

Knowing God in Prayer - Part 2

by A.W. Tozer

A.W. Tozer's sermon emphasizes the transformative power of prayer and the necessity of knowing God through sincere communication and repentance.

Scripture: Psalm 51:10, Jeremiah 29:12-13, Matthew 7:7, Romans 12:12, Ephesians 6:18, Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Hebrews 4:16, James 4:8, 1 John 5:14-15

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Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the profound connection between knowing God and the power of prayer, urging believers to seek a deeper relationship with the Lord. He passionately prays for spiritual revival, encouraging individuals to break free from societal distractions and to embrace a life fully surrendered to Christ. Tozer's heartfelt supplications reflect a desire for personal and communal transformation, as he implores God to awaken the hearts of the faithful and to draw the lost to Him. He highlights the urgency of the times, calling for a return to genuine faith and a commitment to living out the teachings of Jesus. Through fervent prayer, Tozer seeks to inspire a generation to recognize their need for divine intervention and to cultivate a vibrant prayer life.

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[These prayer recordings were recently transcribed into text form from audio sermons hosted on SermonIndex. Bringing out the prayers all into one place gives us time to appreciate the way Tozer knew God and communicated with Him.]

"Father, Bless Thou this exhortation on our shoulders Father, and send us out a happy people. For surely we are to be a happy people, Since Thou art our Father, and Jesus our brother, and the Holy Ghost our indwelling Paraclete. Save us from anger, and help us to sing unto the Lord a new song, and rejoice continually. For, oh Lord, hath set our feet upon a rock, put a new song in our mouth, even praises, Amen."

"Dear Heavenly Father, We pray this night, oh Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, we bring our petition. Father, we apologize to Thee this night, for the way we've been living. We're sorry for carelessness, in that insidious need in Zion, who cares nothing for the troubles of Jacob. Oh God, oh God, we pray this evening that Thou wilt burn through clay. We dare to ask, and we do ask. Don't let anybody escape the arrows of the Almighty. Don't let anybody escape the net of the Divine Fisher. We beseech Thee that Thou would so rule upon us, that one after the other, board members, and Sunday School teachers, and people of every reputation for being holy and all that, all of us together will see how desperately we need a visitation from Thee, and how Word can bring it. Thou rot. Thinking in the rot, praying in the rot, expecting in the rot, living in the rot. Oh Lord, we thank Thee there is a way out. Precious blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin, and where the blood cleanses, the Holy Ghost anoints. So we pray this night, there might be some, even one that will say, "I am the man. I am the man." , and will do something about it.

And we believe that if we will repent of the rot, that Thou will repent of the rot that Thou art leading us in, and will bring us out to a wealthy place. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen."

"Son of God, Immortal Love, We that have not seen Thy face, by faith and faith alone embrace. We believe tonight. We reject the claims of men and we'll follow none of them; but we own Thy claim, oh Man who is God. We admit the validity of Thy claim. Teach us we pray Thee, to bring in our scattered lives and concentrate them upon Thee with all this and the other saints. Teach us we pray to listen to the sound of Thy musical voice until we're charmed, and enthralled, and enraptured by it. That we might not go our sleepy way, be mediocre, half awake Christians. Father, the coming of the Lord God's nigh. Grant we pray, that these friends may take this home and do something about it. We ask in Christ's name, Amen."

"Oh God, oh God, Thou knowest the world is spinning on. Time is running out. Children are becoming youth, and youth becoming middle age, and middle age are getting old and older. And Thou hast said redeem the time, for the days are evil: Lord, Thou dost want us to be revived again. Revive Thy people, oh Lord, individual people, and in it, numbers of individual people can band together. But oh, revive Thy people. Grant Lord, to help.

Now the other people, just for a minute more of prayer. who would say, 'Mr. Tozer, please pray for me, that i might have heart to God in my soul, alone. Apart from our relation to others, that I might have a new inflow, power, and purity, and grace, that I might be a revived soul. Pray for me. Would you raise that hand?"

"Father, Bless thy Word. Help us to see how wondrous are Thy judgements and Thy ways past finding out. We thank you Lord that these be praying through out-number the others, perhaps a thousand to one. Bless Thou the word. For Jesus sake. Amen."

"Oh Father, We pray for all these who raised their hand, Oh God we pray: Break them loose from their friends. Break them loose from their little block of society. Break them loose we pray Thee, from the little things that interest them and take them aside. It may be into the desert. Take them into the silence of their

own room. Take them somewhere and in awe-full glorious vision, may they come through to a place where they've taken Christ as their all in all forever, and surrender to the Spirit of God, to be in them, to guide them through, with them inward and outward and around and beneath and above: all that the water is to the fish, all that the air is to the bird on the wing, more than that, all that the soul is to the human body, all that the spirit is to the soul, may they do this Lord, for Jesus sake. Disturb them Lord. Don't let them forget this. Don't let them settle down oh God, to another week of grubbing, and may this be the week that all that we've heard over the last week and heard today may become a living reality in our hearts. We ask this in Christ's name."

"Let's pray. Heavenly Father, We thank Thee for all Thy dear saints, all Thy children, every color, and every age: Jacob Tewold, May DeHumahn, Bea Latertime, Oley Ann, Sole Distrug Vomenn, Billy Bray, Henry Sousa, and John LaCrosse, Francis Harrigan. Oh God, we could name them. A whole telephone directory filled up full of them, if we had time, That they would shine like stars in the dark world. some of them are gone. Some of them are still among us; but they shine in a dark world and they show forth the glory of Him who called us out of darkness into His light. We thank Thee for every one of em'.

Oh God, help us, it were as bad as it, help us we pray to come full Christianity, to be willing to take the stigma of cross carrying light. Now that Thou'd bless this company of people. We thank Thee for them. We pray tonight as we gather, that there'll may be some who'll make specific decisions. Some young people will be here tonight, probably, and maybe some who'll wander in that aren't Christians. We pray for them. We pray Thou'll prepare speakers, and singers, and those in charge of musicians, and those in charge of everybody, that there'll be a unity within our spirits, so that the Holy Ghost can without hinderance lay conviction upon those who need it. And give faith to those who are as desperate need faith. Bless us now we pray Thee, Through Christ our Lord."

"Lord Jesus, Thou art nearer than our breath. Thou art nearer than the impulses of our nerves. Thou art nearer than our thoughts. Oh, Lord Jesus, Thou art here, walking amid the seven golden candlesticks, with eyes like fire, and a sword going out of Thy mouth, and Thy head lighted world, and Thy face is the sun shining in it's strength, and Thou art girt about the patch with a golden girdle. Thou art the High Priest of the church.

Oh, Lord Jesus, we pray for the lost sheep here tonight. We pray Lord Jesus for the half-saved Christian. We pray for the backsliders. We pray for those who have turned from the thing they knew was right. Their first memory, is a Sunday School class, in prayer at table. Oh, they'd turn from it, and only go to church occasionally and then only to listen and go home.

My Lord Jesus, tonight we for them, who would listen for the voice of the animal, the dull voice of the brain, that ignored that emblem that cries for God in eternal life. Have mercy we pray upon them, and how the two voices are sounding: the voice of Esau and the voice of Jacob, the voice of earth and the voice of heaven, sounding. We pray that they may have the wisdom and courage to turn their backs on the siren voice of the world and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ while it's called today. Great God, this is Thy meeting. We don't know what to do with it. It's up to Thee Lord. Great God, tonight, don't let the devil have everybody. Please God, save some for Thyself. Rescue some for yourself."

"Our God, our hope in ages past, help in ages past, our hope for years to come. We lift our hearts to Thee. We thank Thee Thou didst ever create. We grieve that we ever marred that creation by sin; but, having done that, we rejoice that Thou didst find a way through love to save us: the sacrifice of Thy Son. He who

was from the beginning, yielded Himself on a tree that He might die. We can never thank Thee enough. We pray Thee for those who are lost in our midst this evening. Oh Holy Spirit, Thou would draw and pull. May the unsaved hear the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest.' May the thirsty hear Him say, 'Come unto me and drink.' May the blind hear Him say, 'Come unto me and see.' May the dead hear Him say, 'Come unto me and live.' Oh Lord, kindly do this for Jesus sake. Amen."

"Father, oh God, Thou art near us. Thou art here. My Jesus, we're tempted to say, " Thou art in this place and i knew it not." But we did know it after a fashion. This is none other than the Amen, this is the house of God, Bethel. We will raise our altar here, at this presence. Now, we pray for men and women and particularly young people who are charmed. The serpent of the world has charmed them like a bird. They gaze with fascination on all the showy glamour of the world, and they would die to become famous. Women here would give their 20 years off their lives for five years to be a movie star.

Great God, we're sick, sick, sick inside, that we have sought the gutter instead of your glory. We have learned to love and live in and admire and imitate and follow the filthiest lowest most profane element in society. And there's a light, and men don't see it; and a voice, and they don't hear it; and Your presence, and they don't feel it. Oh, we pray, get hold of men and women and young people and children tonight, and pull them out of this mud, their own intellectual mud. Get them out of it we pray. But apart from sin, Oh God, Thou art in the world out here. Pray Thee help us, morning and night, and all during the day and night, and wherever we may be, to keep in contact with Thee Lord as He is in the world. And the great grief of the world is, the world knows Him not. But oh, we Christians can say, 'Thank you, Father. We know Thee. We know Thee through Jesus Christ Thy Son. We call Thee Father. We have called Thee as the Father. We have stayed our hearts on Thee. Blessed be Thy name. How we trust Thee.' Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

"We're going to pray for you tonight. Oh Lord, We pray for these five persons, who have raised their hands and asked us to remember them. Oh Lord Jesus, the world is so full of temptations and the magnetism of the world is all but impossible to resist. These people want to do it. They want to turn from everything that grieves the Lord and follow Him. They want to be Thine completely, fully. We pray for them. I said, "pray one for another." We lift our hearts in prayer now, and ask, oh Lord, that you will help these five persons, to put away their resistance, to throw down all opposition, and meekly surrender now their hearts to Thee, for Thee to come in, take over, set up Thy throne and reign from within, king of their lives, by Thy grace. Grant this, we pray Thee, Lord Jesus, For Thy names sake."

"Would you bow your heads in a moment of prayer with me please? Thy going forth has been from of old, even forever. Thou art moving from eternity that was, to eternity to be, passing by. And the magnetism of Thy presence is finding a few: a few that are one with Thee, and yearning and longing, a few. Oh Christ, even as Thou did walk down the streets of Jerusalem, and they came out of houses and leaned out windows. Others glowered and walked away. So it is today. My Lord, we beseech Thee, help those that are rejecting, we pray Thee, let them reject. Those that will receive, we beseech Thee, let them receive. We say Selah. Amen. So be it God."

"Thou invisible mysterious person, present in our midst. The physician is near: the sanctifying healing Jesus. The Lord and the Saviour is near.

We pray for those who up to this hour have been careless, shallow, modern, irresponsible believers. Through want tonight, change all that, and to settle it with Thee, that they will take Thee as their Saviour

now. That they will make Thee Thine, theirs, that they will make themselves Thine. They will lay hold of Thee by all their aggressive acts of their personality, believe on Thy name, and receive Thy person, cease to be sinners, and move over into the new and heavenly birth that makes them children of God. Grant it for Thy names sake."

"Oh Good blessed Lord Jesus, blessed Lord Jesus. Thou didst come on a mission; our trembling hearts tell us thou should have come with raging eyes to be our judge. Thou shouldst have come as our executioner to put to death such moral vermin that crawl over the face of the earth, polluting each other and ourselves. But thou didst not come to condemn the world, but hast come that the world through thee might be saved. What can we say Lord? Thank you, Oh gentle saviour. How can we bar our language? But thank you. For whist thy dying sorrow and pity without end. We thank thee Lord Jesus. Lord Jesus we wont fight about thee. And we wont argue about hypotheses; well only kneel and say, My Lord, and my God!"

"We have found him of whom Moses and the prophets did write, Jesus the Son of man, Son of God! We have found him, Hallelujah! We have found him, we thank thee. Pray thee for the friends present tonight; we thank you for those who responded last week. Lord we pray thee tonight, or grant that there maybe those who would go out of this place now, with a solemn lasting conviction, that this means the personal individual person, the one, knowing knowing knowing that good for them he came this way. Blessed Jesus, help us as we wait upon thee just a little longer tonight, in the name of Christ. Now Lord we pray for these probably forty people here that stand here tonight, Oh God. The world is busy counting numbers and the church is even counting numbers, worshipping success. Promoting flesh! Pushing Adam to the front! These are saved; I desire to put Adam under my feet, to promote Jesus Christ, and to glorify the Father who art in heaven, and to make Christ appear large and myself small. These are strange people Lord strange. For theyve heard a strange voice from another world calling them to humility, and meekness, and lowliness, to take thy yoke upon them and follow thee, and to bare the cross thatll slay them out to the place of death, that they might ride the means of life and promote the high glory of the Most High God.

So we pray for these, we pray that all their hearts yearn for may be theirs, and that this may mark in each of their lives a specific, strong memorial a time when theyll say, from that night on Hes changing my life, and things have been different, and the old desire for honour, praise and credits all gone, and only the desire to make Jesus all in all. By the Holy Ghost come and progress these friends, till they shall all but nothing in Christ, all in all. Grant this we beseech thee, for Jesus sakes."

"God our Father, we bless Thy name, that thou did send us help from the sanctuary, out from the heavenly palaces, down from the lofty heights above He came. He came to be born under law to be born of a woman, that he might redeem us who were under law, and who by the curse of the law were lost hopelessly, down to the mud and the gut, down to the shadows and gloom, down to the tears and the tomb he came, we bless thy Holy name for sending him.

He came because he wanted to come, that he came cause thou did send Him, and Father and Son agreed, we bless thee oh triune God. Praise thee oh blessed Holy Ghost, the conscience of the world that still keeps dimly alive, the racial memory of the world from which we fell. Great God, we do not want thy wrath to be upon us, we want to have that eternal life, which was with thee. We pray help tonight there might not be one go out of here who has not received the son, who has not obeyed the son, who has not now taken the son, believed the son. Oh Son of man, we here thy voice, Son of God we see thy light, would thou grant we pray that as we go from this place tonight, we may go driven by the hard

overwhelming force of logic to Jesus Christ the Lord. And know that there is nothing on our level ancient or modern that can help us remotely, but only he who came from above, only Jesus, blessed be the name Jesus, we pray thee help us to love thy name and follow whithersoever ye goeth. Help these friends who have listened tonight we thank you for the privilege of speaking to them.

Oh Lord we pray, send them out, with a bit of another world on their hearts, a yearning, a longing, an aspiration that ye open widely gates of their soul and receive the Lord Christ in. And rest in him and trust him and know that even now in Spirit they can be raised out of the valley, and finally at his coming, taken out for good, and the valley itself transformed. No longer come into the valley of death, but now of life, for thee knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters covered the sea, we pray in Jesus name. Amen."

"Let's watch, let's pray, amen. Lord, we thank thee; we thank thee, for the faith once delivered. We thank thee for all the music and poetry and artistry. All the high flights of the religious spirit, all the dreams of holy men and the visions of sages here, we thank thee for the places that are marked to remind us of men who once walked on earth, good men, true faithful men and true. And we thank thee that all their activities and faith and belief and discipline and prayer and warfare all lead us to him who is its fulfillment, and now we have found him.

We have found him this man who told us everything we ever did, this wondrous man who never sinned, who'll sit and talk to us who never did anything else but sin. How we thank thee for this miracle, this wonderful shining miracle of the man who came from men. Blessed Jesus receive our thanks, we thank thee Lord we thank thee. We pray that thou would help everybody here tonight to open his heart, her heart, wide to the saviour, and to believe that he will come in instantly and at once to plant a well there to spring up and spring up and spring up on and on while the ages go by up into eternal life.

Lord help us, help any who may be on the borderline tonight help any who may be partly backslidden, help any who may be wandering, help and who may be doubting. May we beseech thee this night, may there be a quick turning of the spirit, to the God of Spirits who seeketh such to worship him these who worship in spirit and in truth we ask it in Jesus Holy name. Amen."

"If you'll only believe, let's pray. Lord we love thee tonight, and we confess we do, we want to be restrained and conservative, Lord we want thee to know and we want the public to know that we love thee for loving us. We love thee for coming for us, we love thee because thy holiness was not sullied, and thy character degraded when thou didst come down for me. We love thee for this Lord Jesus, we bless thee and worship thee this night, and truly we can sing, that thou art the one in whose presence our soul takes delight. Lord thou art with thy sheep thou art hunting thy sheep, art searching them out in the ravines and gullies and caught between sharp points of rock or among the briars, finding them here, finding them there, but finding them! Oh Lord we pray for any lost sheep here this evening. We pray Lord Jesus, thou wilt find thy sheep. May that sheep not go out any longer to be imperilled of its life, may it bleat until it attracts the shepherds notice, and he comes and takes it on His shoulder carrying it home rejoicing. Blessed be thy name, we thank thee for thy great flock.

Of all tongues tribes and nations, everywhere oh Lord that have been found, the found ones! We think a lot of the lost ones, but we thank thee for the found ones. Which will make, in the aggregate, a group that nobody can number like the sands of the seashore all lost but all found, the found ones. Blessed be thy name. Bless every man whose preached in the city tonight or is now preaching, who is now or will be

shortly, offering the gospel to many invitations. Oh Lord, blanket Chicago with the cloud of the Holy Ghost. Come down on us like we pray thee, like the descending shekinah. May many who are out tonight be in before ten-o'clock! Where lost tonight be found before this service closes. We trust thee to hear us and answer us through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

"Shall we pray? Oh thou son of God, thou most holy lamb. Were here thy servants this evening, and oh we thank thee Lord were not all there are. We thank thee Father that there are many others. Thank thee this is not the only church. Thank thee Lord it is not a choice between the alliance church and hell. For there are thousands of churches on this continent, where justice true and wonderful truth is preached, and many of them in this city, for this we thank thee this night and give thee praise, Father Lord of heaven and earth, for all the good churches and good preachers, and good faithful men of God.

But Father, there are churches that fatten them and grow on those who wont take the narrow road. Great God, pity and spare this refuge for cowards, these great ornate edifices dedicated to the deserters, paid for by the cowards, kept up by the ignoble deserters from the army of God. Have mercy on such, ooh have mercy on such. But bless every gospel church Lord. Bless every gospel church, whatever denomination. Let every man that stands to preach tonight, and Father, some of em will stand with robes on, but theyll preach the word. Some choir tonight wearing robes will sing the wonders of redemption. Blessed be thy name, thou lookest not on the outward appearance, but on the heart. We bless thee and worship thee tonight.

We have found the way past the veil through the blood, to the holy of holies with God. Blessed be thy name. Now Lord we pray thee for any who may be discouraged, who may be having a hard time, who may have been secretly toying with throwing it all up and saying whats the use. Theyve been tempted and they have even fallen for their temptations. Pray God have mercy upon thy sheep tonight, that poor bruised battered sheep. Satan and wolves and bears and lions theyve been after thy sheep. Their jaws are slaving and their eyes are keen and sharp and penetrating, and their paws are soft as they pad around waiting. Oh Lord save thy sheep from the maw of the dragon tonight. Bless this truth; show us plainly through it that there is nowhere to go but show us also that thou art the Christ the son of the living God. That Christ who should come, turn our feet towards theeas well as our hearts. Help us now as we wait upon thee Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

"Oh Lord, oh Lord Jesus, our Lord. The great world, the sons of Cain, nice people, many of them, friendly people, people that would give a dollar if we got in trouble, lend us their lawnmower, help us if we got a flat tire. Good people, but in religion, followers of that man who brought the flowers but didnt bring the blood. Maybe Cain, maybe Abels disposition wasnt as nice as Cains. But he found a refuge under blood, and he was born of the new Spirit, then he that was only born once murdered him that was born twice. Oh God, we hate to think it. We love people we love the world, we want to get along with everybody. We wish that we could always nod our head and amen everything everybody says, we hate to be on the other sidewe hate to be stubborncontentious. But oh Jesus theyre saying thou art a good man. Others are saying no religion deceives people. So there fighting it out and their both wrong. Oh Christ, thou art more than a man, thou art Gods man! Thou art God thyself God, begotten of the Father before all ages, thou art thyself man, born of Mary in time. Perfect man and perfect God compounded.

This night Oh Lord Jesus, we pray that the carelessness and the breeziness might go out of our spirits; we might wait and know whose side were on.

Oh Lord we take thy side; even if its against our friends we take thy side! The only Lord to boss us, to tell us what to do, and we promise to obey thee oh Lord, and would be disciples of thine, taking the cross and following thee. We pray for any who may this night, not have taken this way, we pray for such may be here, God have mercy, have mercy, have mercy oh son of God have mercy tonight. For the world is very evil and the times are waxing late and the judgments drawing near, we beseech thee Lord, pity and spare and forgive and have mercy upon our poor souls, we ask it in Jesus name."

"Oh Lord Jesus, thou are the light of the world, the light of the world! Oh light house shine on me, shine on me. Please Lord dont let anything prevent the light from shining. Thou hast said if anybodys willing he shall know. We believe in the body of truth. And with fools stand tall and intone, we can say, I believe in God the Father Almighty and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, and I believe in the Holy Ghost. We thank thee we believe the body of truth.

And we thank thee also thou hast taught us that there are depths beyond, beneath and the above that we must plunge into by obedience and faith, and when we find the inner soul and truth and were converted and not till that time. Oh God save us we pray thee from the snares and traps into which we so easily fall. Save us from textualism, save us from rationalism, save we pray thee our God from the error of the Pharisees. Save us from the cold hand in what teaches the code. And we pray thee give us more light from above where all light come down. Illuminate our souls, make heavenly things vividly real; make divine truth vividly real to our spirits. Turn the bright light on until we can see! The landscape of theology lies shrouded in night. Turn the bright sun on God so we can see everything, down to the four-leaf clover or a butterfly there. Make it so bright oh my God that we wont perish in the midst of truth, but well be saved by truth. Save us we pray from hanging on to the things that will bind us and going the way of evil, wanting to be good, but not wanting to be good enough to be good.

We pray God help us to repent, help us to hate ourselves, help us to hate sin. Help us to hate the sin that makes thee mourn and keeps thee from our breast. Help us God. Bless these people tonight let there be no deceived people walk out these doors. Let there be none that go out of here that have a name to live but are dead. Let there be none go out who are reprobates. Let no one walk down these winding stairs onto the street if he werent blameless. May they obey, for thou hast told us if we would be willing to obey we should know that knowledge follows a willingness to obey. So help this night we pray, for Jesus sake."

"Oh Lord, were more concerned that if everything be alright with us now, than in the day of our death, or at the coming of thy Son. Were more concerned while we stand in religion that well have reputation among the saints, were more concerned Lord, that things be now, right with us. Oh we thank thee Lord Jesus, how thee say to such poor world wanderers such as we are, Would ye become my disciples and follow me and well long to become disciples indeed ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free, and if the Son shall sets you free you shall be free indeed, for I am the light of the world and he that follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.

Thank thee Lord then there need be no concern, need be no doubts, need be no worries, we can know that were following thee. As we walk in the light as thou art in the light we have fellowship with thee and with one another and the blood of Jesus Christ thy son cleanses us from all sin. This is a greater treasure than all the gold of Ophir and all the diamonds of Africa. More to be desired is it than all jewels, all rubies, all the corn, wheat, and all the granaries of the world. So we seek tonight to know and be sure that were not only sons of the descendents of the reformers, but true sons of their faith and obedience. Whatever our denomination is, were not only in the tradition of our denomination but that we have the spiritual

experiences of those, who in other days brought those denominations to us by their faithful love.

Thank thee for every true Methodist, thank thee for every holy Presbyterian, thank thee for every Godly Baptist, thank thee for every happy Nazarene, thank thee oh Lord for every blessed heart happy Quaker. Thank thee for every man and woman of God no matter their denomination that loves thee tonight, till we feel were part of their flesh. But oh save us we pray thee from the cudgeling and snare of entrenched privilege and vested interest, and believing everything is all right because we are descended from parents that are all right. Great God save us from this. Now we trust thee thou will send us out from this church with a quite, certain, sure, believes that the light of the world, weekly discounting all self-righteousness. How many denying ourselves, willing taking the cross, sorry for all religion perfectly known, glad for the blood that cleanses. Grateful for the grace that pardons, and remembers sin no more forever, blessed be thy name forever, Amen."

"Oh thou shepherd of Israel, thou shepherd of the sheep. The Lords my shepherd Ill not want; he makes me down to lie in pastures green, he leadeth me the quite waters by. Oh Lord thou art the shepherd of thy sheep, were so pleased with your arrangement, were so glad it worked out that way, were so glad that thou didst so have it. We wouldnt have felt comfortable if thou hadst made Moses our shepherd, we remember Moses broke some rocks one time, smote another rockkilled a man! We wouldnt have been comfortable if thou hadst made Elijah our shepherd because Elijah called down fire. Oh Lord Jesus we are comfortable having thee as our shepherd, were relaxed and restful. For thou art a good shepherd, and a great shepherd, an understanding, sympathetic, loving shepherd, we thank thee Lord Jesus for being our shepherd. Thank thee for David, but were glad he is not our shepherd. He didnt like a man, he ordered his head off.

But oh Lord, we thank thee that thou art our shepherd. We pray thee for any who may be lost this night, for Jesus sake we pray before the lights go in this building they may have found the shepherd, or the shepherd found them. Grant it for Jesus sake, enlarge our hearts, make us big inside, bigger inside than we are outside, make us as big as the world, make us as big as the whole church of God, big enough to contain every saint. Let thy mercy be over us now for Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

"Let's pray. Oh Lord, Lord, Thou hast brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Thou hast set a candle in every Christian grave. Thou hast sanctified every floating Christian body in the vast sea. Thou hast sanctified every dried fleck of dust that was once a tabernacle of the Holy Ghost. Great God, Thou hast taken the darkness out of the future, and Thou hast set a thousand suns there. We thank Thee. Thou hast made the bitterest pain tolerable. Thou hast taught us to so number our days as those whose days are given as a school for the world to come. We pray for any who may be lost in this room tonight. We pray they may turn their hearts back to Thee, back to the scriptures, back to the cross, back to the blood, back to the Saviour.

Oh God, for our young people. Oh God, Thou knowest this terrible day. Oh God, Thou knowest this terrible day. We're inventing vaccines to keep them from dying of polio... and we're keeping them alive to teach them to be fools, and to live like fools and die like fools. My God, how confused everything is. We're licking one disease after another. We've pushed life expectance up thru 34 years to 60 some years, and all those years that we've gained on earth, we'll waste it. My God, forgive us. We're stupid. We're as beasts before you oh Lord. My God, we pray nobody might go out of this building tonight that hasn't found Thee as his God, and Jesus Thy Son as his Saviour, that doesn't know that immortality has come to him in essence, in eternal life in fact, and that now he can spread his wings and soar out, and rise, and become

enamoured of those things where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. Oh, my Father, don't let anybody here tonight be lost we pray. Save our young people from the nonsense and foolishness and chatter and all the devil inspired traps and tricks that would ruin them. Save them from their own lust. Save them from their own high spirits and hot blood. Save them from their poor ignorance.

Great God, save our young people. Save them all. Add to their numbers. Make them such magnets that they'll draw other young people in off the street that won't wait for em' to grow up from the kindergarten but they'll come in off the street to see what makes you young people happy faced. My Father do something for us. Spread the gospel message. Bless every man who at this hour in this city may be ending his sermon and inviting people to the front. Bless we pray every gospel preacher. May satan suffer a major defeat tonight and the kingdom of God a major victory, receive a major victory. Help us now as we wait upon Thee, In Christ's name, Amen."

"Oh God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, We aren't going to be around long. Hear us. These young people without any hope, without a grey hair, without any evidence of aid to call upon Thee, they won't be around long.

Turn like an ever roaring stream bed, all is summed away, Take life forgotten, a dream dies at the opening day: Within a tragic flesh and blood with all our cares and fears are carried downward like a flood and lost in following years. Oh God, we pray, give us spiritual vision, give us insight, give us prophetic vision. Please help us to be not be on the side of them that crucified Thee in our sympathies. Help us rather to get over on the side of them that understood Thine-ward life, that the kingdom of God is within you, ye share the temple of the Holy Ghost which ye have of God, and that Christ dwelleth in you, except ye be reprobate, that Christ in you the hope of glory, in Glory. We pray Thee, keep us right, and help us to be right and obedient in all the practical things of life. Help us to be sound and practical. Help us also Great God to pierce through all the outer trappings, and goals and days and days, where the Shekinah fire burns between the wings of the cherubim: 'Oh be, oh be, Thy loving Spirit.

Comfort every troubled breast. Let us all in Thee inherit. Let us find that second rest. Great God, take away our bent to sinning. Our plan though never be. In the faith at it's beginning. Set our hearts at liberty.' Now God, we pray Thou wilt talk to everybody's heart tonight. In this frank and blunt message, we pray that Thou wilt help everybody to understand what is meant, that no good person might be offended. If an angry bad man goes away mad, we haven't much care, but we don't want the good person to go away feeling bad, unless by conviction the Holy Spirit's trying to teach him the error of his ways. Oh for Christ sake we pray, that Thou would make thy people good people, and may it be said in this every one, if not now, then very soon to see every one of us, that he was a good man filled with the Holy Ghost, we thank, grant this we pray for Jesus' sake."

"Oh Father, We pray for all these who raised their hand, Oh God we pray: Break them loose from their friends. Break them loose from their little block of society. Break them loose we pray Thee, from the little things that interest them and take them aside. It may be into the desert. Take them into the silence of their own room. Take them somewhere and in awe-full glorious vision, may they come through to a place where they've taken Christ as their all in all forever, and surrender to the Spirit of God, to be in them, to guide them through, with them inward and outward and around and beneath and above: all that the water is to the fish, all that the air is to the bird on the wing, more than that, all that the soul is to the human body, all that the spirit is to the soul, may they do this Lord, for Jesus sake. Disturb them Lord. Don't let them forget this. Don't let them settle down oh God, to another week of grubbing, and may this be the week that all

that we've heard over the last week and heard today may become a living reality in our hearts. We ask this in Christ's name: Jesus break the repenter, Jesus break the repenter, Jesus break the repenter and touch them quick. Even though that doesn't quite, that's not quite in mood with the message, i have a feeling that alot of people have been fettered by men in preventing them from entering into moral understanding with what I've talked about. Let's trust God to break the fetters. Sing for a minute and let us stand."

"Let's watch and let's pray. Lord I thank Thee, we thank Thee, for the faith once delivered to the saints. We thank Thee for the hope that is ours. Bind us to men who once walked in this, good men and true, faithful men and true. We thank Thee that all the activities and faith and belief and discipline and prayer and warfare all led us to Him in every fulfillment. Now we found Him. We found Him there with everything we ever did. This wondrous Man who'll never sleep, Who'll sit and talk to us in ever giving. How we thank Thee for this miracle, this wonderful shining miracle; and You came from man. Blessed Jesus receive our thanks. We thank Thee Lord, we thank Thee. We pray that Thou would help everybody here tonight to open his heart, their heart wide to Your favour and plant a well to spring up onto eternal life. Lord help us. Help the deadline tonight. If any one may be partly back turned, nothing there may be squandered, helping maybe doubting. You see this night. May there be a quickening of the spirit to the God of spirits through Jesus Christ e'en to worship in spirit and in truth. We ask it in Jesus Name. Amen."

"Let's pray. Oh Christ, Emanuel, God with us, the Word made flesh to dwell among us, the Lamb that was slain who is risen again, Who is with us now, oh Christ, we pray, help us. Out of the Old Testament story that Thou hast said was written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world is come, we beseech Thee oh Christ, may the Spirit who inspired this story, may He visit as a torch, as a candle search our spirits tonight. We pray for those who are, who have been out there a little too much in the world, listening rather with tongue twisting, to the siren song of Jezebel, that have listening a little to the soft cooing of the daylight.

Oh Christ, make us strong to take our cross, to turn our backs upon Baal and all that he stands for, to follow the Lamb with us where we go. Help us tonight, and in this hour, this moment of deceit, this moment of making up our minds whether should we just go our way or whether we be like Christ in the world, give us the courage to say, 'Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to Thee to follow Thee.' We ask it in His Holy Name, Amen."

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