

# A Mother's Prayer

Born in Washington County, Indiana, in 1884, Howard Cadle started drinking at the age of 12, and was soon in the grip of every kind of addiction.

He also became caught up in a sprawling Midwest crime syndicate.

His worried mother could do nothing but pray.

“Always remember, son,” she said, “that at 8 o'clock every night I'll be kneeling beside your bed, asking God to protect my precious boy.” God responded to that mother's petitions.

One evening in a rampage, Cadle pulled a gun on a man and squeezed the trigger. The weapon didn't fire, and someone knocked it away. It was exactly 8 o'clock.



Shortly afterward, Cadle made his way home, penniless and ill. “Mother,” he said, “I've broken your heart. I'd like to be saved, but I've sinned too much.”

His mother read to him Isaiah 1:18: “Says the Lord, ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.’” She led her son to the Lord.

Cadle went on to become a successful businessman, Christian leader and one of America's pioneer radio evangelists, preaching on Cincinnati's powerful WLW.

Given the station's massive broadcast range, with 500,000 watts, Cadle's daily program, *The Nation's Family Prayer Period*, is estimated to have reached 30 million people every day. Appalachian communities too poor to afford a minister listened Sunday mornings on the radio installed on their church pulpit by a member of Cadle's outreach team. Cadle's broadcasts contributed to the growth of the radio evangelical movement during the 1930s.

“Until He calls me,” Cadle once said, “I shall preach the same gospel that caused my sainted mother to pray for me.”

How did it all happen? Because of the fervent prayers of Cadle's mother.

Don't forget to pray for your children, and never give up

*The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective* (James 5:16 NIV)

– Beecher Hunter