

Systematic prayer can make dreams come true

from the churches

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THORNHILL — Could you watch with me one hour?

Jesus spoke those words in one of his last conversations with his disciples. He is still looking for men and women to stand in the gap, to intercede, to pray. Strangely enough, that was what the disciples knew they needed. They didn't ask Jesus to teach them to love, to give, to work, but they did ask "Teach us to pray".

Jesus responded by saying, "When ye pray, say . . ." In other words, you learn to pray by praying.

From our Sunday School days we know that prayer is talking to God. Just as we lose out in our marriage relationship if

we don't communicate, so in our relationship with God, God created us for his pleasure, to fellowship with him. Let's give him pleasure. Let's talk to him many times each day.

There's power in prayer! If we want to do a work for God, let's begin it on our knees. The psalmist, David started each day, praying, "in the morning, I will direct my prayer unto Thee".

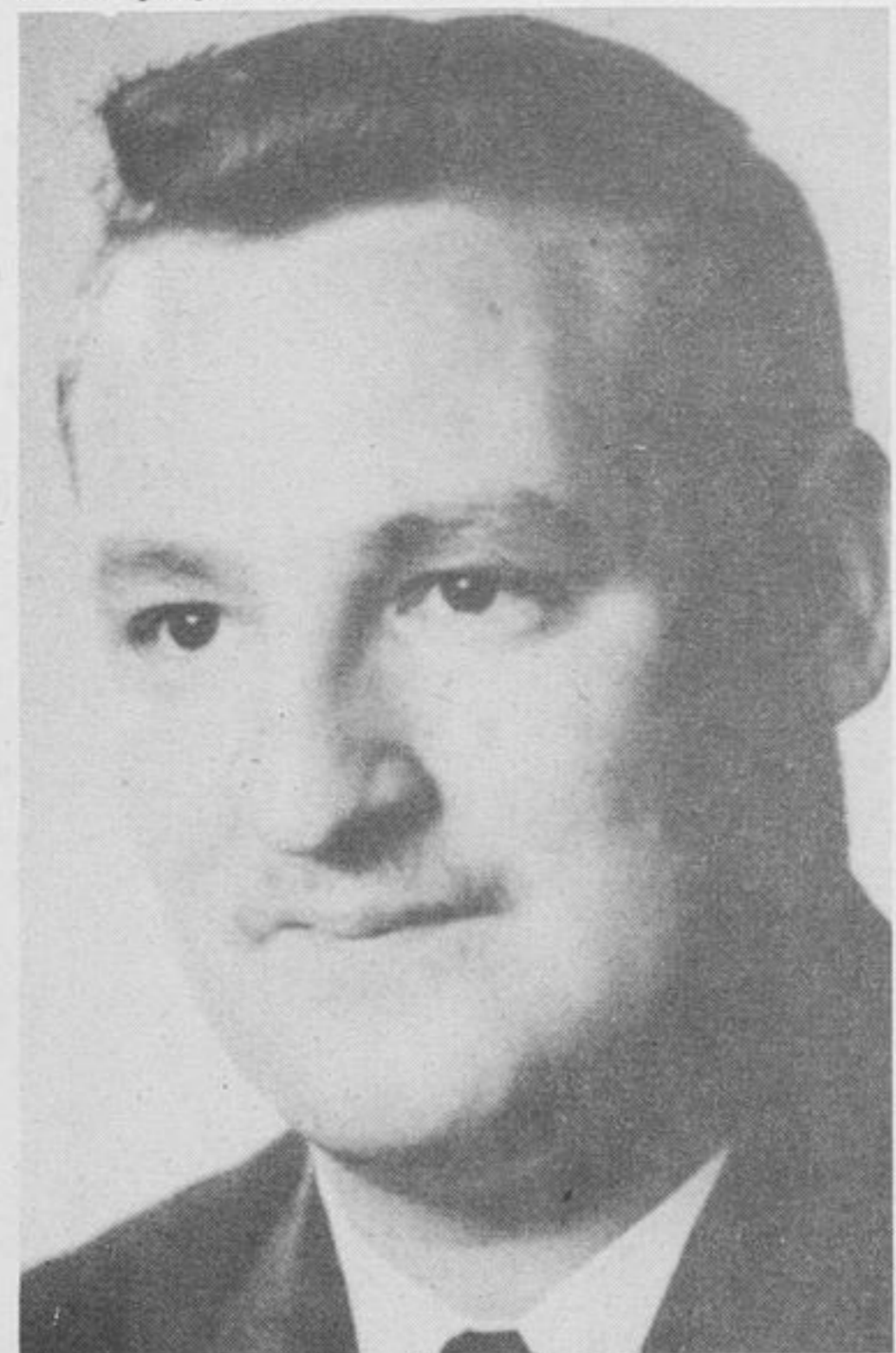
Jesus got up when it was not yet day and prayed. Run from God in the morning and you will be unlikely to find time for him the rest of the day.

Pray systematically. Daniel prayed three times a day. Let's establish a good habit. Pray regularly. They don't have to be long prayers. Elijah prayed only fifteen words for the resurrection of the widow's son, but at times, season's of prolonged prayer are called for.

Daniel prayed for 21

days for a special need, before choosing the 12

The church was praying Apostles. Apostle's view release from prison. The Apostle Paul tells Jesus prayed all night us to pray without



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ceasing. That doesn't mean to be constantly on your knees, but to be always in an attitude of prayer.

Pray at the red light, in line at the cafeteria, as you do dishes, walk the dog, etc. A person will find it easier to communicate with God in an hour of crisis if he is familiar with the way of the throne.

Sweet hour of prayer, Sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care,

And bids me at my Father's throne,

Make all my wants and wishes known.

Our prayers should include adoration of God, thanksgiving for received blessings, confession of sin, intercession for others and asking of God.

Many Christians feel they would be selfish to pray for their own needs but the Good Book says "Ye have not because ye ask not, ask that your joy be full."

Prayer for needs We are to ask in faith,

nothing wavering, "when ye pray, whatsoever things ye desire, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them".

The only stipulation is that we ask according to God's will.

Certainly it is God's will that we pray for those in authority. Our prime minister, our local government, our mayor, our clergy, our teachers — our young people — our leaders of tomorrow. A wise man long ago, inspired by the Holy Spirit said,

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people". With a born again president in the United States, can't we have more faith to pray for our nation?

Three things asked God gives us the formula for healing of our land. Three things He asks us to do, then He will do three things. We are to humble ourselves and pray, seek God's face and turn from our wicked ways. God's part is to hear from heaven,

forgive our sins and heal our land.

More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of! We need the Holy Spirit with us as we pray. However, we know not what we should pray for, but the spirit maketh in-

tercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered.

God is looking for men to stand in the gap for the land, so he will not destroy it. In Ezekiel's time, he found none. Will he find us? Or will we fall asleep like the disciples?

southern york region scheduled events

Kids films at libraries

DOWNSVIEW — Every Saturday hundreds of North York children come to the movies offered by the branches of North York Public Library. It's fun and it's free.

During each program a number of short films or cartoons are shown and each week brings something different. After the films many of the children go to the book shelves to browse or borrow books to take home.

For locations and times of Saturday film programs pick up a copy of "Goings On" at any branch of North York Public Library. And while you're looking through "Goings On", check the many other children's and adult programs.

Hair stylist speaks

THORNHILL — The Ladies of St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church will hold a general meeting Feb. 22 in the church hall on Green Lane.

Toronto hairstylist, Michael Kluthe will be featured during the evening when he gives a styling demonstration and hair care advice.

Youth Week in Gormley

GORMLEY — The Youth Fellowship of the Gormley Missionary Church are designating this week as Youth Week.

To celebrate they will hold a Winter Carnival Feb. 19 in the afternoon followed by a banquet at the church.

Jewish Education Day

WILLOWDALE — On Feb. 20, the North East Jewish Community Services will present an exciting concept in community programming. This event, a Jewish Education Day, will provide an opportunity for residents of Metro Toronto's North-East, including Thornhill and Richmond Hill, to obtain information on the full scope of Jewish Education available for their families.

Representatives from the Board of Jewish Education, Toronto Hebrew Day Schools, and afternoon and Sunday schools in the North-East community will be present at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Avenue, Willowdale, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. to answer questions concerning fees, philosophies, curriculum etc. Information on special education, high school programs and adult education will also be available.

For further information, please call the North-East Jewish Community Services at 221-9311.

Motor Home Show

MISSISSAUGA — Major North American manufacturers and distributors of recreational vehicles will participate in the Motor Home Show and Trailer Show scheduled to open Feb. 23 to 27 at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Road.

Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children. This is the largest show of its kind in Canada and will include displays of tent trailers, hardtops, fifth wheel and travel trailers, truck campers, van conversion and motor homes.

Arts and Crafts Show

DON MILLS — Looking for some new knick-knacks to brighten up your home? Why not visit the Arts and Crafts Show and Sale sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Ontario Heart Foundation.

Forty craftsmen and nine artists will be exhibiting their works to give you an opportunity to find that "special something" to add to your home.

The show will be held on Feb. 16, from 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. at the Civic Garden Centre, Edwards Gardens, New Floral Hall, Leslie St. and Lawrence Avenue.

Admission \$1 for adults; 25 cents for children under 12. Snack lunches, coffee, doughnuts and supper will be available.

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