

To have power in prayer we must have faith that God is **real** and that He **answers every prayer** in some way, when we diligently seek Him. Jesus says, "**Ask and you will receive.**" This is a promise from the Son of God and if God does not answer prayer then He is not trustworthy and neither is the Bible.

God answers every prayer. He says, "Yes", "No" or "Wait". The world laughs at this. They remind us these are the *only three possible* answers to any request and no matter what happens, we can say God answered us.

They say we can pray to a tree to make cheerleader. If we don't, the tree has said, **no**. If we do, the tree has said, **yes**. If we don't and then do make it later when one cheerleader moves away, the tree was saying **wait**.

Belief in answered prayers, like everything else in the Christian life, is a **matter of faith**. Second Corinthians 5:7 says "**we walk (live) by faith, not by sight**".

A man told Archbishop Trench, "Trench, what religious people call answered prayers, the rest of us call "coincidences". Trench said, "That may well be true, but all I know is that the more I pray the more coincidences I get, so I think I will keep on praying".