*Ruth Bell Graham was born on June 20, 1920 in eastern China. She lived a full life as a missionary, mother of five and wife to Billy Graham. She went to be with the Lord on June 14, 2007. During her lifetime she wrote dozens of poems. Here is one of them.*

**The Man I Prayed For**

Dear God, I prayed, all unafraid
(as we’re inclined to do),
I do not need a handsome man
but let him be like You;
I do not need one big and strong
nor yet so very tall,
nor need he be some genius,
or wealthy, Lord, at all;
but let his head be high, dear God,
and let his eye be clear,
his shoulders straight, whate’er his state,
whate’er his earthly sphere;
and let his face have character,
a ruggedness of soul,
and let his whole life show, dear God,
a singleness of goal;
then when he comes
(as he will come)
with quiet eyes aglow,
I’ll understand that he’s the man
I prayed for long ago.