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—Prayer for George Wallace
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STAMPS: I think I'll just read this morning, just follow along with me very carefully though, John, the 14th chapter. We will be reading through to the 15th verse, through the 14th verse. These are the words of Jesus on the last night that He lived before His crucifixion. The teaching class on the Holy Spirit, then this was the night that He really began to emphasize the paraclete in His ministry. Listen to what He says. Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also. And whether I go ye know and the way ye know. Thomas said unto him, Lord, we know not whether thou goest and how can we know the way? Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me. If ye had known me ye should have known my Father also and from henceforth ye know Him and have seen Him. Phillip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father and it sufficeth us. Remember, this is the last night that He was alive before His crucifixion. And Phillip said, Lord, show us the Father. Jesus said unto Him, Have I been so long with you and yet hast thou not known me, Phillip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father and how sayest thou then, show us the Father. Believest thou not that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not myself, but the Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me, or else believe me for the very works sake. Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also and greater works than these shall he do. Because I go unto my Father and whosoever ye shall ask, whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. Let us pray together. We come into this chapel hour this morning, our Father, with hearts full of praise and thanksgiving at the middle of this week, that you have been with us thus far and promised and pledged in the Holy Spirit.

accept His presence, we acknowledge it this morning and honor Him as the one called alongside of us, given to us from the throne of God through Jesus Christ. We honor the Holy Spirit and because of Him we honor the name of Jesus Christ, by whom we've been born and in whom we live and move and have our being. Father, this morning is your hour. We give you this chapel hour. We give you this great opportunity that we have this morning to praise you and to call upon your name for the needs of another. We bless you for hearts that are full of that which Jesus had, to meet the needs of His fellowman all around Him. Make us more and more that way as we become more and more like the one that has called us to Himself. And teach us to pray now as we say, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever, Amen. Now to introduce this morning's chapel to you, President Roberts has come.

ORAL ROBERTS: We had a fantastic experience at Camp Hood on Sunday night, although we arrived by plane in a storm and it appeared that we would not get to hold the meeting because of a downpour that was so heavy that it was about to sweep everything away, even the radio stations announced that the meeting was cancelled, but we waited out the storm and the radio stations reannounced it and we had about 5,000 people present, one whole side of a football field. It was a tremendous occasion. The general of the continental army of the United States flew down and gave his testimony. He's been baptized recently with the Holy Ghost and it was tremendous to hear a man of this stature get up and unashamedly testify and he ended it by saying, praise the Lord, and then he came over to me and wanted to know if he could visit this campus. I said, Yes, I'd like to have a general baptized with the Holy Ghost to walk on our campus. And I think that would be a great experience. And the general of the base was so kind and open, there were many people there to receive

prayer, and they brought us from the airport in a helicopter to the stadium and when we were leaving we were just covered up with people and we walked away and got in the helicopter, the general stopped us and brought in some people to be prayed for, for me to lay my hands on and I said, General, that's the first time I had a general to be the head of my prayer line and I'll be glad to have you travel with us fulltime. It was a real, real wonderful experience. One interesting thing is, while Richard and Patti sang and then later when I preached why they turned the lights off except on the stage and we couldn't see our audience. We could hear them out there. One group of young people who had come in were saying, praise the Lord, from time to time and it wasn't hard to identify them. And then as the helicopter lifted off all we could see was that they had lighted the beautiful white wooden cross and it was quite a sight to look down from the helicopter and see that cross lighted in white and that's all you could see as we left. And I thought, what a memory that we could carry with us and also hoping there's a change in the military in this country, when they began to recognize the need of God and to bring people in to preach. And they gave us full freedom to preach anything we wanted to do, to lead people in a prayer to be saved, which I did, and I felt like that we delivered our souls. So praise God for the opportunity. And then we received a call while we were there from the office of Governor Wallace in Alabama. They had been trying to reach us and we tried to return the call from the base but were unable to get out on the phone there and flew back to Tulsa Sunday night about eleven and called them from here. And the Governor, as you know, was nearly killed and he has not been doing well physically and they had been following our work on television, following the work of the school and had asked that we fly down and share and pray with the family and particularly with the Governor. So we did. And I want to bring you up-to-date on that and then do something here this morning that perhaps we've never been called on to do before and I believe it will deeply move your hearts, it did mine. When we walked in the mansion you could feel the air was fraught with the gloom and with the

suffering, when they escorted us into the Governor's bedroom and the man is in much more desperate condition than even the newspapers have indicated, he's been nearly shot to death. But a great change in this man, it's evident in his eyes because he's now suffering and without a great miracle he isn't going to make it. So I thought, Lord, I know that I don't accept all the views of this man politically, but he's a human being to me and I think that you feel the same way. I know some do accept his views and I'm not here to judge anybody who accepts or does not accept his views, but I know one thing, we will accept him as a human being and as a man who needs God's help. So we talked a while, he and I, and as we got ready to pray I felt the anointing of the Spirit, it just came all over me, and I asked him to tell me a little where he was hurting. Onepart of his body is swollen here, the bullet went into his stomach, it took part of his clothes, his shirt, mixed up down there in his intestines, and no life in his legs and just lying there, and that day had been a terrible day of pain. His wife was there and told me all about it and then when we started to pray the Spirit coming upon me helped me to discern. I could feel where he was hurting. I felt a place back of his right shoulder and I asked him about the pain there. He wanted to know how I knew that. I felt it by the Spirit. His sides are in terrible pain, but the right side was the worst and I discerned that. And when he saw that the Spirit was working through me it increased his faith tremendously. And then when we prayed there was, the Spirit of God came upon the man and I led him in the sinner's prayer. He had been converted in his life but he felt like that he had lost the Lord in some way and I told him the most important thing was that he and I pray together until he knew Jesus Christ without any doubt and when we finished his face was shining and his soul was praising God. Several times he broke down in tears and he said, Brother Roberts, I've seen that television program and I know God can heal. Said, the only hope I have is to be healed by God. He said, When they shot me and I fell down I didn't lose consciousness as I lay there on the ground and I began to pray and ask God, Don't let me die. If I died, then your will be done, but he said, I

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felt I left part of me back there on the ground in Maryland. I said, That's wonderful that you left part of the old man. Christ wants to make you a new man. And he accepted that from the Lord. And in the prayer he received help. We do not know how much help he received. We do know according to his testimony that in that moment of prayer all the pain went out of his body and we are trusting for a great miracle. Then I asked the Lord to help me lead him through to the baptism with the Holy Spirit if he opened the door. That time his wife walked in and she opened the door to me. I said, Would you come in this room with me. And I shared with her on the baptism and in three minutes Mrs. Wallace had received the baptism with the Holy Spirit. It was one of the most, she received one of the most beautiful languages I've ever heard a human being have and now it's her desire to lead the Governor through to the baptism with the Holy Spirit. And I said to them, Now when I go back I'm going to meet in chapel and I'm going to ask my student body to join me, my faculty and staff, and we are going to get you on the phone and we are going to form a chain by linking hands and, Governor, we are going to pray that God will raise you up out of that bed. And they are waiting now in Montgomery, Alabama. They have a phone that's amplified and we had the Bell System to come out here and we are going to ask two of our white students from Alabama and two of our blacks from Alabama to come and pray for the Governor of Alabama's healing. Then you and I will pray together and I pray this will be a day that God will do a miracle in a man's life. They are now phoning the Governor and as soon as they get him on the line I think we can hear his voice and he will be hearing us. And I just think this will be the most unusual time we've ever had in one of our chapels. Governor Wallace, can you hear us?

GOV: Yes sir, Oral, I sure can, Brother Roberts.

OR: Well I want you to know that the student body and faculty and staff of Oral Roberts University are gathered here in the chapel this very moment.

GOV: I'm very grateful for their thoughtfulness and all of your thoughtfulness and prayers in this matter and I was looking forward to hearing from you and I've been

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OR: Well I want you to know that Monday when we came down and prayed with you that we really felt the healing power of Jesus.

GOV: Well I feel that a miracle is going to happen myself and I believe as you do, you said many times that all healing comes through God. I look forward to being healed and I have faith that I will be healed and I'm very grateful for you coming to see me on Monday.

OR: Yes, is Mrs. Wallace there?

GOV: Mrs. Wallace is here.

OR: Can she say hello to us.

MRS. WALLACE: Yes, hello to you/^{students}and we are so appreciative of their being together to come together in a prayer for my husband and his progress.

OR: Well I just told the student body here how the Lord blessed you with the Holy Spirit. Is it still with you?

MRS. WALLACE: Yes, thank you, Oral, that was quite an experience

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that happening on that day.

OR: Well is the Holy Spirit still with you?

MRS. WALLACE: Yes sir.

OR: All right, all right. And you know, we shared together that maybe the Governor would come on in to the baptism with the Holy Spirit too.

GOV: Yes sir, and I feel the Holy Spirit is in me, Oral, and probably closer, I feel closer to God than I felt in a long time, especially since your coming to be with me.

OR: Well Amen. Now, Governor, we are going to bring four students from Alabama up here to the microphone right now and one of them is Sam McCamey, from Scottsboro, he was one of the athletes this past year. Sam, I want you to come and say hello

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to Governor Wallace.

SAM: Hello, Governor Wallace.

GOV: Sam, how are you? This is Sam who?

OR: Sam McCamey.

GOV: Yes, Sam.

OR: One of our star basketball players last year.

GOV: You are from good old high Jackson up in the Jackson County in Scottsboro and I'm glad to hear from you, Sam.

SAM: Thank you.

GOV: I appreciate your praying for me also.

OR: All right, Sam is going to lead us first of all in a prayer. He's going to pray for God's Spirit to come upon you and give you a healing. So Sam's going to pray for you right now.

SAM: Let's bow our heads. Oh dear Heavenly Father, we come to you this morning as your humble servants asking Thee to be with Governor Wallace, asking that you will strengthen him and make him a whole new man. We know, Father, that you have been with him along the way and we are asking now that you will let your light shine on him. Let his heart be strengthened, oh Heavenly Father, in order that he may become a new person, in Christ's name we pray, Amen.

OR: Amen. Now, Governor Wallace, that was Sam McCamey, one of our young black students and we are going to ask one of our young white students from Alabama to come and lead a prayer for you, Mr. Ted Smith of Bessemer, Alabama. This is Ted, Governor.

TED: Hello, governor.

GOV: Yes sir, who is this?

TED: Ted Smith from Bessemer.

GOV: Yes, Ted, I'm glad to hear from you. You are from where?

TED: Bessemer.

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for me.

OR: He's going to pray for you right now, Governor.

TED: First of all I'd like to tell you what an honor this is for me because quite a few people had the opportunity to meet their public officials but we know that prayer brings two people closer together than anything and so I would just like to express what a great honor this is for me.

GOV: Thank you, Ted, thank you. It's an honor to have you pray for me and I'm very grateful for your attitude.

TED: Dear Heavenly Father, we stand before you now witnesses to a great black cloud of darkness that has moved over this nation and over this world. Heavenly Father, a cloud whose elements have sought to destroy the leaders of our nation. We come before you today as a body to plant a seed of light, a seed that we pray will grow to such fantastic proportions that there will be no room for darkness. We pray that God the Holy Spirit will come upon this man and will heal him and will fill him so that he will continue to serve the people of his state and of his nation. Do this one thing, Father, and we will give you all of the glory. We ask these things in love, in thanks and in Jesus' name, Amen.

OR: Amen. Now, Governor, we are calling up Nancy Hortenberry, who is a young Presbyterian girl from Mobile, Alabama and she's going to say hello to you and then pray for your healing.

NANCY: Hello, Governor Wallace.

GOV: Yes, Nancy, I'm glad to hear from you and I appreciate your being there today and praying for me, Nancy. And I hope that all of you folks, ^{when} you in this state when you come back home might come by to see me.

NANCY: I'd love to. OK, dear Jesus, we just glorify your name, Lord Jesus, that you are here with us, Lord, and that you've given us the Holy Spirit, Lord, to manifest power and I know, Lord, you can heal him and I know you are going to, Lord Jesus, and I pray, Lord, that you will just fill him with your Holy Spirit and just let him know how much you really do love him.

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be well, Lord. Jesus, I glorify your name of the work that you are doing in him right now, Lord. I just thank you already that you have healed him, Lord, and I just praise your wonderful name that he is a servant of yours now, Lord. I just thank you so much, in your name, Amen.

OR: Thank you, Nancy. And now, Governor, we are going to ask young Leslie Cross to come up. This is a young black girl, a Baptist girl, from Birmingham, Alabama, and she's going to lead a prayer for your healing and then a little later we all will join. Leslie, will you say hello to the Governor.

LESLIE: Good morning, Governor Wallace.

GOV: Leslie, how are you? I'm glad to hear from you and I hope that I get to meet you in person when you are back home in Alabama sometime, and thank you for praying for me too.

LESLIE: It's more than a pleasure to pray for you, Governor. Let us all bow our heads please. Dear Lord, I just thank you for this miracle within itself, Lord, Lord, you've already healed him in his mind already, I know that, Lord. Lord, all the miracle left is to heal his body, Lord, just touch him, Lord. He feels you, just touch his body and he can feel you physically and be with his family, Lord. Give them the strength that they need and let us all know that we are one in you, Lord. Just touch us all and strengthen us and give us that added bit of love, Lord, and just let your spirit shine on all of us, Lord, especially the Governor at this time. Let him know that the pain he feels you feel it too, Lord, and that you can take away that pain. We just praise your name because we expect miracles from you. For these and many other blessings we ask in your name, Amen.

OR: Amen.

GOV: Thank you, Leslie.

OR: Now, Governor, I brought you a photograph of the entire student body and faculty on Monday and you have that there.

GOV: Yes sir, I have it in front of me.

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OR: That's right. The students don't know that I brought you the photograph of all of us that was taken just a few days ago and you have it there. I'm going to ask you and your wife and whoever is with you to come near you and to take your left hand and right hand in theirs. Would you do that?

GOV: Yes, my wife's here and Jim and Josh and George, Junior, Peggy Sue.

OR: All right, are those your children?

GOV: That's right.

OR: All right. Now I'm asking everybody here in the chapel to join hands as though you were touching the Governor. Reach across the aisles and let everybody be touching somebody. If you others here would join this line so they can reach over the way and touch some student so that we form a chain. It might be better to stand, students, and everybody touch somebody until we are an unbroken chain of love and faith in Jesus Christ. Now, Governor, there are more than 2,000 of us here in chapel and we love the Lord. We love you. We are concerned about you and we know that Jesus loves you more than anyone in the world and He wants to make you a whole man again. We are all going to lift up our voices, bringing you to Jesus and we are going to ask the Holy Spirit to be there with you and bring Jesus in His healing power to your life. Are you ready for our prayer?

GOV: Yes sir.

OR: You are ready now?

GOV: Yes sir.

OR: All right. Heavenly Father, let's all say the same words together first. Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus we come for our brother Governor George Wallace of Alabama and we ask a healing prayer for Jesus of Nazareth who is in the now, who is with us here and there in the Governor's mansion in the bedroom, close to our brother, to give a great healing. Oh Lord, heal Governor Wallace. Heal his spirit, his mind, his body, heal the whole man, from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet, give him back his life, a new man, a new leader, a new human

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being. May the Holy Spirit abide upon his life forever and ever and upon his dear wife and family and his friends. In the name of Jesus we come against this injury, these complications, not in our name, not in our power but through the name of Christ our Lord, and the power of the Holy Ghost. Loose this man, loose him and let him go free. Devil, take your hands off God's property. Take your hands off God's property. Loose him and let him go and heavenly Father, we believe that Jesus Christ heals our brother and gives him new life, making him a new man. Amen and Amen. Now each in your own way pray as I continue to pray. Heavenly Father, we sense your Holy Spirit, the presence of God in this auditorium and we believe that the Holy Spirit is in the bedroom of Governor Wallace and we ask that this room be filled with the glory of God and that the healing love of Christ shall surround our brother and day by day he will get well and get stronger and be filled with the life of the Holy Spirit who will abide upon him forevermore. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, we believe, and we expect many miracles, and everybody said Amen. Thank you, you may be seated. Well, Governor, the Lord is here, is He there?

GOV: Yes, He's here, Oral, and I've thanked Him for servants like you and those attending your great university and God's will I be healed, whatever God's will and I do feel that the Holy Spirit is here in those of us who are here at the moment.

OR: Amen.

GOV: I'm grateful to you and those who prayed for me this morning at Oral Roberts University.

OR: Well I assure you that each of us will continue to pray for you and to hold you up before our Lord.

GOV: I'm a little overcome by your thoughtfulness and attention there and I'm not able to say much. I'm usually not a loss for words, but I'm almost am at the moment. God bless all of you.

OR: We understand. Mrs. Wallace, would you like to say a word to our students?

MRS. W: Yes, we are so appreciative that you students would take the time to come together in the name of Christ to ask for...

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for the good work you and the students are doing out there.

OR: All right, I'm going to try to bring this special telephone microphone over to where one of our students is going to sing, Miss Kathy Epstein, who is a freshman at the university this year, and she was recommended to us by Miss Anita Bryant, who asked that a place be found for her. She's a young singer, none of us have heard her yet. This is her debut here in the chapel program and I thought if you had three or four minutes we would have her sing, not only to us but for you too.

GOV: I'd love to hear her sing. In fact, I'd love to be with you as long as I can.

OR: Well we appreciate that. Kathy Epstein, I believe you are from Maryland, aren't you?

KATHY: Yes, Governor, I'm from Maryland.

OR: Would you say a word to the Governor before you sing.

KATHY: Governor, I just feel it's such a great privilege that the Lord has given me this opportunity that in some way the words I sing and the words the music that Ken plays on the piano will minister to your heart. We expect a miracle here at ORU for you, Governor. We love you in the Lord. We just pray that each day now you will grow to love Him more.

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And in so doing you will be healed perfectly.

GOV: Kathy, thank you very much and you come from a great state, and you know, your neighbors and friends were so kind to me during the time of my troubles there in Maryland at Silver Spring and all the way from Governor to the average citizen and I'm very glad to hear from you from Maryland and I know that your singing is going to minister to me and I'm looking forward to the moment of hearing your beautiful voice.

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OR: Thank you, Kathy, the first time we've heard you sing and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Governor, I hope you were blessed by that.

GOV: I am blessed by that, Oral, and I want you to know we were applauding here and, Kathy, thank you for singing for me. Your voice is lovely and I hope to see you in person sometime, along with other members there of Oral Roberts University.

OR: We have your photograph up on a screen here on the stage so everyone has been able to see you while we've been praying for you and I'd like to ask a favor of you now.

GOV: Yes sir, Oral.

OR: All right. We'd like to ask a prayer from you for all of us.

GOV: Our Heavenly Father, we thank thee for thy servant, Oral Roberts, for thy servants who attend Oral Roberts University. I appreciate the many blessings you've bestowed upon me in the past. If it be thy will I pray along with Oral Roberts and others for the healing of my body. I also want to pray for Oral Roberts and those of Oral Roberts University that they might continue in their great work bringing salvation to souls of men and women through this country and throughout the world. May those there help the cause of evangelism throughout the world and make us all recognize more and more Christ is the answer to our problems, not only here at home but abroad and throughout the world. So I thank thee for thy servant, Oral Roberts, thy servants who attend his great university and membership of his faculty. May they continue to inspire millions of people in our country that be closer to Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

OR: Amen. Thank you, Governor. It has been great to be with you and Mrs. Wallace and the children and the family today. As we go about our work today and in the days to come we assure you that you will be in our hearts and our prayers and all the students and faculty said Amen. So God bless and keep you is our prayer. It's been great to be with you.

GOV: Great to be with all of you. As I said, I'm below the comment in loss for words, but I simply can say thank --

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later.

OR: All right, bye-bye.

GOV: Bye.

OR: Bye-bye for now. Remember, the Lord loves you and the Lord is with you.

GOV: Bless all of you.

OR: All right, thank you. Bye-bye.

STAMPS: We will never forget our chapel with Governor George Wallace. He autographed the picture here as you see. Maybe you can't see the words but it's for the picture that he autographed for the president and for all of us. It belongs to the student body. It just says, Pray for me, yours in Christ. George Wallace. It was good to be in chapel this morning in the Governor's mansion in Montgomery, Alabama. May the peace of God and a spirit of prayer continue with us as we remember this man all day long and the remainder of this week and until God finally completes the work in his life as everyone has prayed and as that seed of light that old Ted prayed for is sowed in this nation, may it's beginning already, but may it begin and begin until it continues, until it ends in a great climax and darkness be driven away.

OR: And Bob, I want to thank you this morning for the selection of the four students that symbolizes the unity and love of this campus for humanity. I cannot think of any more beautiful thing and I thank you for your love and your prayers. We felt that coming out of you, didn't we? We felt that and you really symbolized what we all feel about people.

STAMPS: God bless you and you are dismissed.