

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Power = Authority granted to believers to commune with God through Jesus Christ our Lord

Prayer = the act of talking to God making our request known to him with humbleness of heart. Can be done in any posture: Bowing, Kneeling, Lying on your face, Standing, Sitting, etc. *(I believe that it is safe to say that Prayer causes the Godhead to act-or do something)*

Prayer must be mixed with Faith; is dependent upon Faith (Matthew 21:22) And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. (St. John 14:13-14) And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name *(this is referring to Jesus's name)* that will I do that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name *(again, this is referring to Jesus's name)* I will do it. (Mark 11:24) Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire when ye pray *(ask God for something or make a request known to him)* believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them. *(We ask a lot of things of God and I'm so glad for Romans 8:26, 27, which lets us know that the Holy Spirit aides us when we pray. It reads: Likewise the Spirit helpeth our infirmities for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered. 27-And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.)*

The Power that the believer has is "Increased by Self-Denial (Matthew 17:21) Howbeit, this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Fasting is a form of self-denial. An example of this is found in (Matthew 17:14 & 16) in the testimony of the man whose son was a lunatic (vs. 14); And I brought him to thy disciples and they could not cure him (vs. 16). (Matthew 17:17) Then Jesus answered and said, O Faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him hither to me (vs.18). And Jesus rebuked the devil and he departed out of him; and the child was cured that very hour.

Prayer is "Unlimited to those who abide in Christ (John 15:7) If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you. (1 Thessalonians 5:17) Pray without ceasing. *(in other words, talk to me continuously, on a regular basis, any time, anywhere, there's no limit, no certain amount of times, etc.)*

"To be most Effective, prayer should be accompanied by Praise". (Acts 16:25) And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed *(they communed with God – may have been asking for deliverance from prison)* and sang praises unto God, and the prisoners heard them.

Prayer causes God's Devine Hearing: (1 Peter 3:12) For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. (Psalm 34:15) The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

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