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"We thank Thee our Father that we have an all sufficient God, and through Jesus Christ we have access to omnipotence, omniscience and omnipresence of God. Help us to believe that in all our ignorance, Thou knowest and art willing to show us enough of Thy Wisdom so that we can follow Thee and do our duty. We thank Thee that wherever we may be Thou art there. We thank Thee that all the power is committed into the Son through Whom we have access to all the power we need to do all the service that Thou requirest. Help us to believe in a great God, a mighty Savior and an all-wise Spirit to guide us. We ask it all in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and our Lord."

Benedictions by Levi Pennington

12/29/74: Our Father, we remember that the prophet, speaking for God, reprimanded Israel because they were robbing God in tithes and offerings. Help us to remember that the tithe is not the upper limit of our giving, but that God expects offerings from us - He who gave the best that Heaven had for the worst that earth had produced. Help us to be true to Thee by giving not only what Thou has given to us in things, but because Thou has given us hearts that love Thee, that love mankind, May we give ourselves and all we have to Thee. For Jesus Sake, Amen.

1/26/75: Help us, our Father, as we seek to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace to remember that if we are close to Thee we cannot be far from one another. Help us to remember when we seek to be at unity with other people that we can find that unity in loyalty to Jesus Christ better than any other way. Dismiss us with Thy blessing and Thy benediction, we pray Thee, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

2/2/75: Our Father Who art in Heaven, and Who art on earth with us, since we are assured that every true Christian is a member of the Body of Christ's, help us, each personally, to seek earnestly to know what Thy will is for us to do, what our function is in the Body of Christ, and to perform that function faithfully and as skillfully as we are able, with all the help we can get. Go with us to our homes, we pray Thee, be with us that we may do Thy will and advance Thy Kingdom in our part of the world. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

Morning Worship Service 11:00 am
Benediction by Levi Pennington
January 6, 1974

Our Father in Heaven,

We pray Thee that thou wilt help us to be as business-like with Thee as we are with the government and the grocer. Help us to know how much we ought to turn back of the gifts that thou hast given us into the direct work of the church and how much more of the tithe we can give. Help us to remember that we are told that God loves an hilarious giver. Help us to be joyful in our giving to the limit of our ability. May our devotion to the cause of Christ be complete; financially, as in every other way. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

Levi Pennington 7/28/74

service

Our gracious Father we pray Thee that this/may not have been in vain. Wherever Thou has spoken to any heart here-in song or in testimony-in sermon or in the quietness of our heart before Thee, whatever Thy word has been to each one of us May we obey the voice of God now and always. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Levi Pennington 7/7/74

Our Heavenly Father, we pray Thee that every soul, who has named Thy name may say to himself now, "there is a place for me in the service of God and man in this church", and help us to find our place. We remember the words of the poet who said, "Life may be given in many ways and loyalty to truth be sealed as bravely in the closet as the field" -- as bravely in the kitchen as in the pulpit. Help us to serve Thee and to remember the actual fighting in a war is done by a buck private in the rear ranks quite as definitely as the commander in chief. Bless these men who have been called for leadership, bless us that we may not fail them as they may not fail us, and that none of us may fail Thee, for Jesus Sake, Amen.

Levi Pennington 8/4/74

Our Father, we remember that the prophet speaking for God reprimanded Israel because ~~robbing~~ God ~~of~~ tithes and offerings. Help us to remember that the tithe is ~~not~~ the upper limit of our giving but that God expects offerings from us, He that gave the best that Heaven had for the worst that Earth had produced. Help us to be true to Thee not only by giving ~~to Thee~~ what Thou hast given to us in things but because Thou hast given us hearts that love Thee and that love mankind. May we give ourselves and all we have to Thee. For Jesus sake, Amen.

December 30, 1973
Morning Worship Service
Benediction by Levi Pennington

Song Sung by Dr. Pennington:

It may not be the path my feet would tread,
Which Thou shalt choose for me.
Perhaps the way Thy bleeding footstep led,
My eyes can scarcely see.
Let me but know where go the feet that bled,
Lord, I will walk with Thee.
The way may lead me through Gethsemane,
Bereft of every friend.
The crown of thorns may be reserved for me,
The scourge my flesh may rend.
Though Calvary's cross before my face I see,
I'll follow to the end.
When to the tomb I follow Thee,
My King where death's grim shades are cast.
When over death my shouts of triumph ring,
My last temptation past.
That path my weary wayworn feet shall bring,
To heaven and home, to heaven and home at last.

Dismiss us with Thy blessing we pray Thee. And go with us all
the days that are to be. May we follow Thee, keeping the spirit
of Christmas and of Calvary in our hearts and exemplified in our
lives. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

Prayer by Levi Pennington - May 6, 1973

Our Father, help us to remember that our greatest achievements, whatever else we do and accomplish, are the things which we accomplish in the spiritual world. And help us to realize that whether we are trying to influence others, we are doing it anyhow by what we do, and by what we say, and by what we think, and especially by what we are. Help us to love thee supremely, help us to love our fellowmen as we ought that we may advance thy kingdom by our influence in every way. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Levi Pennington
Prayer
December 9, 1973
Sunday Morning Service

Our Father in Heaven,

We remember the words of Thy Son speaking of the end of things. Then as Thy final word was, "Be ye also ready". That should be (we are sure) the concern of every heart here. Whether the end should come to an individual, (anyone of us here) in an auto accident today, in a heart attack, or a stroke or should come after long suffering, or whether we should live to see that day when Christ comes, with the voice of the Archangel and with the trump of God, when every eye shall see Him, even those that pierced Him. Help us to be ready, as Jesus enjoined us. In His name we ask it.

AMEN

Prayer of Levi Pennington - April 22, 1973

O God our Father, we thank thee for the privilege of knowing and worshiping and following the supreme hero of all the ages--Thy only begotten son who defeated Satan in the wilderness, sin on the cross, and death in the tomb. We thank thee for the supreme hero and victor and that Jesus Christ is alive today that we can follow Him. That since he rose we may walk in newness of life, seeking those things which are above. May we walk with Him here that we may be with Him in eternity. In His name we ask it. Amen.

Prayers of Levi Pennington

March 11, 1973

We would pray with Thy servant of old, "so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." And help us to remember that we never go over this part of our lives again and to make the most of today and every day for ourselves and for those who are called to minister in the homes, wherever we are and in Thy service Oh God, We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen

March 25, 1973

Our Father in Heaven, help us to seek earnestly to love God as we ought to, to serve Him through service to mankind whom we are to love as we love Him. Dismiss us with Thy blessing and benediction we pray thee in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of Levi Pennington - April 8, 1973

O Father in Heaven, we are grateful to Thee that Thou hast made it possible for us to believe in Jesus Christ and so to accept the will of God. We pray that all shall be well for us today and all the days that we live. We pray Thee, that we may face the future in loyalty, faith and love to Jesus Christ and His teaching, that all may be well for us. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

February 18, 1973 - Prayer by Levi Pennington

Our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for Thy great love that sent thy Son as Heavens great missionary to the earth. We thank Thee for Paul, perhaps the greatest missionary after Jesus Christ, who said "I am debtor both to the Jew and to the Gentile, both to the learned and to the unlearned." We thank Thee that the God of love wishes to supply every need of humanity according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Bless especially we pray thee, those who go from our greatly blessed civilization to others whose need is as great as was the need of our ancestors when they were the toughest race of savages in Europe. Give wisdom, we pray thee, to those who go as Thy representatives to those others of other races, other colors, other civilizations, that they may have wisdom to know how to present the claims of Jesus Christ in the most effective way. And above all, give to us who do not go but who send, the sense of mission, the sense that we are as truly debtors as those who devotedly go to other countries and give their lives there. Help us that our lives will be given here and that we may seek always to pay our debts, recognizing that we are indebted to all the world. Dismiss us with Thy blessing, go thou with us we pray thee, may we serve thee acceptably every day. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

Prayer of Levi Pennington

March 18, 1973

Our Father, we pray thee that we who have named thy name may exercise the faith that worketh by love. Give us a faith beyond acceptance of any system of words, a faith that ties us up to the power of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Give us we pray thee the faith that worketh by love that we may be true followers of thy son Jesus Christ who went about doing good and who said to his followers, "as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Go with us we pray thee, as we go to our homes, give us, oh give us the faith that ties us up to the power of God in this world and the next. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen

February 4, 1973 - Prayer by Levi Pennington

At home I have a piece of paper little more than half the size of this sheet. (4x6) It's worth, I suppose, about 1/10 of a cent as paper but it has my name on it and it has the name of a sum of money on it and it has a signature on it. Now I can take it to the bank tomorrow and I can get that sum of money because of that signature. The man who signed that has money in the bank. Jesus said to his disciples "Hitherto you have asked nothing in my name, now ask in my name."

Lord, teach us to pray in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

February 4, 1973 - Acceptance of the book from the Missions Committee for his theme for the Month of Missions "The Time Is Now."

Well, I talked with my son-in-law about this theme, about the theme that we could suggest, and it seems to me I presented, that I thought of one and he thought of the other. I'm rather inclined to believe that this one was the one he thought of first. I won't guarantee that but that's the way I think it is now. Of course it's simple enough because now is the only time we can possibly be sure of. We think that--well, that some of us don't have nearly as much time to stay here as some of the rest of us. But I've seen a number of people go that thought I would go long before they did. Now is the only time for us that we can be sure of and now is the only time for the folks that need the help that we can give them across the ocean. Jesus didn't say go ye into all the world three or four years from now. It was an immediate command and they obeyed it immediately. And the wonderful results of that immediate response to Christ's command is something for us to think about.

December 31, 1972

Our Gracious Father, we are gathered here under such happy circumstances with so manifestly blessings from Thee surrounding us while other millions are suffering. Help us to be grateful for our situation with the blessings that have been ours during the past year however little we have deserved it. And help us as we look forward to the coming year to realize that if a year from today or a year from this Sabbath day there should be a meeting for worship here, that some of us will not be here. Help every one of us to say in his heart right now "I may be one of those who will not be here a year from now." And with that consciousness may we face the coming year to be ready at any time because we are faithfully following Thee. Help us to realize that we do have an infallible guide. And help us also to realize that though we have this infallible guide, we may not be infallibly led unless we follow close so that we can hear His voice so that we can be directed day by day. With this responsibility upon us may we face the future recognizing with Thy servant of old that our times are in Thy hands. Do be with us we pray Thee God. Do guide us we pray Thee Holy Spirit. We thank Thee for Thy great love to us O Christ. Help us not to hold back anything from Thee. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

December 24, 1972

Our hearts rejoice Our Father, as we remember again that Thou didst so love the world that Thou gavest Thine only begotten Son that we through faith in Him might live. Help us each one to realize that the birth of Jesus, the life of Jesus, the death of Jesus, His resurrection, His ascension, His coming return to earth, are for us--for me--for everyone of us--however unworthy we may be. For us, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. And we pray Thee that in our hearts may be fulfilled the prophesy, "He shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied." Be born in us O Christ, that we may suitably represent Thee to a world whose supreme need today, as every day, is harmony with God through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Help us that we may keep Christ in Christmas by keeping Him in our own hearts. In His own name we ask it. Amen