

# Ring the Bell

The story is told of an Eastern monarch who recognized how difficult it was for the common people in his realm to come to him with their requests.

Sometimes it was nearly impossible for them to make their way through the guards and attendants surrounding him. So the king decided to become more accessible to his subjects. He had a bell installed next to his throne with a long, thin chain attached to it. He then ordered that the chain be let down through a window into the street below so that anyone could get his attention at any time just by ringing the bell.

What an amazing accommodation to the king's subjects!

This story is a beautiful and striking picture of God's availability to His children through prayer. Although He is surrounded by indescribable splendor and glory, His ear is open to the faintest cry of the neediest of His followers on earth.

We can always "pull the chain" of intercession and have an immediate audience with the King of heaven and earth.

So, if you are beset today by some challenge or adversity as you go about your work in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home – or if you want to pause and thank the Lord for your blessings – just keep the prayer bell ringing.

--Beecher Hunter