

Asking For Miracles

HOW SHOULD CHRISTIANS ASK FOR MIRACLES

Since everything is possible for God, you can experience miracles in your life when you invite God to intervene – even in situations that seem impossible. But too often, people neglect to ask God for miracles in their lives, and end up settling for far less than God's best for them.

You can always approach God with confidence if you trust in His Son, Jesus Christ. So don't hesitate to pray about anything, including miracles!

Here's how you can ask God for a miracle:

Forget formulas and simply seek God's presence. There are no magical formulas to use to conjure up miracles. Instead, miracles happen whenever you welcome God's powerful presence into the situations you face. So don't worry about trying to pray perfect prayers to convince God to do something miraculous in your life. Simply invite God to work in every situation in which you're seeking miracles, and trust Him to do what's best after you ask Him to intervene.

Consider what may be blocking miracles from happening in your life. Sometimes the particular miracle you're seeking isn't God's will, sometimes spiritual warfare is occurring in your life and evil is blocking a miracle from happening, sometimes you have sin in your life (such as bitterness) that is preventing a miracle from taking place, and sometimes you don't have enough faith to believe that God can really perform the miracle you're hoping for. Pray about each of these potential blockages, and then relax, trusting that God has the situation covered and will answer your prayers with what's best.

View miracles as expressions of how much God loves you. Recognize that every time God does choose to perform a miracle in your life, He is showing you His love for you in a tangible way. Be sure to thank God for His love whenever you experience a miracle.

Ask God to guide you to the truth about His will. If you're not sure whether or not it's God's will to perform a particular miracle in your life, ask Him to make His will clear to you and tell Him that you want His will – not your own will – to be done.

Ask God to help your unbelief. Confess your doubts and lack of faith to God and ask Him to meet you where you are spiritually to help you believe that He is able to do what He says He will do in your life.

Obey God's command to forgive so your prayers won't be hindered. If you're unwilling to forgive someone who has hurt or offended you, that refusal to forgive can hinder your prayers from being answered, because God sometimes waits until you obey His commands before answering prayers. Remember how much God has forgiven you for, and let that

motivate you to obey His call to forgive others. Ask God to help you forgive; you can choose to forgive even when you don't feel like it and rely on the strength God will give you during the forgiveness process.

Fight evil through spiritual warfare. If evil in the spiritual realm is hindering miracles from happening in your life, pray

breakthrough prayers against evil to clear the way for more miracles to occur in your life. Start by confessing your sins that come to mind, and then repent of each one specifically. Next, ask (in Jesus' name and through the power of His blood) for the Holy Spirit to help you and the people you're praying for be victorious over all evil attacks. Ask God to protect you and those you're praying for from future attacks by evil. Pray for any bondages that you (or the people you're praying for) are under to be broken so you and they can experience the freedom God intends. As you're praying, mention each issue specifically – from unhealthy addictions (such as to alcohol or pornography) and personal struggles (with jealousy, greed, gossip, lying, anger, anxiety, or any other issues) to negative words that others may have spoken over you and any involvement you may have had with ungodly spiritual forces (such as through the occult). Then ask God to bless you and those you're praying for in the name of Jesus.

Praise God more through worship. You can experience more miracles when you spend more time praising God in worship, because worship ushers God's power into your life in

fresh ways and helps you discern His voice more clearly as He leads you toward miracles. Make a habit of praising God for who He is, during both good and bad times in your life.

Live a life that's completely devoted to God. When you devote yourself to God completely – in every area of your life – you'll notice more miracles happening in your life. Seek God's guidance before making any major decision, and ask the Holy Spirit to change your own desires to reflect God's desires for you. Live for God (rather than for yourself), and be willing to say "yes" whenever God calls you to help people in need. Take the steps that God shows you. As you seek God's will for your life, sometimes God will give you clear signs to follow, and sometimes He will simply give you a sense of peace. Humbly pray for wisdom every day and step out in faith whenever God shows you a way in which he wants you to put your faith into action. In the process, miracles can happen.

Don't give up until God answers your prayers. Since God's timing (which is perfect) often takes longer than the immediate results that human beings like to see, many people give up praying for miracles when they don't see answers to their prayers right away. But God will always answer your prayers with either a "yes" or a "no" that's clear; you just need to patiently wait until the right time for the answer to come. In the meantime, never give up praying and trusting God to do what's best.