

We at MOR believe in the power of prayer and we are commanded to pray without ceasing. **(1 Thessalonians 5:17)** In order to come before the Throne of the Lord God Almighty, we must do our best to remove all hindrances to our prayer.

- The Bible tells us that sin causes God to turn a deaf ear to our prayers. **(Isaiah 59: 2: but your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear. --- Zechariah 7:11-13. <sup>11</sup> “But they refused to heed, shrugged<sup>[a]</sup> their shoulders, and stopped<sup>[b]</sup> their ears so that they could not hear. <sup>12</sup> Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the Lord of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came from the Lord of hosts. <sup>13</sup> Therefore it happened, that just as He proclaimed and they would not hear, so they called out and I would not listen,” says the Lord of hosts.)**
- Before we pray, please ask God to show you your sin that you may confess and repent. **(Psalm 139:23-24. Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.)**
- If we confess our sins, we can pray to the Father in good conscience as we will have been forgiven and cleansed. **(1 John 1:9. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.)**

- If you have a problem with your brother, forgive him. Don't wait for an apology. (**Mark 11:25. And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.**)
- If you are angry with your wife, go to her and make things right. (**1 Peter 3:7. Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.**)
- When we do pray, we must make sure that our motives are pure. (**James 4:3. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.**)
- Let us come to the Throne with a humble heart. (**Psalm 51:17. The sacrifice that God wants is a humble spirit. God, you will not turn away someone who comes with a humble heart and is willing to obey you. --- 2 Chronicles 7:14. If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.**)
- Let's always seek God's will in prayer. (**1 John 5:14. Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.**)

- **Let us believe** (*Mark 11:22. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*)
- And finally, **let us be persistent.** *Ephesians 6:18. praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—*