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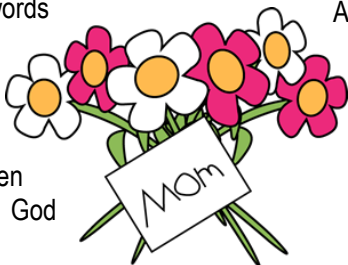
Mother's Day, Tomorrow is a special day. It is MOTHER'S DAY! Each of us has or has had, a mother and quite likely thought she was special. So let's celebrate mothers. Without mothers, there would be no you or me. So praise God for mothers. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Mother's Day brings back memories of maternal advice and admonition. Picture the scene with these famous offspring.

- Alexander the great's mother: How many times do I have to tell you---you can't have everything you want in this world?!
- Franz Shubert's mother: Take my advice: Never start anything you can't finish.
- Madame de Pompadour's mother: For heaven's sake, child, do something about your hair!
- Sigmund Freud's mother: Stop persterring me! I've told you a hundred times the stork brought you!

When I was in the military, stationed in France, I searched far and wide for the **perfect** Mother's Day card for my mother. I found it---(so I thought). It stated: "God couldn't be everywhere, so he made mothers."

When I came home on furlough there was my card, proudly displayed (my thinking) on the "What Not Shelf". During the course of my visit, a conversation ensued around my card. Mothers said, "Girl, God is everywhere! I kept the card out here so I would remember to talk with you about it when you came home. Though mother has long departed this life, her words linger in my memory and visit me whenever I shop for cards for any occasion. Words spoken today have tremendous impact on children tomorrows to come. May God Bless all of you!!!



ANSWERED PRAYER PRAYER

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Note: This is a continuation of the April issue of the Newsletter.

Rules for Prayer One must always pray in accordance with the will of God: Prayer is allowing God to intervene in our lives. It is allowing the Will-of-God to replace our own freewill. If what we pray for is not in accordance with the will of God, but instead is asking God to commit our will our prayers will be ineffective. Prayer is giving God permission to intervene, not making God subordinate.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God; that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we ask of him. 1 John 5:14 – 15

One must be convinced God will answer our prayers. We Pray because we trust God will fulfill his promise to answer our prayers. If we believe God exists, and we believe **Christ** offers us communion with God, then there should be no doubt God will Answer prayers. This is what Christians call faith. If one does not have faith, God Will not listen to their prayers.

If any of you lack wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. James 1:5 - 6

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true.

And we are in him who is true even in his son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

PASTOR'S CORNER

In the light of the truth that is shining in our day, we are reproved for the dearth of the Holy Spirit. . . . As long as individuals are content with a mere theory of truth, and are yet lacking in the daily operation of the Spirit of God upon the heart, which is manifested in outward transformation of character, they are cutting themselves off from the qualification that would fit them for greater efficiency in the Master's work. . .

The baptism of the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost will lead to a revival of true religion, and to the performance of many wonderful works. Heavenly intelligences will come among us, and men and women will speak as they are moved upon by the Holy Spirit of God. But should the Lord work upon people as He did on and after the day of Pentecost, many who now claim to believe the truth would know so very little of the operation of the Holy Spirit that they would cry, "Beware of fanaticism." They would say of those who were filled with the Spirit, "They are filled with new wine" [Acts 2:13, NRSV]. . . . (Ellen White, *Christ Triumphant*, p. 371)

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