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*Ephphatha, that is  
Be opened.*

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*“Why, what evil has He done?”*

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# The Suffering of Christ

“Crucify Him! Crucify Him!” the crowd angrily shouted, and pushed around the judgment seat of the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. “He said He was equal with God!” “He said He was a king!” “By our law He must die!” “Crucify Him!”

So they struck Him and whipped Him. Soldiers dressed Him as a king — royally — with a crown of thorns, a reed for a scepter, purple for kingly robes, and they bowed down in mocking worship. They pushed Him around, laughed in His face, spat on Him as if He deserved it. Then they pounded nails through His hands and feet and hung Him on a cross to die.

Why did Jesus have to die? Only a few days before He had been healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind, giving hearing to the deaf right in the holy temple. What wrong had He ever done? Had He not preached and taught the truth as God had written it in His holy Word? Then why was this innocent man killed?

In shame history would not reveal the answer, but God tells us in His Word: “The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). The sinless Jesus was “put to death for our

sins” (Romans 4:25). Jesus had not sinned, but God put on His shoulders all our wrongdoing, our shame, and our guilt. Jesus carried it all to the cross, where He — this one innocent Man — accepted the punishment of God’s anger against your sin and my sin.

God sent Jesus to die so that we might look from our shamed and guilt-filled hearts through His cross and see that God’s just anger has been satisfied. Instead of punishment God offers His free gift of forgiveness and eternal life to everyone who believes in the name of Jesus. And God proved the truth of this gift by raising Jesus from the dead to life.

This Lenten season helps us remember that Jesus had to die for our sins and shame. Through His love-action God draws us to Himself. He speaks to us through His Word. We speak to Him in prayer. We humble ourselves at the foot of Jesus’ cross, so that we may rejoice together in His Easter resurrection and triumph. Death will hold no sting for the believer. Satan is crushed, and sin has lost its power. Praise God! The victory belongs to us through Jesus!

## Home for the Young Deaf

### *A Letter from Nigeria*

Just think how often we are classified as a number in our highly developed society today. We use numbers for our ZIP Code, Social Security, telephone, driver’s license, charge accounts, insurance policies, and voting registration. Even our contribution envelopes at church are numbered. Amid the confusion of

numbers and codes spinning in our heads, has the thought ever crossed your mind what it must be like *not* to be counted? *not* to have a number? *not* to be registered?

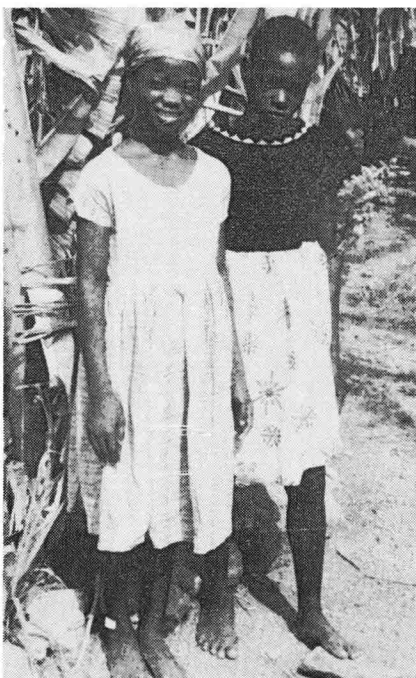
All too often our blessings come as disguises, often shrugged off and ridiculed. If we are a “number,” then we know that someone else knows we are around, whether it

be the telephone company, the department store, the insurance man, the government, or the church. Many of us have probably never thought what it might be like if people other than our immediate families did not know that we existed.

Such a situation may sound impossible, yet the country where I am working has few records of births, deaths, or marriages. It has no statistics on the birthrate, the mortality rate, children of school age, old people, disease, the handicapped, or the mentally ill. From this field of "unknown people" we have managed to gather together nine small children who are unloved and unwanted by their own families. Their parents believe that

these children are possessed by evil spirits. They are afraid of these children and reject them. In our society these children would be recognized as deaf and in need of special education mixed with an extra measure of love. But in Nigeria they are all too often ignored and neglected.

Our work with these children began a year ago, in September 1963. With just a handful of five preschoolers we began our school in a small, dingy garage. We had one lonely light bulb dangling from the ceiling, no windows, a dirt floor, and double doors that opened out directly onto a busy street. But it was a beginning. Our purpose for establishing the Home for the Young Deaf is to supply a Christian at-



Here are two of the oldest girls at the Home for the Young Deaf. Seliatu (left) is 9. She became deaf two

years ago as a result of sickness. She was never taken to a medical doctor, and no one really knows what the illness was. We do know that she had a very high fever, and it left her without hearing.

Tinuola (right) is also 9 but has been deaf since birth. We had Tinuola only a short six months. She is once again back working on her parents' farm, for they felt they could not afford to pay for her education. They needed her more on the farm. It is heartbreaking to know that Tinuola needs our help and we cannot give it to her.

Both Seliatu and Tinuola come from families that do not know God, as do most of our children. Their parents cannot read or write and do not understand the needs of their children. We have much to teach these people. We feel we must first begin with the children. For this work we need your prayers and support.

mosphere in which the children will be given the chance to grow mentally, physically, and spiritually.

The tremendous obstacles that loomed before us that first year were many times almost unsurmountable. Our school had to be a boarding school due to the lack of transportation to take these children back and forth from their villages in the bush. We had barely enough money to buy classroom essentials, let alone to feed, clothe, and house the children. Because of our strong faith and firm belief that this school was the Lord's will, we struggled on.

How we ever made it through the first year financially, I will never really know. Urgent letters of appeals for help were sent to friends in the States. Soon the first check arrived. Then more followed. We managed to purchase a few tables and chairs, cabinets, classroom equipment, and beds. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Oyesola manage the school and give of themselves selflessly in time and effort. The teaching load has been divided between the three of us. No salaries are received. The school cook and houseboy work for pennies.

Our small handful of five children has grown to nine. We have since moved into a larger building, with the school and boarding home under one roof. The financial struggle

still continues. Parents are too poor and unwilling to help pay for food and lodging for their child, and the full burden falls on our shoulders.

We have over 30 children waiting to enroll at the school. If only we had the means for support and expansion! Our program offers classes in lipreading, speech, the manual alphabet, arts and crafts, sense training, religion, dancing, and physical education. The school conducts its own nondenominational Sunday school services.

The children receive a balanced diet combined with lots of love. They are beginning to respond. Not only are their thin bodies beginning to grow strong, but they are also showing a true response to our love. These children, who were once almost wild and animal-like, are now responding more nearly like normal children who feel secure and loved.

Our financial battle has not been won, but the birth pains have subsided and the painful process of growing is now in progress. It is only through courage and help from many that we will be able to continue to reach out and help these children. It is our sincere prayer that these children continue to experience their Savior's love and that someday they may truly learn to know their Savior, Jesus Christ.

MRS. MARIAN YUNGHANS  
Ibadan, Nigeria

## Notes from the Executive Secretary

### *Dear Friends in Christ Jesus:*

It has been quite some time since you have heard from us via the pages of the DEAF LUTHERAN. This first year has been an extremely

busy one for us in organizing our work here in the St. Louis office and getting acquainted with our missions hither and yon. We have preached in behalf of our deaf churches to

our hearing brethren on four different occasions in various parts of the country, including a mission fair at North Tonawanda, N. Y.

### **Field Notes**

On Oct. 25—29 it was our privilege to preach at our deaf congregation in Detroit at a "Families for Christ" Mission Week. This mission program was held throughout the state of Michigan together with our hearing Lutheran churches. This was indeed a blessed experience. While in Detroit, we also traveled with Pastor Borchardt to Monroe, Mich., where we had a service with the deaf. We also had time to visit our new Lutheran junior college at Ann Arbor.

While attending a meeting of our Board for Missions to the Deaf in Chicago, we visited and attended services at our Ephphatha Deaf Congregation and had an opportunity to see the beginning of the construction of Ephphatha Congregation's new church. This building is scheduled to be dedicated on Sunday, Jan. 31.

At their Chicago meeting our board had the opportunity to meet for two days with the boards of the Lutheran Church in America and The American Lutheran Church to discuss our mutual concerns and establish policies by which the three churches will conduct the work with the deaf in the future. In this way we hope to avoid the complications that have arisen in the past when two Lutheran pastors of two different church bodies were attempting to work with the deaf in the same area.

Our travels took us to Milwaukee, Wis., where we met with our Lay Training Committee, Pastors Corl and Mueller. This committee met

with President Koester and Prof. Heyne at the Lutheran Lay Training Institute there. We are trying to work out a program with this institute to enable our deaf lay people to take training for full-time service in the church. It will take many hours to work out all of the problems in setting up such a program, but at least a good beginning has been made. We hope to report our progress to our deaf churches often.

At the Minneapolis, Minn., board meeting we viewed a new program of education being conducted by Pastor Hauptman and his parish worker, Mrs. Florence Finke, at the local Lutheran High School. Classes for a fine group of young deaf youth have been set up this year at the high school. If this program proves successful, we hope to repeat it at other Lutheran high schools across the country.

We had an opportunity to be with the deaf congregation in Indianapolis, Ind., where we enjoyed the hospitality of Pastor and Mrs. Pokorny. It was our privilege to preach there on Sunday morning, Dec. 13, for the dedication of a new chancel cross. The next day it was our pleasure to meet with the fine group of young men at our Senior College at Fort Wayne. These young men are studying the sign language with Pastor Pokorny and show some interest in a future ministry to the deaf. That evening in Fort Wayne, in spite of some bitterly cold weather and snow flurries, a fine group of deaf people attended the worship service. Although the church was chilly, their hearts were warm in a friendly and attentive reception of the preaching of God's Word. The college students assisted in the service.

At the time of this writing we regret to report that our congregations in Des Moines and Council Bluffs, Iowa, are still without a pastor. Both Pastor G. A. Gehrs, Jr., of Riverside, Calif., and Pastor Herman Graef of Omaha, Nebr., received calls to Des Moines. After prayerful consideration both pastors declined. It is our fervent prayer that the Lord will guide these congregations in their future call meetings so that they may select a pastor who, guided by the Holy Spirit, will be led to accept their call and become their pastor.

### ***New Workers***

Recent months have brought into our corps of workers three new parish workers. Mrs. Katie M. Brown, a graduate of Gallaudet College, has become the parish worker serving with Pastor Mason in our Chicago parish. Mrs. Julia Urciuoli of Cranford, N. J., is serving our New Jersey parish and Pastor Gerhold. More recently, Miss Johanna Becker has been employed in our Edmonton, Alta., field, serving under Pastor Bauer.

Our board has also requested the services of another vicar. Vicar Myron Prok of our Springfield, Ill., seminary is expected to enter our work among the deaf in February

to serve in the Omaha, Nebr., field. He will assist Pastor Graef, who has been called upon to serve an additional 200 children in the Council Bluffs, Iowa, school twice each week.

During the past school year the board has employed as part-time student helpers James Bengelsdorf of our Springfield seminary and Robert Bremer of our St. Louis seminary. Deaconess Joan Cole, formerly of Bethlehem Lutheran Children's Home in New Orleans, has entered a training program at our deaf school in Detroit. Here she will acquaint herself with the teaching of deaf children and also assist Pastor Borchardt in serving the adult deaf in his Detroit parish. With the addition of these new workers the total number now on our staff working among the deaf from coast to coast and in Canada is 57.

### ***Building Programs***

Not only is our deaf mission increasing rapidly in the number of workers, but also in the number of deaf churches and building programs. As we mentioned previously, Ephphatha Congregation in Chicago will already be worshipping in their new building as you read this. Two other building programs are presently under way — at Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Columbus, Ohio, and Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Louis, Mo. New sites for churches have been purchased in Great Falls, Mont., and Vancouver, B. C., Canada. Alpha Congregation in Rochester, N. Y., has recently sold its property at 1369 East Avenue and is now working with a local building advisory committee in seeking a better location for a new

**The Convention of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod will be held in Detroit, Mich., June 15—26, 1965**

Visit the Deaf Missions Booth in Convention Hall

church. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dallas, Tex., which encourages the deaf to worship in its facilities, has been granted financial aid by the board to include a deaf chapel in its new worship center. This project will be completed sometime in 1965. Congregations in Winnipeg, Canada, and Memphis, Tenn., have also organized building committees and are currently seeking sites upon which to build chapels.

### **Pastor Ernest Mappes**

Pastor Ernest Mappes of Omaha, Nebr., has notified the Board for Missions that he wishes to retire from service as of July 1, 1965. Pastor Mappes began serving the deaf in August of 1921 in Bethlehem Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Milwaukee, Wis. For 43 years he has at various times served our deaf congregations in Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska. His faithful labors down through the years have been an inspiration and a blessing to countless deaf as well as to his fellow pastors in our Ephphatha Conference.

### **Mill Neck School for the Deaf**

A few days before Christmas Mr. Luebke of our Mill Neck School was informed by the Ely-Lilly Corporation that they have made a grant of \$30,000 to the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf to help them publish the remaining volumes of the John of Beverly Workbook Series. This is indeed good news. The John of Beverly Workbooks thus far printed have been most successful and are in demand in all parts of the world.

### **The Board**

Because of the increased volume of business which has faced our board at its meeting this past year, the board has decided to meet two days instead of the one-day meetings previously held. These men are indeed to be commended for sacrificing of their busy lives in order to serve the deaf. They give of their time and their talent freely without pay.

Greetings in our Lord and Savior Jesus.

REV. HERBERT W. ROHE  
St. Louis, Mo.

## **The Seven Last Words of Jesus**

It was the darkest day in history when men led God's Son to the place of the skull, Golgotha. There



they crucified Him between two thieves.

As He hung on the cross in bitter suffering, Jesus spoke His last words before His death. These words have meaning for us today, for Jesus' words teach us again why it was necessary for Him to die. His words reveal His love and concern for all people as well as His faithfulness to God, His Father.

### **The Word of Forgiveness**

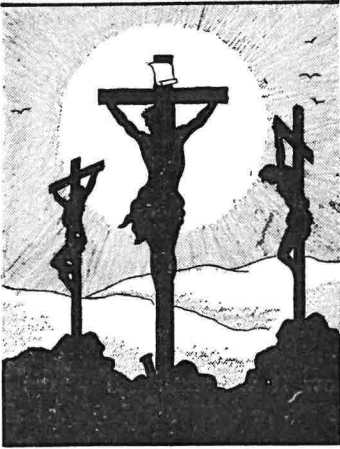
The crucifixion was painful. His hands and feet were nailed to the



cross. The crowd mocked Him, laughing, "He helped others, but He cannot help Himself."

Any other man would have cursed the crowd and wished punishment against them. But Jesus raised His eyes to heaven and prayed, **Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.**" (Luke 23:34)

Jesus looked at His enemies. He saw their sin. Jesus looks at us today, too. He sees our sin, our guilt, our shame. One act of wrongdoing, one unkind word, or one evil thought is enough of a sin for God to punish us with death. But Jesus died in our place. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."



### The Word of Comfort

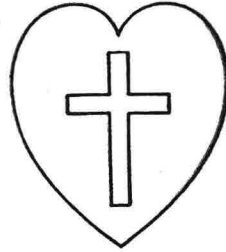
One thief joined in the crowd's laughter and ridicule of Jesus, but the other thief believed that Jesus was innocent. He scolded the first thief. He watched this patient Jesus, who suffered without complaining. He believed Jesus was the Savior. With faith he prayed, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingly power." Jesus answered him,

**"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."** (Luke 23:43)

Jesus has comfort and forgiveness for all people who repent of their sins. The thief was sorry and wanted to escape the trap of sin. He turned to the Savior for forgiveness and was comforted. God would bless him with eternal life that very day.

### The Word of Love

Near the foot of His cross Jesus' mother stood with other women followers. John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, stood next to Mary. Deep in pain, Jesus saw them there.



He knew Mary's love and concern for Him.

As her obedient Son He honored and respected her. Knowing her grief, Jesus comforted her. He spoke, **"Woman, behold your son!"** He nodded to John, **"Behold your mother!"** (John 19:26, 27)

Jesus had taken their place by suffering upon the cross for them. He now asked John to take His place in the life of Mary. Jesus asked John to take care of Mary, His mother.

### The Word of Spiritual Agony

Jesus was crucified at 9:00 a. m., and from noon until 3:00 p. m. darkness covered the land. Death was near as Jesus cried out, **"My God,**

**My God, why have You forsaken Me?"** (Matthew 27:46)

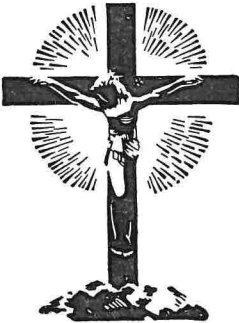
God covered Jesus with the curse of sin which had long enslaved mankind. Sin, as symbolized by darkness, builds a wall to separate man from God. Jesus was man's Substitute on the cross and experienced



life in suffering without God. This was hell's torment. Jesus cried in spiritual agony, "My God, why have You forsaken Me?" God wants no part of sin and turns away from it.

**The Word of Physical Agony**

Crucifixion meant death by torture, and one part of that torture was intense thirst. Realizing His bodily need, Jesus said, "**I thirst**" (John 19:28). A soldier put a



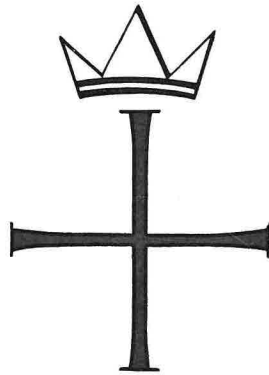
sponge on a reed, soaked it with sour wine, and held it up for Jesus to drink.

Jesus was God's Son, but He was also a man, who experienced the physical pain and death of His crucifixion.

**The Word of Victory**

When Jesus had received the sour wine from the soldier, He said, "**It is finished!**" (John 19:30)

As God had promised in the Holy Bible, the Savior would take the place of the sinner. The one perfect, sinless Man would experience the anger of God against the sins of



men. That Savior would know the agony of separation from God and death itself so that God's justice would be satisfied.

Now it was finished! Jesus had kept God's will completely. Salvation was won. God had gotten the victory for His people.

**The Word of Confidence**

It was over! Jesus' suffering, pain, agony came to an end as Jesus cried with a loud voice, "**Father, into Thy hands I commit my spirit!**" (Luke 23:46)

"Father," Jesus said. The Father had directed the work, and the Son had completed it. Now taking His last breath, Jesus showed His per-

fect and complete trust in His Father. He was ready to give up His soul, and He knew that His Father would receive it.



In Jesus every believer calls God "Father." As a Father God sent Jesus into the world. As a Father He cares for us and watches over us. As a Father He will one day receive each of us into the heavenly home that He has prepared for all believers.

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved!

### **New Parish Worker for the Edmonton Field**

*Edmonton, Alta., Canada.* The Board for Missions to the Deaf recently appointed Miss Johanna Becker to serve Cross of Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Edmonton, Alta., as Canada's first parish worker. Miss Becker was inducted into her new office on Nov. 22 in the regular 11:00 a. m. Sunday morning worship service at Cross of Christ Church.

As parish worker Miss Becker will first be responsible for the religious instruction of junior and primary classes of deaf and hard of hearing children. She will also serve the

needs of the deaf in the church office and in making hospital calls and individual visits.

Miss Becker attended Concordia College in Edmonton and graduated in 1962 with a junior college diploma. She attended the University of Alberta for the term 1962—63, majoring in sociology. Continuing her education in a teacher training program at Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf, New York, she graduated from Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y., in 1964 with a bachelor of science degree in special education.



**New parish worker for the Edmonton, Alta., Canada, field, Miss Johanna Becker**

During her study program and in the summer months Miss Becker assisted in the church office at Cross of Christ and helped as Sunday school teacher, Camp counselor, and guider of deaf Girl Guides (the equivalent of Girl Scouts in the States).

Miss Becker lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becker, in Edmonton, Canada.

**Ephphatha Conference  
At Detroit, Mich.  
June 28—July 1, 1965**



Rev. William A. Ludwig, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Columbus, Ohio, shows three hearing children (left) how to say "Jesus" in the language of the deaf. Two deaf children from the Ohio School for the Deaf watch.

These three hearing children attended the vacation Bible school last June at Christ Lutheran Church (The American Lutheran Church). They watched a class demonstration by the deaf children of the Lutheran Sunday school program taught by Pastor Ludwig and his congregation. The program was demonstrated simultaneously in signs and speech.

### Families for Christ

*Detroit, Mich.* Our Savior's Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Detroit, sponsored a "Families for Christ" mission program for its members the last week of October.

"Families for Christ" centers the mission program around the families of members and of unchurched people. The program emphasizes the study of God's Word and its importance for each member of the family.

Our Savior's Church followed this

procedure. First, members were asked to hand in names and addresses of all the unchurched deaf people they knew in Detroit. All of these were visited. Shortly before the services for "Families for Christ" week invitation cards were sent to each unchurched person encouraging all to come to the services.

Contact was also made with all members of the congregation, especially those who were not regular in church attendance. The congrega-

gation was divided into five areas of the city where members live. One man was appointed to make the visits for each area. The five areas were the east side of Detroit, the west side, the south side, and two suburbs, Royal Oak and Birmingham. Invitation cards were also sent to members shortly before the services were held.

Rev. Herbert Rohe, Executive Secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, was the guest preacher. Attendance for the three Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening services numbered 309. Special offerings were \$84.12 plus an initial offering of \$35.00.

Rev. N. E. Borchardt, pastor of Our Savior's Church, summarized the results of the mission program:

"We were grateful that many did come. We did not realize, however, how many of our members work nights, nor did we realize how many go bowling on Tuesday nights! We also learned that some of our members simply will not come to church, no matter at what time of the day or night you have services. 'They would not come.' Not as many visitors came as we expected to come. Altogether it was hard work. We had many disappointments, but also great joys. After all is said and done, it was worth it."

The blessings of "Families for Christ" or any other mission program cannot be counted by numbers. Only God can see His Word of forgiveness and love change the hearts of men.

### Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf — Columbus



Columbus, Ohio. Final preliminary drawings (above) for the proposed worship facilities of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Columbus, have been approved by the congregation.

Plans include a chapel for 140 worshippers, the pastor's office, a

working sacristy, a fellowship hall, and six classrooms.

The silent congregation instructed Robert H. Myers, architect, that eye appeal and light are important factors. The chapel will have no center aisle, for center seats are best for "seeing" the service.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church was organized in 1946 and for a time worshipped in its residential building. The congregation currently worships in a Methodist church. Both these facilities are several miles from the Ohio School for the Deaf and limit the instruction for the Lutheran deaf children. The one-acre site for the new church is located two blocks from the Ohio School for the Deaf.

The building the Columbus congregation proposes to erect will cost an estimated \$110,000. The 66 members of Holy Cross have almost reached their goal of \$10,000. An additional \$30,000 is being sought from the Lutheran hearing congregations in Ohio. The Board for Missions to the Deaf has promised the balance.

Rev. William A. Ludwig is pastor of the congregation.

### **Instruction for Family Worship**

*Omaha, Nebr.* On Dec. 8 and 9 the members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Omaha, had the opportunity to attend cottage meetings to discuss and learn

methods of having daily devotions with God's Word in their homes. More than two thirds of the families and half of the single members of Bethlehem were present for the inspirational gatherings. Pastors Herman Graef and Ernest Mappes visited the absent members with private guidance.

Family worship is a wonderful blessing for every member of the home. Members in the other towns of the Omaha field were also encouraged to have daily worship in their homes.

### **Devotions**

With this issue we have added a few words about each Bible reading. We encourage you, the reader, to think about this thought, quietly, after reading God's Word.

We also encourage you to pray. Talk to God. He always hears you. He will answer your prayer if you believe. We have suggested some prayer topics.

Pray for your pastor, for all the missionaries to the deaf, their wives, and special workers. The date on which their names appear is their birthday.



***"Light for Your Way"***

***Daily Bible Readings for March***

**March 1 — Judges 7:1-23.** Trust in God, for His power is with you. Pray for Rev. O. S. Anderson, Jacksonville, Ill.

- March 2** — **Judges 20:12-36.** The family that forgets to worship God, does not live for Him. Pray for forgiveness.
- March 3** — **1 Samuel 1:1-20.** Take your family problems to God in prayer. Pray for your friends who have great trouble.
- March 4** — **1 Samuel 3:1-18.** Are you ready to hear God's Word? Pray for the deaf who do not know Jesus' forgiveness.
- March 5** — **1 Samuel 7:3-17.** When you worship with God's people, God is there to strengthen you. Ask God to bless your pastor with a strong faith.
- March 6** — **1 Samuel 8:1-22.** Our desires do not always agree with God's. Ask God to give your new members a true faith.
- March 7** — **1 Samuel 10:17-27.** God knows your need for government. Ask God to bless the decisions and work of the President and Congress of our country.
- March 8** — **1 Samuel 15:17-34.** Obey, serve, and love God. Pray for Mrs. Lorena Mueller, pastor's wife, Milwaukee, Wis.
- March 9** — **1 Samuel 16:1-23.** God has work for us to do. Ask Him to show you how you can serve Him.
- March 10** — **1 Samuel 18:1-16.** Be satisfied with the blessings God gives you. Pray for Mrs. Martha Beyer, pastor's wife, Seattle, Wash.
- March 11** — **1 Samuel 19:1-18.** Be loyal to God and do His will. Pray for our deaf mission in Hong Kong.
- March 12** — **1 Samuel 26:6-25.** You will never be blessed by anger. Treat everyone with love. Pray for those people who sin against you and laugh at you.
- March 13** — **1 Samuel 31:1-13.** If you lose your faith in God, you have no hope. Pray for a stronger faith so that you do not lose your heavenly home.
- March 14** — **2 Samuel 2:1-11.** God chooses His leaders through His people. Pray for the officers of your church that they work together for God's glory.
- March 15** — **2 Samuel 3:6-21.** God's will happens. Pray for world peace. Pray for Mrs. F. Finke, parish worker, St. Paul, Minn.
- March 16** — **2 Samuel 5:1-12.** Times of trouble are followed by times of peace. Hope in God! Pray that all people love one another.
- March 17** — **2 Samuel 6:1-19.** God blesses your nation because you believe. Worship God regularly. Pray that all government officials see the glory and power of God.
- March 18** — **2 Samuel 7:1-17.** Every person has his work to do for God. Ask God to give you strength to do your share.
- March 19** — **2 Samuel 12:1-23.** David sinned in weakness; he showed his strength by repentance. Pray for the deaf who have sinned and do not show repentance.
- March 20** — **1 Kings 1:22-40.** God's will happens in strange ways. Ask God to give the leaders of our church wisdom.
- March 21** — **1 Kings 3:3-14.** The wise man knows his need for God. Pray for spiritual blessings instead of earthly things.

- March 22** — **1 Kings 8:1-21.** God's house is a house for His people. Ask God to bless the special projects of your church.
- March 23** — **1 Kings 8:22-53.** Use your church building as a place to meet God and receive His forgiveness and strength. Pray that all deaf may worship God every Sunday.
- March 24** — **1 Kings 11:41—12:20.** If you live for yourself, you do not live for God. Pray God to give wisdom to the members of the Board for Missions to the Deaf.
- March 25** — **1 Kings 12:21-33.** After the first sin, the second sin is easier. Ask God to keep you pure in faith.
- March 26** — **1 Kings 18:17-40.** There is no other God like yours. Pray for missionaries in foreign countries who must speak for God and against false idols.
- March 27** — **1 Kings 19:1-18.** God cares for you, if you give yourself to Him. Pray for the Lutheran deaf schools.
- March 28** — **2 Kings 2:1-14.** Responsibility for telling of Jesus' love is passed from parents to children. Pray that our children know Jesus and learn to speak for Him.
- March 29** — **2 Kings 17:1-23.** Israel was destroyed because none of its kings worshiped God. Pray that our nation will learn to depend only on God.
- March 30** — **2 Kings 19:15-31.** God answers prayer. Pray for Mrs. Ellen Lange, pastor's wife, Denver, Colo.
- March 31** — **2 Kings 21:1-9.** Have you by life-actions shown others to love God or to love themselves and sin? Pray for strength to stop sinning, serve God.

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