

SCENE 30:

RICHARD LIVING ROOM - LATER THAT NIGHT

As Walter, Barbara, Dodie and Kyle
come in the front door, Turk steps
up behind them...

Turk (START)

TURK
Mr. Richard?

BARBARA
Who are you? We don't want no more trouble.

DODIE
We don't have any money!!

TURK
I don't want your money!

Walter recognizes him.

Walter (START)

WALTER
Wait! You're the one who stopped that lunatic
from killin' me!... Please, come on in.

Turks follows them inside.

WALTER (CONT'D)
How can I ever thank you?

TURK
I just wanna know how your little boy's doin'.

BARBARA
How did you know where we live?

Stumped, Turk glances at Kyle.

TURK
Uh, -- is he gonna be okay?

BARBARA
My baby's in a coma!

Walter puts his arm around her.

WALTER
Why don't you go lie down, honey?

BARBARA
I'm okay... I'm sorry, I didn't even ask you
your name.

TURK
Just call me Turk!

BARBARA
Such a fine, upstanding, young Black man.
There should be more like you.

WALTER
A witness said there were two of you.

Turk and Kyle exchange a look.

KYLE
The bullet is still in his spine. Kevin might
be paralyzed for life.

DODIE
Or, he might die!

BARBARA
Dodie, don't ever let me hear you say that
again!

DODIE
The doctor said it was a fifty- percent chance
of him dying, Mama!

WALTER
Then he's got a fifty-percent chance of livin'!
... We got to pray!

TURK
Pray? Uh, I guess I'll be goin'.

Turk tries to exit. Barbara
blocks his way and gently, but
firmly, pushes him down onto the
couch.

BARBARA
That's right! Pray! When you walked up at
that exact moment, that was God, honey. He
works like that, -- through people.

KYLE
Mama, please! Don't start all that church
stuff now. It don't work!

BARBARA
When I do pray, I'm gonna pray for you too!
You sure need it. You been actin' strange!

TURK
Why do you pray anyway? It don't do no good!

Turk (STOP)

Walter (STOP)

WALTER

That's what's wrong with this world today; not enough people prayin'! That's why there's no love and peace; only war and hate. I admit to my own prejudices and gettin' angry when I couldn't have my way. I was wrong! I don't know everything but I've learned that God works miracles and He answers prayer. But first, -- you got to ask him!!

MUSIC INTRO: "YOU GOT TO PRAY"

WALTER (SINGS)

(1) When your back's against the wall/ You've had a fall; you can't take it all/ Just go to a quiet place/ Talk to the Father; reach out with faith

CHORUS: FAMILY (SINGS)

You got to pray -- pray
Get down on your knees and pray
You got to pray -- pray
Get down on your knees and pray

WALTER (SINGS) (CONT'D)

(2) Troubles come and troubles go
Life stops cold, but His love grows
He hears every little thing you say
Take it in prayer; He won't turn you away

CHORUS: FAMILY (SINGS)

You got to pray -- pray
Get down on your knees and pray
You got to pray -- pray
Get down on your knees and pray

WALTER (SINGS)

Bridge: In the dark you stumble and grope
Walk in His light/ You'll see in the Lord
There's still hope, there's still hope

Several NEIGHBORS ENTER with dishes of food. They join in:

ALL(SING)

You got to pray -- pray/ Get down on your knees and pray
You got to pray -- come on now pray

A MEXICAN COUPLE ENTERS with food. They're generously-welcomed with warm greetings by all...