



Claiming the Power of the Holy Spirit (Day Seven)



When God's People Pray!

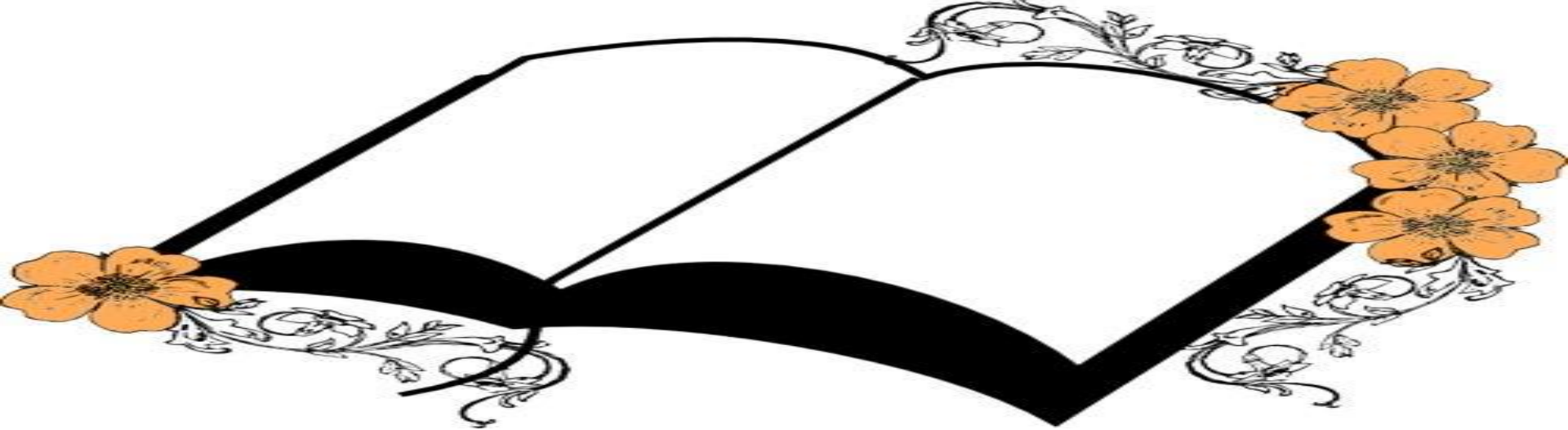


**And the assurance He gave
them that their petitions should
be heard, is assurance also to
us. {CSA 26.4}**

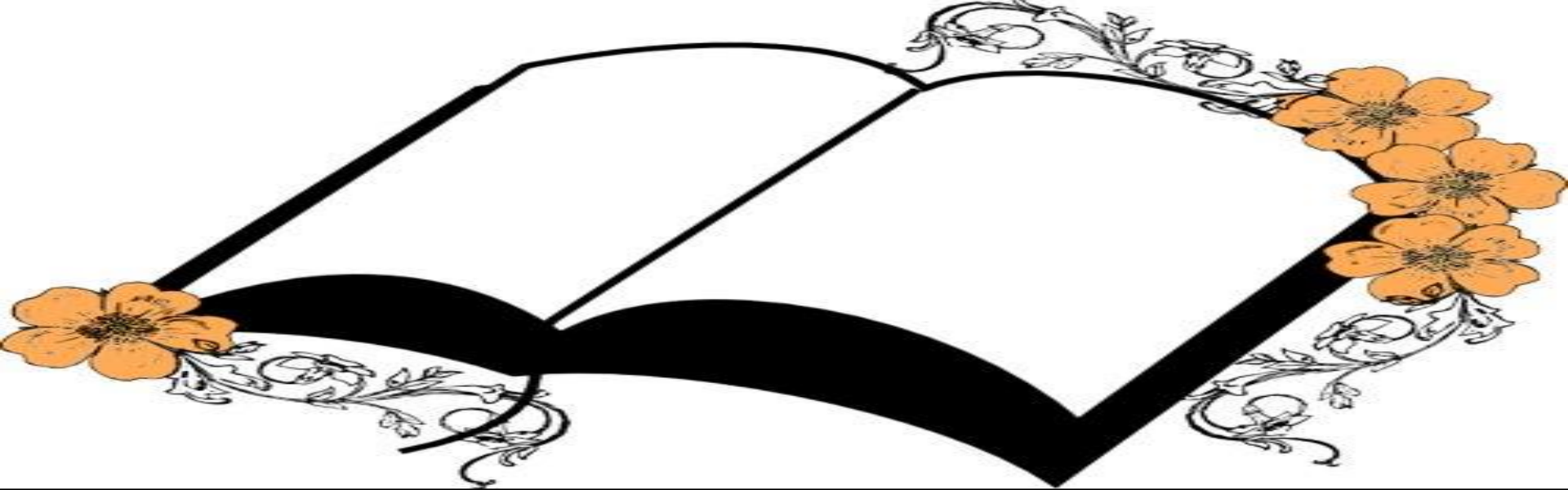


Jesus is our example in all things. His humanity made prayer a necessity and a privilege. And if the Savior of men, the Son of God, felt the need of prayer, how much more should feeble, sinful mortals feel the necessity of fervent, constant prayer.

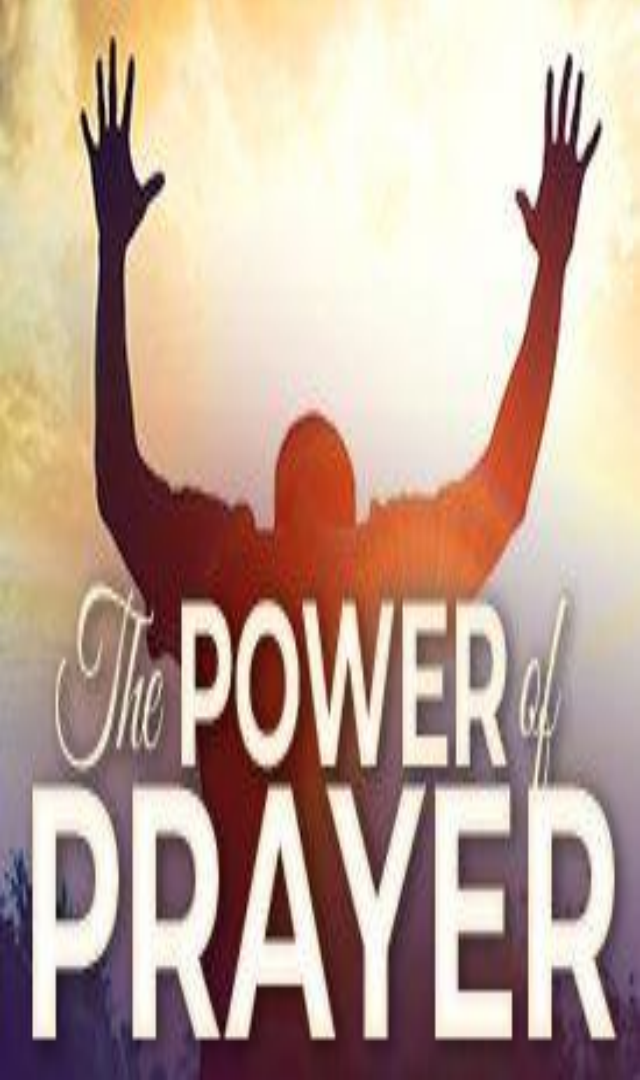
{CSA 26.5 }



**Psalms 91:14-15 Clear Word
God says, “I will save those
who love me. I will protect
those who know my name.**



When those who trust me call to me, I will answer them. I will be with them when they are in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them.”



Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray, when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock Heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence?
{CSA 27.1}



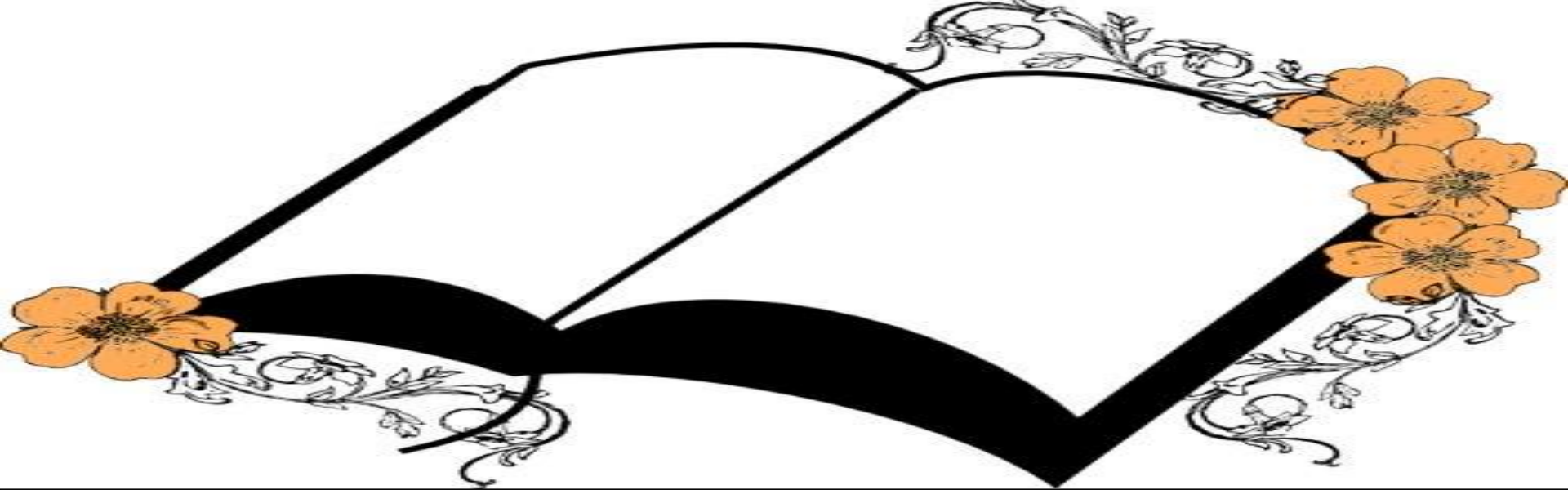
The heart must be
open to the Spirit's
influence, or God's
blessing cannot be
received....

{CSA 27.2 }

THE PRAYER OF FAITH

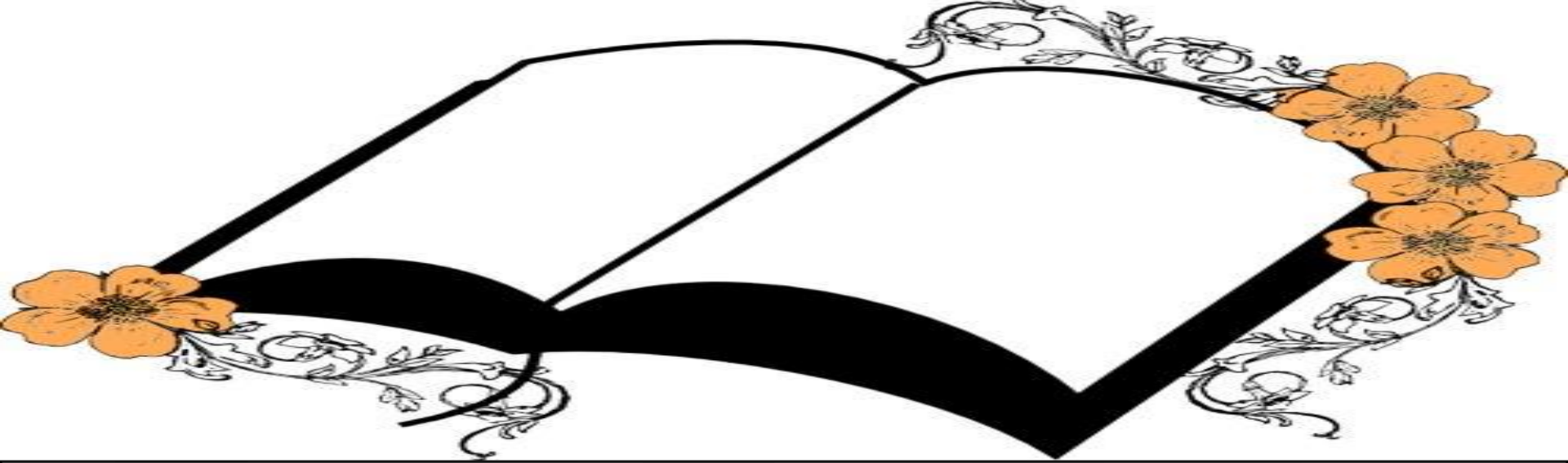


Another element of prevailing
prayer is faith.... {CSA 27.3}

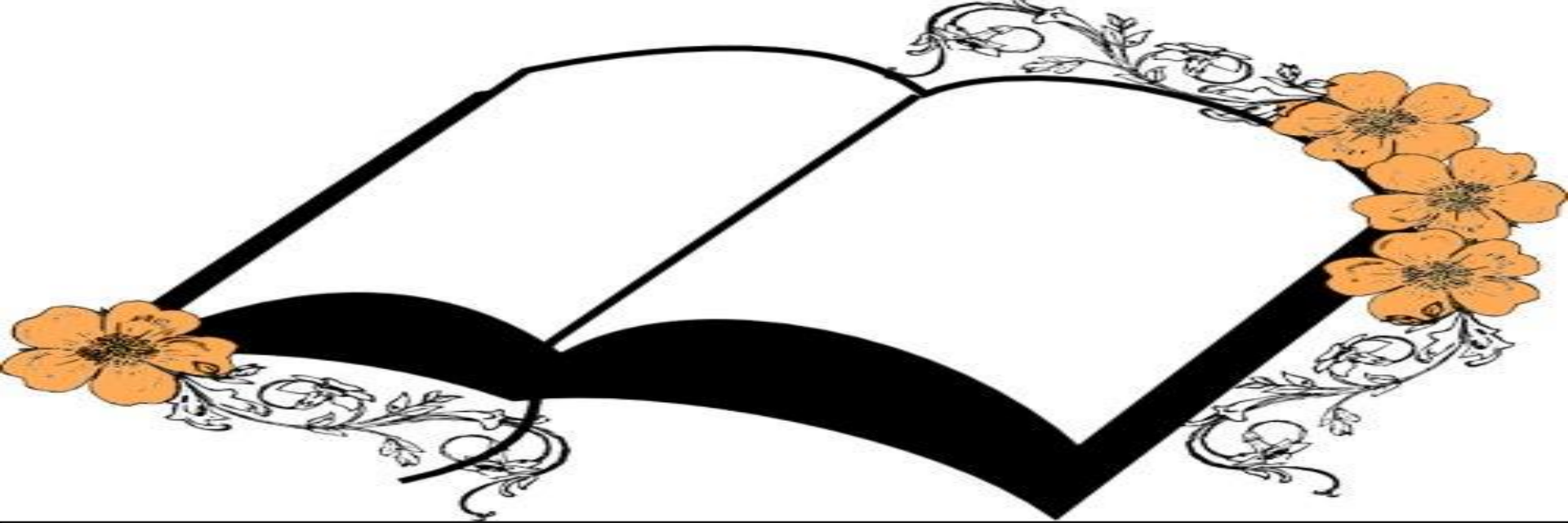


Matthew 7:7-11

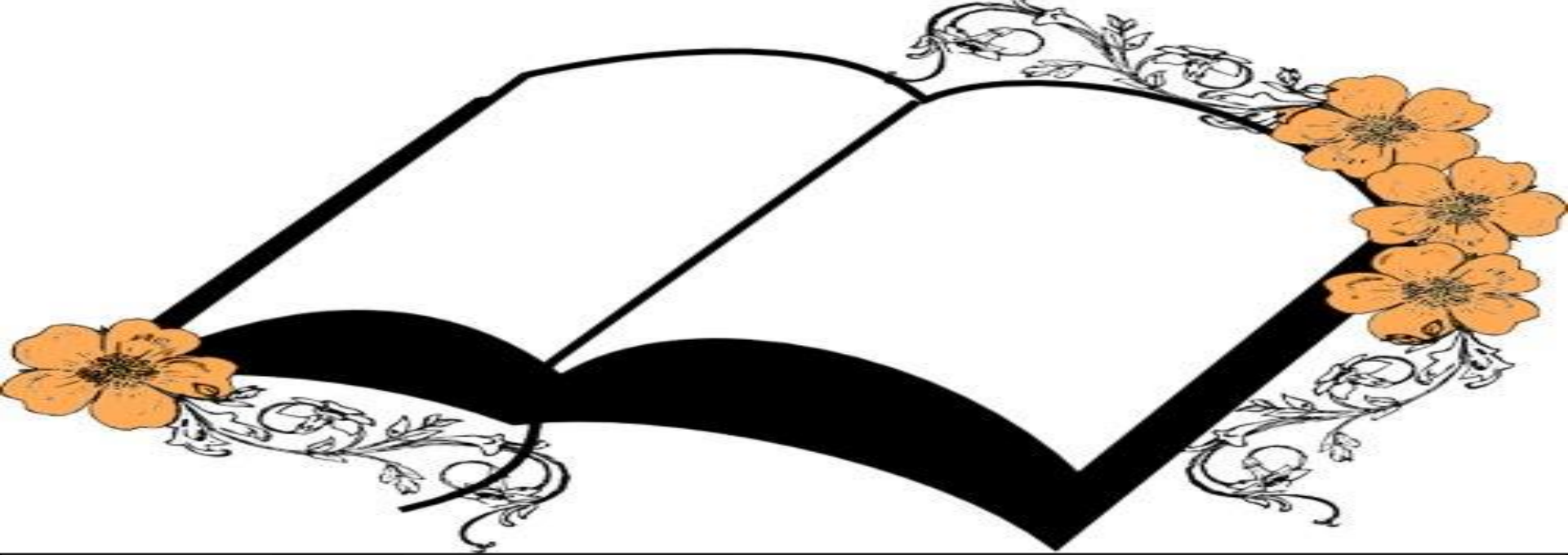
Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:



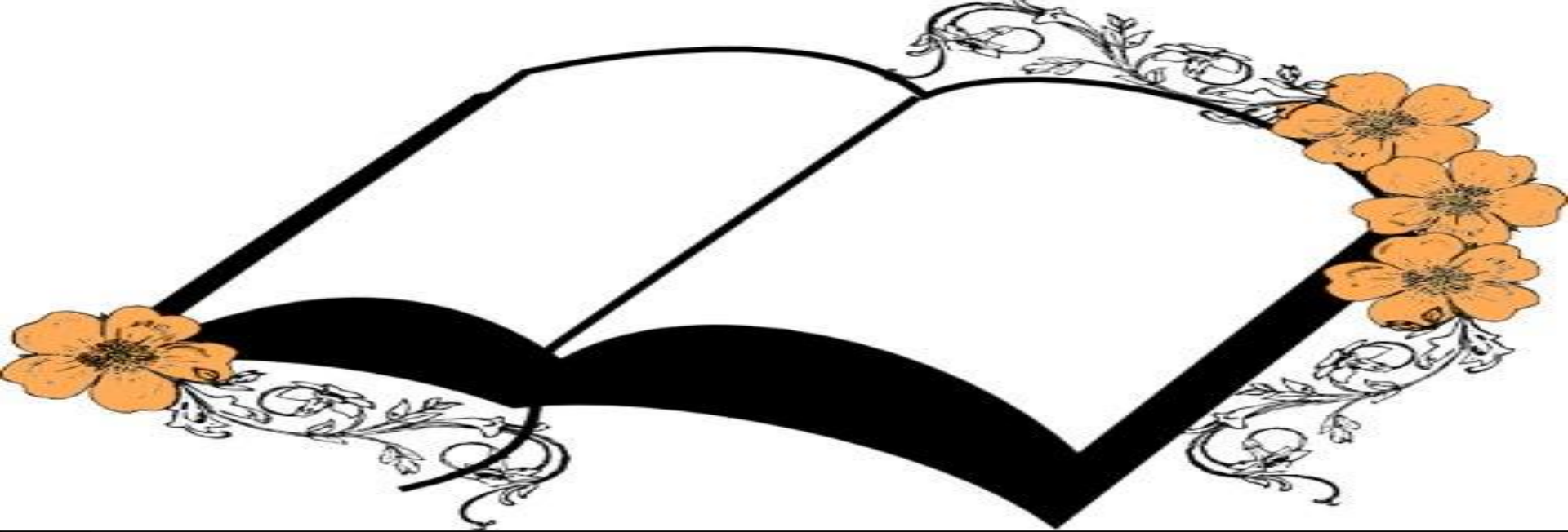
**For every one that asketh
receiveth; and he that seeketh
findeth; and to him that
knocketh it shall be opened.**¹⁰



**Or what man is there of you,
whom if his son ask bread,
will he give him a stone?**



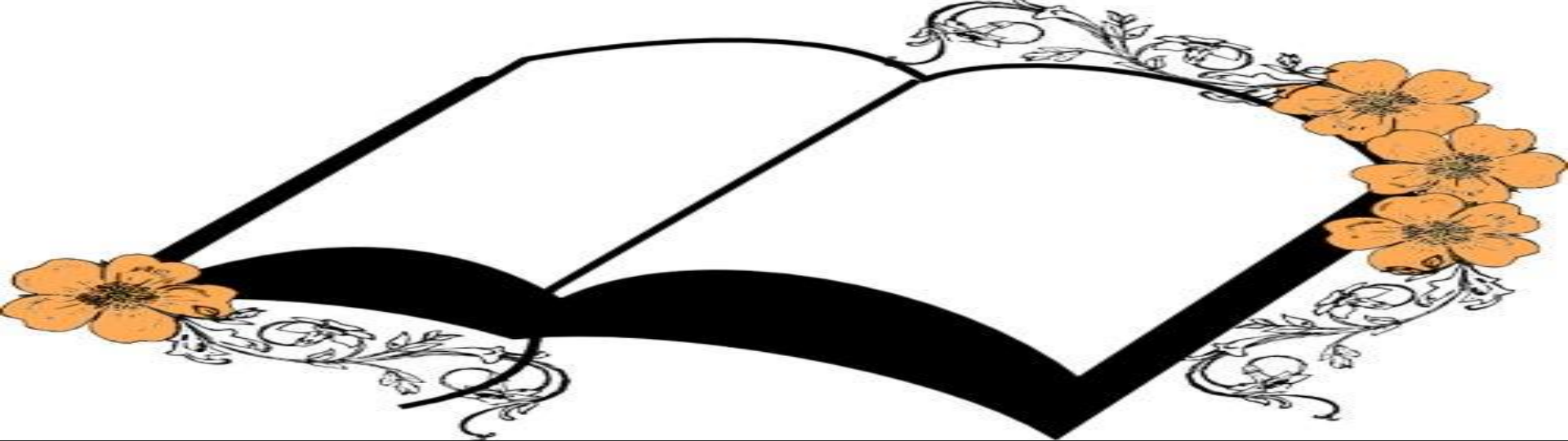
**Or if he ask a fish, will
he give him a serpent?**



If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in Heaven give good things to them that ask Him?

**Ask &
You Shall
Receive!**

**God is not sparing with
the gifts of Heaven.
{5BC-356}**



Mark 11:24

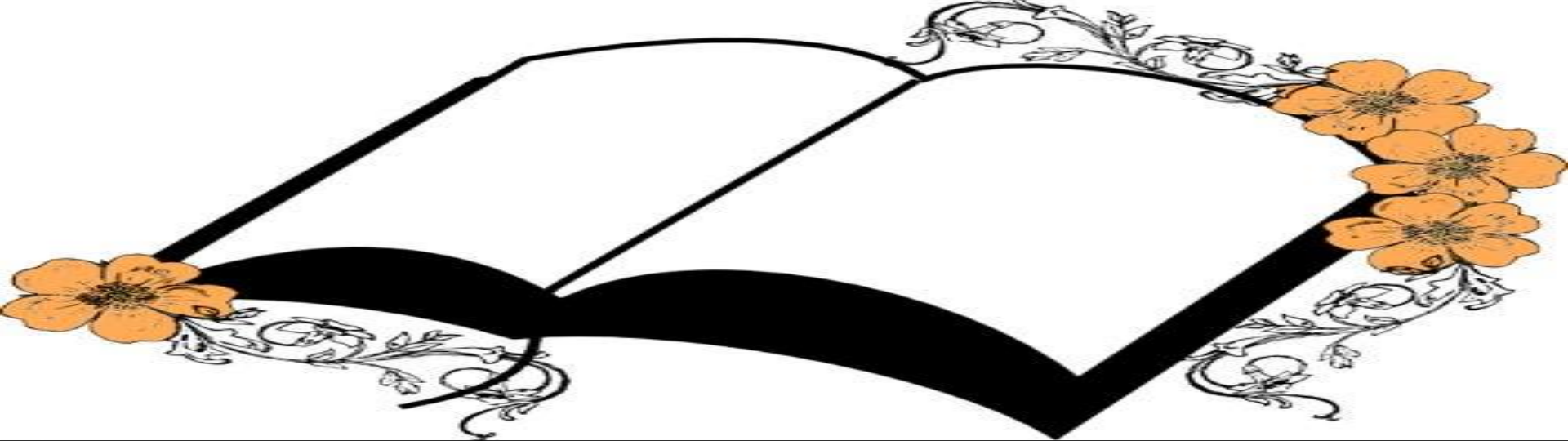
Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.



TAKE GOD AT
HIS WORD

HE WILL NOT DISAPPOINT YOU

**Do we take God at His
word? {SC 96.1}**



Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?

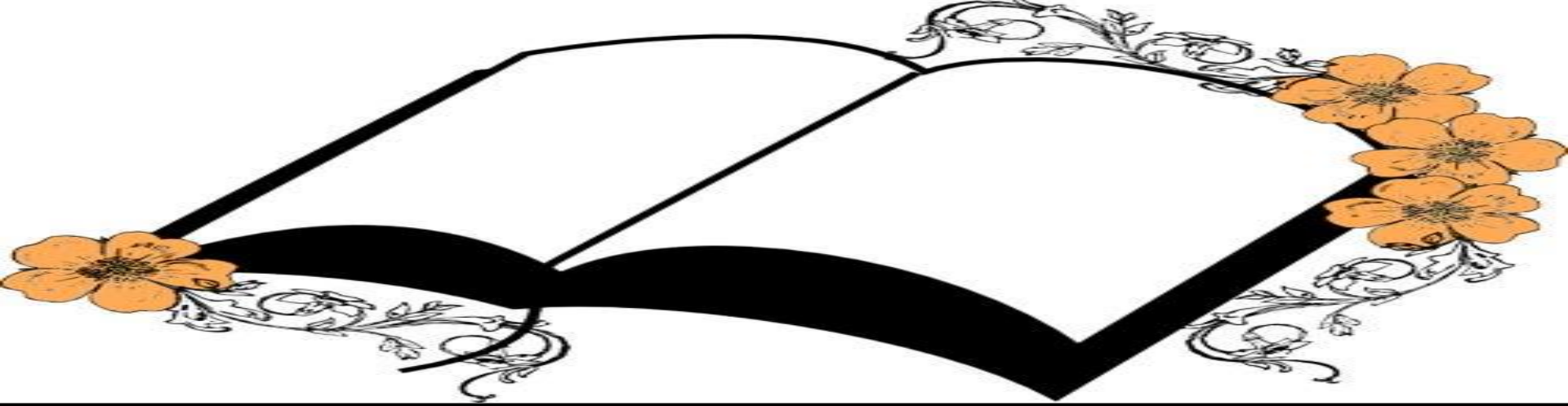
NEVER
DOUBT THE
POWER
OF PRAYER

Believe; believe that God will do just what He has promised. Keep your prayers ascending, and watch, work, and wait. {FE 299.2}



THE POWER OF PRAYER

Feeble, sinful man has the privilege of speaking to his Maker. We may utter words that reach the throne of the Monarch of the universe. {GW 258.1}



James 5:16

**The effectual fervent prayer
of a righteous man availeth
much.**



Nothing can drown the soul's desire. It rises above the din of the street, above the noise of machinery. It is God to whom we are speaking, and our prayer is heard. {GW 258.2}

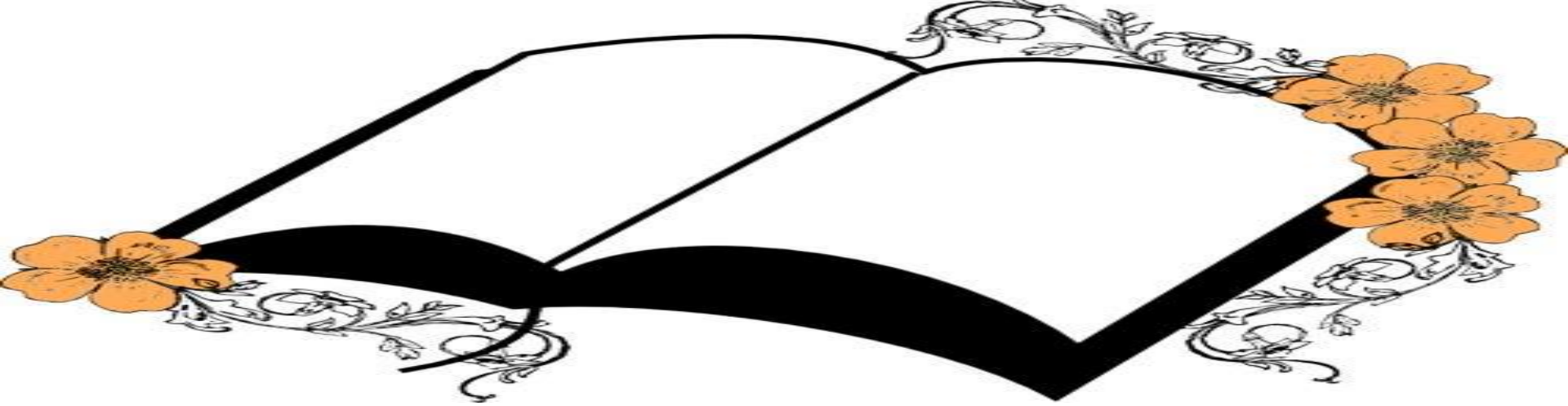


**Why is it that we
do not receive
more from Him
who is the source
of light and power?**

We expect too

little....

{HP 75.2}



Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.



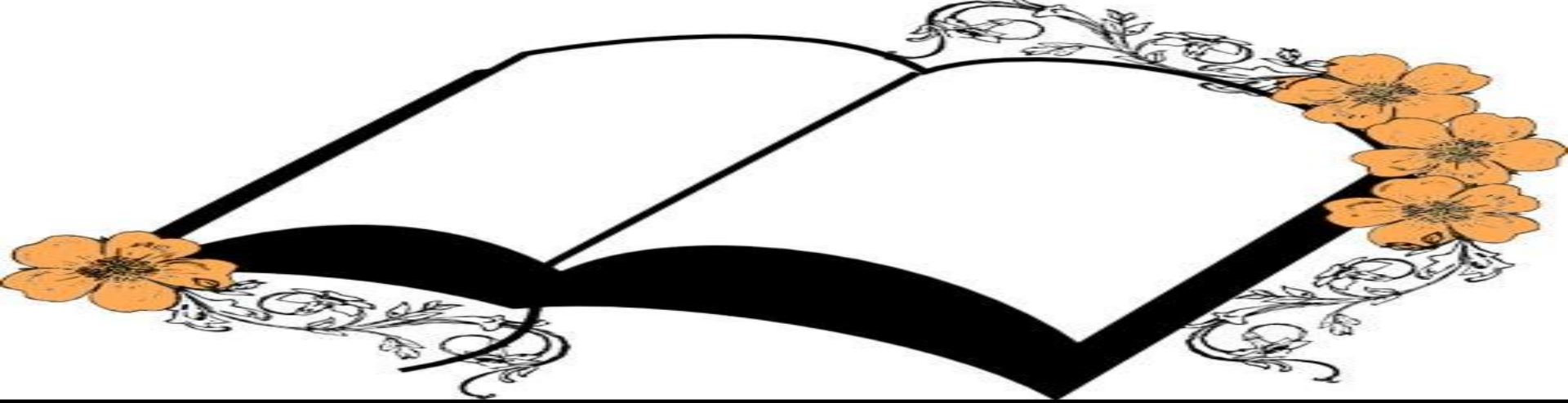
Then, perfumed with the
merits of Christ's
propitiation, the incense
comes up before God wholly
and entirely acceptable. Then
gracious answers are
returned.

{Selected Messages 1:344}



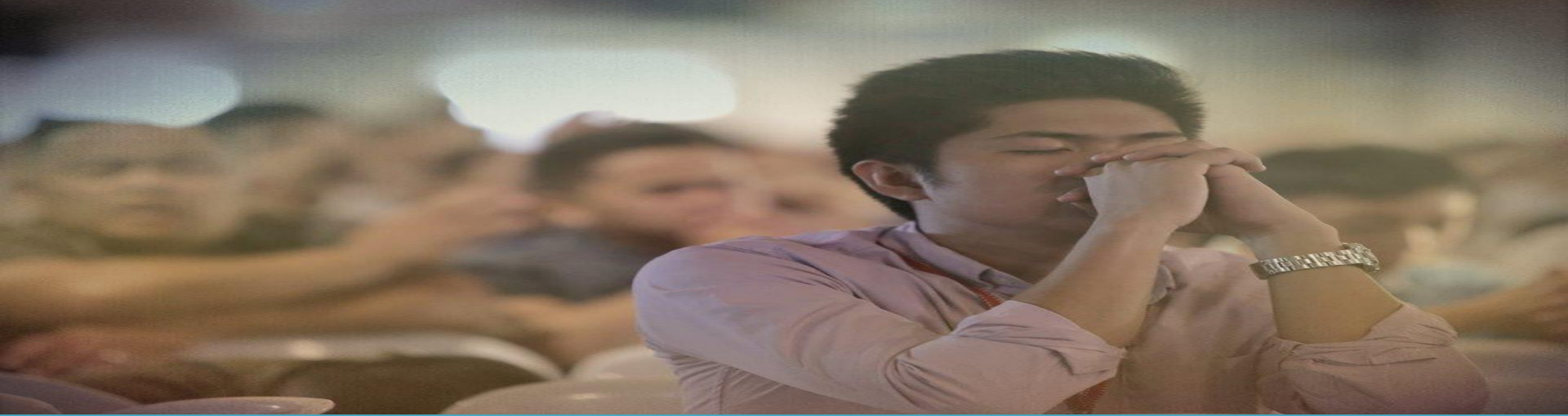
Pray in the Holy Spirit

When with earnestness and intensity we breathe a prayer in the name of Christ, there is in that very intensity a pledge from God that He is about to answer our prayer “exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.” {HP 80.2}



Hebrews 4:16

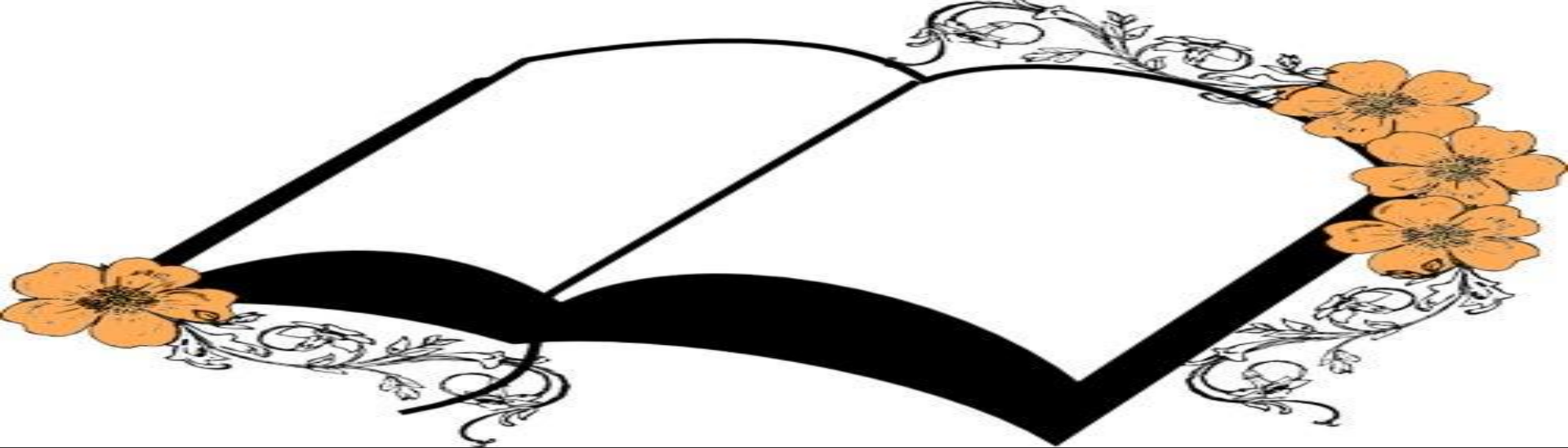
**Let us therefore come boldly unto
the throne of grace, that we may
obtain mercy, and find grace to
help in time of need.**



**Heaven is open to our petitions... We
are to come in faith, believing that we
shall obtain the very things we ask of
God. {HP 80.3}**



What can the angels of Heaven think of poor helpless human beings, who are subject to temptation, when God's heart of infinite love yearns toward them, ready to give them more than they can ask or think, and yet they pray so little and have so little faith? {SC 94.1²⁸}



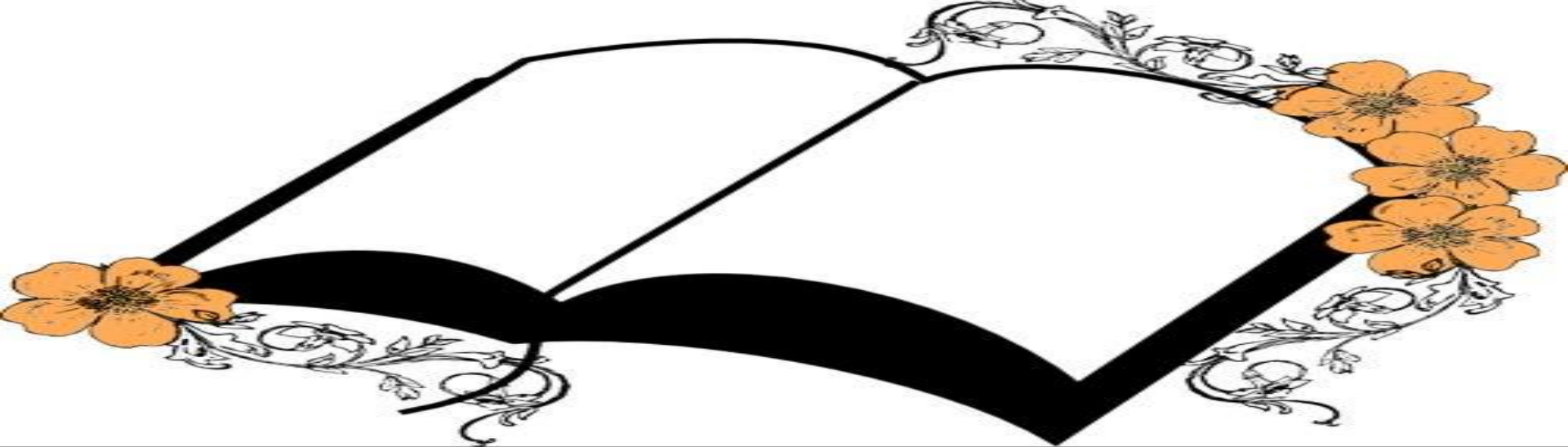
Hebrews 11:6

Without faith it is impossible to please Him:
for he that cometh to God must believe that
He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that
diligently seek Him.



1 John 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us:



**And if we know that He hear us,
whatsoever we ask, we know
that we have the petitions that
we desired of Him.**



**It is God to whom we are
speaking, and our prayer is
heard. {HP 82.4}**

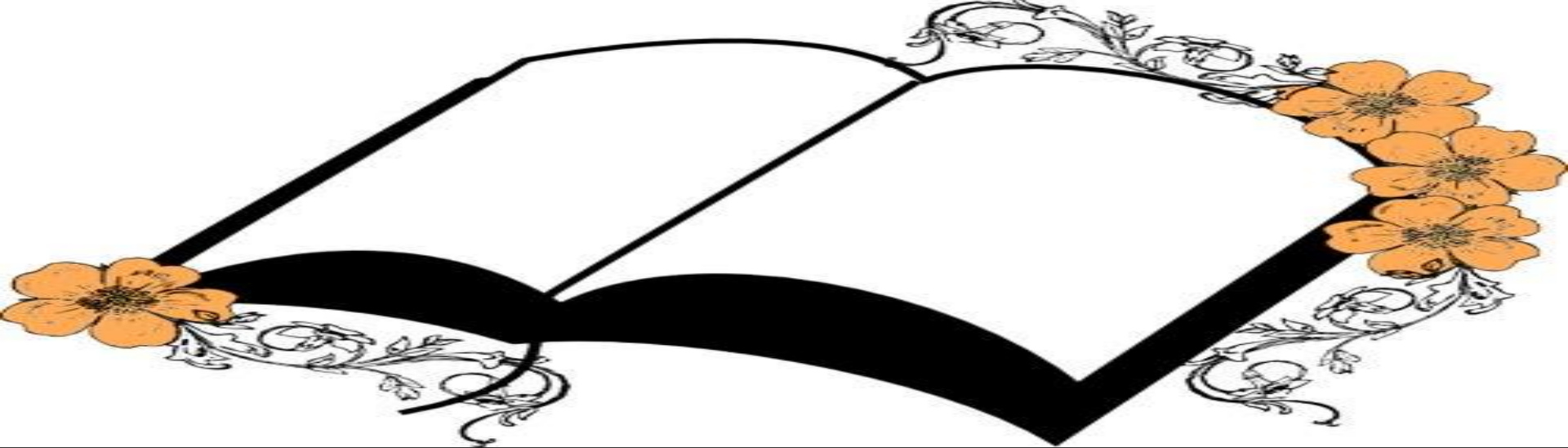


An appeal to Heaven by the humblest saint is more to be dreaded by Satan than the decrees of cabinets or the mandates of kings. {HP 82.5}



The effectual
fervant **prayer**
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much

Prayer has “subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, ... turned to flight the armies of the aliens” (Hebrews 11:33-34). {HP 83.2}



Philippians 4:6

**Be careful for nothing; but in everything
by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made
known unto God.**



OUR FATHER,
WHO ART IN HEAVEN

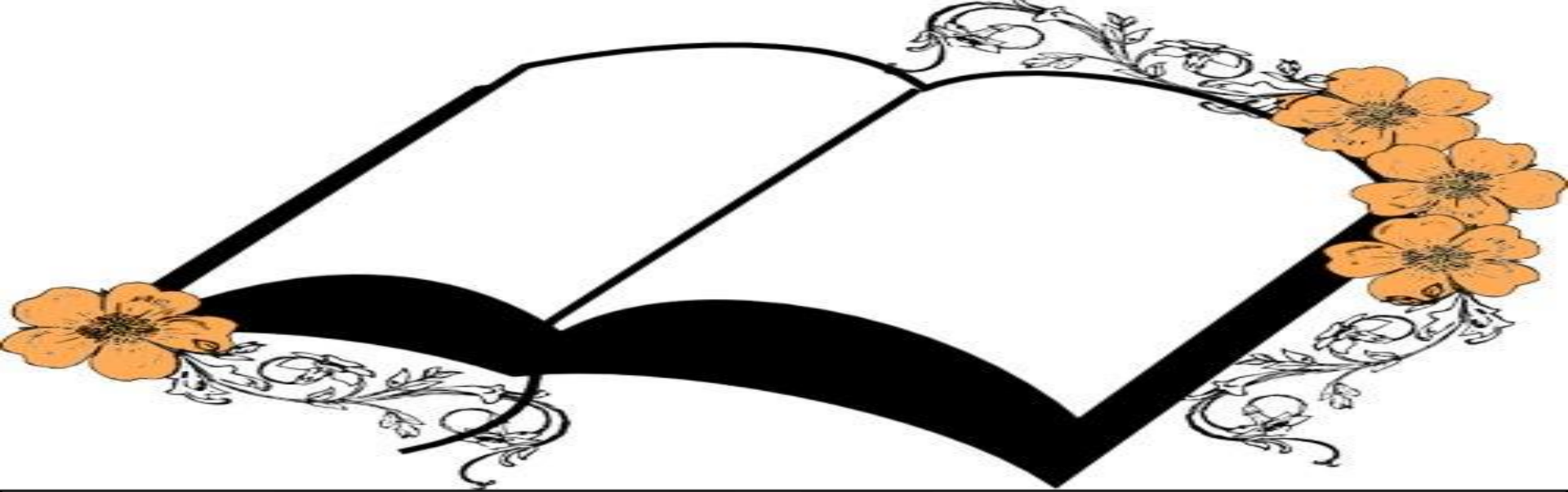
**Spoken when asking His
favor or blessing, it is as
music in His ears.**

{COL 141.4}



Then, with self
dead and your life
hid with Christ in
God, offer your
humble petitions.

{2T 157.2}

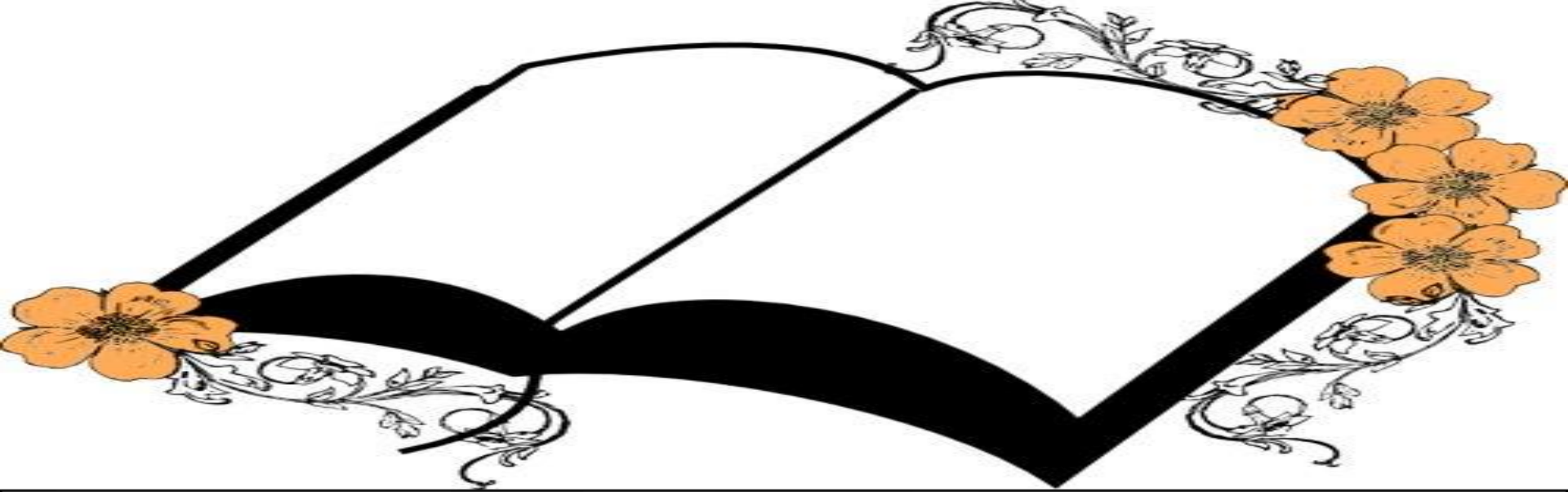


Psalms 66:18

If I regard iniquity in my heart,
the Lord will not hear me:



**There are
conditions to the
fulfillment of God's
promises, and
prayer can never
take the place of
duty.**

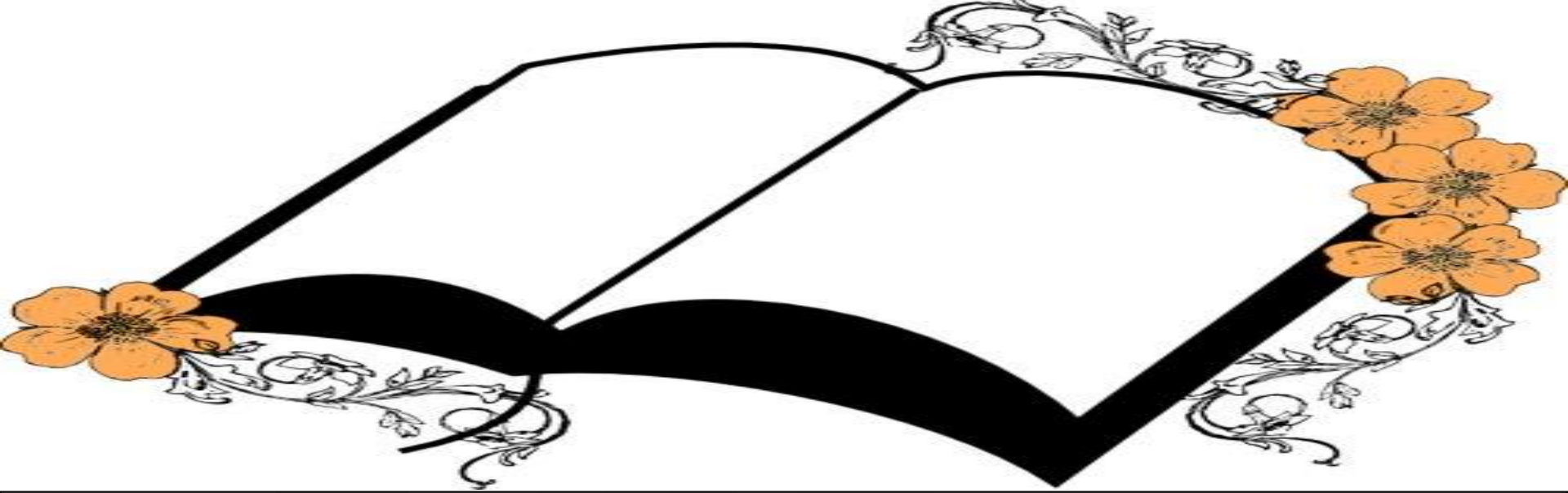


John 14:15

**If ye love me, keep my
commandments.**

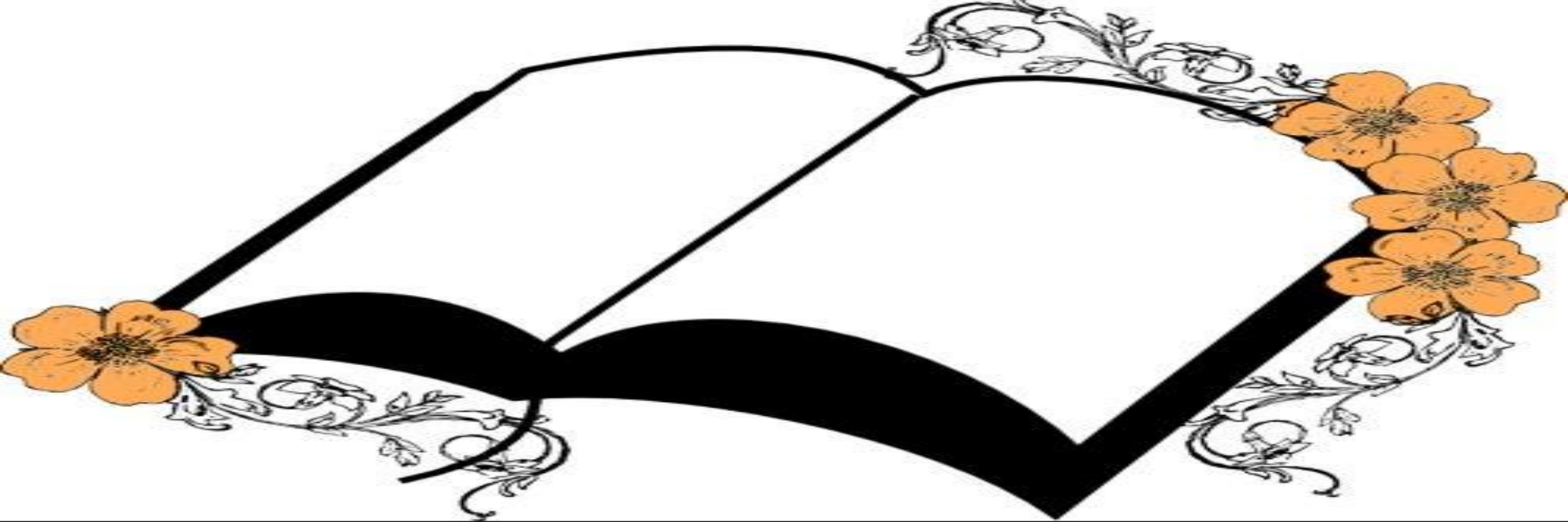


Those who bring their
petitions to God,
claiming His promise
while they do not
comply with the
conditions, **insult**
Jehovah. {COL 143.2}



John 15:7

**If ye abide in me, and my words
abide in you, ye shall ask what ye
will, and it shall be done unto you.**



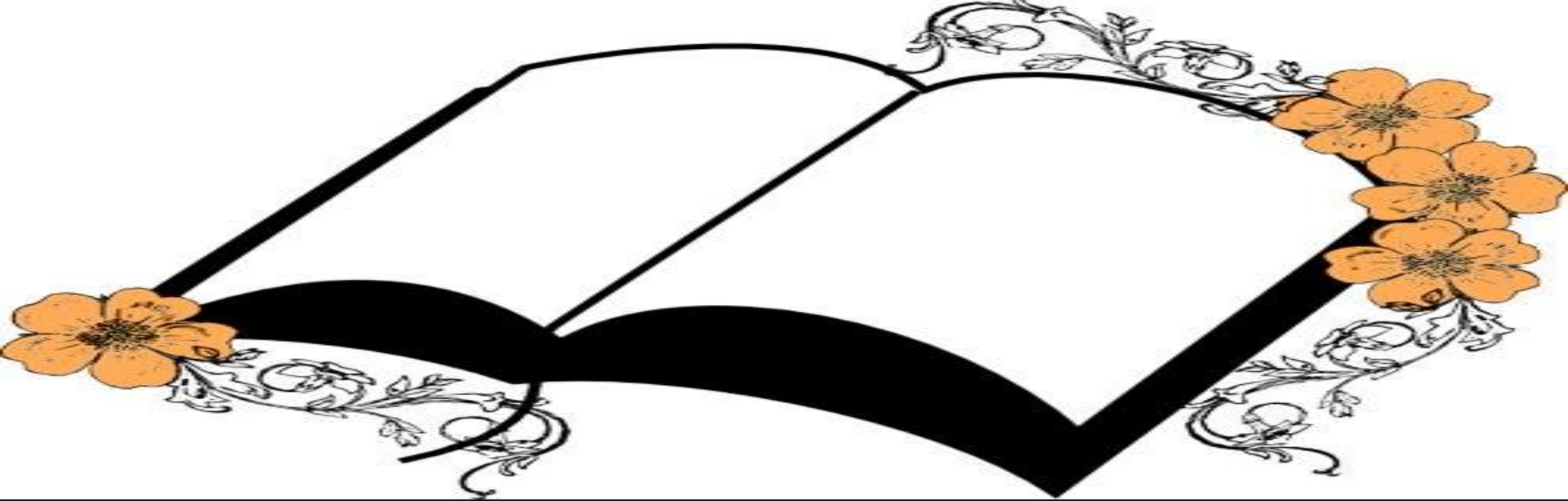
John 14:14

**If ye shall ask any thing in
my name, I will do it.**

pathway to God's
blessing.



**If we live according to His word,
every precious promise He has given
will be fulfilled to us. {MH 226.3}**⁴⁴

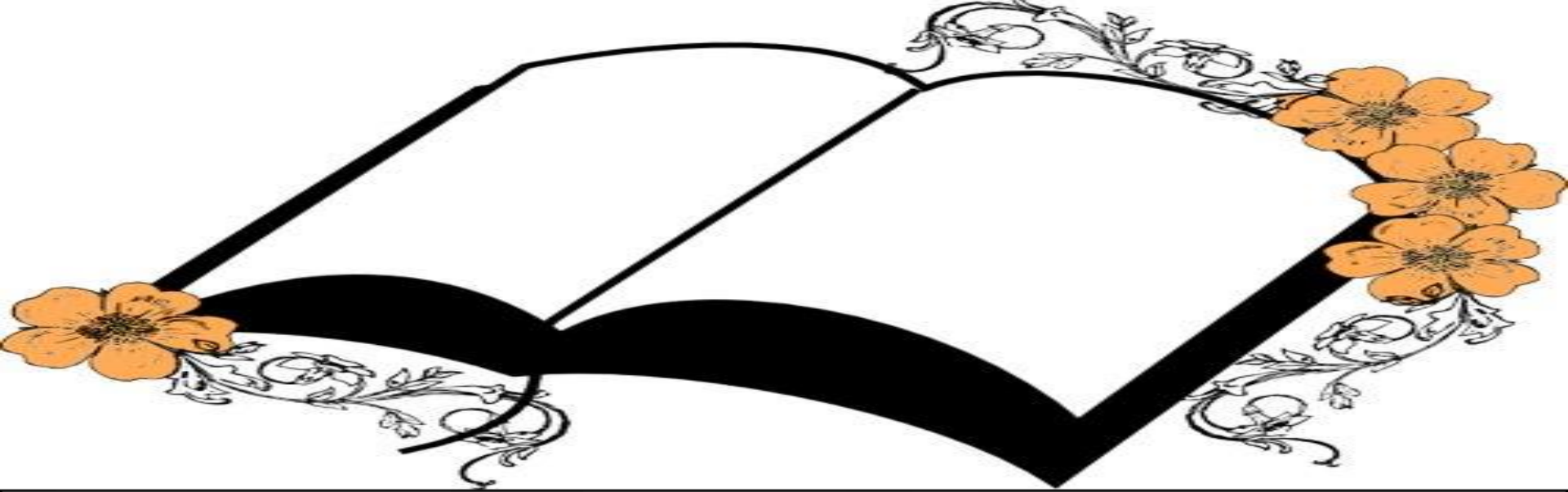


Deuteronomy 7:9

Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations.

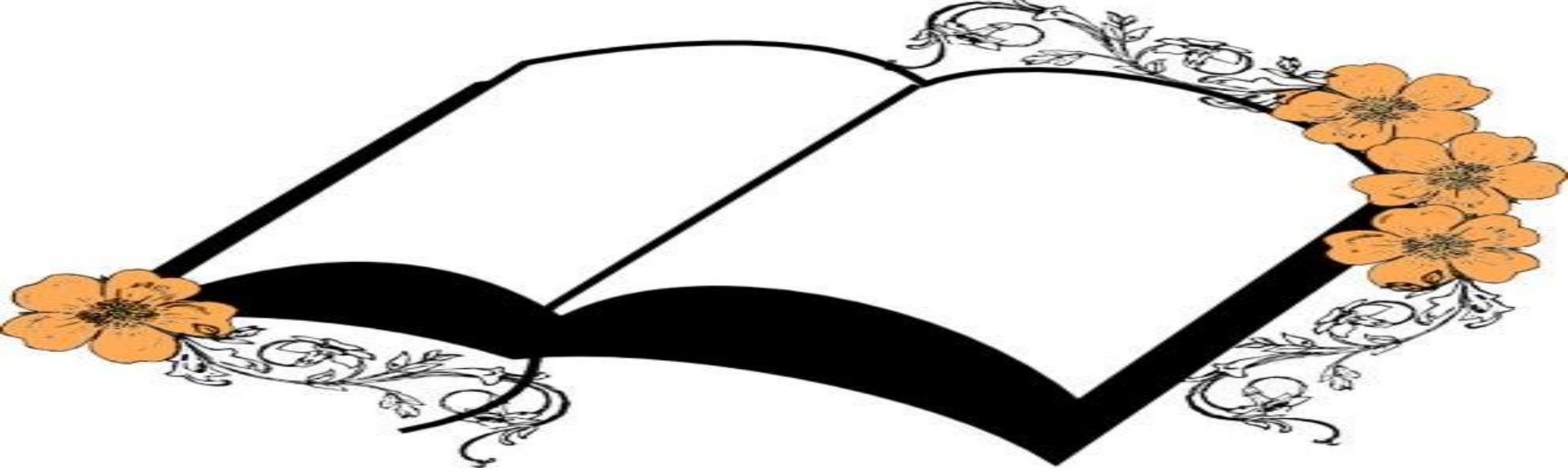


**If you will find
voice and time
to pray, God will
find time and
voice to answer.**
{ML 16.5}



Luke 21:36

**Watch ye therefore, and
pray always...**



1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray without ceasing.⁴⁸



**Heaven is not closed
against the fervent
prayers of the
righteous. The only
reason for our lack of
power with God is to
be found in ourselves.**

{ML 17.3}



**Cultivate the habit of
talking with the Savior....**

**Let the heart be
continually uplifted in
silent petition for help,
for light, for strength, for
knowledge. **Let every
breath be a prayer.****

{ML 17.5}