

**WORLD WIDE
PRAYER MEETING
USA SOUTHERN TERRITORY
THURSDAY JANUARY 26, 2017**

What is Prayer? From Timothy Keller's book,
"Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy With God"

"Prayer is both conversation and encounter with God.
. . . We must know the awe of praising his glory, the
intimacy of finding his grace, and the struggle of
asking his help, all of which can lead us to know the
spiritual reality of his presence." (5)

"What is prayer, then, in the fullest sense? Prayer is
continuing a conversation that God has started
through his Word and his grace, which eventually
becomes a full encounter with him (48). . . . The power
of our prayers, then, lies not primarily in our effort
and striving, or in any technique, but rather in our
knowledge of God (49)."

Song 743/379 South Shields

1.
AS we come in prayer before You
We with gratitude would say:
Thank You, Father, for the family
Where each member learns to pray.
Even we, Lord, Your dear children,
Know what family life can mean
When each one keeps close beside You,
And the love of Christ is seen.

2.
For our special Army family
We would bring our thankful prayer
And we, humbly, Lord, would ask You
Now to keep us in Your care.
As You guide and lead us forward
Help us every day to pray
For each other, and our leaders
Serving in your world today.

3.
In our prayers we must remember
That our family is worldwide,
For all people are Your children
And the ones for whom You died.
So no selfish prayer we offer
But to You we gladly bring
All who live here on this planet;
May we serve You as our king.

Alan Bateman

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 (J.B. Phillips
New Testament

^{2 1-2} Here then is my charge: First, supplications,
prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings should be
made on behalf of all men: for kings and rulers in
positions of responsibility, so that our common life
may be lived in peace and quiet, with a proper sense
of God and of our responsibility to him for what we
do with our lives.

³⁻⁶ In the sight of God our Saviour this is undoubtedly
the right thing to pray for; for his purpose is that all
men should be saved and come to realise the truth.
And that is, that there is only one God, and only one
intermediary between God and men, Jesus Christ the
man. He gave himself as a ransom for us all—an act
of redemption which happened once, but which stands
for all times as a witness to what he is.

⁷ I was appointed proclaimer and messenger of this
great act of his, to teach (incredible as it may sound)
the Gentile world to believe and know the truth.

⁸ I want the men to pray in all the churches with
sincerity, without resentment or doubt in their minds.

**International Territory Focus: USA Southern
Territory**

Territorial Leaders:

Commissioners Donald C. & Debora K. Bell
Chief Secretary & TPWM Colonels F. Bradley &
Heidi Bailey

Zone" Americas & Caribbean

USA States included in the territory: Alabama,
Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana,
Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma,
South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, District
of Columbia

Statistics: Officers 1,481 (active 946 retired 535)
Cadets 97, Employees 15,639, Corps 339, Institutions
568, Senior Soldiers 29,168, Adherents 2,262, Junior
Soldiers 648

Prayer Requests: USA Southern Territory

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Benediction Song 1041/435 "Thou Shepherd of Israel"

THIS, this is the God we adore,
Our faithful, unchangeable friend,
Whose love is as great as His power,
And knows neither measure nor end.
'Tis Jesus, the first and the last,
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe Home;
We'll praise Him for all that is past,
And trust Him for all that's to come.