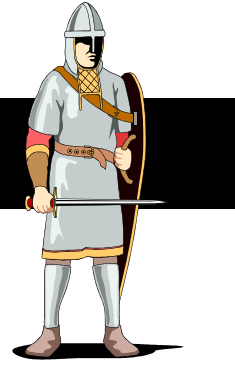


Wall of Prayer



October 31, 2007

Dear Faithful Prayer Warrior,

This letter was sent to prayer warriors a year ago. As I was preparing the prayer materials for this quarter, I was moved to once again set our hearts to cover teens across our country in prayer. Through the Wall of Prayer website www.wallofprayer.net this simple, yet powerful ministry of specific prayer has moved across our country and beyond our borders—God has a way of doing that. We encourage you to explore the website for yourself and tell those you know about the availability of the materials offered there.

My heart is overflowing with joy and love for you and thanksgiving to our Lord for calling us together in this grand work of prayer. This week a small paperback book entitled Prayer, written by O. Hallesby, “surfaced” in our home after 30 years of being moved (unread) from boxes to bookshelves. As I began to fervently read this classic work, I discovered the author’s heart’s desire: “It seems to me that no-one is so poor as he for whom not a single soul is praying, he who has no-one who takes him personally and persistently to God in prayer...We should enter into this work and become personal and regular interceders for certain definite individuals...If every believer would do this, the Spirit would distribute the unconverted in every community among the believing men and women of prayer; and ultimately there would not be a single soul but what some consecrated and faithful believer would be praying for him.”¹ Can you believe that we are the answer to a prayer offered 75 years ago!

Hallesby knew that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much!² Jesus daily stands at the door of our heart requesting access and desiring fellowship with us.³ His knock is a nudge, a prompting to worship, to learn from His word, to make requests that are in accordance with His will; to be a conduit for His life-giving power and love flowing from heaven to others. We are simply to open the door and His Holy Spirit does the rest—comforting, convicting, forgiving, cleansing, teaching, and interceding. But, how often do we think we have to “get our house in order,” to “clean up,” to conjure up words that will express a sincerity, all the while inadequate to be anything but helpless in light of the holiness He requires and the supernatural work of intercession He has called us to do.

Our personal temple is to be like the temple of old, a house of prayer⁴ where the mighty Lord comes to dwell⁵, but how often do we, I’m ashamed to say, I, turn it into a house of idols, with thoughts of creature comforts and personal gain rather than a place that hallows the name of Almighty God and seeks for His kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven; or even a locked storage room, rarely visited. How awful we feel when we in all our spiritual poverty finally fling open our heart’s door to our Lord, utterly helpless, and His gracious Holy Spirit enters and “helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered, for He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”⁶ Our struggle in prayer is not against flesh and blood but against the world forces of darkness and against our fallen human nature. Our wrestling is not with God, trying to “twist His arm” or convince Him that His will is a good thing and should be

¹ Hallesby, O., *Prayer* (London: Inter-Varsity Press, 1968 ed.) 66.

² James 5:16b

³ Revelation 3:20

⁴ Isaiah 56:7, Luke 19:46

⁵ 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19

⁶ Romans 8:26-27

accomplished. Our wrestling is with our own self-centered and prideful tendencies as we think about our name and our will rather than the beautiful and perfect will of the Father and His glory.

How merciful is our Lord to transform these wicked hearts into His Holy Throne room where mountains can be moved and the dead can live again. The Lord knows we are but dust and continues to persist in His knocking, His restoration and His encouraging us to persevere. There are great things being done in the lives of our teens. I am so encouraged to stay the course and fight the good fight in my prayer life when I think of my Lord constantly surrounding me with His presence and the truth of His word and when I think of you, my spiritual family, ever faithful to His call to press on. The most destructive blow to the enemy is a saint humbly on His knees in prayer. What a blessed work we have been called to do. Let's don't hesitate a moment to open the door the next time we sense that holy knock. It will be the most productive and healing time of our day. *"Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes, I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My father on His throne."* Revelation 3:20-21

In Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan".

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