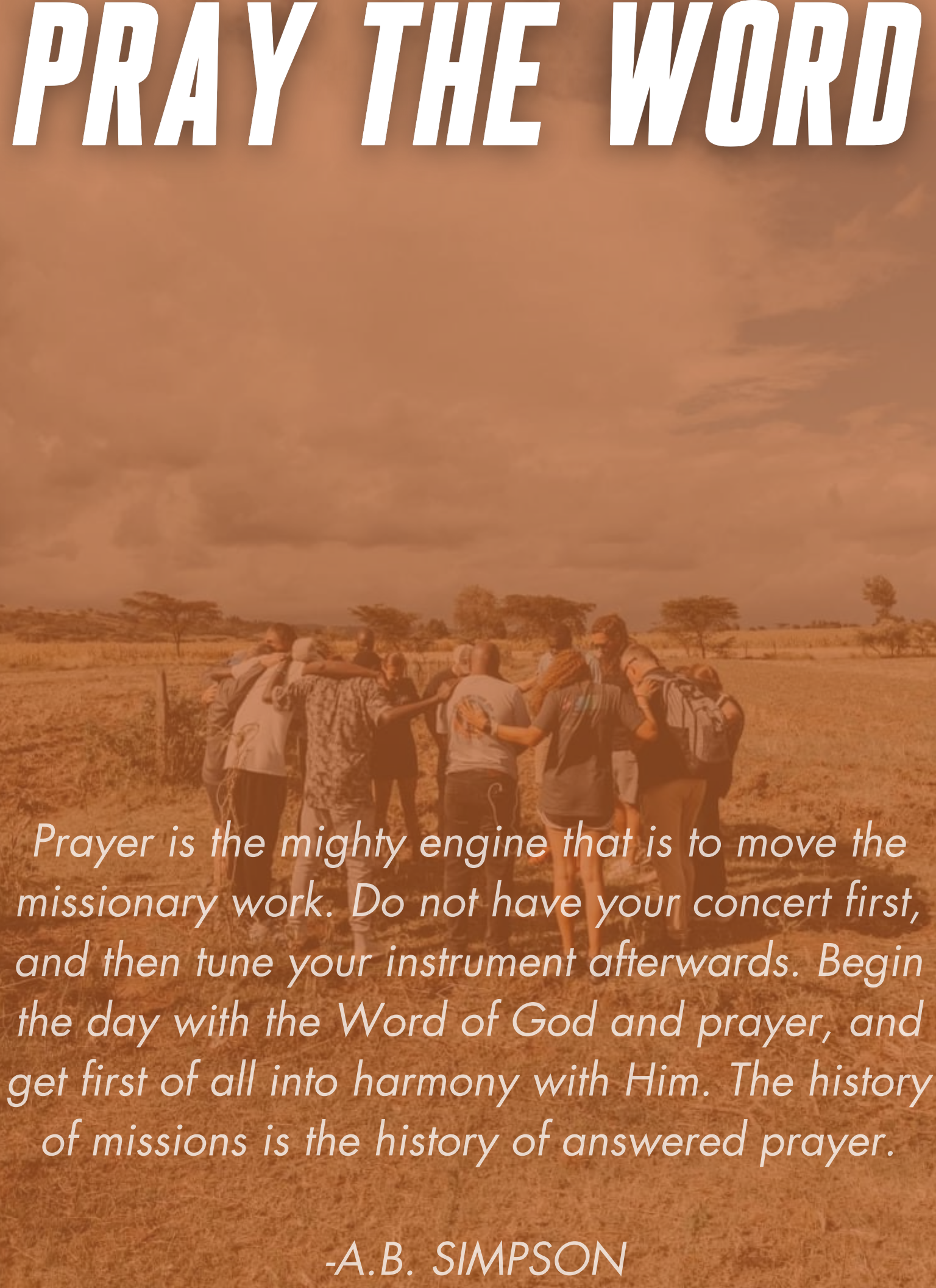


PRAY THE WORD



Prayer is the mighty engine that is to move the missionary work. Do not have your concert first, and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all into harmony with Him. The history of missions is the history of answered prayer.

-A.B. SIMPSON

Isaiah 56:7

I will bring them to my holy mountain of Jerusalem and will fill them with joy in my house of prayer. I will accept their burnt offerings and sacrifices, because my Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations.

1 John 5:14-15

And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

Ephesians 6:18

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

Proverbs 15:8

The Lord detests the sacrifice of the wicked but he delights in the prayers of the upright.

Jeremiah 29:12

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.

Mark 11:24

I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours.

Psalms 141:2

Accept my prayer as incense offered to you, and my upraised hands as an evening offering.

Romans 12:12

Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.

Luke 11

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying.

As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

Jesus said, "This is how you should pray:

"Father, may your name be kept holy.

May your Kingdom come soon.

Give us each day the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And don't let us yield to temptation."

THE "SEND MORE" PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You are the Lord of the Harvest, You are the only One who calls workers into Your fields. We are not responsible for the harvest; You are in charge of the harvest. You lead, prompt and touch hearts to respond to Your incredible invitation. We praise You for Your supreme and unlimited power over hearts and minds. We praise You for Your love for people who choose to participate in Your work.

We long to see the world transformed by You through coaches and athletes. There is a great need for the world of sport to be touched by Your healing power. Coaches and athletes are weary and worn out. They are lost and helpless without a Shepherd, but You see them and have compassion on them. Your heart is full of grace and mercy for them, and Your love is bottomless for coaches and athletes around the world. Lord, may we have the same compassion for the lost. Give us the eyes to see and the heart to feel the great need around us, so that our hearts break for the lost. Because of Your compassion for them, You command us to join by praying for more workers to be released into the fields.

When we lift up our eyes, we see the world of sport is ripe for the harvest. And because of Your great love, You sent Your Son to seek and to save the lost coaches and athletes. The harvest is huge, but nothing is impossible with You. In obedience to Your command, we earnestly pray that You will send more men and women into the harvest. Raise up more full-time, part-time and volunteer workers to engage, equip and empower coaches and athletes.

Lord, we desire to see the world of sports redeemed through transformed coaches and athletes. So call thousands of men and women to the harvest and may they respond to that invitation with a simple, "Yes, Lord!" Give them courage and boldness to respond with obedience. Raise up servants from every sport who are committed to making disciples who will change the world together. We long to see more disciples making disciples in the world of sport.

Lord, our part is to pray, and Your part is to send. So we pray. We pray earnestly. We plead for more faithful warriors. Send out workers to reap a harvest of lost souls. At the right time and in the right way, call a mighty movement of laborers to go to every sport, every coach and every athlete. To every country, every city and every community. To every team, every field and every locker room. To every middle school, every high school and every university campus. To every culture, every ethnicity and every nationality. Send laborers to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth!

Empower teams of laborers, so that they may be fruitful and effective witnesses wherever they live, compete, coach, work or go. And as they go, open a door for Your Word and enable them to speak of Jesus Christ with clarity and boldness. May Your favor and blessing be on them as they obey the call. As they labor, may the Word of God increase and multiply with the Gospel spreading rapidly throughout the whole world. We are on our knees crying out for workers with listening ears, obedient hearts, responsive feet and harvest hands.

Lord, we believe the best is yet to come; therefore, we are praying with great expectation for You to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. We humbly pray for You who is in charge of the harvest to send more workers into Your fields. According to Your power that is at work within us, to You be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever!

Amen.