The Problem of Unanswered Prayer


July 21, 2013
Cannons

Phil Wickham

It’s falling from the clouds, a strange and lovely sound; I hear it in the thunder and rain.
It’s ringing in the skies, like cannons in the night; the music of the universe plays.

You are holy, great and mighty; the moon and the stars declare who You are.
I’m so unworthy, but still You love me; forever my heart will sing of how great You are.

Beautiful and free, the song of galaxies, reaching far beyond the Milky Way.
Let’s join in with the sound; c’mon let’s sing it out, as the music of the universe plays.

You are holy, great and mighty; the moon and the stars declare who You are.
I’m so unworthy, but still You love me; forever my heart will sing of how great You are.

All glory, honor, power is Your amen; all glory, honor, power is Your amen.
All glory, honor, power is Yours, forevermore.  CCLI#206597

Awakening

Chris Tomlin

In our hearts, Lord, in the nations, awakening;
Holy Spirit we desire, awakening.

Chorus:  For You and You alone, awake my soul, awake my soul and sing.
For the world You love, Your will be done, let Your will be done in me.

In Your presence in Your power, awakening.
For this moment in this hour, awakening.  Chorus

Like the rising sun that shines, from the darkness comes a light.
I hear Your voice and this is my awakening.
Like the rising sun that shines, from the darkness comes a light.
I hear Your voice and this is my awakening.

Like the rising sun that shines, awake my soul, awake my soul and sing.
From the darkness comes a light, awake my soul, awake my soul and sing.
Like the rising sun that shines, awake my soul, awake my soul and sing.
Only You can raise a life, awake my soul, awake my soul and sing.

In our hearts, Lord, in the nations, awakening;
Holy Spirit we desire, awakening.  CCLI License # 206597

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love, whoever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician
When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
to look on Him and pardon me.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the One, Risen Son of God!

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I am, the King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the One, Risen Son of God! (4x)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Reading

When you pray, you should not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the street, that they may be seen by men.

But when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, Pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

When you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

In this manner therefore, pray:

The Lord’s Prayer

Danielle Talamantes, Soprano

Albert Hay Malotte

Children’s Message (9:30)

Baptism (11:00)  William Daniel James, child of Benjamin Bernard James and Melissa Danielle Boss

Offertory

Your Love Is Strong

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Jon Foreman

Doxology

Scripture


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Sermon

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Sermon Series: Life Is Messy

Pete James
Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be,
You were the King of kings, Yes, You were, Yes, You were.
And now You’re reigning still, enthroned above all things;
Angels and saints cry out, we join them as we sing.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever.

Creator God You gave me breath, so I could praise
Your great and matchless name, all my days, all my days.
So let my whole life be a blazing offering,
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King.

Take my life and let it be, all for You and for Your glory;
Take my life and let it be Yours.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever.
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Benediction

Postlude

Allegro Marziale

Frank Bridge
**Prayers**

**Grieving:** The family of Linda Hunt (former member); the family of Jean Kriebel (service 7/22 at 11:00 a.m.); the family of Roger Nichols (service 7/23 at 11:00 a.m., Chapel); Kamal & Greg Rahal (brother/uncle)

**Hospitalized:** Barbara Entwistle; Cassie Jackson's cousin Ashlyn (12) and her brother; Stan Ott's friend April; Courtney Sweeten's friend Sally

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Walter Potts

**Ill or Convalescing:** Carol Adcock; Tom Addams; Jack Barmby; Beverly Bender; Chuck Garland; Kyle Hard; Myrna Ives; Julia Kuykendall; Maeve & Lydia Lowell; Katherine Masyn; Andy Mitchell; Amy Moir; Audrey Neeson; Elsa Norris; Sabrina Remy (3); Jane Seeman; Roger Simmons; Francis Viscount (VPC-supported missionary); Alice Winters (former missionary to Colombia supported by VPC); Roger Woodin; Carol Yates

**Homebound:** Alice Burroughs

**Family and Friends:** Jonathan Ashbeck's friend Gene; Chuck & Donna Bertschi's friend Tom; Dee Burns's brother John; Ruth Anne Buterbaugh's cousin; William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Katherine Carlson & family; Barbara & Grady Carlson's father Ashley & her unborn daughter; Suzanne Carpenter's friend Mary; Lamar Collier's niece; Sandra Crippen's brother; Arayanna Darst's friends Kathy & family, and Maryanne & Vern (Hospice) & daughter Paula; Joe Darst's sister Dee; Sandi Davis's mother; Donna DeLangy's mother; Jorge Diaz's neighbor Jane; Gail Doughty's aunt (Hospice); Bill Downer's friends Bionda & family and Dave; Stephanie Eberhardt's friends Betsy, Beth, and Lois; Jennifer Fleisher's friend (3); Mary Flounlacker's father; Charles Geschiere's father; Lisa Gibb's father; Bonnie Grouge's first father-in-law, Allan Kerr (Hospice); Chuck Hermanek's friend Millie; Avicia Hill's brother Neil; Bob Hill's sister Lois Ann; Michelle Jones's friend Paullete; Karen Dunlop's & Neil Kemple's friend Mike; Valerie King's brother-in-law Danny; Julie Knight's brother Jim; Phil Krorivil's friend Sean; Megan Kritsky's friend Craig; Shun Ling's sister; Yvonne Malloy's godchild Charlie (2-1/2); Marty Martin's friend Sean; Katherine Masyn's brother-in-law; Janet McKechnie's daughter-in-law; Ginny Paul's friend Lindsey; Betty Rahal's sister; Baker & Jane Richard's friends Dale and Pat; Carolyn Sassano's mother (Parmer Battin); Randy Schumacher's friend Robert; Jane Sibley's brother Jack; Bev Strean's goddaughter; Shannon Swift's friend Shelley; Ronnie Taylor; Pamela Vining's mother and friends Caden(2) and family, Joshua (12), and Peter; Roger Waldron's mother; Karen Williams's friend Lauren; Ken Workman's father-in-law, Bob Neal; Daryl Wright's father; Caitlin

**Other:** Roger Wagner's friends, the Wight family; Cynthia; Jeff & family

**Please hold in prayer** this week the folks on the Local SMP (7/22-26): Beckie Anderson; Addie Clark; Katie, Tommy, Annie Clark; Wendy Culberson; Roger Doughty; Danielle Effley; Barry Hill; Katherine Holmes; Victoria Spina; Codie Todd; Julia Van Der Merwe; Katie Ward; Ariana Wheeler-Lafuente; Justin Wichterman. Also pray for the leaders and participants in Children’s Mission Week (7/22-26)

**Congratulations to:** Lauren Bates & Brandon Zack who were married at VPC on July 13

**Praise God** for the life of Cile Harker, who turns 90 on July 27. We give God thanks for Del & Elizabeth Metheny, who joined VPC on 7/24/60 (53 years)!


**Non-military in Harm’s Way:** Ed O'Donnell, Christina Tomasetti, Erik H. Vining

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**Need Prayer for Yourself or Someone You Love?**

USE THE CARDS in the Friendship Pad in your pew or at the rear of the church, and place them in the offering plate or the wooden box in the lobby/narthex; CALL the church office at 703.938.9050, x301;
E-MAIL linda.kemple@viennapres.org; or enter a prayer request ONLINE via www.viennapres.org/prayerrequest

Please ensure that you have permission before submitting a request on behalf of someone else. Confidentiality requests are strictly honored.

If requested for the weekly bulletin, prayer notices will be published up to four weeks but can certainly be extended upon request.
VISITORS AND GUESTS – WELCOME TO VPC!

We are delighted you are here. Here are some ways to make the first steps on your spiritual journey at VPC easier. For more information, please visit www.viennapres.org/firststeps or contact Shannon Jordan at 703.938.9050 x123 or shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

Step 1: Get Started: Fill out the Friendship Pad in the pews during the service and we will contact you to help you get connected at VPC and answer any questions you may have. You are also invited to visit the Welcome Table in the narthex for a gift, and then visit the Great Hall for coffee between 8-11am.

Step 2: Get Oriented: Orientation to the Journey class is an opportunity to look at who we are as a church, find out what we believe, ask questions, and find how to best connect. (Next class: August 11, 11am, room 108C.)

Step 3: Get Going: Invitation to the Journey class is a more in-depth look at our mission, beliefs, values, and practices. Discover what we mean by “learning to follow Jesus with your life” and “living your life as Jesus would.” Please go to viennapres.org/firststeps for information and to register, or contact Linda Kemple (x100). Next classes begin: September 2013.

Step 4: Get Connected: Share the Journey! Being part of a group or community to grow in Christ, connecting with others, and serving is critical to our faith development. We would love to help you find the best place for you! For more information contact Shannon at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or call 703-938-9050 x123.

USEFUL TALENT #92

SIMULTANEOUS WALKING AND TALKING

SERVING IN THE CHILDREN’S MINISTRY TAKES TALENT

PUT YOUR MULTI-TASKING SKILLS TO WORK.
VOLUNTEER AS A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER OR ASSISTANT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS OPPORTUNITY AND OTHERS, CONTACT DAWN GESCHIERE AT dawn.geschiere@viennapres.org
Block Party

September 8, 10:45am-3pm at VPC & the Town Green

Worship Services:
8am & 9:30am ONLY

Come casual to worship, stay for
Music, Food, & Games for all ages

Remember the Dunk Tank... yeah, we’ve got that!
Plus wreck-n ball and challenger inflatables games, magic show, face-painting, balloon magic, couch races and more!

More information or to volunteer sharon.lewis1@cox.net

Wednesday Night Worship Service

July 31
7:30-9pm
Great Hall

Young Adults
College
Students

OUR CHURCH’S BIBLE STUDY LIBRARY IS NOW DIGITAL... AND GIGANTIC.

OVER 2,000 DISCIPLESHIP VIDEOS FOR KIDS, YOUTH AND ADULTS.

Look for your invitation from Shannon Jordan at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org
VPC
Ministry during the summer looks different.

Camp Highroad
Archery, low ropes, canoeing, creek hikes, survival class, stream studies, swimming, hayrides, grass-boarding, Bible studies, group games, zip lining, wall climbing, high ropes and the giant swing.

Creativity Camp
Campers explored Bible stories and expressed what they learned through music, drama, art projects and creative prayer.

Vacation Bible School
Just shy of 300 children joined us on an epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong! Kingdom Rock!

Ashville, North Carolina
Roof repairs, fresh paint for a retired Marine! This house will be ready for the family in no time.

Nashville, Tennessee
Packing food at Second Harvest Food Bank... Hard at work!
Accion, Mexico.

We have been looking for ways that we see God "show up" each day. Today we were going to spend quite a bit of time moving a mountain of dirt and gravel. Then during a break we looked out the door of our break space and there was a Bobcat moving the mountain!!! We decided someone had the faith of a mustard seed and the mountain moved!
(Matthew 17:20)

Jacmel, Haiti

This week we have been serving alongside the people of Haiti, young and old, and have witnessed God's love through the Haitians in each work project and visit with the children. Here are just a few images of our time together. We're back at work tomorrow before a day of worship and R&R on Sunday.

Colombia, South America

Our group planted 1800 teak seedlings. These seedlings will grow into a profitable crop for the Christian pastors in this remote area.

The women of Belen de Bajir made 76 aprons with the donated fabric from VPC. The women are starting their own business to support their families.

Visit viennapres.org/spotlight to see Christ's mission in action!

THE SPOTLIGHT ON SUMMER...
General Announcements

**Summer Building Access:** Please use the parking lot doors for all evening activities. The Church Street doors will remain open until 3pm; the Park Street doors will remain open until 5pm. Please contact Mary Monie at mary.monie@viennapres.org with any concerns.

**Stock Donations:** For information about stock donations please contact Julie Headley at 703.938.9050 x120, or julie.headley@viennapres.org or Doug LeMasters at x119, or dave.dzwonczyk@viennapres.org.

**Serve**

**Bethany Women's Center and Alternative House** need our support this summer! Easy-to-prepare recipes and sign-up sheet are located outside the kitchen door. Questions? Contact Cindy Alls, 703.222.3657.

**ESOL:** Co-teachers, assistants, and helpers needed for evening classes, starting September 17. No need to speak another language—only a heart to help our adult immigrants learn English. Contact Bonnie Grouge: bonnie.grouge@viennapres.org

**Deacon Agape Team Request:** Local families are in need of adult-sized diapers for their children with severe disabilities. If you are able, please donate either adult-sized diapers or gift cards to CVS or a local grocery store. Donations may be dropped off at the church office in care of Sue Hamblen. For additional information, please contact Linda Gabris at lgbabis@verizon.net

**Gather your stash!** Clear your yarn by crocheting, knitting, or weaving an adult hat for the Lamb Center. You can choose the style, but make it warm. Turn in hats by Sept. 8, near the office. Contact Laura Macqueen, lmacqueen10@gmail.com or Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org

**The Blue Ribbon School Supply Drive** is starting again! There are students in our own community who can't afford school supplies. So while you buy your own, pick up a few extra for a student in need! Find information cards and collection boxes in the narthex. Come pack up the supplies on September 1, 9am, Great Hall. Contact Maria Abdullah at abdullahva@yahoo.com for additional information or to volunteer.

**Connect**

**Wednesday Night Worship Service:** July 31, 7:30-9pm, Great Hall. We welcome young adults, college students and graduating seniors. Please join us for an evening of worship, praise, and fellowship.

**Student Ministries Day Trips:** Nationals Park, July 24, and Progressive Day Trip, July 31. Register at vpcstudents.org. Feel free to contact Codie Todd at codie.todd@viennapres.org or Dave Dzwonczyk at dave.dzwonczyk@viennapres.org. Rising 7th graders to rising college freshmen.

**Friendship Class Drivers Needed:** A few of our Friendship Class members are in need of rides to/from church.

Please contact Susan Kenney at skenney201@gmail.com; or Lee Taylor at Lee.taylor@viennapres.org

A driver and back-up driver are needed for each of the following:

- **Falls Church (Leesburg Pike):**
  1st, 4th and 5th Sunday—Pickup at 9am and take home at 10:30am.
- **Annandale:**
  5th Sunday—Pickup only at 9am.
- **Fairfax:**
  3rd Sunday—Pickup only at 9am.
- **Merrifield-Falls Church:**
  5th Sunday—Take home only at 10:30am.
Learn

Monday Night Men's Group Summer Mini-Series
*Stories of Faith, Worship Experiences:* A time to celebrate, share, and learn. Come share your faith stories and your worship experiences. July 22 through August 12. All guys are welcome for any or all of these four Monday nights 7pm, 3rd floor, pizza/drinks. Questions/RSVP, connect with Ed Dawkins at Reved1@aol.com

**Stephen Ministry Forum:** You are invited to attend a forum on “Ministering to Those Who Have Lost a Job” led by Chris Dowell. Wednesday, August 14, 7pm, Rooms 322/323.

Grow your soul

In its seventh year at VPC.
If you haven't heard about it, you need to.
An intensive nine-month small group experience of communion and spiritual formation.
More information: www.viennapres.org/GYS

Application deadline for Fall 2013: August 10

Care

**Renewing Prayer Ministers** are trained and ready to come alongside you in prayer to invite Christ’s peace and renewal where life may have brought emotional scars and pain. For more information go to viennapres.org/healingprayer or pick up a brochure. To schedule an appointment, contact Glenda Simpkins Hoffman at 703.938.9050 x 114.

**GriefShare:** Support for those grieving the death of a loved one. Fall session will begin Sunday, September 8, 6:00-7:30 pm. GriefShare@viennapres.org

This summer GriefShare is being offered at Whole Word Fellowship located on Vale Road in Oakton, Tuesday evenings, 7-9pm, through September 3 (no meeting July 30). Cost: $15 for the workbook. For information or to sign up, call or email Pat Williams, GriefShare facilitator, at 703.786.4954 or pat_williams2@verizon.net

**Passages:** For those going through separation or divorce. Next session will begin on Tuesday, September 24. Contact Romey McPherson at 703.244.6422 or 703.478.9794.

**Christian Cancer Companions:** Contact Rita Lockwood at 703.573.6168.

**Widows Dinner Group:** 3rd Monday each month. Contact Betty Little at 703.281.4118.

**Widows and Widowers Luncheons:** 3rd Saturday each month. Linda Waters, coordinator: 703.860.8685.

**NewSpring:** Contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x 116.

**Stephen Ministry:** a one-on-one, distinctively Christian, caring, confidential ministry. Stephen Ministers care for people facing a difficult time or life transition. They are not professional counselors, but they are more than well-intentioned friends. They use both words and deeds to express Christ’s care and love for others.

In need of a Stephen Minister? Please contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x 116.
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Student Ministries (Middle School/High School—Lower Level): through July 31, 9:30-10:30am: Sunday School; Youth Groups: Enjoy your summer.

Adult Education Classes

9:30am

**Beyond Basics:** Discuss *The Messages of the Sermon on the Mount* by John Stott, led by Steve Skjei. All are welcome. Questions? Kate Lund. katejlund@yahoo.com, Room 205.

**Friendship Class:** For adults with intellectual disabilities. Teachers: Emmy Parker & Beth Gourley. Room 108C.

**Foundations Class:** Join us as we build on the twin foundations of scripture and friendship. No preparation required! John and Kathy Draper, 703.539.8300 or jkdraper@ymail.com, Room 203/204.

**Partners With Christ:** Currently on summer hiatus. Join us in the fall!

11am

**Apprentices Class:** On summer break. See you in September to discuss Henri Nouwen’s *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. All are welcome. Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or isaiah122elaine@aol.com.

**Study of Corinthians 1 & 2:** Berean Adult Bible Study. All are welcome. John and Nancy Davidovich, 703.938.4775. Room 203/204.

**Plugged In:** Enjoy the summer; see you in September! Shannon Jordan at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x123.

**ESOL:** Currently on summer break. Join us in the fall!

What We Believe:

Jesus is Lord.
Scripture is our authority.
Everyone is called to discipleship.

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Wish to talk about our worship services?
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