

# Prayer—an perspective

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*So let us step boldly to the throne of grace, where we can find mercy and grace to help when we need it most.* Hebrews 4:15

On December 2, 2015, in San Bernardino, California, 14 people were killed and 22 injured in a terrorist attack at a county Christmas party. The next day the *NY Daily News* featured this bold headline on their front cover: **“God isn't fixing this!”**

Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham, countered: *“They have the audacity to criticize politicians who had publicly offered prayers and asked for God's comfort following the killings. It's evident that this group is bashing the importance of prayer in order to promote their own gun control agenda. Here s some 'news' for the NY Daily News—prayers are not 'meaningless platitudes' as they say on their cover. **Prayer is direct access to Almighty God and is the most powerful tool a Christian has.** Prayer does make a difference in heartbreaking situations like this.”*

Guglielmo Marconi (1874–1937) was an Italian inventor. Like Einstein he was a genius that did very poorly in school. However, at a young age he began to conduct experiments based on the pioneering work of Heinrich Hertz who was able to produce and detect electromagnetic radiation (radio waves). His goal was to use radio waves to create a practical system of “wireless telegraphy”—i.e. the transmission of telegraph messages without connecting wires as used by the electric telegraph.

After years of experimentation on January 18, 1903, Marconi sent a message of greetings from Theodore Roosevelt, the President of the United States, to King Edward VII of the

United Kingdom, marking the first transatlantic radio transmission originating in the United States. He shared the 1909 Nobel Prize in Physics with Karl Ferdinand Braun "in recognition of their contributions to the development of wireless telegraphy."

Here's what the father of modern, wireless communication said about his faith as a scientist: *"I am proud to be a Christian. I believe not only as a Christian, but as a scientist as well. The more I work with the powers of Nature, the more I feel God's benevolence to man; the closer I am to the great truth that everything is dependent on the Eternal Creator and Sustainer. A wireless device can deliver a message through the wilderness. **In prayer the human spirit can send invisible waves to eternity, waves that achieve their goal in front of God.**"*

**"God isn't fixing this!"?** "So let us step boldly to the throne of grace, **where we can find mercy and grace to help when we need it most.**" I think the NY Daily News should focus on reporting!