

Praying for a Burglar

Although it shouldn't be so, we are often amazed at the dramatic manner in which God may choose to answer our prayers.

Take the case of Cindy Hartman of Conway, Ark.

According to the *Associated Press* in September 1994, Hartman walked into her house to answer the telephone, and was confronted by a burglar. He ripped the phone cord out of the wall and ordered her into a closet.



Hartman dropped to her knees and asked the burglar if she could pray for him. "I want you to know that God loves you and I forgive you," she said.

The burglar paused, and apologized for what he had done.

Then he yelled out the door to a woman in a pickup truck: "We've got to unload all of this. This is a Christian home and a Christian family. We can't do this to them."

As Hartman remained on her knees, the burglar returned furniture he had taken from her home. Then he took the bullets out of his gun, handed the gun to Hartman, and walked out the door.

Praying for our enemies is incredibly disarming.

– Beecher Hunter