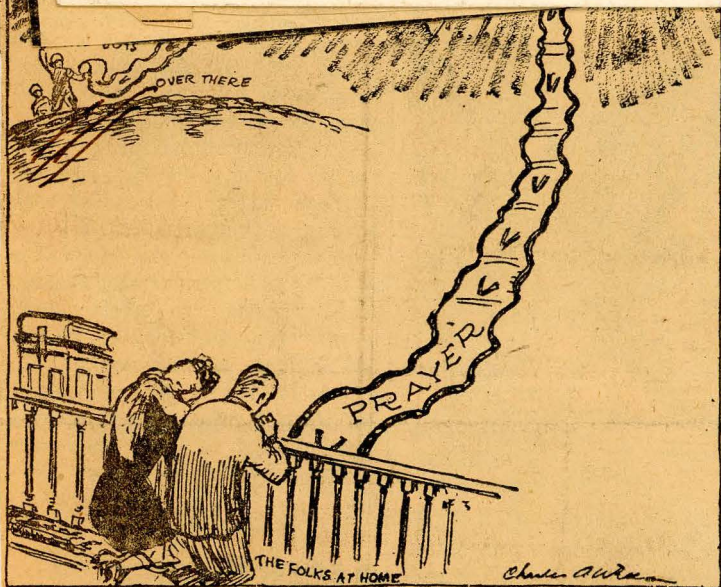


My mother and family



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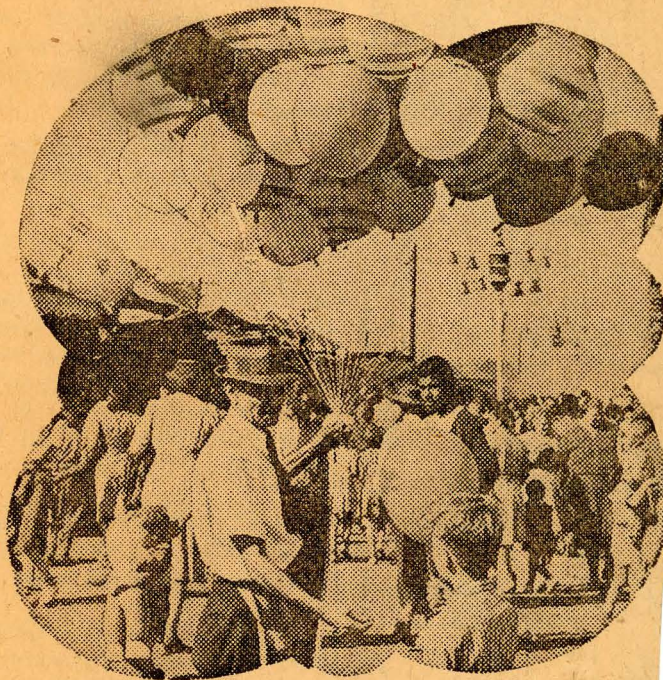
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A changeless will to work and wake,
 A firm faith in Thy providence,
 The rest—'tis Thine to give or take.

—Alfred Norris in *The Baptist Ob*

A Prayer for Faith



. . . wants more than a carnival . . .

I would not ask Thee that my days
Should flow quite smoothly on and on;
Lest I should learn to love the world
Too well, ere all my time was done.

I would not ask Thee that my work
Should never bring me pain nor fear;
Lest I should learn to work alone.
And never wish Thy presence near.

I would not ask Thee that my friends
Should now and always constant be;
Lest I should learn to lay my faith
In them alone, and not in Thee.

But I would ask Thee still to give
By night my sleep, by day my bread,
And that the counsel of Thy Word
Should shine and show the path to tread.

And I would ask an humble heart,
A changeless will to work and wake,
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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

“Master, where shall I work?” I asked,
And my love flowed warm and free.
Then he pointed out a humble spot,
And said, “Tend that for me.”

I answered quickly, “Oh, not there!
Why, no one would ever see,
No matter how well I did my work,
Not that little place for me!”

He answered me tenderly,

“Oh, my child, search now that heart of thine;
Art thou working for them or Me?”

—Baptist Observer

P R A Y E R

All true prayer starts with God. The impulse to pray according to the will of God is brought to us by the Holy Spirit Who instructs us in what God wills us to know and to do. We in turn present these requests to God through Jesus Christ. When such petitions then reach God, He, to honor the Son, or even to maintain His own integrity were there no other reason, must answer them. Thus the Triune God has admitted His children to partnership with Him in all His work of redemption. This is the secret of prevailing prayer. This alone makes prayer a high and holy privilege. Let us give ourselves to such prayer.

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