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Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

The Power of Prayer

Dr. Samuel Johnson, English author and critic during the Eighteenth Century, is right in observing that to "reason philosophically on the nature of prayer is very unprofitable." People cannot be won to prayer by mere logic: examples of prayer-power in life are much stronger than arguments.

Nothing can convince us of the dangers of prayerlessness more than seeing the power that prayer brings to life. Then the shocking realization comes that prayerlessness deprives our lives of this power, that it weakens the church, and that it leads to moral and spiritual decline of a nation. "The Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, nor His ear dull that it cannot hear" (Isaiah 59:1). Prayerlessness, however, keeps our needs from reaching His ear and stays His hand from coming to our aid.

*Oh what peace we often forfeit,
 Oh, what needless pain we bear,
 All because we do not carry
 Everything to God in prayer.*

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