

# HIDDEN FIGURES

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Can you think of and share an answered prayer in your life?

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### George Müller

George Müller (1805-1898) was a German Christian evangelist and director of the Ashley Down Orphanage in Bristol, England. He cared for 10,024 orphans during his lifetime, and provided educational opportunities for orphans to the point that he was even accused by some of elevating the poor above their lot in British life. He established 117 schools which offered Christian education to more than 120,000.

Most famously, Müller was known as a man of simple prayers with profound results. He prayed the prayer of faith with directness and simplicity. His prayers were without elegance or flash, and the Lord responded. This is similar to Jesus' succinct words in Matthew 6.7-8: "And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

This is a great representation of Müller who would pray short, direct prayers, receiving answers sometimes within minutes. In one instance, the orphanage had completely run out of food and drink. Müller stood before the hungry children and staff and told them, "Look what the Lord can do." He prayed for food and drink, and moments later a carriage loaded with freshly baked bread broke down in front of the orphanage. The bread was served to the orphans. As if that wasn't enough, moments later another carriage loaded with milk broke down in front of the orphanage. The children were given the milk!

May George Müller stand as an encouragement that we might be people of sincere faith and prayers!

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GEORGE MÜLLER

GEORGE MÜLLER WAS KNOWN AS A MAN OF “SIMPLE” PRAYERS. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE “SIMPLE” PRAYERS? ARE YOUR PRAYERS “SIMPLE”?

JESUS SAYS IN MATTHEW 6.7-8 TO “...NOT KEEP ON BABBLING...” IN PRAYER. SURELY IT IS OK TO PRAY AT LENGTH ABOUT THINGS. HOW THEN DO IMPORTANT LENGTHY PRAYERS DIFFER FROM BABBLING? PERHAPS THE SECOND PART OF THE VERSE CAN HELP: “...FOR THEY (THE PAGANS) THINK THEY WILL BE HEARD BECAUSE OF THEIR MANY WORDS.”

WE DO NOT NEED FLASHY WORDS IN PRAYER IN ORDER TO GET GOD’S ATTENTION. TALK ABOUT THE FOLLOWING QUOTE: “THERE IS NO ‘HOLY GHOST’ LANGUAGE USED FOR MATTERS OF GOD AND SALVATION AND THEN A SEPARATE SECULAR LANGUAGE FOR BUYING CABBAGES AND CARS. ‘GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD’ AND ‘PASS THE POTATOES’ COME OUT OF THE SAME LANGUAGE POOL.” HOW DOES THIS QUOTE APPLY TO SIMPLE PRAYERS?

A “PRAYER OF FAITH” MUST HAVE SOME GUARDRAILS. A “PRAYER OF FAITH” DOES NOT MEAN “BELIEVE REALLY HARD THAT YOUR PRAYER WILL COME TRUE.” ALSO, SOMETIMES OUR PRAYERS ARE NOT ANSWERED. WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS? IN JAMES 5.17-18, ELIJAH IS NOTED AS A RIGHTEOUS MAN WHO PRAYED PRAYERS OF FAITH, BUT THIS IS IN THE CONTEXT OF PRAYING PRAYERS THAT ARE IN LINE WITH GOD’S COVENANT. IN OTHER WORDS, HE PRAYED ACCORDING TO GOD’S PROMISES AND SCRIPTURE. HOW CAN WE BETTER PRAY PRAYERS OF FAITH?

Please take a few moments to pray with and for one another