

Pleading God's Promises

By Dick Eastman

The degree to which we believe in God's Word and apply it to prayer is the degree to which God will pour out His power during our prayer.

Few leaders of the nineteenth century were known as much for their deep confidence in God and effectiveness in prayer as was George Mueller. At ninety years of age Mueller was able to declare, "I have never had an unanswered prayer." He claimed the secret to receiving answers to prayers lies in how the Christian applies God's Word during prayer. For example, George Mueller always prayed with an open Bible. He constantly filled his petitions with God's Word. Friends said the orphanage leader would not voice a petition without a "word from God" to back the petition. In fact, Mueller never started petitioning God until after he nourished himself in God's Word.

Describing his devotional hour, George Mueller wrote, "The first thing I did, after having asked in a few words the Lord's blessing upon His precious Word, was to begin to meditate on the Word of God, searching as it were into every verse to get a blessing out of it; not for the sake of the public ministry of the Word, nor for the sake of preaching on what I meditated upon, but for the sake of obtaining food for my own soul. The result I have found to be almost invariably this, that after a very few minutes my soul has been led to confession, or to thanksgiving, or to intercession, or to supplication; so that, though I did not as it were, give myself to prayer, but to meditation, yet it turned almost immediately more or less into prayer."

George Mueller had learned the important secret of transforming God's Word into faith-filled petitions. He literally "prayed" the word of God.

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How to Start a *Cords of Three* Prayer Ministry

Step 1 - Commit yourself to God as His servant to begin this new prayer ministry. Ask Him to help you identify one or two (max.) other believers and invite them to join you each week for a 10-15 minute phone prayer meeting. Don't expect everyone to say "yes."

Write the names below of those you are going to invite to join you.

Step 2 - Organize an initial phone meeting to decide on the logistics (day, time, who will initiate the call, etc.). Put it on your calendar and don't let anything supplant it.

Step 3 - Resolve to begin on a specific date and to be committed to the Lord, to each other, and the weekly prayer meeting.

Step 4 - Deploy. Get started. It may seem a bit awkward at first, but your *Cords of Three* prayer ministry will quickly become a powerful spiritual influence in your life and the lives of those you meet with each week.



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1 ☐

Men's Ministry/
Spiritual impact/
Outreach & growth
Colossians 4:2-3

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Cords of 3/
Personal prayer
Psalm 103:8

5 ☐

New location for
Lamplighters office
2 Corinthians 9:10

6 Discipleship
Training/
More laborers
James 1:12

7 ☐

New resource
development/
Courageous believers
Hebrews 10:36

8 ☐

Women's Retreat
Jan. 8-11/
Psalm 40:1

9 ☐

Women's Retreat
Jan. 8-11/
Cords of 3
Revelation 3:7-8

12 LI leaders & groups/
Pastors & churches,
LI staff & volunteers
Psalm 66:5

13 6-week SR Prayer
class begins/
More laborers
Colossians 3:16

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SW Florida Leader's Forum Matthew 6:33

15 ☐
 Youth Ministry/
 Spiritual impact/
 Outreach & growth
 Joshua 1:8-9

16 Leadership Training
Hope City Church
on Jan. 17
Jeremiah 32:7

19 Leadership Training at the Villages Lamentations 3:23

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John Speaking at Men's Fellowship

Jeremiah 1:12

21 ☐

New resource
development/
Fruitful believers
Mark 9:23

22 Greater gratitude/
Evangelism/
Families
Psalm 31:19

23 Leadership Training
Hope City Church
on Jan. 24
Psalm 34:18-19

26 LI leaders & groups/
Pastors & churches,
LI staff & volunteers
Jeremiah 17:7

27 ☐

Discipleship
Training/
More laborers
Philippians 4:11-13

28 John Stewart's
writing/
Believing believers
Jeremiah 32:40

29 ☐

Greater gratitude/
Evangelism/
Families
Ecclesiastes 6:9

30 New location for
Lamplighters office
Colossians 3:17

PRAY SCRIPTURES

Begin by thinking about the meaning of each keyword in that verse. How does it affect the meaning of that verse?

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength." - *Isaiah 40:28-29*

“But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” - *Isaiah 40:31*

"The only enduring motive for prayer is that God is worthy to be sought." – Daniel Henderson, Strategic Renewal

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PRAYER LIST

Personal:

FAMILY & FRIENDS
NEIGHBORS & ASSOCIATES
GOVERNMENT & LEADERS

Spiritual:

LABORERS
SOULS SAVED
BIBLE STUDY GROUP
GREATER —
Godliness • Growth
Commitment • Faithfulness

Add Your Own:

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