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Prayer is the greatest of our spiritual privileges as children of the heavenly Father by the new birth. It is the means by which all other graces are accessed, and it is the engine by which the Lord's work is done on earth.

Recently, while visiting with a precious lady whose husband has entered glory, she brought out his prayer list to show me. He was a dear brother and a mentor of mine, and she knew I would be interested in seeing this list. On a simple unlined half sheet of paper, ragged and often handled, was written neatly in tiny letters hundreds of names and requests. Sprinkled in were verses to claim and promises to plead at the throne of heaven. Holding this page in my hand, I felt I was standing on holy ground. It was almost too sacred to read. I was peering into the heart of one now in the presence of the Lord whom he had worshiped and served for many decades. His intercession is now over, and worship is his preoccupation alone.

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jeremiah 33:3) This is the great and most privileged invitation issued to those of us who know the Lord. It comes from the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. His word brought all things into existence and holds all things in place. The implication is that whatever we need He can do. One of our greatest needs is to be shown the truths of His Word, things which we need to know but that must be revealed by the Author.

In the model prayer given to us by Christ, we have an outline to help guide our praying. On my friend's prayer list were several reminders of how to organize his prayer

requests. On each day of the week he prayed for a different section of the Lord's work. How precious it was to see the name of our church, many of our members, missionaries and workers, and of course, hundreds of names I didn't know.

There were sections on the "Adoration of God," the "Kingdom of God," "God's Will," "Daily Needs," "Forgiveness" and "Protection from Temptation." The requests, intercessions and supplications were categorized accordingly. Once again I was reminded that my greatest work is in the secret place interceding before the Lord.

*"Faith asks no signal from the skies,
To show that prayers accepted rise;
Our Priest is in His holy place
And answers from the throne of grace."*

Prayer is the answer to every situation we find ourselves in. Charles Spurgeon writes, "Satan laughs at other means, but trembles at prayer. Prayer never rusts and never needs sharpening. It is an open door none can shut. Devils may surround on every side, but the way upward is always open. Prayer is never out of season. Prayer gets the attention of heaven day or night." (*Morning and Evening*, p. 617)

My mentor, unkonw to him, left me one last great lesson. It was the greatest of all the lessons he taught me. It was the lesson of the crumpled prayer list. May I carry on in his stead!



WGIB THURSDAY
& FRIDAY, MAY 3 - 4
SHARE - A - THON
Our All-Sufficient God

Please help us pray that our upcoming Share-a-thon will be a success. Ask the Lord to lay it on people's hearts to support this work of getting out the gospel.

We are in need of added supporters who help us with their finances and fervent prayer.

Your servant,
Chris Lamb

PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION

UNSHACKLED – MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 6:00 P.M.

FREE INDEED – WEEKDAYS, 10:55 A.M.

As the longest running radio drama, Unshackled continues to make an impact on listeners, not because it's based on the life stories of real people, but because these dramatic accounts demonstrate the power of Christ to set men and women free from the bondage of sin. Unshackled, the award-winning radio drama from Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, grips the heart with compelling and relevant stories of transformed lives.

Unshackled was begun under the leadership of past superintendent Harry Saulnier. For a short time Harry had a 15-minute program entitled Doorway to Heaven on station WAIT in 1945. On this program, Harry often related the true stories of individuals who had been saved at Pacific Garden Mission. This opportunity fueled Harry's desire to continue to share the testimonies of changed lives using the popular radio drama format of the day. Thus, in 1950, the first recording session was scheduled. The first script was written by John Gillies, who worked at WMBI in Chicago. The first program was about Billy Sunday, famous Chicago baseball player turned evangelist.

Following the success of the first program, Gillies passed the directing and writing duties on to Eugenia Price, a successful and established radio writer. With her dedication to quality, the program progressed with a style that was highly esteemed in both secular and religious radio circles. Not only did the quality of the program exceed expectation, but its audience was continuing to grow as well. Lives of listeners through the years have been dramatically changed.

One of those people was Jack O'Dell, a professed agnostic and a struggling alcoholic whose drinking habit had nearly destroyed his promising radio career. In 1953, Genie Price hired Jack to play a role in an Unshackled program. After the recording session, Jack began thinking about this "God who can change lives." As he reflected on his own life, he recognized his sin and came before God in repentance. Jack himself was unshackled. Just prior to Jack's death in 1991, Bob O'Donnell, a long-time Unshackled actor and close friend to Jack, took the reins as director and announcer. At that time, Kennetha Gaebler began writing for Unshackled, producing over 700 scripts.

In October 2007, when Pacific Garden Mission moved to their new facility, Bob announced his retirement on December 15. At that time, Flossie McNeill stepped in and diligently served as ministry director of Unshackled until June of 2016 when Timothy Gregory assumed leadership of the program, where he also serves as announcer and director. Today, Unshackled is still produced with the original music of Don Baddorf and Scott Griffin and is recorded before a live audience.

Free Indeed, also produced by Pacific Garden Mission, is a two-minute testimony program of young men and women whose lives had been transformed through faith in Jesus Christ. At the end of the testimony, listeners are invited to call a toll-free phone number to learn how they too can be "free from the weight of sin."

Unshackled is heard on over 3,000 radio outlets in 148 countries, on 6 continents, and in 15 languages. Without Jesus Christ, we are all shackled by sin. But through the gospel of Jesus Christ we can be set free from our bondage and...UNSHACKLED!