

PRAYER LIST

LINDA BULLOCK, medical issues/tests
 CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister
 BECKY BROWN, Sherri Clopton's mom
 WILLIAM CAREY's MOM
 ALAN DES ORMEAUX, Vinson friend; cancer
 CHRIS EMOND, Madison family friend; cancer
 ALANA FAIR
 JAMES GORDON, Bridget Smith's dad
 ANTORIAS GROVES, Ethel Clark's son-in-law, starting cancer treatments again
 EVELYN GUY, health issues
 BUD HARPER, Cindy's bro-in-law, health issues
 TERRY HARPER, Cindy's husband health issues
 THERMAN HODGE
 JACK HUNTLEY, Callens friend
 BILLY JOHN health issues
 JORDAN KEMBLE, Warren friend; brain tumor
 WALTER KING, Lamar's dad
 JACK MEARS
 JAKE NESTER, Fair friend – cancer, chemo
 CHARLENE RALEY, Stan's mom – health issues
 STAN RALEY, accident & surgery at home
 RANDY & GLENDA RIVES, Covid-19
 AL ST. CLAIR
 MATTHEW STOKLEY, Duncan friend - cancer
 RANDY SWALLOW, Linda Bullock's nephew
 THELMA TALBERT, Shirley Raley's mom
 RUTH TAYLOR, Brookdale/Meridian
 ANNIE THOMAS, Edna Toole's mother, health
 TERRY TRIBBLE, Renée Cumberland's friend
 PERRY TUBBY, Brandie Madison's dad
 ANNIE WEBB, Cindy Harper's g-grand-daughter
 MAX WEBB, Cindy's grandson, deployed
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The Confidence Of Prayer

(continued from cover)

I don't know how God will answer my prayers. John says He will. I also don't know when. His answer may be yes. The answer may be no. The answer may be for us to wait awhile. When Paul prayed for his thorn in the flesh to be removed, he got a different answer than what he expected. It was an answer, however, according to God's will. The response from God was "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9 NKJV).

He hears us. This is important to us. God hearing us simply means He answers our prayers. Some have argued that God hears all prayers. In the way John uses it, that is not so. God hears or responds to those who ask according to His will; but man sometimes blocks the connection. Here is what Isaiah adds, "Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear." (Isa.59:1, 2) What great assurance we have! If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. The more we know about Him, the more confidence we will have of our prayers being answered. John writes in 1 Jn. 5:15--"And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

One of the great assurances of the Christian is answered prayer. I am glad God hears and God answers, aren't you?

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But Whom Do You Say That I AM?

E T A C O V D A E W H R U R E T S A M F O G A V R S U S E J L N O W R E T M W A Y I C L V I N Y D A A K D D O R A T S G N I N R O M D A Y S T A R C P T S A L D N A T S R I F O R E R U N N E R E V G F N O P H H O T U J G R O L E S N U O C H C N A R B O N M P E I A G O N O F U O R H A D U J F O N O I L I F E I T E E M V M I M O S R S F K H O R N O F S A L V A T I O N S A R S A A H O F F E T K E E N D O G Y T H G I M L A M E N H I A S S Q N G D D O I L A N I N O S N E T T O G E B Y L N O D Z I T J O U N N N D E C A E P F O E C N I R P H Y P L P E A A E D Y O E G A C O R S T N E N I V D I V A D F O N O S M N H R Z W H S L Q A R S D P O C J T L A M B O F G O D B V F R H O R A T O U C I R P H P O C S N D E G E E L R L D R S G R H D N D O F A E O E R T E T R P O I N L V U H E E E H D D R A E S B M R V E R E O T R E S E E O T O L C I L R H R V S N L I K O A V E T I S G R V V N S A P S G A D A E R B T N H I W P S D R V S I T E R A G S G E V O N O R H L O W O R D H G S D C N O I T A D N U O F Y												
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| Amen | Faithful and True | Lion of Judah | Savior |
| Apostle | First and Last | Lord | Servant |
| Beloved Son | Forerunner | Lord of Lords | Shepherd |
| Bishop | Foundation | Master | Son of David |
| Branch | Governor | Master | Son of God |
| Bread | Head | Mediator | Son of Man |
| Captain | High Priest | Messiah | Vine |
| Carpenter | Holy and Just One | Mighty God | Way |
| Chosen | Horn of Salvation | Morning Star | Wonderful |
| Christ | I AM | Nazarene | Word |
| Consolation | Jesus | Only Begotten Son | |
| Cornerstone | Judge | Passover | |
| Counselor | King | Priest | |
| Day Star | King of Kings | Prince of Peace | |
| Deliverer | Lamb of God | Prophet | |