

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I have been thinking about believing prayer. The disciples, upon observing Jesus' praying, realized that a profound aspect of prayer originated and came forth from God Himself. Therefore . . . **one of his disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray. . . (Luke 11:1).**

Instead of just bringing a shopping list of do's and give-me's from God, prayer can be described actually as a *prayer cycle*. You say, "A prayer cycle?" Yes. That is from God by the Spirit to the child of God; then through the Spirit to the Son; and back to the throne. "Well," you say, "I do not quite follow that." Let us go over it again. A prayer cycle - a prayer circle, actually - is what comes from the Father and is laid upon my heart by His Spirit. It might be somebody miles from where I am and I know I have to pray for them. That is coming from the Father by His Spirit. Then it is upon my heart as His child, His born-again believer. Then I find that by His Spirit to the Son, it comes back to the throne. That is a wonderful prayer circle. Suddenly you find you carry this enormous burden. You do not know what it is all about. And you suddenly think, after a few days, "Oh, I have not prayed about that." It is as if the Lord gives you that specific joy of bringing something He wants prayed over. Why He involves us is a miracle to me. What a privilege! People say, "Oh, I want to serve the Lord!" They see

themselves all dressed up and singing or bouncing around or saying something in a public manner. No. If you want to serve the Lord, you draw into His holy presence and say, *I am available, Lord. You pray through me. Put on my heart at the right time that burden of your Spirit and I will pray.*

You know, it was interesting. I was in church the other day. Because of physical problems, I sat near the back so I would not get bumped or banged. There was a seat where I knew somebody was going to come and sit near me. I had a special seat with arms to hold myself up. I thought this was great! All of a sudden, this lady came and she had a child with her. He was at that age where most children have a wriggle in them, but I looked at this boy and I thought, “Wow! He is a child who obviously has what we would call attention deficient disorder.” In other words, it is something that after two seconds on one subject he is on to the next thing. So this little boy was jumping up and crawling around, and I thought, “Any minute now, he is going to land on me!” So I went to prayer about this little fellow. I said, “You know, Lord, how I am feeling. I would like, please for You to do something about him sitting there.” I thought, “If only he went to the other side of his mother.” And the Lord just immediately put upon my heart the simple words: “I put him there.” So I said to the Lord, “Oh, well, okay, if You put Him there, You know I do not need him landing on me.” But I realized God had a reason. After that service, I turned to the mother.

This lady God had sent to that place. She was ready to say, “I do not know why I am here, but I know there is a purpose behind being here. I realize something has to happen for my child and myself.” Thank God, that person came to know the Lord. You know, I could not help but think how many times I might have thought, “Oh, this child! I wonder if I could move somewhere, but where could I go, because I sit on this particular seat, which is helping me physically?” Instead, the Lord involved me in that prayer circle. From the Father, by the Spirit speaking to me, the Lord impressed upon me, “I put that child there. I put those people there.” Somebody I would not have chosen to sit next to, He put there that I might pray and have the joy of leading the mother to Christ.

You see, the activity of God is always with a cooperative fellowship of true prayer that, really, we want something to happen that is coming from Him. “How do you pray?” you ask? You pray in the Name of Jesus. You say, *I come to Him*. What is prayer about? Prayer in the Name of Jesus is prayer under the direction and impulse of the Spirit of God. You might be in any situation and you come to the Father and, in the Name of Jesus, you pray, *Lord, I give this to You. Jesus, I am bringing this to You*. God answers according to His will and the heavens are moved. At that very moment, He sends His angels to do His bidding. I could tell you a multitude of stories of when in the most bleak, desperate hour people called to the Lord and praised Him. Right

at that moment, the heavens move and all the satanic-bound situations around that person are suddenly dispelled, because the Lord moves in and the enemy runs. Faith always anticipates an answer in His way and His time.

What about your life? Are you willing to give that situation? Are you willing to say, *Lord, the church is in a mess. You can turn it around in the power of Jesus. I am believing You as I pray for this.* Will you do that today?

Amen.