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PRAYER SUMMIT
Uniting Leaders of the World Through Prayer

March 10, 1982

*Honorable Morton Blackwell -
Special Assistant to the President*

I want to share with you something very exciting. For some time, the Lord has laid upon my heart to get some of the leaders in the church and Christians in government together to pray and seek God's direction and help. This seemed like an impossible task. How could it ever happen? The good news is that it is happening now. We believe it is the work of the Holy Spirit.

We are calling it a Prayer Summit. We believe God is calling some leaders together to pray and seek Him, to confess our sin of division and to wait upon Him for answers. God's age-old promise is true. "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their sin, I will hear them from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land." (II Chronicles 7:14, L.B.) All of us know that we face problems in our country and indeed in the world which we cannot solve. We also know that God has the answers. Surely, He will help us if we seek Him and do His will. We believe that the greatest need is for a spirit of prayer to come upon the whole church. The Lord promised in the last days that He would "... pour out the Spirit of prayer and supplication on the church ..." (Zechariah 12:10)

This Prayer Summit will be held on a mountain called "Prayer Mountain" near Louisville, Kentucky, May 31 - June 4. I want to share with you how this has come about. The first time David Courson, National Director of Christians in Government, and I prayed about this, we felt a witness of the spirit. Then David attended the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. He had the privilege of praying with several senators while in Washington. He also spent time with President and Nancy Reagan. He returned excited and enthusiastic about the openness among national leaders.

In the meantime, I shared our vision of the Prayer Summit with Ross Whetstone, Director of Renewal in the United Methodist Church; Dr. Thomas Carruth, Chaplain of Asbury Seminary, and others. These men, as well as others, have committed themselves to join us. Fr. John Hampsch, an outstanding teacher in the Roman Catholic Charismatic Renewal, a retreat and cursillo leader in the Southwest, will be with us to share his insight on prayer and the renewal of the church. Harold McNaughton from the Religious Heritage of America, will be joining us and bringing men who, for a long time,

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have been involved in the religious life of our nation. Lutheran, Presbyterian and other church leaders are now praying about being with us. Some of you have already talked to David or me. Others may have been called by someone else. However you may have gotten the message, please pray about joining us. We want only those to come whom the Lord leads. The Summit will necessarily have to be limited. Let us know as soon as possible what the Lord is saying to you about coming. If you cannot come, you can pray and get others to pray. Please share the news and enlist all you can to pray with us. Pastor W. L. Rodgers of Evangel Tabernacle, our host, is now working on lodging. We hope to keep the expenses down. Each will be responsible for his own travel and expenses during the meeting.

Let me share with you a telephone call I had last week. I found myself praying with one of the leaders of the United Nations. He said to me that after thirty-four years in the United Nations, he believes prayer is our only hope. He invited me to pray with him about involving some of the world leaders in a prayer dialogue. He mentioned names of leaders of countries -- names familiar to you and everyone. I believe that God will make it possible for some of us to come together to pray with these leaders of the world. Please pray with me to this end. I am waiting on the Lord and will be expectantly waiting to hear from you. If you want to call me, please call my home (714) 728-5020. I will be delighted to talk and pray with you.

Your Brother in Christ,

Ray Bringham
Ray Bringham

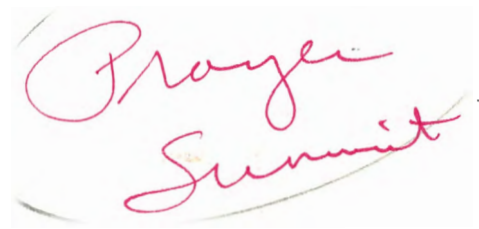
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P.S. Leland Davis, a beloved brother with a strong prophetic ministry; Hobart Vann, Baptist leader; Arne Bryan, Coordinator of Prayer Canada (works with leaders in government) and others plan to be with us. Some women leaders are prayerfully considering coming. We will not limit this to men. Please share this letter with whomever the Lord lays on your heart. We feel a Divine urgency. Let's pray and act now.

I come to Washington to participate in the spiritual awakening with Dr. James Johnson & 60 other leaders. Some of the leaders of the major denominations including a Catholic Archbishop will be a part of our Prayer Summit. Please share the good news of our Summit as you wish. We

"Wherever two or three come together in my name,
I am right there among them." (Matthew 18:20)

would be glad for President Reagan to know we are distributing hundreds of thousands of booklets "Praying for Our President" a devotional booklet on prayer. Thank you for your wonderful work.



Rev. Ray Bringham

Call Home is 714 728-5020

Locally call Tom Hess 547-2497

At Louisville call 502 964-3304 and if he isn't there, talk to Rev. Rogers or Mr. Howard.

Best time for Morton would be 6/2

Praying for the President and the nation as a group of leaders from all churches and religious groups.

Would like to have you share with them on behalf of the President how the President feels about prayer -- what specifically can they pray for him -- they are praying for a return to moral decency; a return to righteousness; about abortion, crime, and unemployment as well as the economy.

Editorial note from Carolyn: I questioned him rather closely about the representation they had from "renewal" people in the Methodist and United Church of Christ, neither of whom are noted for conservatism! He says these are the charismatic people in leadership in these churches which are trying to lead them back to God from their social stands. I am doing some further checking with Lydia, the group of women formed to pray for the president and the nation, because he said he had been working with them. I am also checking with Youth with a Mission because he is working with them.

PRAYER SUMMIT

UNITING LEADERS OF THE WORLD THROUGH PRAYER

Report: Prayer Summit, Louisville, Kentucky

May 31 - June 4

"GOD, BREAK US!" That was the keynote of the first Prayer Summit, sounded by a frail, 94 year old preacher from Devonshire, England, who was converted in the Welsh revival (1905) and has preached Christ ever since.

"To be broken means to be weeping in the presence of the Lord," Willis said. He recalled the leader of the Welsh revival, Evan Roberts. "He was lying flat on the floor, halfway up the mountain, his face bathed in tears. He was broken and would not be comforted.

"He sat in the pulpit the following Sunday morning, for he was what we call a lay preacher. He sat there weeping...weeping. Before he had a chance to take the service a young lady got up and began to sing a solo. That dear man of God burst into tears again. He was there to preach, but he was too broken to preach and soon the whole congregation was weeping.

"Did you never get to the point where He breaks you? Where you weep in His presence? Broken because of penitence, because of what they have been and what they have missed and how little they have really loved the Lord Jesus Christ and the souls for which Jesus died. If every one of you will really put this into practice we will soon have a revival."

Ray Bringham insisted that the old man pray for us all.

"O God, our Father who art in heaven, we have said 'Thank you' so often for sending Thy dear Son, parting with Him. We can see Him now laying down His Godhead. 'Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...' That's what you're saying to us. So we pray Thee, deal with us individually. Some men need to be dealt with in a harder way than others. I don't know. In one sense, it's no business of mine. I can't help them. I can't break them. I can't bring them into the place where Thou canst use them. But Thou canst do it. Thou canst do it!...So Lord, break them now. Then when they go home they'll be different. O Lord, make it real. Stamp thine image on their heart. Break them so they'll never be the same again."

That's how it went. Teaching came out of prayer and led into prayer. Ray Bringham never let us forget that this was a prayer conference and we were there to pray. Nationally known leaders came at their own expense simply to pray. Joy Dawson, for instance, who teaches on prayer all over the world, never opened her mouth except to pray.

PETER MARSHALL PICKED UP THE "BROKENNESS" THEME AND DEVELOPED IT.

"There are hideous problems in this nation today," Peter said, "the worst we have faced in 350 years of American history. The answer is going to be deep nationwide repentance and revival..."

"We must pray. God must reveal His programs. And Christians must accept responsibility. It is not the Federal government's responsibility to feed the hungry and minister to the poor, it's ours. President Reagan is quite serious about handing responsibility back to the people.

"But many Christians people don't believe it is our responsibility. We are still mainly part of the problem rather than the solution. We are an obsessively self-centered people. We want to take and not give and serve. Our heart attitude is, 'What can I get God to do for me?'"

"Repentance has to start with us, with the leaders. We must repent if the church and the nation are going to repent.

"Our Christianity avoids the cross. We let our faith rest with an initial commitment, but the New Testament calls us to a life of continuing growth and change. The life of Christ is formed in us and flows out of us to the degree that self dies. The kingdom of God comes to the degree our own little kingdoms are dismantled. There is no way around this. We have the feeling it shouldn't be that hard. But Jesus said we have to lose our life to find it.

"Lord, give us the gift of repentance that leads us into the heart of Jesus. Forgive us for our "rightness". Show us our jealousies, our judgments. Let us be so changed that others will come into the place of repentance. Show us our uninvolved, hidden self-life, our demand for others to respond for us and be for us. Give us servants' hearts.

"I confess my own self-love and self-pity and resentment when people don't respond to me the way I want them to. Grant me the willingness to hear you through another person. May there be no jealousy, pride, no tearing down of one another's ministries. Help us grow up, Lord! We choose to go on with you in the joy that you are a loving and forgiving Father."

"THERE WERE MANY REFORMATIONS BEFORE THE REFORMATION OF THE 16TH CENTURY," said Dr. Richard Lovelace of Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. "In the 17th Century the Puritan theologian, Martin Bucer observed, 'We have reformed our doctrine, but not our lives.' He wrote of the need for 'a reformed church always reforming.'"

"In the 18th Century Count Zinzendorf established a Christian community in Southern Germany where there were prayers around the clock for a century for spiritual awakening and unity in the whole church of Jesus Christ. In America Cotton Mather spent whole nights and days in prayer. Mather died before the Great Awakening came, but before his death he received assurance that his prayers were answered."

Dr. Lovelace noted that Jonathan Edwards recorded the wonders of the Great Awakening, a move of the Spirit of God so powerful that it convinced Edwards the Millennium must be close at hand and that it would come on the wings of revival.

"After the Revolutionary War," Lovelace said, "a spiritual decline set in and it took the 'alarm clock' of the French Revolution to stir Americans to pray earnestly for another spiritual awakening.

"The 19th Century saw one wave after another sweep America, bringing first, conversions, then a flood of Christian literature, followed by the establishment of educational institutions, then the 'reformation of manners,' and finally social reform" (battling slavery, prostitution, wage slaver and other injustices).

In England the Evangelical Alliance held together (it did not in America) and Christians led that nation in abolishing slavery by one of the three or four truly righteous legislative acts in history. The government purchased the freedom of the slaves. The struggle cost many Christian leaders their health and fortunes.

In spite of revivals, Dr. Lovelace says that the church has never since Pentecost fully lived up to its biblical promise. Perhaps the time has now come when Christians will live such godly lives that the world will be changed and the church will provoke Israel to jealousy.

Prayer is the key to an awakening, Lovelace says. He suggests three major areas for intercession:

1. The whole visible church awakened (we undersell the grace of God when we write off our brothers).
2. Unity of the whole church (while we were fighting among ourselves the humanists took over America's schools).
3. Mission (big enough to encompass all God wants to do).
 - a. Reach every subgroup in the world --Ralph Winter
 - b. Care for poor through revitalized laity --Pope John Paul II
 - c. Christianize economic systems (as English trade routes became Gospel routes in the 19th Century).

INTENSE, ANOINTED PRAYER FOLLOWED DR. LOVELACE'S TEACHING. SOME SAMPLES:

"COME, HOLY GHOST, GIVE US GREATER COMPASSION THAN WE'VE EVER HAD."

--Leon Franck

"Holy Spirit, anoint Your people. Raise up men of power and conviction, men who walk with God.

--Jim Sowder

"Unlock the wisdom of heaven. Teach us how to make the poor productive. Show us how to deal with the vast economic problems. Show us the alternative to abortion. Turn back humanism in American government. Convert ungodly office holders or replace them. Bless America in a new way. Turn us away from materialism, injustice, racism. Show mercy to Your Church." --Tom Hess

REND THE HEAVENS AND COME DOWN! Grant us a Holy Ghost, heaven-sent revival. Reveal Your holiness. Let us see you as you are. Let the Spirit be unleashed. Show us your limitless power, your dazzling beauty, your ingenious creativity, your unquestioned sovereignty, your wrath against sin. For there is no fear of God, no hatred of sin. Desperate people are not self-conscious. Revival comes when we are desperate. Act, O God, so as to bring the maximum glory to your name, so all the kingdoms may know that you are God, supreme and alone in your sovereignty!" --Joy Dawson

MORTON BLACKWELL, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT REAGAN, FLEW IN ON WEDNESDAY. He heard Dr. Lovelace's address and discussed current issues, including the President's proposed constitutional amendment to permit school prayer. We prayed for Mr. Blackwell and for President Reagan and shared with the Presidential Assistant some of the concerns of the Christian community and hopefully also the spirit of the Prayer Summit, to take back to the President.

DAVID COURSON, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIANS IN GOVERNMENT, has met with the President on three occasions. This was his suggestion for a message to the White House from the Prayer Summit: "Mr. President, we stand behind you and on our knees for you. It doesn't stop there. We have two feet and two hands. We are available for you, to be light and salt in this nation. Now is the time to unleash the spirit of volunteerism. If the church can't lend a hand and be available, who can?"

REPENTANCE FOR PAST SINS. In the mid 19th Century Evangelical Christianity held the balance of power in the U.S.A. Riding the crest of revival, in the forefront of every social reform, the church was the most influential force in American society. Today we look back on a century of decline. Why?

"Evangelicals broke ranks over slavery. In the South Pastors preached what the wealthy approved and developed the doctrine that God cared only for 'spiritual things,' the salvation of individual souls." --Dr. Lovelace

"In the early 19th Century most people in both North and South agreed that slavery was wrong. Then in 1860 the Cotton Gin was invented. Greed triumphed over principle. Cotton became king." --Bob Fowler

"One of the worst sins was the extreme self-righteousness of the abolitionists in the North. The North also profited by slavery...The Civil War was God's judgment on both sections of the country as Lincoln said in his magnificent Second Inaugural Address." --Peter Marshall

"Abortion is as serious an issue for America in the 20th Century as slavery was in the 19th." --Bob Mears

"WE NEED A BREAKTHROUGH IN OUR ECONOMIC THINKING," said Elmer Darnell. In Europe America has a name for being rich, bloated, overfed, overgassed and wanting everything as cheap as possible. That's our name. How did we get it?

"We have had cheap food picked by poor people for 100 years. Let's start paying people what they're worth, what they need. Many people in Third World countries live on \$50 a year. That's not enough to buy shoes.

"Jesus, you touched the lepers (it was against the law) but you loved them. Show us the way. Give us new wisdom, faith, courage to use this powerful weapon of food to your glory, not withhold it, but trade it, transport it. Christians kids starve in other nations. Send us those who are wise to show us how to use food to bring peace, strength and good will and your love to a needy world, for Jesus' sake."

A PLEA FOR HELP. "Without bloodshed, New Guinea has turned to freedom. The first Prime Minister, Dr. Michael Samari, has appealed to the world Christian community for help. That nation needs doctors, plumbers, skilled people of all kinds. It also needs prayer, for it is virtually without military resources and is extremely vulnerable to Soviet aggression." --David Courson

"WE HAVE BEEN SET APART TO PRAY FOR A SIN-SICK AMERICA, A NATION DESTINED TO BE USED FOR THE SALVATION OF THE WORLD." --Lloyd Sweet

A WOMAN'S PRAYER. "I am burdened about many things that are shouting to us from the world about us, things on Your heart at this point in history.

"For Russia...

"For 30,000 Haitian refugees in Florida. The Federal government has cut off supplies and funds and Florida has no funds for them.

"For the nuclear arms race, this symbol of hell fire. Awaken the world!

"For Central America and the terrorists on Right and Left. Overthrow greed and avarice and oppression by the rich and powerful. Grant mercy to the poor. For El Salvador, this nation named for You, have pity on the leaders...and for Guatemala whose leader (General Efraim Rios Montt) who names your name.

"For the church...pour out Your Spirit of supplication, get us on our faces before you, let us give up our foolish, silly lifestyle, our toys and addiction to affluence, our self-centeredness, so You won't have to send disaster. Awaken us! Let us be wrought upon, shaken and made aware of how You feel. Grant us radical renewal now!

"Let us live emergency lives in emergency times!" --Beth Witnah

MIDNIGHT PRAYER MEETING. At one o'clock Wednesday morning, June 2, a phone rang at Prayer Mountain. Footsteps creaked on the ladder leading to the dormitory and a voice whispered, "Bob, it's for you."

Bob Nolte slipped out of his bunk and climbed down the ladder to take the call. Soon there were voices downstairs quietly praying. Others joined them until finally seven pajama-clad men were sitting in a circle in the pale hall light, praying.

The phone call had come from Bob Weiner, Director of Maranatha Ministries to Bob Nolte, his second-in-command. Weiner had learned that there was a new attempt to push the Equal Rights Amendment through the Illinois legislature by changing the law that requires a three-fifths vote to ratify and make it a simple majority instead. Weiner told Nolte to get some of the men out of bed and pray.

They prayed and withstood demonic principalities until 2 A.M. when Ray Bringham sensed that the Lord had heard their prayers.

Late Wednesday afternoon David Courson announced that several Illinois legislators who had at first agreed to support the new ERA effort had deserted. The issue never even came up for a vote. God answered.

PRAYER FOR ENGLAND AND ARGENTINA. Elmer Darnell, an American who has lived in London for several years, gave us the English perspective on the Falklands. England doesn't want the islands, but she remembers with deep regret how Prime Minister Chamberlain sold out Czechoslovakia to Hitler prior to World War II. Today there are many potential aggressors eager to assault their neighbor states if they thought they could get away with it. Somewhere the line must be drawn and Britain felt it must draw the line at the Falklands. We prayed for both nations.

AN ASTONISHING POSSIBILITY. Darnell says democracy in England is doomed. But the British will not accept Communism or Fascism. Instead, England will turn to the monarchy. Prince Charles has said that if he becomes king he will restore the Bible to its rightful place in the nation.

Ray Bringham considers Elmer Darnell and his wife Jean the prime movers in the spiritual realm in England today. They have an opportunity to lease a strategic property in the heart of London for their ministry base for twenty years. The cost is very low for such a remarkable property and location -- \$1 million. We prayed that God would provide it. Ray will visit some influential people in this country to try to raise the money for England.

RAY BRINGHAM'S PRAYER FOR EVANGELISM. "Lord, you are calling us to something new, something fresh, to a new wave of evangelism. We have been filled with the Holy Spirit to reach the lost. But we've been blessing ourselves. We need to get off dead center.

"Lord, forgive our apathy, our coldness of heart, our indifference to the lost. We don't care. Jesus, give us concern. We are respectable. We have the things of this world. We're comfortable. But we need Your face!

"We repent for the Charismatic movement, for the Pentecostal movement. We lay our wealth, everything on the altar. Let us know the cost and pay the price. Give us tears for the lost. We're so selfish, so self-centered. Forgive us. We've rejoiced in your gifts, in miracles, but we haven't cared as you did. Let us weep and shed tears with you, Jesus. We're so busy we don't intercede. Send laborers into the harvest. Lord, we haven't sought your power to save the lost. Let your fire burn in us!"

PROPHECY BY LELAND DAVIS: "I shall pull up the veil and let you see my face...Don't say I am greater than or less than another. Embrace the ministry I have appointed thee and I shall prosper it....Thou shalt see the great harvest...Thy weakness shall be dispelled...I shall equip thee ...The seed within thee shall germinate...I have broken thee...Thou art not yet ready for the fulness of all I have planned...Walk with thy brothers...This nation shall see the glory of God...Thou shalt persevere to the end. All hypocrisy will be revealed, but God will grant cleansing... Thy tongue is the pen of a ready writer...The Lord will build His house... He will cause the seed to grow and thou shalt prosper..."

"TAKE NOT LIGHTLY THE WORDS OF THE LORD WHICH ARE COMING FORTH THIS DAY."

--Lloyd Sweet

"THIS IS THE HIGHEST CORPORATE EXPERIENCE OF PRAYER OF ANY MEETING I HAVE EVER ATTENDED," said Tom Carruth. "This movement is going to outlive all of us. We're going to see the greatest movement since Pentecost." Tom is 70 years old, a man who walks in the Spirit. He has just retired as Director of the Department of Prayer and Spiritual Life at Asbury Seminary, Wilmore Kentucky.

As the Prayer Summit Conference came to a close Tom Carruth said he is contributing \$100 a month to Ray Bringham to free him to be able to continue this ministry. He suggested others of us also make a contribution.

WE LAID HANDS ON RAY BRINGHAM AND SET HIM APART TO CONTINUE THE MINISTRY and set up other Prayer Summit conferences. Ray said, "I'm 62. I want to slow down. But I'm ready to go. I will give my life. I've got to get the church to pray. I've got to tell the President, 'If we don't pray, nothing will work. I commit myself to prayer, to wake up the church, to wake up America!"

Meeting the Savior at the Summit Prayer Meeting
by Dr. Tom Carruth

On Prayer Mountain near Louisville, Kentucky, we met Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

This was the greatest prayer and Holy Spirit retreat that I have ever attended! We came there on Monday and many stayed through until Friday morning. The windows of heaven were open. We saw, felt and deeply experienced the true meeting of the Body of Christ coming alive.

We followed the example of Jesus who took some of His disciples and went upon a mountain to pray with him. What a meeting! These disciples were so excited with Jesus in the power of prayer that they wanted to stay there and build a temple. The same thing happened in us with Jesus on Prayer Mountain. The power of God fell upon us in love and prayer and healing.

"It is no secret what God can do. What He has done for others, He will do for you."

We are indebted so much to Bro. Ray Bringham and his co-workers for the vision of God, the persistence, the faith and the friendly spirit in the Body of Christ. Ray is a gentle loving spirit - so eager to let Christ in the Holy Spirit take the lead in guidance and blessing. In this "love nature of Christ", people could be quiet, talk, pray or witness, as they felt guided.

The Prayer Summit meeting was a creation of God where Jesus, the living Lord, came alive in his continuing ministry in and through the Body of Christ. It must be plain to any intelligent student of the spiritual life of the early Christian Church that this Christian Movement started in a prayer meeting, continued in prayer meetings, and today is still at its best a fellowship of loving prayer.

Dr. Frank Laubach said that prayer is the mightiest force in the world. Frank knew this because he put together Christ-like compassion and loving Holy Spirit praying.

We believe that God has revealed to us the mightiest way to pray. We were free to reach out and reach up in living, loving prayer. We saw that the church today must follow Christ into "Summit Meetings" of prayer and praise through which His power will be released in and through the Body of Christ alive!

Let's all get behind Bro. Ray Bringham and the leaders who are helping him to have other Summit Meetings on prayer. If we unite with our prayers and love gifts, God may yet revive the church and heal our land. I suggest that you write now and let these dear brothers know that you are supporting them with your prayers. Send your letter to Ray Bringham, c/o Inter-Church Renewal Ministry, P.O. Box 60, Fallbrook, CA 92028. (714) 728-5020.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

M.B.
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1984

Dear David:

Thank you for your letters and the invitation to The Third National Prayer Breakfast in Honor of Israel scheduled for February 1st. Unfortunately, my schedule will not permit me to attend, but I wish you much success in your work on the event.

I wish I could offer you some encouragement insofar as a position on my staff is concerned. Unfortunately, we do not anticipate any openings at this time.

I do hope you will continue to attend and participate in our Outreach Meetings and look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Faith

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

We thank
you most
sincerely for
all your
help for this
President.

Mr. David H. Stone
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DAVID H. STONE
CONSULTANT IN COMMUNICATIONS

Tuesday afternoon,
January 3, 1984

Dear Faith,

Welcome back, dear soul, in this New Year of increased hope and opportunities to serve.

I have come to know and to Praise God that everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses. Almighty God is in charge of this troubled world.

So, true to my word, following my recent note just prior to your holiday departure, I am enclosing for your perusal my brief C.V., abbreviated resume.

also enclosed is the draft result of some enlightenment I asked for. I asked for Him to reveal through me for the first time some aspects of my character, and the result is a topic list with a left-to-right flow chart.

This time, I have been recommending to you on how I may serve you in accomplishing your consistent and evolving goals.

also enclosed are invitations to one of my latest projects of service - The 3rd Annual National Prayer Breakfast in Honor of Israel at the NRB Convention.

Please, would you permit the opportunity of how a man sent to you by God may serve you and President Reagan, perhaps near the outreach meeting soonest or at your next choosing. I wait patiently. Sincerely,

MR. DAVID H. STONE

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CAREER GOAL: I am striving to serve President Ronald Reagan, the Conservative Movement and the Republican Party to the glory of Almighty God to my utmost ability through loyal service, applied initiatives and management through 1988.

CAREER OBJECTIVE: I am seeking confirmation of how best I may serve in achieving those career goals listed above through a ~~concerted~~ effort funded by private sector initiative and interaction, combined with new position funding and administration. I seek service through a salaried upper mid-level management "hands-on" position, within White House Staff or President Reagan's reelection team. I seek the opportunity to serve a loyal, creative leader who is enlightened to utilize effectively my assets in telemarketing/direct mail sales and political/patriotic/anti-Communist communications on all fronts, in consort with my major full-time, my ascending and previous volunteer leadership and other varied professional expertise, initiatives and professional performance seen proven to be exceptional over 20 years.

SHORT-TERM WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA POSITIONS (1981-83):

The following most recent local employment has developed and demonstrated unusual success achievements in confirmed full-time employment with increasing responsibility. Local career-wide references are provided to verify the abilities listed.

CAREER AND RECENT REFERENCES:

11/83 to Pres.- John Hvasta, Founder/Pres., AMERICAN PUBLIC RESEARCH COUNCIL - 281-0333
09/83 to 11/83- Craig Oslos, Mgr., METRO MARKETING (SBS SKYLINE Sales) ----- 849-8601
05/83 to 09/83- COMMUNITY ACTION RESEARCH GROUP (USIA) Frederick Stein, Mgr. - 376-7714
03/82 to 04/83- David McNutt, Mgr., FUND FOR A CONSERVATIVE MAJORITY Telemark.-524-4400

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Presently serving in key diverse roles at regional to national levels: Member and initiator, White House Outreach Working Group on Central America; Fairfax City's representative and Secretary of the Citizens Advisory Council of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) and member, Policy Boards for Human Resources and Public Safety.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE 1978 - 1982: Approximately full-time as loyal volunteer political activist - while serving first as a media motivator/initiator in North Louisiana's Republican campaigns for Dave Treen, La.'s 1st Republican Governor in 100 years, then, the Reagan-Bush Presidential campaign. Returning to Washington in Dec., 1980, serving for the 1981 Presidential Inaugural as its top-producing salesman/sales team manager of products, through Presidential Transition. Then for 14 continuous months in new Reagan Administration in various ad hoc positions responding to White House goals: 1981 White House Conference on Aging (lead Sgt. at Arms), Returning American Hostages from Iran; Tribute services to President Anwar Sadat; Virginia elections 81, 82, 83.

CAREER PROFILE:

1982 - 1983 - Champion (Top-Producer ever), Republican/Conservative Fund-Raiser full-time+
1968 - 1978 - Public Affairs Manager/Foreign Affairs Officer, U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY, "Hands-on" Producer/Director/Researcher of entire Apollo space mission international film series and 500 other USIA motion pictures & TV programs in up to 48 languages each. Presenting White House domestic/foreign policy themes to world leaders and public under 4 Presidential Administrations - Johnson, Nixon, Ford, and Carter.
1966 - 1968: U.S. Army Officer - the Commander's right hand as Adjutant et al, and Producer/director of public information and training films, U.S. ARMY PICTORIAL CENTER, New York, N.Y. Instituted significant cost-saving techniques. Represented Commander.

CAREER PROFILE (continued):

1965 - 1966 - The youngest Producer/Director, CBS RADIO-TELEVISION NETWORK, Philadelphia, Pa. Directed, programmed and executed the original format for CBS ALL-NEWS RADIO.
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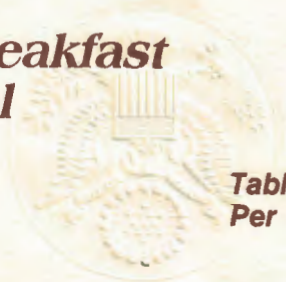
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 29, 1983

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Dear Marguerite:

I would think that a very short note thanking David for his kind offer to serve in the Office of Public Liaison would be appropriate. Also noting that there are no openings presently available and none in the foreseeable future.

David has had problems going back 20 years. His heart is in the right place and he delights in being able to attend our Outreach meetings.


Morton

Faith

Friday, December 16, 1983

Besides certainly you, Morton, Joyce, Dolph, Will,
and , as well as Sam Dickens. I may be blessed
to be one of the most loyal, dedicated ^{members}, and have been able
to provide some effective initiatives to the improving effectiveness
of the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America, over
more than 5 months, after being brought in by Ambassador Otto Reich.

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Morton
Sh this be
answered?
M. 12/22

Room 450, 12:00 Noon 12/16/83

Dear Faith,

The Spirit of the Living God has impressed and confirmed upon my heart that I should go ahead and apply to you to serve. I seek your insightful consideration of this clear opportunity to serve you, this President Reagan, and Him in whatever capacity you feel I am suited for to execute your goals and needs. I acknowledge that it is my ability. One opportunity to serve of which I have some preliminary information is as your Office Business Manager. If selected, I would serve zealously.

David Howard Stone

in that function for you with all that I have
or if you choose another, in any other function
you designate.

Tomorrow, I will revise for you my 1 3/4 page
C.V., and plan to deliver this and any other
information you desire this weekend wherever
you designate.

Gracious leader and gifted servant,
Faith Ryan Whittlesey, I await the fruition
of this God-given opportunity to reach out
to serve you for His glory.

If you desire, you may reach me by phone first:

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PRAYER SUMMIT

UNITING LEADERS AND NATIONS OF THE WORLD
THROUGH PRAYER...

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Asst. to the President
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

July 8, 1983

*Wants you to talk
also on RR's feelings
on other religions and on*

Dear Morton,

*spiritual awakening in
America*

*Speak on
Nov 15, afternoon*

*(Time confirmed
later)*

*Offer
a talk
by me on
status of
School of Prayer
America*

This letter is a personal invitation to you to be part of a National Prayer Summit, a meeting of a limited number of representative church and government leaders to be held in the Washington, D.C. area November 14-17, 1983. The purpose of this meeting is to take counsel and pray together concerning the state of the church and the nation and to seek God's agenda for united Christian initiatives in this critical hour in our nation's history.

A number of Christian leaders from across the country and from the D.C. area met recently in the nation's Capital. As we prayed and talked together we felt a sense of urgency due to the multi-layered crises of our times and a sense of expectancy that God is ready to bless His people with a spiritual awakening on the scale of the great epoch-making revivals of history, perhaps the greatest of all historic awakenings.

Because of the close and necessary connection between spiritual awakening and united prayer, it seemed to all of us that the time was right to call a National Prayer Summit in Washington, D.C.

A coordinating committee was assembled including Myron Augsburger, Ray Bringham, Thomas Carruth, Joy Dawson, David DuPlessis, Dick Eastman, Armin Gesswein, Ernest Gibson, John Gimenez, Tom Hess, Sam Hines, Richard Lovelace, John Meares, Jean O'Donnell.

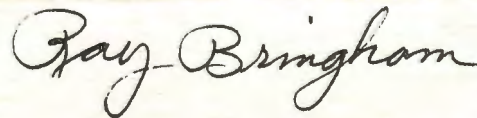
The first Prayer Summit was held in Louisville, Kentucky in the Spring of 1982. Some of the above mentioned leaders have participated in this or other regional summits. A report is enclosed for your perusal. Attendance at this upcoming National Prayer Summit is by invitation only and is limited to a maximum of 120 participants. This invitation is for you and is not transferable.

We realize you have a busy schedule. So do we. Many prominent leaders have bent their schedules to be able to meet together because the timing seemed right and the call urgent. Please consider this invitation prayerfully.

The Summit will be held at Airlie House, a retreat center in Virginia, near Washington, D.C. from 4 P.M. Monday, November 14 until Noon on Thursday, November 17. The cost will be \$210. This includes a \$50 registration fee which should be sent to the Prayer Summit office by July 30. We cannot guarantee room after this date. Others want to come. The balance of \$160 may be paid later if you wish.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Your brother in Christ,



Ray Bringham, for the Committee

619-728-5020

Rev. Myron Augsburger: Mennonite Leader and former College President, International Evangelist, Author, Pastor
Washington, D.C.

Rev. Ray Bringham: Prayer and Revival Leader among Historical Churches

Dr. Thomas Carruth: Retired Prayer and Spiritual Life Director at Asbury Seminary

Mrs. Joy Dawson: International Bible Teacher, also on staff for Youth with a Mission

Dr. David DuPlessis: Christian Statesman, bringing unity and better understanding among historic denominations of the world.

Rev. Dick Eastman: Prayer Leader and Author, President of Change the World Ministries

Rev. Armin Gesswein: International Lutheran Revivalist and Teacher on Prayer

Rev. Ernest Gibson: Black Leader and Director of Greater Washington, D.C. Council of Churches, Baptist Pastor

Rev. John Gimenez: Director of Washington for Jesus and America for Jesus, Pastor of Rock Church, Virginia Beach, Va.

Tom Hess: Director of Christian Restoration Ministries, Editor of Progressive Vision Magazine

Rev. Sam Hines: Inner-city Black Leader, International Bible Teacher, Pastor of 3rd Street Church of God, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Richard Lovelace: Professor at Gordon-Conwell Seminary, Author, Protestant Bridge-builder

Bishop John Meares: Founder and present Bishop of International Evangelical Church and Missionary Association, Pastor
of Evangel Temple, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Jean O'Donnell: Roman Catholic Renewal Leader



PRAYER SUMMIT

UNITING LEADERS AND NATIONS OF THE WORLD
THROUGH PRAYER...

Report: Prayer Summit, Louisville, Kentucky, May 31 - June 4, 1982

MEETING THE SAVIOR AT THE SUMMIT

(A testimony by Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, retired Spiritual Life Director at Asbury (Methodist) Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. Dr. Carruth was associated with E. Stanley Jones, missionary statesman, and led Christian Ashrams for over thirty years.)

"On Prayer Mountain near Louisville, Kentucky we met Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. This was the highest corporate experience of prayer of any meeting I have ever attended.

"We followed the example of Jesus who took some of His disciples and went up on a mountain to pray with him. What a meeting! These disciples were so excited with Jesus in the power of prayer that they wanted to stay there and build a temple. The same thing happened to us with Jesus on Prayer Mountain. The power of God fell upon us in love and prayer and healing.

"It is no secret what God can do. What He has done for others, He will do for you."

"We are indebted so much to Bro. Ray Bringham and his co-workers for the vision of God, the persistence, the faith and the friendly spirit in the body of Christ. Ray is a gentle, loving spirit, so eager to let Christ in the Holy Spirit take the lead in guidance and blessing. In this 'love nature of Christ,' people could be quiet, talk, pray or witness as they felt guided.

"It must be plain to any intelligent student of the spiritual life of the early Christian Church that this Christian movement started in a prayer meeting, continued in prayer meetings, and today is still at its best a fellowship of loving prayer."

"Dr. Frank Laubach said that prayer is the mightiest force in the world. Frank knew this because he put together Christ-like compassion and loving Holy Spirit praying.

"We believe God has revealed to us the mightiest way to pray. We were free to reach out and reach up in living, loving prayer. We saw that the church today must follow Christ into "Summit Meetings" of prayer and praise through which His power will be released in and through the Body of Christ alive!"

GOD, BREAK US!

"God, break us!" That was the keynote of the first Prayer Summit, sounded by a frail, 94 year old preacher from Devonshire, England, who was converted in the Welsh Revival (1905) and has preached Christ ever since.

"To be broken means to be weeping in the presence of the Lord," William Willis said. He recalled the leader of the Welsh Revival, Evan Roberts. "He was lying flat on the floor, halfway up the mountain, his face bathed in tears. He was broken and would not be comforted.

"He sat in the pulpit the following Sunday morning, for he was what we call a lay preacher. He sat there weeping, weeping. Before he had a chance to take the service a young lady got up and began to sing. That dear man of God burst into tears again. He was there to preach but he was too broken to preach! Soon the whole congregation was weeping.

"Did you never get to the point where He breaks you? Where you weep in His presence? Broken because of penitence, because of what they have been and what they have missed and how little they have really loved the Lord Jesus Christ and the souls for which Jesus died? If every one of you will really put this into practice we will soon have a revival."

Ray Bringham asked the saintly old man to pray for us all.

"O God, our Father in heaven, thank you for sending Thy dear Son. We can see Him now laying down His Godhead. 'Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...' That's what you're saying to us. So we pray Thee, deal with us individually. Some men need to be dealt with in a harder way than others. I don't know. In one sense it's no business of mine. I can't break them. I can't bring them into the place where Thou canst use them. But Thou canst do it. Thou canst do it! So Lord, break them now! O Lord, make it real! Stamp Thine image on their hearts. Break them so they'll never be the same again!"

That's how the Summit went. Teaching came out of prayer and led into prayer. Ray Bringham never let us forget that this was a prayer meeting and we were there to pray. Nationally known leaders came at their own expense simply to pray. Joy Dawson, for instance, who teaches on prayer all over the world, never opened her mouth except to pray.

REPENTANCE AND REVIVAL

Peter Marshall picked up the "brokenness" theme and developed it. "There are hideous problems in this nation today," Peter said, "the worst we have faced in 350 years of American history. The answer is going to be deep nationwide repentance and revival..."

"We must pray. God must reveal His programs. And Christians must accept responsibility. It is not the Federal government's responsibility to feed the hungry and minister to the poor, it's ours. President Reagan is quite serious about handing responsibility back to the people.

"But many Christians don't believe it is our responsibility. We are still mainly part of the problem rather than the solution. We are an obsessively self-centered people. We want to take and not give and serve. Our heart attitude is, 'What can I get God to do for me?'

"Repentance must start with us, with the leaders. We must repent if the church and the nation are going to repent.

"Our Christianity avoids the cross. We let our faith rest with an initial commitment, but the New Testament calls us to a life of continuing growth and change. The life of Christ is formed in us and flows out of us to the degree that self dies. The kingdom of God comes to the degree our own little kingdoms are dismantled. There is no way around this. We have the feeling it shouldn't be that hard. But Jesus said we have to lose our life to find it.

"Lord, give us the gift of repentance that leads us into the heart of Jesus. Forgive us for our 'rightness'...show us our jealousies, our judgments. Let us be so changed that others will come into the place of repentance. Show us our uninvolved, hidden self-life, our demand for others to respond to us and be for us. Give us servants' hearts.

"I confess my own self-love and self-pity and resentment when people don't respond to me the way I want them to. Grant me the willingness to hear you through another person. May there be no jealousy, pride, no tearing down of one another's ministries. Help us grow up, Lord! We choose to go on with you in the joy that you are a loving and forgiving Father."

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

Dr. Richard Lovelace traced the ebb and flow of the Spirit through history. "In the 17th Century the Puritan theologian, Martin Bucer observed, 'We have reformed our doctrine, but not our lives.' He wrote of the need for 'A REFORMED CHURCH ALWAYS REFORMING.'"



"In the 18th Century Count Zinzendorf established a Christian community in Southern Germany where there were prayers around the clock for a century for spiritual awakening and unity in the whole church of Jesus Christ. In America Cotton Mather spent whole nights and days in prayer. Mather died before the Great Awakening came, but before his death he received assurance that his prayers were answered."

Dr. Lovelace noted that Jonathan Edwards recorded the wonders of the Great Awakening, a move of the Spirit so powerful that it convinced Edwards the Millennium must be close at hand and that it would come on the wings of revival.

"After the Revolutionary War," Lovelace said, "a spiritual decline set in and it took the 'alarm clock' of the French Revolution to stir Americans to pray earnestly for another spiritual awakening."

"The 19th Century saw one wave after another of revival sweep America, bringing first, conversions, then a flood of Christian literature, followed by the establishment of educational institutions, then moral reform and finally social reform" (abolition of slavery, fighting prostitution, wage slavery, drunkenness and other social injustices).

In England the Evangelical Alliance held together (it broke up in America) and English Christians led the nation in abolishing slavery without a war. The Government purchased the freedom of the slaves in a legislative act that was little short of miraculous.

In spite of revivals, Dr. Lovelace says that the church has never since Pentecost fully lived up to its biblical promise. Perhaps the time has now come when Christians will live such godly lives that the world will be changed and the church will provoke Israel to jealousy.

Prayer is the key to an awakening, Lovelace believes. He suggests three areas for intercession:

1. The whole visible church awakened (we undersell the grace of God when we write off our brothers).
2. Unity of the whole church (while we were fighting among ourselves the humanists took over America's schools).
3. Mission (big enough to encompass all God wants to do).
 - a. Reach every subgroup in the world. --Ralph Winter
 - b. Care for the poor through a revitalized laity.
-- Pope John Paul II
 - c. Christianize the economic systems (as English trade routes became channels for the Gospel in the 19th Century).

Intense, anointed prayer followed Dr. Lovelace's teaching, including this one by Tom Heas:

"UNLOCK THE WISDOM OF HEAVEN. Teach us how to make the poor productive. Show us how to deal with the vast economic problems. Show us the alternative to abortion. Turn back humanism in American government. Convert ungodly office holders or replace them. Bless America in a new way. Turn us away from materialism, injustice, racism. Show mercy to your church."

...and this by Joy Dawson:

"REND THE HEAVENS AND COME DOWN! Grant us a Holy Ghost, heaven-sent revival. Reveal Your holiness. Let us see You as You are. Let the Spirit be unleashed. Show us Your limitless power, Your dazzling beauty, Your ingenious creativity, Your unquestioned sovereignty, Your wrath against sin. For there is no fear of God, no hatred of sin. Desperate people are not self-conscious. Revival comes when we are desperate. Act, O God, so as to bring maximum glory to Your name, so all the kingdoms may know that You are God, supreme and alone in Your sovereignty!"

THE WHITE HOUSE IS REPRESENTED

Morton C. Blackwell, Special Assistant to President Reagan, flew in on Wednesday. He heard Dr. Lovelace's address and discussed current issues, including the President's proposed Constitutional Amendment to permit prayer in the public schools. We prayed for Mr. Blackwell and for the President

and shared with the Presidential Assistant some of the concerns of the Christian community and hopefully also the spirit of the Prayer Summit, to take back to the President.

REPENTANCE FOR PAST SINS

In the mid 19th Century evangelical Christianity held the balance of power in the U.S.A. Riding the crest of revival, in the forefront of every social reform, the church was the most influential force in American society. Today we look back on a century of decline and retreat. Why?

"Evangelicals broke ranks over slavery. In the South Pastors preached what the wealthy approved, held the position that God cared only for 'spiritual things,' the salvation of individuals." -- R. Lovelace

"In the early 19th Century most people in both North and South agreed that slavery was wrong. Then in 1860 the Cotton Gin was invented. Greed triumphed over principle. Cotton, not Christ, was king." -- Bob Fowler

"One of the worst sins was the extreme self-righteousness of the Northern Abolitionists. The North also profited by slavery. The Civil War was God's judgment on both sections of the country as Lincoln said in his magnificent Second Inaugural address." -- Peter Marshall

"Abortion is as serious an issue for America in the 20th Century as slavery was in the 19th." -- Bob Mears

"We need a breakthrough in our economic thinking," said Elmer Darnell, an American living in London. "In Europe America has a name for being rich, bloated, overfed, overgassed and wanting everything as cheap as possible.

"We have had cheap food picked by poor people for 100 years. Let's start paying people what they're worth, what they need. Many in Third World countries live on \$50 a year. That's not enough to buy shoes.

"Jesus, You touched the lepers (it was against the law) but You loved them. Show us the way. Give us new wisdom, faith, courage to use this powerful weapon of food to Your glory, not withhold it, but trade it, transport it. Christian kids starve in other nations. Send us those who are wise to show us how to use food to bring peace, strength and good will and Your love to a needy world..."

HELPI "Without bloodshed, New Guinea has turned to freedom," said David Courson. "The first Prime Minister, Dr. Michael Samari, has appealed to the world Christian community for help. New Guinea needs doctors, plumbers, skilled people of all kinds. It also needs prayer, for it is virtually without military resources and is vulnerable to Soviet aggression."

"We have been set apart to pray for a sin-sick America, a nation destined to be used for the salvation of the world." -- Lloyd Sweet

"I am burdened about many things..." prayed Beth Witnah, "For the nuclear arms race, this symbol of hell fire...For Central America and the terrorists on Right and Left. Overthrow greed and avarice and oppression by the rich...Grant mercy to the poor...For the church...Pour out Your Spirit of supplication...let us give up our foolish, silly lifestyle, our addiction to affluence, our self-centeredness, so You won't have to send disaster. Awaken us! Let us be shaken and made aware of how You feel...Let us live emergency lives in emergency times!"

"Lord, You are calling us to something new, fresh, to a new wave of evangelism...Lord, forgive our apathy, our coldness of heart, our indifference to the lost. We don't care. We are respectable, comfortable, but we need Your face. Jesus, give us concern." -- Ray Bringham

PROMISE AND HOPE

"I will lift the veil and let you see my face...You will see the great harvest...Your weakness will be dispelled...I will equip you...The seed within you will germinate...The Lord will build His house...This nation will see the glory of God." -- Prophecy by Leland Davis

PRAYER CHALLENGE

by Ray Bringham

All of us are aware that we face problems in America and throughout the world for which there are no known solutions. Only God knows the answer to: World-wide inflation, terrorism, war, poverty, hunger, and nuclear threat. In America, illicit sex has produced 20 million sufferers of herpes. There is no known cure. Divorce, the breakup of our families, pornography, abortion, homosexuality, crime, alcoholism and drug addiction continue to undermine the moral fiber of our nation. Our economic woes have produced millions of people who are unemployed. Poverty, homelessness, and hunger plague our inner cities. Multitudes are filled with despair. What has gone wrong? Where can we find answers?

It is apparent that we need a nation-wide and world-wide spiritual awakening. Anything short of this will only bring temporary relief. As a nation, we have turned our backs on God and are now worshipping at the shrine of humanism. But how do we get back to God? The church must point the way!

THE CHURCH -- A SLEEPING GIANT

God is calling on a sleeping giant to "Wake up ... strengthen what remains ... and is about to die ... and repent" (Rev. 3:2, 3 NIV). The church has the answer. Is it not strange that the only one who knows the way is asleep? What can wake up the sleeping giant? Prayer! What can wake up America? Prayer! Nothing else will.

PRAYER -- THE UNTAPPED POWER OF THE CHURCH

Frank Laubach calls prayer "the mightiest force in the world." John Wesley said "Nothing happens except through prayer." Prayer is the main business of the church. It has always been God's way of working in the world. Long ago, God spoke through the prophet Jeremiah saying, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and mighty things you do not know" (Jer. 33:3 NIV). God says, "You pray and I will work."

The Old Testament temple was literally a "house of prayer." They prayed there day and night. God set the record straight when He said, "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7 NIV). Dr. Thomas Carruth of Asbury Seminary has said, "It must be plain to any intelligent student of the spiritual life of the early Christian church that this Christian movement started in a prayer meeting, continued in prayer meetings, and today is still at its best a fellowship of loving prayer." The early Christians "committed themselves to prayer" (Acts 2:42). The book of Acts tells about them praying at 9 o'clock in the morning, at noon and at 3 o'clock in the afternoon (Acts 2:14, 3:1, 10:9). They evidently prayed for days until Peter was released from prison (Acts 12). They were a force in the world because they prayed. PRAYER WORKS!

OUR GREATEST SIN IS PRAYERLESSNESS

In the Bible, we are commanded to "pray continually" (I Thess. 5:17 NIV). Jesus said, "Pray and don't give up" (Luke 18:1 NIV). Then, if prayer is the main business of the church, if it is the mightiest force in the world, if it is the only way to bring a spiritual awakening, is it not strange that the church does not avail itself more of this little-used power? How great is our sin of prayerlessness! Samuel once said to Israel, "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you" (I Samuel 12:23 NIV).

SPIRIT OF PRAYER

O Lord pour out the "Spirit of Prayer" upon your people everywhere as promised by the prophet Zechariah, "I will pour out the spirit of grace and prayer on all the house of David" (Zech. 12:10 L.B.). Let the church be the church, "a house of prayer for all people." "I will give them joy in my house of prayer" (Isaiah 56:7). Renew your church! Heal our land!

Pastors, leaders, intercessors, if God is speaking to you about prayer and spiritual awakening, please write us at "Prayer Summit", P. O. Box 1940, Fallbrook, California, 92028 or call 619/728-8575.