

## PRAYING IN THE HOLY GHOST

JUDE 20

MARK the grand characteristic of true prayer—"In the Holy Ghost." The seed of acceptable devotion must come from heaven's storehouse. Only the prayer which comes from God can go to God. We must shoot the Lord's arrows back to Him. That desire which He writes upon our heart will move His heart and bring down a blessing, but the desires of the flesh have no power with Him. Praying in the Holy Ghost is praying in fervency. Cold prayers ask the Lord not to hear them. Those who do not plead with fervency, plead not at all. As well speak of lukewarm fire as of lukewarm prayer—it is essential that it be red hot. It is praying perseveringly. The true suppliant gathers force as he proceeds, and grows more fervent when God delays to answer. The longer the gate is closed, the more vehemently does he use the knocker, and the longer the angel lingers the more resolved is he that he will never let him go without the blessing. Beautiful in God's sight is tearful, agonizing, unconquerable importunity. It means praying humbly, for the Holy Spirit never puffs us up with pride. It is His office to convince of sin, and so to bow us down in contrition and brokenness of spirit. We shall never sing Gloria in excelsis except we pray to God De profundis: out of the depths must we cry, or we shall never behold glory in the highest. It is loving prayer. Prayer should be perfumed with love, saturated with love—love to our fellow saints, and love to Christ. Moreover, it must be a prayer full of faith. A man prevails only as he believes. The Holy Spirit is the author of faith, and strengthens it, so that we pray believing God's promise. O that this blessed combination of excellent graces, priceless and sweet as the spices of the merchant, might be fragrant within us because the Holy Ghost is in our hearts! Most blessed Comforter, exert Thy mighty power within us, helping our infirmities in prayer.

Taken from C.H. Spurgeon's *Morning and Evening*



PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018

*"Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."*

ISAIAH 56:7

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## THE BIBLICAL PATTERN FOR PRAYER



*"Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake."*

Daniel 9:17

## CHURCH MINISTRIES

Missionaries Worldwide	Bus Ministry
Glen Iris Baptist School	Children's Church
WGIB Radio (91.9 FM)	Youth Ministry
WQEM Radio (101.5 FM)	Senior Saints Ministry
WAY Television (Channel 47)	Ministry to Our Special People
Website (www.gleniris.net)	Benevolence Ministry
Visitation & Gospel Outreach	AWANA/CIA Programs
Jail Ministry	Blazers for Christ Ministry
Music Ministry	Highland Manor Ministry
Nursing Home Ministry	Princeton Towers Ministry
Gospel of John Distribution	Monroe Home Ministry

## TEACHERS AND WORKERS

Kathi Lamb & Leah Dickey–Nursery	LeGrand Lamb–Sunday School of the Air
Josh & Ashley Wilson–K4, K5	Gayle Waits–Just for Moms Class
Mabel Otamias–1st, 2nd	Joy Garrison–Special Adults Class
Charlotte Thornton–1st, 2nd	Ron & Sandy Haas–Children's Church
Valerie Rueckert–3rd, 4th, 5th	Cathy Davis–Primary Church
Jackie Young–3rd, 4th, 5th	Paul & Donna Hancock–Primary Church
Sandy Haas–6th, 7th, 8th Girls	Loraine Marcus–Primary Church
John Robertson–6th, 7th, 8th Boys	Josh Hayenga–Special Church
Anthony & Anna Johnson–9th-12th	David Hollis–Special Church
Randy Raiford–Young Adults Class	Jim Lollar–Superintendent

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

*The Ashley Family  
Manati, Puerto Rico*

Please pray for these requests:

- God's blessings on the renovation of the church building
- Opportunities to share the gospel and disciple new believers

## COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Shayna Lightfoot – Birmingham School of Law

## CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS

### HEALTH NEEDS

Abby Allen	Robert Duke	Pastor Shane Lewis
Dawn Bond	Janet Foltz	Jackie Lightfoot
Janet Brock	Evelyn Graves	Terry Reymond
Wendell Coleman	Kathi Lamb	Doris Robertson
Jerry Dickey		Bette Talley

### HOME/NURSING HOME-BOUND

Sue Allen	Marlene Jackson	Juanita Ogle
Montez Haley		Helen Root

### SPECIAL REQUESTS

Don Hammond (Judy Adams's brother) – possible cancer  
Edith Manning – UAB

## DEACONS

Johnny Brock	Jim Lollar	Randy Raiford
Anthony Johnson	Jerry Mays	Terry Reymond

## SCHEDULED PRAYER MEETINGS

Wednesday	7:00 P.M. – Auditorium
Sunday	9:30 A.M. – School Library
	5:00 P.M. – Classroom at bottom of stairs