“So Chaplain, I have been praying and praying and nothing is happening. So why pray any longer? God doesn’t seem to hear my prayers.”

How often have you felt this way? I have at times. I have prayed and prayed and it seemed like heaven was locked up and the key had been thrown away. No access today! Heaven is full. The circuits have overloaded with the prayers of many. You included.

God answers our prayers ... always! It may not be the answer we requested. Often it is not. Why? Sometimes we pray and request things that are not God’s perfect will. Case in point. “God, if you want me to have this car, it will all work out.” God knows your finances. God knows the future. It may not be His perfect will for you to have that car because your finances are not in the position to be a good thing. It is not God’s perfect will. But, you persist. You get the car. Your finances suffer. You blame God for giving it to you.

God will answer our prayers in one of three ways: “Yes!” “No!” or “Wait!” UGH! Give me a break, will you pastor?

Imagine this when you pray. You are on a cruise ship that is pulling into port. The ropes are thrown to the men on the dock. The ship starts the engines that pull the ropes. The ship moves to the dock. The dock has not moved. The dock is God. He is unmovable. Steadfast. Waiting for you to throw a line to Him so He can pull you to Him. But, maybe, just maybe, you think your prayers will pull God down to you? Down to your level? No! We need to move to God. And thus, the tough part. Waiting on God to fulfill His answer. His perfect will be done. Are you trying to pull God to you?

Prayer is communicating to God our love, our adoration, our desire to fellowship with Him, and yes, our need. God is not some magic genie that if we
do certain things He will pop out and answer us. He is our Father who wishes to love us, hold us close to His heart, and hear our breathing as we need Him.

So, keep calling out to God. Never give up. Remember the woman of Luke 18 who kept bothering the ungodly judge who did not regard God nor man. He finally gave in to this woman who would not give up. Do you think God would do anything less when we continue to seek His face? Unless you are only seeking His hand and what He can give you?

Keep calling home! Over and over again. God does not have an answering service. He answers with His own Word.