich, rewarding and unprecedented blessings for you and for those near and dear to you.

Yours for fulfilling the Great
Commission in this generation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Bright". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "B" at the beginning.

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A PROCLAMATION

Of the many formative influences that have combined over the centuries to shape the United States of America into a distinctive nation and people, the role of the Bible has been and remains preeminent.

Deep religious convictions springing from the Holy Scriptures inspired much of the most admirable early settlement of what was to become our country. Those same Scriptures encouraged, sustained, and instructed our pioneer forefathers in the face of hardships and dangers that otherwise might well have proven overwhelming.

Biblical teachings also provided the basis for such landmark steps in the development of American civil government as the Mayflower Compact, while reverence for the Scriptures and their precepts helped forge a sense of common purpose among the widely separated colonies: a sense of community that laid the foundation for the spirit of nationhood that was to develop in later decades.

Of the utmost significance is the fact that it was the Bible that provided the ultimate basis for insistence by the nation's Founding Fathers on the inalienable rights of the individual: rights grounded in the Bible's cornerstone emphasis on the value of each person in the eyes of God Himself. It was this sense of man--as a flawed but uniquely precious child of an Almighty Father--that shaped the convictions of those who framed the English system of law inherited by our own nation, as well as the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

A PROCLAMATION

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Similarly, the Scriptures' strong teachings on love for neighbor and special concern for those with special needs have for centuries inspired innumerable private, institutional, and governmental expressions of compassionate outreach ranging from private charity and the establishment of schools and hospitals, to such broader steps as the abolition of slavery. In case after case, the roots of these actions lie unmistakably in the Bible.

Through the years, many of our greatest national leaders--among them, Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Wilson--have paid tribute to the surpassing influence of the Bible on our country's development, and its vital importance to the survival of that which is best in our form of government and our common life as a people. None expressed these sentiments more clearly than the plain-spoken Andrew Jackson, who is quoted as referring to the Bible as no less than "the rock on which our republic rests." Famed editor Horace Greeley saw in the Scriptures protection for American liberty itself, stating, "It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom."

The history of our own nation and of other nations clearly illustrates the value of applying the teachings of the Scriptures in the lives of individuals, families, and societies as a whole, and the consequences of ignoring or defying the truths contained in those teachings. It is significant also that the Bible's teachings compel the respect not only of those who revere them as God's holy writ but also of those who judge them solely on the basis of their record in the accumulated experience of mankind.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim 1982 the Year of the Bible in the United States. I call upon all citizens, each in his or her own way, to search this Book of Books for the wisdom and direction that have been a blessing to mankind for centuries and have played so significant a role in the origins and development of our own nation and form of government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day of
 , in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 23, 1983

Mrs. Vonette Bright
Arrowhead Springs
San Bernardino, California 92414

Dear Vonette:

Thank you for the lovely photo that you sent to me.

I wanted to let you know that we are requesting an early confirmation on the date for the 1984 National Day of Prayer. I have recently been in contact with Herb Ellingwood on this matter.

It was nice to see you when you were in town for the Pittinger dinner. Please drop by again the next time you are in Washington.

My best to you and Bill.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

June 30, 1983

Vonette Bright

Dear Maxton,

Thank you for all of
your help in making The National
Day of Prayer such a success.
Your suggestions and the
Cooperation of your office
has been invaluable. I
am eager to talk with you
about plans for next year.
I met with members of the
National Prayer Committee last
week and will meet with
Herk Ellingwood, Spencer Broad
and Allen Davis, a Florida
business man who will chair
a Natl. Business men's Committee
for The National Day of Prayer.
We should have proposals for
you in a few weeks.

I thought you would enjoy
having these snapshots.



Arrowhead Springs, San Bernardino, California 92414

Sincerely, Vonette



Clockwise, beginning with upper left:

(1) Dr. Halverson, speaking at the Leadership Breakfast. (2) Bill and Vonette Bright with Senator Bill Armstrong (left) and Morton Blackwell, Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, at a reception before the "Celebration of Prayer." (3) Mrs. Bright and Herb Ellingwood, co-chairmen of the Day of Prayer activities, consult the program for the evening. (4) The Colors are presented at Constitution Hall (left to right on the platform are Herb Ellingwood; Vice President George Bush; emcee Dean Jones; and soloist John Giger).

Office of the Mayor CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation

IN 1952 THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES INITIATED AN ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER WHICH HAS BEEN OBSERVED FOR THE PAST 31 YEARS, ON THE FIFTH OF MAY.

PRAYER SERVES AS A UNIFYING FORCE FOR OUR CITIZENS WHO REPRESENT ALL THE GREAT RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD. THIS COMMON EXPRESSION OF REVERENCE ENRICHES THE SPIRIT AND UNITES THE HEARTS OF ALL MANKIND.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD I. KOCH, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 5, 1983, AS

"DAY OF PRAYER"

IN NEW YORK CITY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO BE AFFIXED.



National Day of Prayer, 1983

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Prayer is the heartbeat of the American spirit, a fundamental part of our people since before the Republic was founded. A year before the Declaration of Independence, in 1775, the Continental Congress proclaimed the first National Day of Prayer as the initial positive action they asked of every colonist.

Two hundred years ago in 1783, the Treaty of Paris officially ended the long, weary Revolutionary War during which a National Day of Prayer had been proclaimed every spring for eight years. When peace came the National Day of Prayer was forgotten. For almost half a century, as the Nation grew in power and wealth, we put aside this deepest expression of American belief — our national dependence on the Providence of God.

It took the tragedy of the Civil War to restore a National Day of Prayer. As Abraham Lincoln said, "Intentioned with unbroken masses, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of reaffirming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

Revised as an annual observance by Congress in 1952, the National Day of Prayer has become a great unifying force for our citizens who come from all the great religions of the world. Prayer unites people. This common expression of reverence heals and brings us together as a Nation and we pray it may one day bring renewed respect for God to all the peoples of the world.

From General Washington's struggle at Valley Forge to the present, this Nation has fervently sought and received divine guidance as it pursued the course of history. This occasion provides our Nation with an opportunity to further recognize the source of our blessings, and to seek His help for the challenges we face today and in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 5, 1983, National Day of Prayer. I call upon every citizen of this great Nation to gather together on that day in homes and places of worship to pray, each after his or her own manner, for unity of the hearts of all mankind.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of January, in the year of our Lord thousand hundred and eighty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

Ronald Reagan

City of Pittsburgh

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, I do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 5, 1983 as a DAY OF PRAYER in the City of Pittsburgh in conjunction with the 31st Annual National Day of Prayer declared by Congress and to encourage people of all faiths to pause sometime during this day to offer a prayer for peace throughout the world and to rejuvenate the spirit of goodwill and brotherhood in the hearts of all mankind.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Pittsburgh to be affixed.

April 26, 1983



Renaissance II Pittsburgh At Riverchimes



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR The District of Columbia

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 5, 1983

BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WHEREAS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS DESIGNATED THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1983, AS "NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER" CALLING UPON EVERY CITIZEN TO GATHER TOGETHER ON THIS DAY IN HOMES AND PLACES OF WORSHIP TO PRAY, EACH AFTER HIS OR HER OWN MANNER, FOR UNITY OF THE HEARTS OF ALL MANKIND; AND

WHEREAS, GOALS OF THIS DAY ARE TO RAISE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OF THE FACT THAT THERE WILL BE A "NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER" FOR EVERYONE TO DO HIS BEST TO SEE THAT THE GREAT POTENTIAL VALUE OF THE OBSERVANCE IS REALIZED; AND

WHEREAS, ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE A SIGNIFICANT PRAYER-RELATED EVENT AT CONSTITUTION HALL AND AT NOON, CHURCH BELL RINGING TO ALERT OUR CITIZENS TO TAKE FIVE MINUTES TO PRAY;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1983, AS "DAY OF PRAYER" IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND CALL UPON ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS TO JOIN WITH ME IN SUPPORTING THE AIMS, GOALS AND PROGRAMS OF THIS DAY IN ASKING GOD'S BLESSING AND HEALING UPON OUR BELOVED COUNTRY.



Marion Barry Jr.
MARION BARRY JR.
MAYOR

City of Birmingham Alabama

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Three thousand years ago God Jehovah directed Ezra to write, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then, I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land;" and,

WHEREAS, The Holy Scripture says, "Pray without ceasing....The Effective fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much;" and,

WHEREAS, In 1774, the Continental Congress proclaimed the first National day of prayer as the initial positive action they asked of every colonist; and,

WHEREAS, It took the tragedy of the Civil War to restore a National Day of Prayer, when Abraham Lincoln, on bended knees, prayed, "Oh, Thou God that heard Solomon in the night when he prayed and cried for wisdom, hear me.... I cannot guide the affairs of this nation without Thy help. Hear me and save this nation;" and,

WHEREAS, Benjamin Franklin proposed that each session of the Congress assembled to write the Constitution be opened with prayer; and,

WHEREAS, Mankind has always suffered a homesickness of the soul for which prayer is the only consolation and cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD ARRINGTON, JR., Mayor of the City of Birmingham, Alabama, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 5, 1983, as

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

in Birmingham and earnestly call upon all men of faith and goodwill to support this spiritual effort in every way which is in harmony with their own personal convictions and beliefs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Birmingham, Alabama to be affixed this the 29th day of April, 1983.

Richard Arrington Jr.
Mayor

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR/CITY OF DALLAS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Prayer is the mainspring of the American spirit, a fundamental tenet of our people since before the Republic was founded. A year before the Declaration of Independence, in 1775, the Continental Congress proclaimed the first National Day of Prayer as the initial positive action they asked of every colonist.

Revived as an annual observance by Congress in 1952, after the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, the National Day of Prayer has become a great unifying force for our citizens who come from all the great religions of the world. Prayer unites people. This common expression of reverence heals and brings us together as a Nation and we pray it may one day bring renewed respect for God to all the peoples of the world.

From General Washington's struggle at Valley Forge to the present, this Nation has fervently sought and received divine guidance as it pursued the course of history. This occasion provides our Nation with an opportunity to further recognize the source of our blessings, and to seek His help for the challenges we face today and in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JACK W. EVANS, Mayor of the City of Dallas, Texas, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 5, 1983,

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

I call upon every citizen of this great city of Dallas to gather together on that day in homes and places of worship to pray, each after his or her own manner, for unity of the hearts of all mankind.

Jack W. Evans
Mayor, The City of Dallas



PROCLAMATION

DAY OF PRAYER

WHEREAS, PRAYER IS THE MAINSPRING OF THE AMERICAN SPIRIT, A FUNDAMENTAL TENET OF OUR PEOPLE SINCE BEFORE THE REPUBLIC WAS FOUNDED A YEAR BEFORE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, IN 1775, THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS PROCLAIMED THE FIRST NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AS THE INITIAL POSITIVE ACTION THEY ASKED OF EVERY COLONIST, AND

WHEREAS, TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN 1783, THE TREATY OF PARIS OFFICIALLY ENDED THE LONG, WEARY REVOLUTIONARY WAR DURING WHICH A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER HAD BEEN PROCLAIMED EVERY SPRING FOR EIGHT YEARS. WHEN PEACE CAME THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER WAS FORGOTTEN, AND

WHEREAS, IT TOOK THE TRAGEDY OF THE CIVIL WAR TO RESTORE A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, REVIVED AS AN ANNUAL OBSERVANCE BY CONGRESS IN 1952, THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER HAS BECOME A GREAT UNIFYING FORCE FOR OUR CITIZENS WHO COME FROM ALL THE GREAT RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD, AND

WHEREAS, PRAYER UNITES PEOPLE THIS COMMON EXPRESSION OF REVERENCE HEALS AND BRINGS US TOGETHER AS A NATION AND WE PRAY IT MAY ONE DAY BRING RENEWED RESPECT FOR GOD TO ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOM BRADLEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 5, 1983 AS "DAY OF PRAYER" IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND CALL UPON THE CITIZENS OF OUR FAIR "CITY OF THE ANGELS" TO GATHER TOGETHER ON THAT DAY IN HOMES AND PLACES OF WORSHIP TO PRAY, EACH AFTER HIS OR HER OWN MANNER, FOR UNITY OF THE HEARTS OF ALL MANKIND.

MAY 5, 1983

Tom Bradley
Mayor

STATE OF ALABAMA

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, prayer is the mainspring of the American spirit, a fundamental tenet of our people since before the Republic was founded. A year before the Declaration of Independence in 1775, the Continental Congress proclaimed the first National Day of Prayer as the initial positive action they asked of every colonist;

WHEREAS, two hundred years ago in 1783, the Treaty of Paris officially ended the long, weary Revolutionary War during which a National Day of Prayer had been proclaimed every spring for eight years. When peace came, the National Day of Prayer was forgotten. For almost half a century, as the Nation grew in power and wealth, we put aside this deepest expression of American belief -- our national dependence on the Providence of God;

WHEREAS, it took the tragedy of the Civil War to restore a National Day of Prayer. As Abraham Lincoln said, "Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.";

WHEREAS, revived as an annual observance by Congress in 1952, the National Day of Prayer has become a great unifying force for our citizens who come from all the great religions of the world. Prayer unites people. This common expression of reverence heals and brings us together as a Nation and we pray it may one day bring renewed respect for God to all the people of the world;

WHEREAS, from General Washington's struggle at Valley Forge to the present, this Nation has fervently sought and received divine guidance as it pursued the course of history. This occasion provides our Nation with an opportunity to further recognize the source of our blessings, and to seek His help for the challenges we face today and in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George C. Wallace, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 5, 1983, as

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

in Alabama.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this the 29th day of April, 1983.

George C. Wallace
GOVERNOR

ATTEST
Don Biggs
SECRETARY OF STATE

NEWS RELEASE

MAY 5, 1983 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Co-chairmen:
Mrs. Bill Bright
Chairman,
National Prayer Committee
The Hon. Herbert E. Ellingwood
Chairman, U.S. Merit
Systems Protection Board



National Day of Prayer Committee

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DAY OF PRAYER DRAWS 'EXCELLENT RESPONSE'

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 13--Encouraged by "an excellent national response" to the recent National Day of Prayer, a volunteer committee that worked to promote that response has voted to do so again.

"What the National Day of Prayer Committee did this year to encourage people to participate in this very important annual observance was a kind of test for us," said Mrs. Bill Bright, co-chairman of the committee.

"We were thrilled at the results," she added. "There is no question but that the 1983 National Day of Prayer had genuine impact, from high levels of government to the grassroots. We were happy to have had a part in it.

"A foundation has been established," she continued, "and we believe that the 1984 National Day of Prayer can be an even more meaningful event for the country than this year's. We will do all that we can to help it happen."

Mrs. Bright, a leader in several national and international prayer-oriented groups, and Herbert E. Ellingwood, chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, serve as co-chairmen of the National Day of Prayer Committee.

The group publicized the national prayer day this year, urged governors and mayors to initiate counterpart action at their own levels, and hosted two national events in Washington, D.C., including one at which Vice President George Bush was a speaker.

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Congress established the National Day of Prayer as an annual observance in 1952, directing the President to designate one day each year. Supporters of the observance have often felt that the annual proclamations received less attention throughout the nation than they should have.

This year, according to Mrs. Bright and Ellingwood, activities on May 5 directly related to the National Day of Prayer included:

- a special one-minute recess for silent prayer taken by the United States Senate, and a special reference to the Day of Prayer by the U.S. House of Representatives in its opening prayer on May 5;

- proclamations by at least 25 state governors designating May 5 as a formal Day of Prayer in their states;

- similar proclamations by the mayors of dozens of cities and towns, including Washington, D.C., Denver, Dallas, Miami, Los Angeles, San Diego, and Pittsburgh;

- prayer gatherings on the steps of at least two state capitols (Texas and Colorado), large and small prayer rallies in numerous other communities, and special services by congregations including the well known Crystal Cathedral, of Garden Grove, Calif., pastored by the Rev. Robert Schuller;

- a Christian Leadership Prayer Breakfast at Washington, D.C.'s Mayflower Hotel on May 5, attended by more than 400 clergymen and lay leaders from various parts of the country; and

- a "Celebration of the National Day of Prayer" at Washington's Constitution Hall on the evening of May 5.

President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan served as honorary co-chairmen for the Celebration of Prayer, at which Vice President Bush spoke in behalf of the President. Other program participants included representatives of the Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Jewish religious traditions.

The National Day of Prayer Committee had also urged all Americans to "Take 5 at 12": stop for five minutes at noon on May 5 and pray for the country.