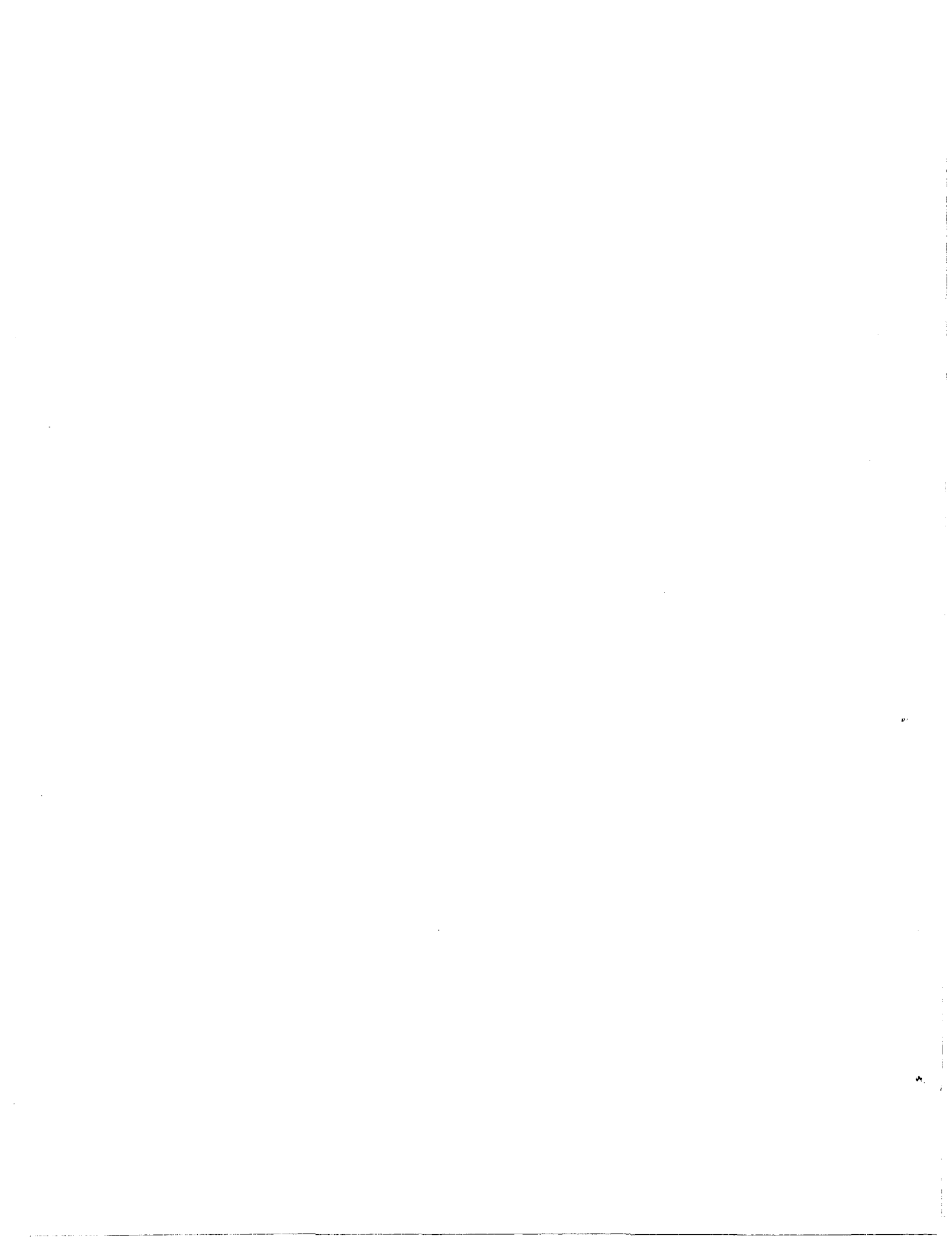


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The story is told of a minister who went to the usual prayer meeting only to find nobody present.

He began tolling the church bell.

Presently a dozen people came running to ask who was dead.

“The church,” replied the minister.

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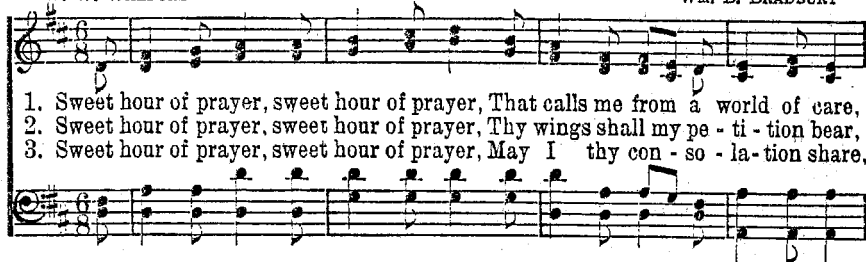
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Sweet Hour of Prayer

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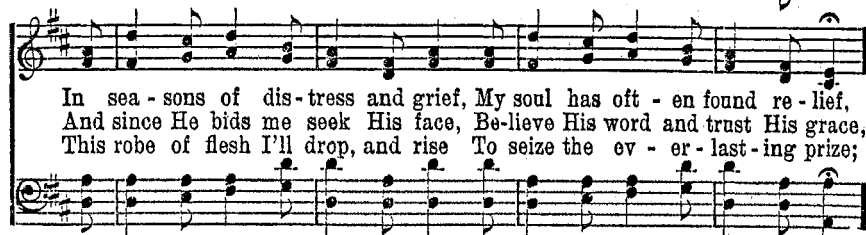
WM. B. BRADBURY



1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care,
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear,
3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so - la - tion share,



And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish - es known,
To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;
Till, from Mount Pisgah's loft - y height, I view my home, and take my flight:



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, My soul has oft - en found re - lief,
And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace,
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize;



And oft es - caped the tempter's snare, By thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer,
I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
And shout, while passing thro' the air, Farewell, fare - well, sweet hour of prayer!

INTRODUCTION

Your writer feels it such a responsibility to undertake writing on the great subject of prayer, for the field of thought is so vast. On the other hand he desires to do so because the need is so urgent and prayer's blessings so rich. It is a subject on which much has been said, but more needs to be preached to convict some of their prayerlessness and to improve the prayer lives of others.

About the time the "Voice of Evangelism", which your writer has edited over fifty years, began back in 1946, he had laid out a booklet entitled, "Powerful, Prevailing Prayer." At that time he had designed the booklet's cover, and selected the topics to be discussed in it, and had even written a number of them that appeared in the pages of that publication, but then he came to the realization that the subject was so important, so rich, and so needed that he felt it really needed a better treatment than at that time he was able to give it. And now many years later he still feels somewhat that same way, but he says, "With the Lord's good help, let us proceed into this wonderful subject."

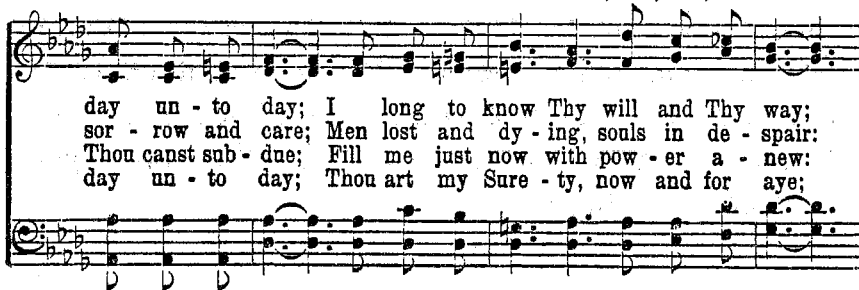
Teach Me to Pray

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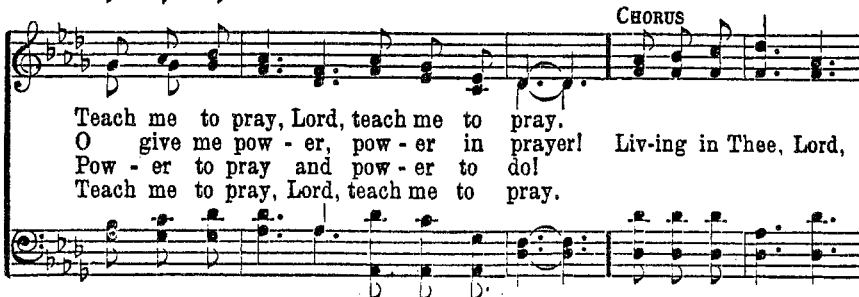
ALBERT SIMPSON REITZ



1. Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray; This is my heart-cry,
2. Pow - er in prayer, Lord, pow - er in prayer, Here 'mid earth's sin and
3. My weakened will, Lord, Thou canst re-new; My sin - ful na - ture
4. Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray; Thou art my Pat - tern,

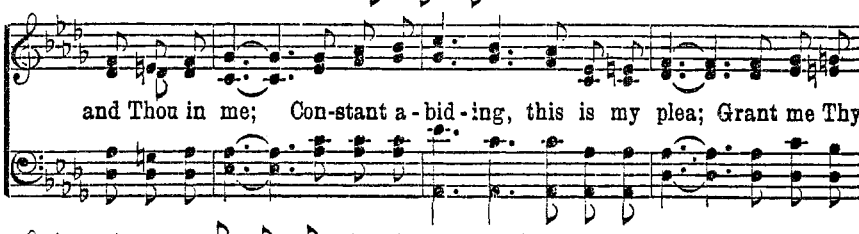


day un - to day; I long to know Thy will and Thy way;
sor - row and care; Men lost and dy - ing, souls in de - spair:
Thou canst sub - due; Fill me just now with pow - er a - new:
day un - to day; Thou art my Sure - ty, now and for aye;

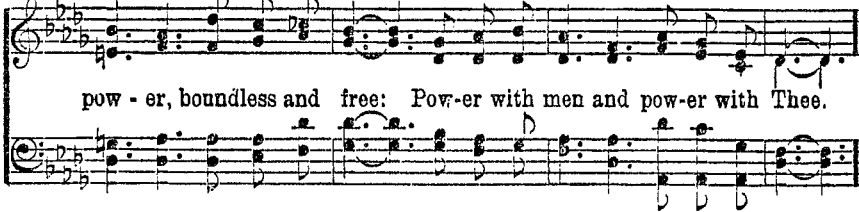


CHORUS

Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray.
O give me pow - er, pow - er in prayer! Liv - ing in Thee, Lord,
Pow - er to pray and pow - er to do!
Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray.



and Thou in me; Con - stant a - bid - ing, this is my plea; Grant me Thy



pow - er, boundless and free: Pow - er with men and pow - er with Thee.