

## PRAYER LETTER

April, 2009

21. **It is better, much better, to have wisdom and knowledge than gold and silver** (Prov. 16:16). I'm spending this week working on "the book". Pray that this time would be fruitful. I'm high-lighting a few ski ministers and my hope is to pretty much finish with the first one during this week. Pray for God's help in accomplishing this.

22. **Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God** (I John 3:1). Pray that Bobby's heart would open to the Lord. He's presently attending church on a regular basis through the influence of his Christian girl-friend but, as she says, "there's been no transformation yet."

23. **Consider it pure joy, my brethren, whenever you face trials of many kinds** (James 1:2a). Pray for Lynn Forsyth as she undergoes a complicated brain surgery today to eradicate the severe headaches caused by a car accident several years ago. Pray that the operation would be successful and her recovery rapid. Lynn is a committed Christian.

24. **The testing of your faith develops perseverance** (James 1:2b). Pray for Jamie's friend Jake, who is going through a recovery program for alcohol addiction, that their would be a permanent change in his life and the establishment of a relationship with Christ.

25. **If any of you lacks wisdom he should ask God who gives generously to all** (James 1:5). Attending Condominium Association annual meeting during the day, and Loon's Ski Patrol Luau (year-end party) in the evening. These parties can be great times of building relationships. Pray for that tonight.

26. **Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights** (James 1:17). Joyce and I will be leaving after church to drive to Quebec City for a 5-day "mini-vacation". Pray that this would be a time of rest and recuperation and that we'd return energized for the next month's work.

27. **He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created** (James 1:18).

Celeste asks for prayers for her father, who is experiencing dementia, that he would receive the care he needs and his family would know how best to help him.

28. **The wisdom that comes down from heaven is first of all pure; then peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere** (James 3:17). Pray for Hank Lucas, who lost his job after fourteen years, that he would receive God's guidance and that the Lord would provide other rewarding work for him.

29. **Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness** (James 3:18).

Lisa asks prayers for her husband Kelly, who is on the crew of a KC135 tanker that is being deployed to Qatar, that he would enjoy the experience and return safely home.

30. **Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you** (James 4:7) Larry, who has attended our services on the mountain, asks for prayers for his wife's continued and speedy recovery following a pre-Christmas car accident.

### May

1. **Come near to God and he will come near to you** (James 4:8a). Larry also requests prayer for the driver of the car who hit his wife. He

fled the scene and his identity is unknown. Pray that they would come forward and accept responsibility (God still works miracles!).

2. **Brothers, do not slander one another** (James 4:11a). Celeste asks prayers for her son's salvation.

3. **There is only one lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy** (James 4:12). Pray for the Lavoie's friend Marla who is receiving radiation treatments for a stage 4 cancer, that God would bring healing to her and would draw her close to Him.

4. **Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise** (James 5:13). Pray that David's new medicine would be effective in combating an aggressive form of rheumatoid arthritis that's now in his wrists.

5. **Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord** (James 5:14). Pray for Pat, that he would receive a complete healing from the bladder cancer he's being treated for. As of our last conversation, the prognosis looked good.

6. **Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed** (James 5:16a). Pray for Chip, who is a Christian, that he'd have wisdom in dealing with the rebelliousness of his teen-aged daughter, who isn't.

7. **The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective** (James 5:16b). Pray for our son Michael and his girlfriend Natalie, neither of whom are following Christ, that they would see their need for Him.

8. **Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope** (I Peter

1:3a). Pray for Phil Gravink, that the doctors would discover an effective treatment for his problem with an irregular heartbeat

9. **Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to given you when Jesus Christ is revealed** (I Peter 1:13). Pray for a complete healing for Kurt Christensen, who suffered severe brain trauma in a December car accident. Particularly pray for the recovery of his left side.

10. **Just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do** (I Peter 1:15). Pray for a complete healing for Annie Gable from pancreatic cancer. As of this writing she's undergoing tests to see if the tumor is shrinking.

11. **Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation** (I Peter 1:2a). Pray for Bonnie\*, who tried to commit suicide, that she would come to know of God's love for her and respond to it.

12. **You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God** (I Peter 2:9). Pray for Norm and Sandy\*, a couple I know at Loon Mountain, who are trying to have children, that they would be successful. They don't know Christ.

13. **Love is what holds you all together in perfect unity** (Col. 3:14). Continue your prayers for Rev. George Curtis, that his treatments for cancer would be effective.

14. **Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is** (Eph. 5:17). Pray for the ministry at Sunday River ski resort. The mountain has said it would pay to move a chapel to the area if he could find

one. Pray that God would provide a building, be it moved or constructed from scratch.

15. **Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind** (Matt. 22:37). Pray for Joyce's sister Judy, who is going for tests relating to a chronic problem with her esophagus, that they would find the problem and that it would be treatable.

16. **Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding** (Prov. 9:10). Pray for Lois\*, who was caught stealing from her employer, that she would come to repentance and accept Christ into her life.

17. **From the very beginning God decided that those who came to him should become like his Son** (Rom. 8:29). Pray for progress on the book I'm writing about ski ministries, that I would pick the right people to feature, since I can't include them all, and develop an interesting writing style. I figure I've got a little over a year and a half left to finish it.

18. **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord** (Psalm 150:6). Pray for our daughters Betty and Michelle, that they would start attending church. Michelle has recently shown an interest in doing so.

19. **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge** (Prov. 1:7a). Pray for Jackqui and Bruce, two committed Christians, as they seek God's guidance for another church to attend. They're open to moving if that's necessary. Pray for their ability to wait until God's guidance is clear—the most difficult thing for many of us.

20. **Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song** (Psalm 148:1). Minister's Breakfast and Study Group. Pray that this time would be rewarding in our individual ministries

21. **My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them** (Prov. 1:10). Pray for Janet Klark's husband John, as he copes with her death following a car accident in December. John is a committed Christian, as was Janet, and actively involved in a unique ministry among harness racers. They will be having a memorial service for her on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

22. **He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds** (Psalm 147:3). Starting a two-week vacation, driving down to New York City to visit with daughter Leanne and her husband Rick. Pray that our time with them would bare some spiritual fruit in their lives—neither has accepted the Lord (yet).

23. **The Lord gives wisdom and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding** (Prov. 2:6). ). Continue your prayers for Rick and the job-related depression he's experiencing. He changed jobs within his company in the hopes of increasing his chances of promotion only to discover that they're cutting back on the job he took and he faces the likely possibility of a layoff. He says of his decision: "I was listening to people instead of God."

24. **Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men** (Prov. 2:12). Pray for our son Michael in Georgia, who just graduated with a degree in cartography (mapmaking). He needs a job (and he needs a relationship with Christ).

25. **Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil** (Prov. 3:7). Pray that Rosemary Lavoie would remain free of infections. She has a disease (scilliosis) that makes her especially vulnerable, but has taken a big step forward in remaining infection-free since the doctors discovered her adrenal and pituitary glands weren't producing and put her on steroids.

26. **Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops** (Prov. 3:9). Pray that Bobby's heart would open to the Lord. He's presently attending church on a regular basis through the influence of his Christian girlfriend but, as she says, "there's been no transformation yet."

27. **He will not let your foot slip. He who watches over you will not slumber** (Psalm 121:3a). Pray for Jamie's friend Jake, who is going through recovery, that his recovery would be successful and that during the process he would come to know the Lord.

28. **The Lord watches over you. The Lord is your shade at your right hand** (Psalm 121:5). Driving from NYC to Washington DC to visit with daughter Lori and boyfriend Mark. Again, pray that the time we have with them would be spiritually fruitful—neither has accepted Christ.

29. **The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth** (Psalm 145:18). Brenda and Gerry ask for your continued prayers for the salvation for their daughter and son-in-law, Nicole and Ryan.

30. **Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what day may bring forth** (Prov. 27:1). Pray for Geri, who just recently experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit, that she would become part of a Christian fellowship.

31. **Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy** (Psalm 99:5). Celeste asks for prayers for her father and their family as he goes through dementia, that they'd know how to most helpfully respond to him.

### June

1. **There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like**

**our God** (I Samuel 2:2). Continue your prayers for Paul\* a Christian who is addicted to pornography, that he would establish a relationship with Christ that would enable him to defeat this addictive behavior.

2. **As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you had lived in ignorance** (I Peter 1:14). Pray for my friend Ed\* who works at the mountain. We had a good and lengthy discussion about Easter and the Gospel the other day and I'm hoping it will spark an interest in knowing more.

3. **Just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do** (I Peter 1:15). Pray for Marilyn Hardy, a committed Christian, that she would have a complete and rapid recovery from her hip operation.

4. **For it is written, "Be holy, because I am holy"** (I Peter 1:16). Returning home from vacation. Pray for salvation for Irene and her boyfriend Kevin. Like those below, Irene was exposed to the gospel when she was growing up, but Kevin has had no such contact.

5. **The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore** (Psalm 121:8). Pray for Emily and her husband Kyle, that they would come to know Christ. Emily has been exposed to the gospel, but Kyle hasn't and neither of them are presently showing any interest in it.

6. **I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."** (Psalm 122:1). Pray for Sam and Emily, a young couple with a 2-yr old who are having marital problems. Neither of them know the Lord.

7. **Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man** (Ecc. 12:13). Pray for my good friend Jason, that he

would discover a relationship with the Lord that is not dependant upon the faithfulness of others.

8. **Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are forgiven** (Psalm 32:1). Pray for Phil Gravink, that the doctors would discover an effective treatment for problem with an irregular heartbeat

9. **Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him** (Psalm 32:2). Pray for a complete healing for Kurt Christensen, who suffered severe brain trauma in a December car accident. Particularly pray for the recovery of feeling and use of his left side.

10. **Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous** (Psalm 33:1a). Pray for a complete healing for Annie Gable from pancreatic cancer

11. **How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth!** (Psalm 47:2). Pray for Joyce's sister Judy, who is having severe problems with her esophagus and going to the hospital for tests, that the doctors would discover the problem and that it would be curable.

12. **Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise** (Psalm 48:1a). Pray for Norm and Sandy\*, a couple I know at Loon Mountain, who are trying to have children that they would be successful. They don't yet know the Lord.

13. **How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!** (I John 3:1). Continue your prayers for Rev. George Curtis, that his treatments for cancer would be effective.

14. **This is how we know what love is: Jesus laid down his life for us** (I John 3:16a). Pray for the ministry at Sunday River ski resort. The mountain has said it would pay to

move a chapel to the area if he could find one. Pray that God would provide the building, be it moved or constructed.

15. **Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God** (I John 4:7a). Continue to pray for Joyce's sister Janet, as she adjusts to life without her husband, who died unexpectedly last year. Pray that she would find comfort in her faith in Christ.

16. **Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God** (I John 4:7b). Pray for Lois\*, who was caught stealing from her employer, that she would come to repentance and accept Christ into her life.

17. **This is how God showed his love among us; He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him** (I John 4:9). Minister's Breakfast and Study Group. Pray that our time together would be professionally and spiritually fruitful.

18. **This is love; not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins** (I John 4:10). Continue your prayers for my progress in the book I'm writing about ski ministries, that I would feature the right ministries, ask the right questions, and be given the right approach.

19. **Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another** (I John 4:11). Continue your prayers for Joyce's sister Judy, that her esophagus would be healed. She's having difficulty eating, and can't afford to lose the weight.

20. **We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit** (I John 4:13). Continue your prayers for Jackqui and Bruce, two committed Christians, as they seek God's guidance in uniting with another church. They're open to moving if that's

necessary. Pray for their ability to wait until God's guidance is clear—the most difficult thing for many of us.

21. **God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him** (I John 4:16). Pray for Hattie's 21-yr old son, who has severe autism. This Christian woman reports that he's recently shown some signs of improvement. Pray that this would continue.

22. **There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear** (I John 4:18a). Continue your prayers for Joyce's sister Judy, who is going for tests relating to a chronic problem with her esophagus, that they would find the problem and that it would be treatable.

23. **We love because he first loved us** (I John 4:19). ). Continue your prayers for Rick and the job-related depression he's experiencing. He changed jobs within his company in the hopes of increasing his chances of promotion only to discover that they're cutting back on the job he took and he faces the likely possibility of a layoff. He says of his decision: "I was listening to other people instead of God."

24. **Whoever loves God must also love his brother** (I John 4:21). Pray for our son Michael in Georgia, who just graduated from college with a degree in cartography. He needs a job (and he needs a relationship with Christ).

25. **This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome** (I John 5:3). Pray that Rosemary Lavoie would remain free of infections. She has a scilliosis, that makes her especially vulnerable, but has taken a big step forward in remaining infection-free since the doctors discovered her adrenal and pituitary glands weren't producing and put her on steroids.

26. **Dear children, keep yourselves from idols** (I John 5:21). ). Continue your prayers for Bobby, that the confusion he has over religious issues would dissipate and he would come to know the Lord.

27. **Build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit** (Jude 1:20). First ever gathering of New England ski ministers at Sunday River. Pray that this would be a stimulating and encouraging gathering, filled with praises to God for what He is doing through our respective ministries.

28. **Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life** (Jude 1:21). First church service of the season. Pray for great weather, God's anointing on the service, and that he would lead to us those whose hearts are open.

29. **Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy** (Heb. 12:14a). Day off. Brenda and Gerry ask for your continued prayers for the salvation for their daughter and son-in-law, Nicole and Ryan.

30. **Keep on loving each other as brothers** (Heb. 13:1). Day off. Continue your prayers for Paul\* a Christian who is addicted to pornography, that he would that he would establish a relationship with Christ that would enable him to defeat this demon.

### July

1. **Keep yourselves free from the love of money and be content with what you have** (Heb. 13:5a). Celeste asks for prayers for her father and their family as he goes through dementia, that they'd know how to most helpfully respond to him.

2. **God has said, "Never will I leave you or forsake you."** (Heb. 13:5b.). Pray for Jamie's

friend Jake, who is going through recovery, that it would be successful and that during the process he would come to know the Lord.

**3. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever** (Heb. 13:8). Pray for Norm and Sandy\*, a couple who are trying to have children, that they would be successful and that they would come to know the Lord.

**4. Here is a trustworthy saying: if we died with him, we will also live with him** (2 Tim. 2:11). Pray for Bonnie\*, who tried to commit suicide, that she would come to know of God's love for her and respond to it.

**5. If we endure, we will also reign with him** (2 Tim. 2:12a). Summer service on the mountain. This is July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, usually a busy time for the mountain. Pray for great weather, God's anointing on the service, and that He would lead to us people whose hearts are open to the Gospel.

**6. If we disown him, he will also disown us** (2 Tim. 2:12b). Pray for a complete healing for Annie Gable from pancreatic cancer

**7. If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself** (2 Tim. 2:13). Pray for a complete healing for Kurt Christensen, who suffered severe brain trauma in a December car accident. Pray especially for the recovery of feeling and use of the left side of his body.

**8. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved** (2 Tim. 2:15a). Pray for Phil Gravink, that the doctors would discover an effective treatment for problem with an irregular heartbeat

#### Praises

1/8, 2/5, 3/9 Walter reports that his family is back on track in their relationship with the Lord!

1/16 The doctors discovered that Kasey's gall bladder problems were dietetically caused!

1/17 Prayed that God would make me a sensitive listener today to Loon's staff and had several opportunities to do just that!

1/18 God provided some helpful insights into the passage I preached on this day and the responses were very positive.

1/19 Ellen is slowly but surely coming out of her depression following her husband's death.

1/22, 2/17, 3/10 Shirley Marcroft was given the green light to hold services on the slopes at Waterville Valley!

1/23, 2/23, 3/23 Rev. Don Coverdale's sinus condition has improved and Sunday River said it would be willing to pay to have a chapel moved onto their property for services!

1/24 Didn't have the opportunity to talk with anyone about spiritual things today, but last night had a great discussion with another Ambassador who was dealing with some questions and confusion about the Bible.

1/25 We had great weather for the service and, based on people's responses, the open hearts we were praying for.

1/26, 2/26, 3/24 Walter reports that things are better in terms of his own relationship with Christ and that of his family. They're attending a local church.

1/31 Counseling session went well and the husband made some progress in his understanding of women. In addition we were able to have a rewarding discussion of their spiritual lives.

2/1 DH Worship service went well and from people's responses it was clear that many of their hearts were open. One of the attendees had recently accepted Christ and I was able to send him some encouraging resources.

2/4, 3/8, 3/30 Annie's blood counts have improved to the point that she can receive chemotherapy for her pancreatic cancer.

2/7 Praying for a "divine appointment" and had a great time spending the day with another Ambassador and getting to know him. Come to find out he has a Christian friend who had been praying for his salvation!

2/13, 3/13, 4/11 David has a crack at a couple of good jobs—one in this area and one out west. He's a committed Christian and is trusting in the Lord for the right outcome.

2/14 Had what I gathered was a helpful personal conversation with a guest today.

2/15 The weather was great, attendance of 30 and two people indicated a desire to accept Christ!

2/19, 3/19 Bob Hebb's operation for throat cancer was successful and the prognosis is for a full recovery from this disease.

2/27, 3/27 Kurt Christensen continues to improve daily from the accident-caused brain trauma!

3/1 The weather was good for the service and one person indicated they were doing some spiritual searching and another that they desired to make a commitment to Christ!

3/8 Rain was forecast, but it never appeared and one person committed their life to Christ!

3/15 We had beautiful weather and a large crowd for the service, although no one responded that they were doing some spiritual searching or were ready to make a commitment.

4/4 I don't know if it translated into being a special blessing to a Loon Employee today, but I had several enjoyable conversations with employees while serving as an Ambassador.