

Yuletide Carols Not Sung by a Choir

It was late afternoon on Christmas Eve. I was getting ready to pay a visit with my church cell group to The Meadows nursing home. Each of the five members of our group was to take a plate of cookies, to mingle a bit and to wish everybody "Merry Christmas."

The phone rang and changed that. It was Miss Evelyn, our group leader, giving me short notice with a tall order that our little group was now to "sing like a choir" to the group at The Meadows. "Well, they asked us in good faith, so it's up to us to have good faith that we can do it!" stated Miss Evelyn.

Did Miss Evelyn have any idea that she was throwing our little off-key non-choir into the lion's den?

Picking up on my lack of response, Miss Evelyn added as if praying, "Remember, our lack of carrying a tune is God's opportunity to supply His singing angels! Well, *toodle-loo!*"

Miss Evelyn's faith statement had me worried. God's angels singing over us were badly needed, but would they show up within the hour and do so on a prayer that ended with "*Toodle-loo!*"

Funny how time speeds up when you are dreading something! In no time I was in the meeting hall at The Meadows. Normally a plain-Jane meeting room, it had been magically transformed with an

array of twinkling white lights and evergreen swags that hung above the windows. A cheery fire in the fireplace offered toasty warm heat and a cozy light throughout the room. In the center of the room was a handsome Douglas fir tree that glowed brightly with multi-colored lights and hand-cut paper ornaments of bells and camels and Santas. On top of it sat a doily-made star that was precariously leaning to the right.

A loving voice cut in, "Our Miss Hilda made those!" The voice belonged to an elderly lady with crinkly blue eyes and a wide and friendly smile. She introduced herself as Glennie and added, "We are so proud of everything she does and proud of what all of our residents do!"

I noticed that the residents—our audience—were taking their seats. Many sat on folding chairs, while others arrived in wheelchairs.

Suddenly I began to see something new. Here was *not* a lynch-mob audience to fear, but instead a combined community of family's loved ones ... someone's grandma or grandpa or aunt or uncle!

"Lord," I prayed privately, "Let your angels show up to make this a night of nights to bless the precious residents here!"

Without warning, Miss Evelyn tapped her pencil on the podium—and her Ticonderoga yellow #2 was magically transformed into the wand of the grand maestro, as she began to lead our little group in "Angels We Have

Heard on High.”

Soon, *the entire room was filled with other voices joining in over ours!* So much so, that this forced Miss Evelyn to grab the microphone. In an impromptu moment, sounding like Mitch Miller with a falsetto voice, Miss Evelyn made the announcement:

“Welcome to our first annual *Christmas Sing Along at The Meadows!* Let’s ALL join in!”

Glory! The Lord had answered prayers—Miss Evelyn’s by sending His angels—and mine by making this a night of nights—as only He could do it in His mysterious and wonderful ways!

Merry Christmas to all and to all a *Toodle-loo!*

PRAYER POWER FOR THE WEEK OF 12-19-2011

This week celebrate the coming of our Lord with thanksgiving and express your joy by joining with others to sing, pray, fellowship and share His love. Remember those who are away from their family members at Christmas and reach out to the poor and lonely. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel. Thank God for His continued mercy and protection on our nation and continue to pray that our leaders would turn to God for wisdom and direction when making decisions that affect us all. Pray that God will continue to protect Israel during this busy tourist season.
Ps. 145:3-4

To enrich your prayer life and learn how to strategically pray with power by using

appropriate

scriptures, we recommend the following sources by Apostle John Eckhardt: Prayers that Rout Demons, Prayers that Bring Healing, Prayers that Release Heaven on Earth and Prayers that Break

Curses. To order any or all of these [click here](#).