

ANNEX 1

DEFINITIONS OF PRAYER

A. John Bunyan—"Prayer is a sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the heart or soul to God through Christ, in the strength and assistance of the Holy Spirit, for such things as God hath promised or according to the Word, for the good of the church, with submission in faith, to the will of God.—John Bunyan, A Discourse Touching Prayer (Vol. 3).

B. Richard J. Foster—"Of all spiritual disciplines, prayer is the most central because it ushers us into perpetual communion with the Father."

C. Mother Teresa—"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.

D. John Knox—"Prayer is an earnest and familiar talking with God."

E. Josh McDowell—"Prayer is talking with god. God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart."

F. Dr. Ralph Martin—"Prayer is, at root, simply paying attention to God."

G. St. Therese of Lisieux—"For me, prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy; finally it is something great, supernatural, which expands my soul and unites me to Jesus."

H. Billy Graham Evangelistic Association—"Prayer is spiritual communication between man and God, a two-way relationship in which man should not only talk to God but also listen to him. Prayer to God is like a child's conversation with his father. It is natural for a child to ask his father for the things he needs."

I. E.M. Bounds—"Prayer is the helpless and needy child crying to the compassion of the Father's heart and the bounty and power of a Father's hand.