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*Public Prayer not time to
pray for families*

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Dear Brother

Your letter of February 24 has been received, and I am wondering if you might have in mind a statement found at the bottom of page 145, in Testimonies, Volume 1, in regard to praying for our relatives in the public prayer meeting. We read there:

"We should not come to the house of God to pray for our families unless deep feelings shall lead us while the Spirit of God is convicting them."

You will be interested in reading the full statement, in its setting. I would not understand this statement to mean that there are never times when it is not proper to engage in prayer for members of our families at the time of the prayer meeting, but that generally speaking the secret place of prayer is the place to pour out our hearts for unconverted members of our families. It would seem that this statement would not preclude the mention of specific individuals under certain circumstances, or asking that such be remembered by others in their private devotions. The statement is a caution with a view to preserving order in our public prayer meetings, and keeping them on the proper level.

We have never made a compilation on this particular phase of prayer, Brother Vaughts. The many entries on the subject of prayer, in the Index to the writings of Sister White, will be a guide to you in your study of this topic.

Trusting that what I have written will be of some help to you, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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