



## Our Prayer — Answering God

Jeremiah 33:3

*Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)*

I heard a preacher once say that Jeremiah 33:3 is God's telephone number. I learned the wonder of calling that number when I was about nine or ten years old. I had been adopted at birth by two wonderful Christian parents. My daddy and I were buddies. We shared good times when he was not away working in the Ark-La-Tex oil fields. So, when he came home one time very sick, and the doctor came to our house, I went to our back porch, knelt beside my mother's washing machine, and called God. "Please, God, heal my daddy. I need him." It was just a childlike prayer, but days later, as my daddy got well, I remembered that short but fervent prayer.

From there, my personal prayers grew to include my church, the missionaries who came to my church and others in my extended family. The church youth group I belonged to had all-night prayer meetings, led summer youth revivals and encouraged us to pray and seek God's will in our lives.

My life as a ministry partner with my husband began when I was 18 years old. Prayer became an important part of our daily life, including prayers for where to serve, where to complete our education, where to live, how to buy a car and how to care for the babies who filled our family. We prayed as individuals, a couple, parents, and a pastor and wife. Later, prayer was the key to sustaining a ministry of full-time evangelism.

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Security Hints and Tips:

# Protect Yourself Against Card Skimmers



Using your credit card at a gas station pump or drive-up ATM is quick and convenient. However, cybercriminals are using a technology called card skimmers to read and record your card information in a matter of seconds. Although retailers regularly check for card skimmers, it should be a priority to learn how to protect yourself at gas station pumps and ATMs.

## How Do They Work?

Card skimmers are physical devices that cybercriminals attach to the credit card reader of a gas pump or ATM. The card skimmer then reads the magnetic strip on the card to gather your full name, card number and expiration date. Once the skimmer reads your card information, the cybercriminals can sell your information or use it to access your bank account. These skimmers are designed to fit tightly over the real card reader at the gas station and ATM, making them undetectable if you don't know what to look for.

## How to Avoid Card Skimmers

To protect yourself against card skimmers, follow these helpful tips:

- **Shake and pull the card reader.** If it is loose or looks tampered with, report it.
- **Go inside.** Paying inside the gas station or going into the bank will reduce the risk of coming in contact with a card skimmer since it is less likely that the indoor card readers have been tampered with.
- **Use mobile payment options if they are available.** For example, use Google® or Apple Pay® to eliminate having to use your card.
- **Download a skimmer scanner app on your phone.** These apps, available on App Store® and Google Play®, will warn you about card skimmers in the area.
- **Pay with cash.** Paying with cash completely eliminates the risk of encountering a card skimmer.

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Praying has taught me many things about God. He is faithful. He knows what is best. He wants me to ask, seek and knock. He has a perfect timetable for answers to prayer. He says “no” for my good.

Praying has also taught me a lot about myself. I need to be thankful daily. I need to trust God’s answers and accept his denials. I must pray for others’ needs. Every day, I need to remember that God bends his ear to listen and meets me when I pray.

Many years ago, I assigned a day of the week to pray for my seven grandchildren. When the eighth came along, he was added to his sister’s day. That special day, I pray for each one and now their families. They know I do this and remind me at times of their day.

John Newton wrote this challenge:

*Thou art coming to a king,  
Large petitions with thee bring,  
For His grace and power are such  
None can ever ask too much.*

**What will you pray for today?**



*Nita Rogers*

Served the Lord alongside her late husband, Ben, for 22 years Mission:Dignity® recipient since 2019



INTRODUCING

# Chad Vandiver

Chad joined Mission:Dignity on May 28 as manager, recipient relations. Having recently served as a third-generation missionary in Northeast Africa, Chad felt the Lord calling him to honor Mission:Dignity recipients who have served faithfully for many years.

Chad grew up in Abidjan, Ivory Coast and Paris, France, and has extensive experience sharing biblical truths and developing cross-cultural friendships in urban contexts. Before serving in Africa, he was a mobilization specialist and Send Montreal Missionary for Send Network® Canada. Chad is also passionate about church planting and helped found the Empower One Network in Northeast Africa and CrossCreek Network out of CrossCreek Church in Colleyville, Texas.

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2. If you do not receive the renewal, please contact the Mission:Dignity office so we can send one once we have verified your address. This will help ensure a seamless transition to a new grant once approved.

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