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Be True In Prayer

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For centuries, Italy has set standards in art, architecture, clothes and food. A good image is part of the Italian culture. This has created a positive impact for the rest of the world, and Italy today is praised for it.

But there is a negative side to this. In order to keep these high standards of image, people started wearing masks to cover the negative aspects of their own lives, which indeed has become part of the culture. Christians aren't excluded from this!

While travelling through Europe during our furlough, we encountered the same problems. Only when it's already too late for broken relationships in churches, families, and marriages – when reconciliation seems nearly impossible – do the masks come off.

Now, we all know that appearance doesn't count with God. He knows our hearts. But still I notice in my life that I try "to appear" instead of "being" before God. This is exactly the attitude of God's people in a verse we read in our family devotions today: "And so the Lord says, 'These people say they are mine. They honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far away. And their worship of me amounts to nothing more than human laws learned by rote'" (Isaiah 29:13, NLT).

I rarely hear personal and honest prayers in church; and I notice that I have adapted to this way of praying. But this is not what God wants. He wants us to be true in our lives before Him and to do the same in our prayer lives. This means that if I'm feeling bad, I need to tell Him. If I'm not accepting what happens in my life, I need to tell Him. When our hearts and our words are identical, God will hear us and act (in His time)!



From a listener in Cambodia:

I like to listen to *Thru The Bible* programme because this programme leads me through from one verse to the others so that I can understand and know clearly about the Word of God. This programme is a very beneficial programme for Cambodian Christians and churches. May God bless your ministry.

From a listener in Indonesia:

At this moment I am very ill. I have problems with my lungs and my eyes. I stay home alone. My husband died some years ago. All my children stay on other island. But in my loneliness I feel so close to God. When I listen to your programmes I listen to God's words and I am blessed and become strong. Thank you and keep praying for my health.

From a Burmese listener:

My name is <n> and I belong to a Lisu tribe; I write to you because I want to listen to your preaching always to be inspired and strengthened. My husband was converted from <another religion> just recently. He was converted by the preaching of one of the pastors of Assembly of God church. I am a Baptist. For many reasons both of us did not attend our church anymore and attended other churches. Then we were told that my church members did not want us to attend other churches. Therefore, we do not attend any church, and only listen to your programme bearing in mind that this is our time of worship and prayer. We love the song programme also.

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**The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?**
Psalm 27: 1

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| <p>1) Please pray for TWR-UK chief executive Russell Farnworth as he leads the work in the UK. Pray for God's enabling and wisdom in his daily tasks and decisions, and as he develops the ministry for the future.</p> | <p>2) Give thanks for our global teams for Children and Youth, Women, Holistic Health and Oral Communications that are continuing to pray together, share ideas and develop best practices.</p> | <p>3) Please pray for TWR-UK's Council - that they will have wisdom, insight and enterprise in overseeing the UK ministry's development.</p> |
| <p>4) Please pray for all our management teams worldwide.</p> | <p>5) Praise God, our heavenly Father, who constantly watches over our staff and facilities worldwide. Pray for his continuing protection of the people and equipment through which his work is done.</p> | <p>6) Please pray for God's protection of Marli Spieker and all those involved in the work of Project Hannah.</p> |
| <p>7) Please pray for our important follow-up work in the UK – especially for Fiona Chamberlin - as she helps and encourages those who phone in, and handles the incoming and outgoing mail.</p> | <p>8) Please keep in your prayers the ongoing work in China to distribute Bibles, radios, and other study materials. Pray that everything will safely reach those who need them.</p> | <p>9) Please pray for our Internet ministry here in the UK. Pray for a good, reliable connection at all times for our listeners, for a growing awareness of the service, and that God will use it to achieve his purposes through TWR-UK.</p> |
| <p>10) Please pray for all prospective TWR workers who are trying to raise the financial support they need to maintain them on the mission field.</p> | <p>11) Pray for one of our Cambodian <i>Happy Children's Garden</i> programme listeners who is a victim of sex trafficking; she's only 15 years old. Please pray for God's healing for her life and from the trauma.</p> | <p>12) Please pray for the churches in Malaysia for protection from attack and threats.</p> |
| <p>13) Thank God for the completion of the TWR-Vietnam website. This website has programmes for children, women, students and church workers. Please pray that the programmes will be of benefit to all those in Vietnam, and around the world, who listen.</p> | <p>14) Thank the Lord for the almost 200 contacts TWR gained at the Urbana missions conference. Pray for the HR team as they follow up with each contact, and for the people the team interacted with; that they would be guided by the Holy Spirit as they seek God's will for their future ministries.</p> | <p>15) Please pray for TWR's <i>Bible Fountain</i> programme which nourishes the thirsty souls of North Africa.</p> |

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| <p>16) Please pray for the programmes directed at the Roma community living across Europe. Pray that the programme makers will be able to use and respond to the situations which are specific to this people group.</p> | <p>17) Please pray for funds for school kits, which will enable impoverished Venezuelan children to receive education.</p> | <p>18) Please pray for the spring edition of our UK quarterly newsletter Listening World which is going out soon to our supporters. Pray for a safe, smooth distribution, that it will inform and inspire its readers, and be instrumental in introducing many others to TWR's ministry.</p> |
| <p>19) Please pray for the pastors and lay leaders in South America who are learning how to lead and teach their churches through TWR's Escuela Biblica (Bible School) radio programme.</p> | <p>20) Pray for the TWR-Asia work with local women from the villages in East Java to help them learn about making handicrafts. This will help to produce something that they can sell to get some income for their family.</p> | <p>21) Only 12% of the Mossi of West Africa are Christian. As oral communicators, the Mossi enjoy storytelling and music in their daily life. TWR-Africa broadcasts programmes in the Mòoré language to this people group but more are needed. Pray for the development of the new programme block and for financial provision to see this happen soon.</p> |
| <p>22) Pray for the <i>Harapan (Hope)</i> programme that is produced for the youth in Indonesia. Currently it is broadcast on 22 local FM stations in Indonesia. Pray that the producer will be given wisdom and creativity to touch the needs of the young people in Indonesia.</p> | <p>23) Women and men of prayer have gathered under the flag of Project Hannah in Angola for eight years now – 4,000 strong! Many strongholds have been broken through faithful, fervent prayer. Pray with the Angolan Project Hannah team for the ministries they are involved in: outreach to prisoners, care of patients in the hospital and help for the needy within their community.</p> | <p>24) Pray for Pastor N, our Ministry Area Coordinator in Bali, as he is actively engaged in the ministry to the children in an orphanage using our children and youth programmes. May the Lord use the programmes to help them grow spiritually. Many of them are not believers.</p> |
| <p>25) Please pray for our work in the UK, especially for those involved in programme production, that, inspired by God's Holy Spirit, they will bring his Word to the nation with relevance and power.</p> | <p>26) Please pray for the African church leaders, that they may be better equipped for the ministry through the programmes available to them on TWR.</p> | <p>27) Please pray for TWR broadcasts to Russia, as Christian programming is often not welcome there.</p> |
| <p>28) Praise God for the wonderful opportunity He has given us to broadcast on DAB digital radio in the North West of England!</p> | <p>29) Please pray that the Lord will have His hand over all the technical aspects of our new DAB digital radio service.</p> | <p>30) Please pray for all our potential listeners in the North West of England. Please pray that the new DAB digital radio service will allow them easy access to hear the Word of God.</p> |
| <p>31) The new DAB opportunity has given us a new financial challenge to face, but one we believe is achievable. Please pray that TWR can find the funds needed to support this wonderful opportunity to broadcast to 6 million listeners in the North West of England.</p> | <p>TWR's Vision:</p> <p>'To reach the world for Christ by mass media so that lasting fruit is produced'</p> | |