

He Will Keep The Feet Of His Saints

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If you will in your Bibles turn with me to 1 Samuel 2:9 where we'll find our text. We just got done singing "Great is Thy faithfulness," how true it is. May the Lord bless this message today that speaks of his faithfulness. 1 Samuel 2:9, our text will be the first part of verse 9, "He will keep the feet of his saints." Our text is, "He will keep the feet of his saints."

Let us pray.

Dear heavenly Father, I thank thee, Lord, for bringing us here this morning. I thank you, Lord, for thy faithfulness in bringing those here, Lord, that you have brought. I pray for thy healing upon those that are not here or for whatever reason, Lord, that you will join us in thy Spirit this day. Unite us, Lord, in thee. Lord, that is the only way we can ever be united is in thy great self, the preservation of thee. O Lord, as we look this morning, as we read of this prayer that thou hast given thy saint of old, O Lord, may it minister to our souls. May you show us, Lord, this prayer in our soul as it pleases you to reveal it all for thy glory and for thy name's sake. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

If you know anything about where our text is seated this morning, you know that it is a prayer that the Lord gave Hannah. Many think that it was a prayer given to her after the Lord answered her prayer about Samuel but it wasn't, it was actually given to her after she had dedicated Samuel, after she had left him with Eli.

This morning, we're going to go through the prayer. As we come to the text, I couldn't help but see as the Holy Spirit revealed to me the text that the Lord gave me this morning, verse 9, is really as you read this, you see how the Lord kept Hannah. And not only how he kept Hannah but how Hannah is a picture of the child of God and how he brought her to see him and I pray this morning that that's the case for us in here. The Holy Spirit authored this prayer as he authors all the prayers that are pleasing to the Lord, that are answered of the Lord, in his people and as the Lord is pleased to show us the depth this morning, I pray that you keep this in mind: that as we read what the Lord gave Hannah from the beginning, verse 1, all the way through 10, that the Lord impresses upon you how he kept her, how he keeps you and I today, because there are going to be some questions for the soul of the child of God this morning. Is this our witness? Can we say these things? Can we witness today as the Holy Spirit works in us and reveals Christ in

this way, that we could stand with the saint of old and say, "Yes, Lord, I understand how you have been this to me, how all that you are to me, and that my life is hid in thee."

So without anymore delay, this morning, as I said, I want to go through the prayer and then the rest of the sermon will be dedicated to talking about how the Lord keeps the feet of his saints. So if you'll turn with me just, in my Bible, a page over as we start chapter 2, as I told you, chapter 1 shows us what Hannah had been through: much ridicule. She was married to a man named Elkanah and he had two wives, which we have to understand in the word of God it was never sanctioned by the Lord to take more than one wife. Hannah was the first of the wives that the Lord gave to Elkanah and then there was another one called Peninnah. As you will see and you will hear in her prayer, Peninnah was a great enemy. Peninnah was one that represented the world who mocked Hannah all the way through her life because Hannah was barren. The Lord had not blessed her by opening her womb to give children to Elkanah but it wasn't the case to Peninnah. Peninnah was, she gave many children, she had many children. We'll talk about that more as we go through this prayer.

But then the Lord moved Hannah in a deep deep sorrow of heart. She came and she was praying unto the Lord and one day as she was praying and her lips were moving and she had deep contrition in her soul and she was pouring out her heart unto the Lord, the priest Eli thought that she was drunk and yet she said, "No, I'm not drunk. I'm pouring out my heart before the Lord." And Eli said to her, "May the Lord answer your prayer. May the Lord be with you." And the Lord did answer her prayer.

So then the Lord blessed her with Samuel. Samuel then grew up and as he was weaned, she took Samuel and she made an oath to the Lord, "Lord, if thou givest me a manchild, I will bring him to you and he will be dedicated to you in your service all the days of his life." Now, think about that. Around 12 years old, she brings her son and she leaves him with Eli and she turns around and goes home and that's where we pick up with this prayer.

In chapter 2, it says, "And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD." Right, right first in this prayer we see something in the soul of the child of God who is not rejoicing in the gift but rejoicing in the giver of the gift. All glory is to the Lord as she says, "My heart rejoiceth in the LORD. My joy comes from being seen and being shown that I'm in the Lord, the Lord's presence in me, my presence in the Lord." That is where the happiness and that is where the joy is for Hannah. And as I said, put this into perspective: she has just dropped off her son which she'll only see once a year in dedicating him unto the Lord, and her mind and her spirit and her soul is caught up, enraptured to the Lord and her mind and thoughts are all heavenward. And as the Holy Spirit has authored this prayer, she brings thanksgiving to the Lord for what he has done. There is no mention of loss here. There is no mention of, "Woe is me for now my son won't live in my house anymore!"

The Lord has answered her prayer and as she said, "My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD." If you look over at chapter 1, look at verse 10, it

says, "she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore." Her horn, her whole countenance, has been lifted up away from that bitterness but what is it lifted up to? It's rejoicing in the Lord, not in what everything that's going on in her life but in the Lord, what the Lord has done, what the Lord has shown her. The Lord has shown her that he answers all prayers. He comes with great power. You're going to see that in this prayer. It is such a humble prayer and you can tell, any child of God in this room that knows and has experienced the Lord in his soul praying and authoring prayers knows it's an emptiness of the creature and it's a pouring out of the heart and the desires of the Lord to be glorified. The Lord's will to be done.

"Mine horn is exalted in the LORD." Not my horn is exalted because I have a manchild. Not because I received vengeance upon my enemy, which we'll talk more about here in a minute. But my horn, my countenance, my everything is exalted in the Lord, in the strength of the Lord, in the power of the Lord, in the Lord himself. For the child of God to be brought here, he's brought to see that the Lord is his life. It's no different for Hannah. That's why I said it's very searching when the Lord brings his children to himself and he empties his children. He fills them with himself. Their prayers that come forth are not selfishly looking at self, they're looking at the Lord and what he's done, what he's finished, what he's revealed to them.

"Mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation." Many times in the Old Testament those two words are put together, "thy salvation," and they put forth the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord said it of Abraham, "He rejoiced to see my day and when he saw me, he was glad." It's the same when you read David. It's the same when you read Isaiah. It's the same when you read the prophets. It's the same. The Lord's children are only satisfied and satiated and consumed with their Lord and their Savior.

"I rejoice in thy salvation." And notice the words, it's "thy salvation." It's the Lord's to give. The Lord is my salvation and that salvation is that it's not of me, it's of the Lord's work, it's of what has the Lord finished. What has he revealed to you today? Is your salvation in him alone? That's what he brought Jonah to see, salvation is of the Lord. All of the saints and Hezekiah and David and all of them I've mentioned and, of course, in the New Testament as the Lord came in time and as he was witnessed here of those and the Lord spoke to his people. But even up to that point, the Lord took care of his own by revealing to them the power and the depth of salvation, being in the one that would stand in their place as a perfect substitute.

"There is none holy as the LORD." Now, I can't tell you what kind of blessing that is to be able to be brought to say those words, "There is none holy as the LORD," and that includes yourself, and that includes everyone around you, and that includes those who preach the word, that includes anyone. "There is none as holy as the LORD," and when the Lord reveals that to his children, they are shown then that their holiness is only by and in the Lord.

"There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God." We're told in the New Testament that the rock is the Lord Jesus Christ. The rock that was smote in the wilderness where the water sprang forth out, that rock was Christ. It was a picture of Christ. And this shows me, as I said, keep in mind our text, "He will keep the feet of his saints." All throughout time, the message has been the same for the children of God, that salvation is in the Lord and it is of the Lord and it is by the Lord and it is all of him.

"Neither is there any rock like our God. Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed." Yes, the Lord resists the proud and he gives grace unto the humble, unto his humbled. That's what the Lord does and that's what Hannah sees, "My mouth can't speak so proudly anymore."

You have to know that the persecution that she went through with Peninnah, if you look back over to chapter 1 and verse 6, it says, "And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat." This is the persecution that the child of God goes through in this life of those who are outside of Christ, those who have no understanding of what his finished work is. They are mocked. They are mocked and they're saying, "Look at what God has given me and he has given you nothing." And as she went through that and experienced that, you see this is like a pouring out of her soul again.

"Talk no more." It's like she's saying it to him, "no more so exceeding proudly." There's no reason to speak so proudly. There is no reason to speak for the child of God of what he will do, what he can do, what he does for his Lord. There's no reason to speak that way, she said.

"Let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed." And we see the holiness of the Lord. We see the power of the Lord. We see the wisdom of the Lord. In him is all knowledge. And we are told in this life that the child of God grows in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

I was reflecting upon that this week as time goes by so fast. We're in December again and in a couple of weeks we're at Christmas again and I vividly remember being at Christmas it just seems like a few weeks ago. Time goes by so fast and the Lord led me to reflect on his keeping; that the truth that the Lord kept me in last year is the same truth he's kept me in this year but with growth. Growth in the grace and knowledge of Him. He will keep the feet of his saints and there is no argument. If our feet are going to be kept and feet, of course, are used because that's our way, that's the way that we walk, that's the way that we go. The Lord must keep the feet of his saints. We're so prone to wander. We're so prone to go out into what we think are greener pastures. As we heard last week in the 23rd Psalm, how glorious it is to hear that the Lord makes us to lie down. He restores our soul. Every time I read that, the Holy Spirit shows me, "Look what's he's done! Look all that he's done! Look what Christ has done for his people!"

"The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled," this is an experience in her soul. The mighty people over me have been broken. The Lord has shown me, he has made me a banquet and my enemies have been set at my table, the Lord has put them down in front of me. Do you know how the Lord does that? In our soul. He shows us his preeminence and his sufficiency in our soul and we don't look at the world anymore. We don't look at those that seem to be prospering. Asaph was one who wrote so many Psalms about that, how the wicked seemed to prosper, and he cried out to the Lord to reveal victory in him. That's what we're told, our victory is in Christ who has performed all things for us.

"The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength." O Lord, it's by your strength, it's by what you've done. She is reflecting on how the Lord has done all of these things.

"They that were full have hired out themselves for bread." Now we're getting into the more of the detail of her enemy. Oh, she was so full but now she's so empty.

"And they that were hungry," which was her, she "ceased," from being hungry. But listen, it's not because of a physical being filled with children, it's because the Lord has satisfied her soul. It is said in the Jewish history that every time Hannah had a child, two of Peninnah's children were buried. She had ten children, Hannah had five. By the time she had her fifth child, all of Peninnah's were dead. Who can say to this Lord, "Why does thou the things that thou does?"

When I hear things like that and I see the sovereignty of God, that's one thing throughout this passage, how sovereign is our Lord. But he keeps the feet of his saints and we are going to have enemies in this life, some of them very fierce, and the Lord has promised to his people that he is the one who takes vengeance upon them. We spend a lot of time fretting about those enemies, fretting about what's to be become of them, fretting about how they're going to Lord over us, and the Lord's plan is perfect because he keeps and preserves the feet of his saints.

"They that were full have hired out themselves for bread," and isn't that the case that when we're full of self, the Lord must empty us? Isn't that the case in the prodigal son? He was so full of the riches and he went out and he spent it all but the Lord had to show him that there was famine, not only famine in the land where he lose everything but famine in his soul. And it brought him back to the father and he thought, "Well, maybe I could be one in his house just as a hired servant." But grace is so much greater than that. As much as we sin, as much as we do things against the Lord, the Lord is so faithful to show us the depth of his love and the depth of the grace and the blood that covers a multitude of sins and how they were laid upon him as he stood in our place.

What the Lord has for his people is so much greater than anything here in this life and that's what I meant when I said at the beginning there are going to be things that you're faced with in this passage that as you see what the Lord has done, you have to have that

examination. The Holy Spirit says to you, "Has he done it for you? Has he become your life? Have you stopped working? Have you stopped laboring for the kingdom, a kingdom, I should say? Have you stopped laboring for something that's unattainable to you?" And that's what verse 5 tells us: he empties his children.

"And they that were hungry," they that are given the desire of the Lord in their soul, they are ceased because he fills them. "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for the Lord's righteousness, for they shall be filled."

"So that the barren hath born seven," that's perfection, "and she that hath many children is waxed feeble." And the Lord revealed this to her and she saw it in her life. It wasn't even completed then but what the Lord showed her is how he preserves his own and how he puts down their enemies. As I said, I don't know about you but I can't when I read even the preserving grace of the Lord, it's hard for me to presume upon that because of how sinful I know I am. How can I say that I'll believe the same way tomorrow? How will I believe that? No, the Lord has to reveal in your soul that it's him who keeps you. Paul said, "Without the grace of God, there go I. I would still be persecuting the church without the depth of the grace of God." Sometimes we fall into that. We'll talk about that in a minute, about how we think because we're the child of God that maybe there's something we've done, maybe there's something that makes us special. The only thing that makes us special is the grace of being in Christ and the salvation that's only of the Lord. Not of works because you and I will boast if it is.

"The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up." Do you see the sovereignty in the Lord there? He holds the keys of life and he holds the keys of death. He holds the keys to the pit and he holds the keys to the height and the Lord's love brings us to see both of them, his love down in the lowest valleys and his love in the heights and that's what the Holy Spirit reveals to the child of God. Yea, though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, because of him we'll fear no evil. The Lord is faithful.

"The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill." Do you not see yourself that way? Have you ever been that way? Has the Lord ever emptied you to show you that you're an unworthy sinner? Has he ever filled in your soul to make you a beggar at the table that the Lord has set and said, "Lord, I can't do this"? As the one who came to the Lord and wanted to have her daughter saved and the Lord said, "This bread is not meet for you, it's only for the children of the house of Israel." And she said, "O Lord, but just let those crumbs fall from your table. O Lord, you're the salvation, you're the healer!" That's the emptying of self and I pray the Lord empties every one of us in here. As we, once again, have been brought through another year. Is it just another year? What has the Lord done for you this year? Have you grown in him? Have you been shown he's holier and worthy to be praised? Or is there something else? Is there something else that has your heart this morning?

"He sets them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them." He brings us and shows us that we are kings and priests in him, in his victory, in his finished work. You see the Lord, everything in this life is governed by him. He holds it and that's what it says, "the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them."

Then our text, "He will keep the feet of his saints." As I said, we've just read all of these verses, how he keeps the feet of his saints. Hannah is brought to see that. She says, "Yes, Lord, you have kept the feet of me."

"He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail." Do you see that? You don't hear Hannah going, "Listen, Lord, you answered my prayer because I came there, I said to you, 'Lord, do this for me and I'll perform an oath unto you.'" That's not obedience, people. "Oh, you were obedient, Hannah, you did this and you did...and God blessed you because of it." But that's not the testimony of Hannah's soul. Her testimony is, "Lord, it was all of you. You've done it all and there is no strength in me, Lord. You are my strength."

"The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed." There is our picture of Christ. There is her revelation of Christ that the Lord, the King, will rule, as we was revealed him also that her salvation was in him.

Now, we're going to look at verse 9, the first part, "He will keep the feet of his saints." Let's see here the testimony of the Scriptures. David in Psalm 31:23 said, "O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer." He preserves the faithful. Great is thy faithfulness. Faith is a key to what we're talking about today. We'll touch on that a little bit more. Psalm 97:10 says, "Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked." He preserves the souls of the saints, the same thing Hannah said. Solomon in Proverbs 2:8 said, "He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints." He keepeth our feet. He preserves our way. He is the way, the truth and the life. He is everything for his children.

The world looks at the word "saints" and they look upon it with reproach and they look upon it and, listen, I've got to be honest with you, there are times I have too because of what the Catholic Church has done with it, but it's a biblical word and it's a precious word and it's a name that's given only to the church. And the world looks at it with reproach because they think that when you say that you're a saint or when you believe that the Lord has chosen you to be a saint, that means you're holier than thou, and that means that you're high-minded and, oh, I've heard it all. But you know, for the child of God, they are brought to say with Paul in Romans 7:18, "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." That's being emptied. That's one that has been taught that it's all of the Lord and it's all of grace. I know, Lord, what the truth is. You've revealed it. I just can't

get there on my own. I can't. "For to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not."

But who are the saints? How does the Bible speak of the saints? Well, let's go to Romans 1 real quick. We're going to go to a couple of places now. Romans 1, Paul in his address to the people of God in verses 6 and 7 says this, "Among whom," well, we'll just back up to 5, "By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: Among whom," that's who he's preaching to or writing to, "are ye also the called of Jesus Christ." Notice that, the saints are the called of Jesus Christ. "To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." Beloved of God, called to be saints. Now, I don't know about you but that takes me out of it. Loved of God. He loved me, therefore I love him. He called me a saint, therefore I'm a saint if I be in Christ. We see when Paul wrote these letters he talks about how this was done, "from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Now, turn with me a little bit over to 1 Corinthians 1. Different letter, basically almost the same thing but he adds something a little different in verse 2. Well, we'll go ahead to 1, "Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours." Listen to that: sanctified, set apart in Christ Jesus. That's where the saints are. That's who the saints are. Called to be saints again. The Lord has separated a people. He has sanctified them and by separating a people, it means that they are different from the world. They are different from the world because they're chosen in Christ and they are made and they are enabled and they are empowered to walk after Christ which is contrary to the world.

We're sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ. There's our next question: do you every day of your life call upon the name of Christ? Is there salvation in any other name? How many times do we put trust in the people in this life but the Lord shows his own, his sheep, that they must call upon him. They are brought to call upon him because they are emptied of self and they are emptied of every reliance upon man. Man has not served them well because man's ways are not the Lord's ways.

If you'll just turn with me over to Romans 10, I want to read you a portion here. Let's just start at verse 4 to go onto this thought of being called. "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." Now when I read that, I see that's all of him. Christ is the end of the law for righteousness, that means in his obedience, in his perfection, that's where the child of God is found. He's the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Then Paul goes on and he says, "For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them." Don't we know people like that? "Oh, you have to do this for the Lord. You have to do this." Why? "Well, the

Bible says to do this. The Bible says to do that. The law says to do this. If we do this, God will bless us." Paul said, "Christ is the end of that law. He fulfilled it." Christ is life to his people. He's not expecting his children to perform life in themselves because he is life.

Then in verse 6 he says, "But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep?" Paul says, "It's not of you. Don't say to yourself, 'How do I ascend up to God?' Don't say to yourself, 'How do I do this for God down here on earth? How do I get to heaven? How do I do these things?'" Paul said, "No, it's all of Christ."

"(that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach." That's the importance of faith, the gift of God, to see what Christ has done and to rest in what Christ has done. It's all of his faith. That's what Paul said, "I live by the faith of the Son of God. I can't live any other way. I can't live by mine, it's temporal, it keeps going. It comes and goes but the Lord's faith is sufficient. The Lord's faith is faithful. Great is thy faithfulness."

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." That's resurrection life. That's what faith leads a child of God to see. Christ is resurrected. Christ is my resurrected life. Christ has put off my grave clothes. Christ has put off my bondage. Christ has set me free in his truth.

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness," and that's a new heart, by the way. That's one that's been quickened. "And with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." So we see that faith is in action. Faith says, "Yes, Lord, you're my Lord. Yes, you are my life."

"For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." We're slapped with another question: are we ashamed of the finished work of Christ? Do we walk around talking about what we've done or what we can do? If you do, you're ashamed of what the Lord has done and that might just be because you've not been revealed what he's done.

"For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." Saints.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." And you will call upon the name of the Lord because the sheep cry out for the Shepherd because they've been shown there is no other pasture. But, yes, we must experience Christ that way. Not in our works and not in our duty and not in man, the Lord must put that to death and he is faithful to do so.

Peter said it this way in 1 Peter 1:4-5, "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." Boy, we need those last times, don't we? Because there seems to be times over and over and over in this life we have to be revealed the finished work of Christ and he's faithful to do it over and over. We fall prey to self, we fall prey to this world, we fall prey to those around us that speak of another Gospel, that speak of a mixture and how dire a time it is but how glorious a time it is to be washed in that fountain, the fountain of the blood of Christ that cleanses us from all unrighteousness and reveals to the child of God what he has done. Yes, he will keep the feet of his saints. He is faithful to do it.

The last place we'll go today is in Psalm 66. Let's begin in verse 8, "O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard: Which holdeth our soul in life." Do you see that? Does your Lord hold your soul in this life? Is he the life of your soul?

"Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved." That rock that we talked about, is that your foundation? Is your life built upon that rock or is it on sinking sand? Is it on the sands of the seashore that when the winds come, you're tossed to and fro?

"Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved. For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried. Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins. Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place." Do you hear the Psalmist? Is that your testimony? "Lord, you've laid on me the afflictions, you've brought persecution into my life, you've brought hardship into my life. Lord, you've done all of these things for the good of my soul to reveal the power and the sufficiency of you in my soul for life. You are life, Lord." May the Lord impress that upon us today, that he reveals to us that he has set us and brought us to the wealthiest place there is and that's safe and secure in the Lord Jesus Christ. May he impress that upon us this day.

Our text one more time, "He will keep the feet of his saints."

Dear heavenly Father, may you add thy power, clarity, for thy name's sake and for thy glory. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.