

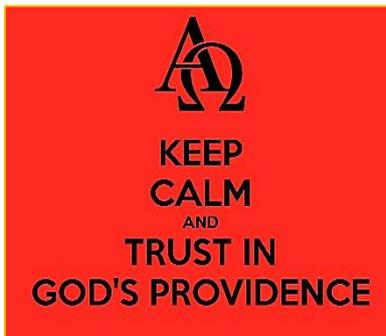
## GOD'S PROVIDENCE

***"Give me neither poverty neither riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me"***

*(Proverbs 30: 8)*

Jesus didn't teach us to pray that God would sell us our daily bread or render it to us in exchange for our service; instead, in this petition, we manifestly ask God to give us something.

We ask Him to give us daily bread. We are so needy as to be destitute (lacking necessary things), but He owns ***"the cattle on a thousand hills"*** (Psalm 50: 10, NKJV), so we go to Him as beggars asking for His charity.



eat, water to drink, clothes to wear, and shelter for our bodies.

Therefore, in His providence, He makes the crops grow, He makes the rains fall, and He provides what we need for clothing and homes.

He gives us what we need for daily life.

David wrote, ***"I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging for bread"*** (Psalm 37:25, NKJV).

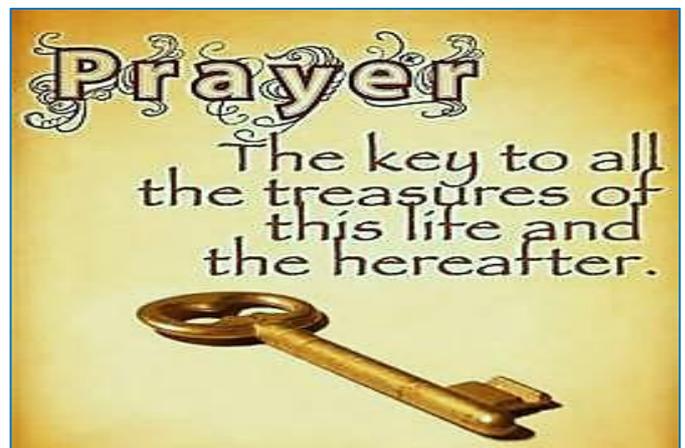
Scripture assures us that we can depend on Him to respond to such requests, for He is a giving God: ***"Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights"*** (James 1:17, NKJV).

That's a tremendous testimony to the constancy with which God answers the prayers of His people when they bring their needs to Him.

(Copy from R.C.Sproul, "IN THE PRAYER OF THE LORD") P.M.

God gives His gifts in order to provide for the needs of His people, for He is a God of providence. Providence is about God's provision.

An integral (whole, complete) element (substance) of that providence is His provision for our ultimate (final aim / goal) need of salvation – He provided Jesus, the Lamb without blemish (faultless), who was crucified concerned about our mundane (of this world, earthly), everyday needs, such as food to



# Always praying

*Ephesians 6: 18*



WHAT MULTITUDES of prayers we have put up from the first moment when we learned to pray.. Our first prayer was a prayer of ourselves; we asked that God would have mercy upon us and blot out our sin.

He heard us .But when He had blotted out our sins like a cloud, then we had more prayers for ourselves.. We have had to pray for sanctifying grace, for constraining and restraining grace; we have been led to crave for a fresh assurance of faith, for the comfortable application of the promise, for deliverance in the hour of temptation, for help in the time of duty, and for succour in the day of trial.

We have been compelled to go to God for our souls, as constant beggars asking for everything. Bear witness, children of God, you have never been able to get anything for your souls elsewhere.

All the bread your soul has eaten has come down from heaven, and all the water of which it has drunk has flowed from the living rock- Christ Jesus the Lord.

Your soul has never grown rich in itself; it has always been a pensioner upon the daily bounty of God; and hence your prayers have ascended to heaven for a range of spiritual mercies all but infinite.

Your wants were innumerable, and therefore the supplies have been infinitely great, and your prayers have been as varied as the mercies have been countless.

Then have you not cause to say, "I love the Lord, because He has heard the voice of my supplication"? For as your prayers have been many, so also have been God's answers to them.

He has heard you in the day of trouble, has strengthened you, and helped you, even when you dishonoured Him by trembling and doubting at the mercy-seat.

Remember this, and let it fill your heart with gratitude to God, who has thus graciously heard your poor weak prayers. **"Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, and forgot not all His benefits."**

## **Pray for one another** *James 5: 16*

AS AN ENCOURAGEMENT cheerfully to offer intercessory prayer, remember such prayer is the sweetest God ever hears, for the prayer of Christ is of this character. In all the incense which our Great High Priest (Jesus) now puts into the golden censer, there is not a single grain for Himself.

His intercession must be the most acceptable of all supplications – and the more like our prayer is to Christ's sweeter it will be; thus while petitions for ourselves will be accepted, our pleadings for others, having in them more of the fruits of the Spirit, more love, more faith, more brotherly kindness, will be, through the precious merits of Jesus, the sweetest oblation (something offered, now especially to God) that we can offer to God, the very fat of our sacrifice.

Remember again, that intercessory prayer is exceedingly prevalent. What wonders it has wrought! The Word of God teems with its marvellous deeds. Believer, you have a mighty engine in your hand, use it well, use it constantly, use it with faith, and you shall surely be a benefactor (kindly help) to your brother.

When you have the King's ear, speak to Him for the suffering members of His body.

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When you are favoured to draw very near to His throne, and the King say to you, **"Ask, and I will give you what you will,"** let your petitions be, not for yourself alone, but for the many who need His aid.

If you have grace at all, and are not an intercessor, that grace must be small as a grain of mustard seed. You have just enough grace to float your soul from the quicksand, but you have no deep floods of grace, or else you would carry in your joyous bark a weighty cargo of the wants of others, and you would bring back from the Lord, for them, rich blessings which but for you they might not have obtained.

*Oh, let my hands forget their skill,  
My tongue be silent, cold and still,  
If I forget the mercy-seat !*

(The articles **'Always praying'** and **'Pray for one another'** were written by Charles. H. Spurgeon) P.M.

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***"I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever"***

(A prayer of David in Psalm 86: 12)

***"That the Father may be glorified in the Son."*** It is to this end that Jesus on His throne in glory will do everything we ask in His name. Every answer to prayer He gives will have this as its object.

When there is no prospect of this object being obtained, He will not answer. It follows as a matter of course that with us, as with Jesus, this must be the essential element in our petitions.

The glory of the Father must be the aim – the very soul and life – of our prayer. This was Jesus' goal when He was on earth: ***I seek not mine own honour: I seek the honour of Him who sent me."***

In such words we have the keynote of His life. The first words of His High—Priestly prayer voice it: ***"Father glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son may glorify Thee on earth; glorify me with Thyself"*** (John 17: 1, 5, KJV).

His reason for being taken up into the glory He had with the Father is a twofold one: He has glorified Him on earth; He will still glorify Him in heaven.

All he asks is to be able to glorify the Father more. As we begin to share Jesus' feeling on this point, gratifying Him by making the Father's glory our chief object in prayer, too, our prayer cannot fail to get an answer.

The Beloved Son has said that nothing glorifies the Father more than His doing what we ask. Therefore, Jesus won't miss any opportunity to do what we request. Let us make His aim ours! Let the glory of the Father be the link between our asking and His doing!

(Andrew Murray, 'In with Christ in the School of Prayer') P.M.

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Quoting an excellent email from an unknown author there are numerous R's with different words stating about the sacrifice of Jesus and the response of His death and Resurrection.

Jesus Christ is the Redeemer of mankind. It Really happened for a Reason because we were Rebellious. We need a Redeemer to be Reconciled. We needed to be Recovered so as to be Reborn.

Jesus needed to be Rejected so that we could have a Relationship not just Religion. Jesus did to Remove our sin to Render Satan powerless, to Rescue us from eternity in hell. Some will be Repulsed. Some will Refuse to believe. Some will think you are Ridiculous (foolish) in believing that a death was Required. The Result of the sin has been Reversed and now through faith in Christ your Reward is eternal life in heaven and you are declared Righteous before God.

We wish you a very blessed Easter as we celebrate the glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ who gave the believers a Real hope of Resurrection to eternal life, too. God bless.

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**Prayer Points**

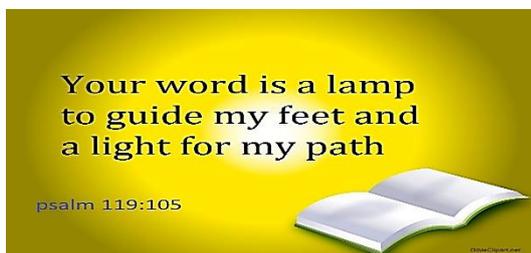
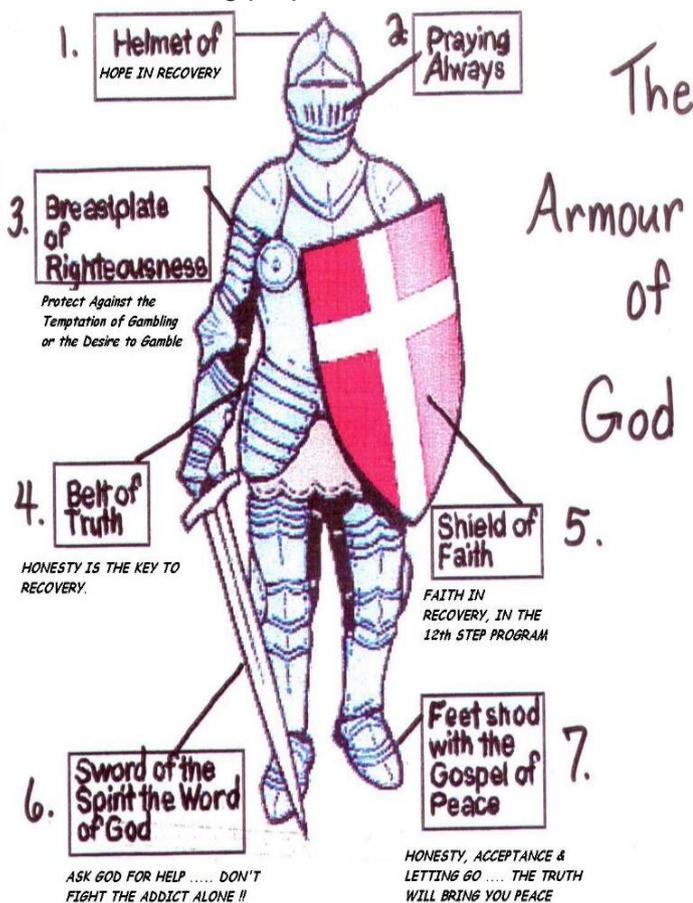
- Deaf churches and ministries in Australia.
- Deaf Ministries International / Deaf Missions.
- Pastors, elders on their care and teaching.
- The aged, sick and needy and deaf/blind persons.
- Young deaf people for their spiritual hunger.
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing families and interpreters.
- Australian government authorities
- Overseas Deaf Christian missions
- For Deaf ordained pastors through Deaf Christian Ministry Africa (DCMA) in Worcester, South Africa for their training for the African missions



**The Armour of God**

Read Ephesians 6: 13 -17

“Being prepared for battle “



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**The 18<sup>th</sup> DCF National Camp**



**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017.** Place:- Point Walter Recreational and Conference Centre in Bicton, Perth, WA..

The organising committee for DCFA advises that the camp for 2017 is still in the planning stage. Be patient with them, please.



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