



Prayer

How important is prayer and obedience in your life? How is the plan of God fulfilled in your life? How does the purpose of God take place in people? What causes the increase of God and His presence in each person's life? How does one live the life as a follower of Jesus Christ?



Prayer, along with obedience, is an absolute daily necessity!

Prayer is personal! Prayer with God is your time to commune with the Father, open your entire life up before the Creator, and listen to Him. It is where the greatest change, understanding, revelation of who God is in you, and where you allow God to share with you takes place. As you pray, open your heart to Him, and you are authentic and real with Almighty God, He becomes personal with you!

Obedience is the love of the Heavenly Father for His child – you!

There are prayers that you can pray through from others (that are written and intended to be a general guide), yet the most important action you will take on this earth is to be personal and say, write, journal, and create eternal prayers that not only bring change to you but also to others! This then leads to what He wants you to do through obedience. In other words, the outline below, is intended to point you to a deeper prayer life that is personal, where prayer comes alive, the word of God speaks to you through the Holy Spirit, and you know, understand, and are able to obey with clarity.

If you would like a thorough list of verses that cover prayer, are a part of prayer, and relate to prayer and the impact of a praying and obedient believer in Jesus Christ, I can share the entire prayer book guide with you at your request. One of my callings is to not only intercede, but to empower others to pray, engage effectual fervent prayer that avails much, and encourage and help each person to pray and obey, changing each person, each community, and each nation for the glory of God through Jesus Christ.

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The purpose of this prayer book is to provide you and others, who are followers of Jesus Christ, prayer truths that bring you closer in a deep, meaningful, and life changing prayer and obedient life that not only brings you closer to Father God but also affects others!

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Prayer & Obedience are Vital!

There is power in the name of Jesus in a praying and obedient servant of the LORD!

The Book of Revelation speaks of two things that move the hand of God into action in the last days. One is prayer and the other is obedience.

As you review the scriptures, pray about each truth, and apply prayer in your life over time, you will experience the Father's change! This will affect others, how the truth of God is fulfilled on earth as it is in heaven, your relationship with the Father will deepen, you will become more in tune with His Holy Spirit for your life, you will understand and know more about prayer and His leading in your life, and you will pray with greater outcomes.

As the scripture outlines, the prayer of a righteous person avail much! God wants to avail much in your life, those around you, and the plan and will of God wherever you go, because the Holy Spirit of God is with you as you follow Him, pray, listen to Him, and obey Him!

There are some foundational truths throughout the Word of God about prayer and action from our lives in God. Some of them are:

- Commit your way unto the LORD and trust in Him and He will give you the desires of your heart
- Seek first the kingdom of God and all His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you
- The prayer of a righteous man avail much
- Whatever I ask in prayer believing, according to the will of God, I receive
- YOU are a rewarder of those that diligently seek YOU

It is not just about prayer in our lives, it is about what we do, speak, act upon, how we react to others, what we give, and so forth that usher in what God desires for His glory. It is about taking the time throughout the day to pray, being open to listen to God, and then obeying God with what He has placed in our spirit, heart, and mind to act upon.

Faith without works is truly dead. Our works are not our salvation yet works are vital in carrying out what God has in His divine plan in each follower of Christ. Prayer and



obedience go hand in hand in the Kingdom of God and His will on earth as it is in heaven.

Prayer and obedience is not just something you do.

It is who YOU are through Jesus Christ, the person you are and become, who God has purposed you to be, and how and why you pray and obey. It all starts and ends with the relationship you have with Father God through Jesus Christ.

It is the way we live our life through action, what we say, what we think about, and what is in the depths of our heart, from the change God Almighty brings to our life each and every day as we spend time in prayer, His word, and obedience, which brings great outcome by His Holy Spirit!

Continual, Daily, Interactive prayer with God changes you.

As we look to our Father, He directs us in prayer, what to pray, whom to pray for, how to pray the scriptures through, and what actions to take next. Through this continual prayer process with God through Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit of God leads each of us in what to do and say in all aspects and details of our lives through obedience.

Prayer is a daily continual process of setting our heart to seek the LORD God with all our heart. As we set our heart to seek the Father, we position ourselves to pray, listen, and take time in His word. He then speaks to each of us through His word, His Holy Spirit, and His voice as we are in prayer.



Praying through Scripture

An important part of each believer's walk in Christ Jesus and seeking the LORD God in relationship is praying through scripture. It is not only an act of reading scripture, meditating on the word of God, studying to show yourself approved with God and man, but also praying and following the truth!

As we read the scripture daily and pray and believe these truths into action in our lives and those around us, amazing things happen. Not only do we embrace the truth more, but we also pray these truths into existent and action, as we obey them through the strengthening of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ. In other words, the truth we pray in words, writing, and action comes alive through the Holy Spirit in our lives.

How do we pray the Scripture?

As you review each area below about Praying Scriptures and all related terms that deal with prayer, you can read each verse, pray it aloud into action in Jesus name, ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you about what the verse means, and activate this truth into action through your obedience.

The mechanics of praying Scripture are as follows:

- Choose a time daily to spend time with God.
- Do not hurry – allow for ample time to set your heart to seek the Father.
- Spend this time with God in a quiet place where you will not be distracted by people, noises, work, things, etc.
- Ask the Father what areas He wants you to study and pray through
 - Example: Prayer
 - Go to www.Bible.com and copy and paste scriptures about pray / prayer into a Word Document.
 - Go through each verse that has pray / prayer in it (or any other topic). Pray each verse, one at a time, then speak the verse in prayer asking God to show you what this means, while reading more of the context of the chapter where the verse is located.
 - Type out above or below the scripture in your Word document what God is placing in your heart and what the Holy Spirit is asking you to pray through about this verse and whatever else the Father lays on your heart.
 - You can do this each and every day with each Word Document saved as that subject title.



- Example File: If you are doing a prayer and study on “pray,” you could save the Word Document as – 05232016 Pray.
- 05232016 stands for the date – May 23, 2016.
- The Father will also lead you to pray for people, locations, places, your own life, ministries, businesses, revival, fulfillment of the Word of God in your life and others around you, and so forth.
- As you keep track over the weeks, months, and years, you will see how faithful God is as you seek Him continually.

Take the information below, review it, see how things have been prayed through and recorded in each section, and do the same for your own life! You will see God’s amazing action, presence, and changes over time in your life!

Detailed Example: Praying Scripture

As you review the Scripture below, the word being prayed and studied for the day is “endeavor.” The verses were found through www.Bible.com and copy and pasted into a Word Document. Each verse has been prayed through, read, and as the Holy Spirit leads, words have been spoken, written, and prayed.

A topic may go for a day, week, month, or months, because there may be many terms in the definition of what you are studying and praying through that has multiple words and definitions.

Response and Prayer Spoken and Written (Endeavor)

Father God, as YOU show and provide understanding and direction to each one, let us act upon what YOU have shown us quickly and without hesitation! Let YOUR distinction amongst those listening and obeying YOU be noticeably clear!

What happened when God gave them a vision?

- They acted!

Why did they go to Macedonia?

- The Lord called them!

What did they do there?

- Preached the gospel to the people in Macedonia!



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Acts 16:10 - And after he had seen the vision, immediately we **endeavored** to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them

Continue to do the same for each verse about “endeavor” throughout this prayer series.

Word Details in Scripture

When you are praying through the word, it is important to get into the details of what a word means. Understanding the definition of each word and verse you are praying through is important. I would recommend you go to www.merriam-webster.com or www.dictionary.com, copy and paste the meaning into your Word Document. I would also recommend you pay attention to each word in the definition and copy and paste those definitions into your Word Prayer Document.

Example Word: Prayer

Go to www.merriam-webster.com and search for prayer. Then, copy and paste the definition.

- (1) an address (as a petition) to God or a god in word or thought <said a prayer for the success of the voyage>
- (2) a set order of words used in praying
- (3) an earnest request or wish
- (4) the act or practice of praying to God or a god <kneeling in prayer>
- (5) a religious service consisting chiefly of prayers
- (6) something prayer for

As you review the definition, having copied and pasted this into your Word Prayer Document, review it and ask God to place the meaning in your heart, soul, mind, and spirit. As I pray and look at the definition and read the words, I see several other terms



in the prayer definition, such as petition, set order, praying, earnest, request, act, God, service, etc. From this, we can find out the meaning of each of these words that make up “prayer,” by going through the same activity of documenting each word, letting each definition of each word that makes up the word prayer sink in, and from this, our outline of what to pray through in the Scripture starts taking form.

We call this “setting your heart to seek the LORD.”

As you review the many words that support the definition of pray / prayer below, many words start unfolding in what prayer really means. Some of the words that come under the umbrella word pray / prayer are:

- Accurate
- Act
- Added
- Ask
- Attempt
- Avail
- Behalf
- Believe
- Careful
- Commit
- Demand
- Dependable
- Desire
- Devotion
- Diligent
- Duty
- Earnest
- Endeavor
- Entreat
- Exact
- Faithful
- First
- Heart
- Humble



- Inquire
- Invite
- Kingdom of God
- Loyal
- Much
- Obedience
- Obey
- Receive
- Rely
- Request
- Require
- Reverence
- Reward
- Righteous
- Search
- Seek
- Supplication
- Thorough
- Trust
- Trustworthy
- Wait
- Worship

As you have read the words about, that come in behind pray / prayer, you get the idea that you can do this for every word you are led to pray and study through the Scripture. Active prayer obedience through Scripture brings action, commitment, obedience, and results!

Even when you have prayed through certain scriptures, when you go back through again and pray through each scripture, area, topic, and word, God will breathe life by His Holy Spirit into you, which means you will pray new areas and ideas and truths through. The prayer you pray today for the area will change when you pray through the area / topic / verse into the future. God goes beyond eternity and is not limited to our finite ways, limited thinking, and boxed in time.





Other Prayer Forms, Actions, and Ways

As you spend more time with God, pray more, and seek the Father in all things, He will instruct you in what works best for you and His leading in your prayer life. This format is only a suggested format. Father God, by His Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ will lead you.

There are many other Active Prayer Ways

One method of prayer is to walk through specific geographical areas and pray as God leads you to speak, sing, worship, praise, and thank Him for His amazing work taking place where you are walking. You can do the same as you drive.

Another method that can be used in prayer is to outline specific people, areas, businesses, locations, and so forth in Word or Excel format so that you can pray through each specific prayer area. You can add to these areas as God leads you.

Another prayer form is to pray in teams.

As you set your heart to seek God, pray more, and act out what God puts in your heart, spirit, and mind, the Father will lead you and others who desire to pray to come together at a specific day and time each week to pray through what God is leading you to pray. He will bring together each team in unity the more you pray.

Some believers journal and create pictures in their prayer book and Bible. This is called bible journaling.

All followers of Jesus Christ are commanded by God to pray.

The word is noticeably clear that we are to pray without ceasing. It is vital to pray constantly, allowing the Holy Spirit to lead and direct each of us in each situation, with each person, and in each location. Father God desires to be a part of every area in our lives.

Some are called as intercessors.

This is different than praying. Please review the section outlining what intercession is.

There are so many different ways, forms, and processes a person embraces prayer, relationship, and communion through prayer relationship with Father God!



Example Prayer Areas

Below are some prayer areas that will help you to outline your daily prayer plan. Let God lead you in what, whom, where, how, and when. As you outline your prayer plan in Word or Excel (or whatever other way that you can write, document, see, and pray through your prayer plan by the Holy Spirit), the Father will lead you in what to write and pray through diligently each day.

Example Prayer Topics

- Prayer Steps and Tasks (what God wants you to act on and do)
- Revival (Outpouring of Holy Spirit)
- Specific People (core people in your life)
- Businesses (resources to be used for God's work)
- Locations (communities, cities, states, provinces, countries, continents)
- Prayer Places (places you have been and prayed over)
- You're Family (parents, kids, aunts and uncles, grandparents, etc.)
- Locations in Your Country
- Israel (peace of Israel)
- Wealthy People (raise up people to distribute wealth for God's work)
- Hollywood (turn heart's to God – Media be a conduit for God's message)
- Politics
- Churches
- Etc.



Example Details of Revival (Prayer Topic)

Revival, Presence, and Outpouring	Notes and Prayers
Word of God fulfilled Presence of God Fear of the LORD All of us seek the LORD daily All of us meditate on the LORD day and night Commit our way unto the LORD and trust in Him All of us seek the LORD first in all things All of us wait on the LORD Let the intercessors pray for revival and His outpouring Repentance Godly sorrow Revival Laborers in the last days Harvest of souls YOUR PRESENCE FACE TO FACE	Be thankful in all things (not for, but in all) Enter YOUR courts with thanksgiving and praise Be content in all situations - seek YOU wholehearted Cover the intercessors with safety, courage, covering, provision, and blessings! Seek after YOUR face - not YOUR hand!
I pray for YOUR revival, repentance daily in YOU, humility in YOU daily, YOUR HOLY SPIRIT presence, that I would hear YOUR voice each day	



Important Foundational Daily Truths, Principles, and Directives

In this section, there are many important, life changing truths that each of us need to know, understand, and apply as we live our lives through Jesus Christ. We need to know the Father and walk by His leading and guiding through prayer and obedience in all that we are.

Below are some foundational truths to review, pray through, understand, and apply every moment of every day we are alive for Father God to fulfill His plan, purpose, and will in our lives as it is in Heaven.

Biblical Steps: Approaching the Father through Prayer

What are some Biblical steps of coming before the Father? See James 4:4-8 as well.

1. Humble ourselves
2. Pray each day
3. Seek the LORD's face
 - a. Prayer, meditation, read the word, praise, worship
4. Turn from our wicked ways
 - a. Do God's word, will, and calling above their own ways and selfish desires
 - b. Seek the LORD first in all things and do what He shows each of us to do
5. Our Father God will hear us from heaven
6. He will forgive us our sins
7. He will heal our land

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

When will Father God hear from heaven, forgive, and heal us?

1. Those who are saved through Jesus Christ
2. We must humble ourselves
 - a. See James 4:4-8 about the process
3. Pray
 - a. Not just one day, but each and every day as long as it takes
 - b. Then, continue praying once we are in His presence and continue to know our Heavenly Father even more
4. Seek His face



- a. This is making a choice each day to come closer to Him and obey Him by doing His will
5. Turn from our wicked ways
 - a. The LORD will show us what and how to deal with things as we are seeking Him each day
 - b. Then, we must act to turn to Him away from our own ways
6. Then, YOU will hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land

What Happens when We Pray?

Prayer is a vital part of all that we are, say, do, become, how others are affected, and how the plan of God comes to pass in us, around us, and in others. Prayer is a necessity in all followers of Christ.

The scripture commands each of us to “pray without ceasing!”

With this being the truth and case from Father God himself, we must make room for the Father and His HOLY SPIRIT through Jesus Christ to help us to press in, set our hearts to seek Him, seek Him, pray, and wait on Him and for Him to act. Father God will lead each of us and help each of us to become a prayer person.

What happens when we diligently pray and obey?

- YOUR Holy Spirit moves
- Action takes place
- YOU open doors
- YOU take down obstruction
- YOUR fear spreads and causes decisions in each heart to be for YOU or against YOU
- YOU cause YOUR word to come to pass in our lives
- YOU set people free
- YOU renew minds
- YOU cleanse hearts
- YOU soften our hearts
- Repentance and dependence on YOU increases
- The love of God grows in us
- YOU give us YOUR heart for others
- We see things with YOUR eyes, experience YOUR desire for others, and we think less of ourselves



- We see who we are in Christ and walk more in the favor of His plan for us
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What are we to do?

What are the humble in the land to do?

1. Seek the LORD
2. Do His commands
3. Seek righteousness
4. Seek Humility

Zephaniah 2:3 - Seek the LORD, all you **humble** of the land, who do his commands; seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the wrath of the LORD

What do YOU require each day?

What do YOU require from us each day?

1. Fear the LORD your God
2. Walk in all His ways
 - a. His word and the leading of His HOLY SPIRIT
3. Love the LORD God with all of our being
4. Serve Him with ALL of our heart and with all of our soul

Deuteronomy 10:12 - "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God **require** of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul"

What is required from us?

What do YOU require?

1. Do justice
2. Love kindness
3. Walk humbly "with" our God

Micah 6:8 - He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD **require** of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God



Why were they counted as evil?

Why did God count the people of Israel evil as outlined by the Prophet Jeremiah?

1. Refused to hear YOUR word
2. They stubbornly followed their own heart
3. They went after other gods (idols)
4. They served these other gods
5. They worshipped these other gods

Jeremiah 13:10 - This evil people, who refuse to hear my words, who stubbornly follow their own heart and have gone after other gods to serve them and **worship** them, shall be like this waistcloth, which is good for nothing

Father, YOU desire our whole life (heart, soul, mind, body, and spirit). YOUR divine plan and will is for each of us to be in deep, meaningful, loving, personal relationship with YOU in all things at all times.

What happens when we patiently wait each day for the LORD?

What happens when we allow the LORD to do what He wants as we wait on Him for His will? It all starts with each of us waiting on the LORD each day and doing what He gives each of us to do (obedience).

1. Wait on the LORD
2. The LORD turns to us and hears us
3. He lifts us up out of our emotional situation
4. He sets us on solid ground
5. We can walk steadily

Psalms 40:1, 2 – “I waited patiently for the LORD to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along.”

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[Crying out to God is part of prayer!](#)

What are we to do?

1. Cry out to the LORD our God
2. Acknowledge that there is no one like our God
3. Ask the LORD our God to help
4. Commit to our God and rely only on Him
5. Agree with those that God has placed in our life and come against the enemy and proclaim God's victory in our lives
6. Know that the LORD is God
 - a. He is all powerful, all knowing, omniscient, and nothing is too difficult for our God
7. Proclaim, believe, and stand on the FACT and TRUTH that no man can prevail against our God

2 Chronicles 14:11 - And Asa cried to the LORD his God, "O LORD, there is none like thee to help, between the mighty and the weak. Help us, O LORD our God, for we **rely** on thee, and in thy name we have come against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee"



What are we to do in our cities?

What are we to do in our city / our town?

1. Assemble the people
2. To hear to fear the LORD our God
3. To learn to fear the LORD our God
4. Be careful to do the word of the LORD

Deuteronomy 31:12 - Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, and be **careful** to do all the words of this law

YOU want us to be careful!

What does God want each of us to do every day in Him?

- Let us not turn to the left or the right
- Let us look straight forward and not look back
- Let us be strong and courageous each day
- Let us be careful to do all of YOUR word as we seek YOU, hear YOU, are led by YOUR HOLY SPIRIT and obey YOU
- Let us have success in YOU where we go in the name of Jesus

Joshua 1:7 - Only be strong and very courageous, being **careful** to do according to all the law which Moses my servant commanded you; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go

Two Greatest Commandments

If we review the entire word of God, what fulfills all things as we live our lives for God? There are two main core areas that fulfill it all!

What are the two commandments?

1. Love the LORD God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength
2. Love our neighbor as ourselves – we can only do this by doing the first commandment

Father God, it all comes simply by seeking YOU each day in prayer, in YOUR word, and by obedience to YOU each day! Father God, if we do not do this, we cannot successfully do anything else in YOU! It all starts in the relationship with YOU and how we value our



relationship in YOU each day that we can do anything else by YOUR leading, by YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, and by YOUR grace.

Matthew 22:40 - On these two commandments **depend** all the law and the prophets

[Great and Steadfast Righteous Love](#)

Why did YOU show great and steadfast love to David?

He walked before YOU in:

1. Faithfulness
 - a. He stayed in relationship and in YOUR presence each and every day
2. Righteousness
 - a. Obedience to YOU and YOUR word
3. Uprightness in heart
 - a. Always seeking YOU first

1 Kings 3:6 - And Solomon said, "Thou hast shown great and steadfast love to thy servant David my father, because he walked before thee in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward thee; and thou hast kept for him this great and steadfast love, and hast given him a son to sit on his throne this day"

What does the righteous do?

- Hold to their way
 - God's way
- He has clean hands
- Grows stronger and stronger in YOU

Job 17:9 - Yet the righteous holds to his way, and he that has clean hands grows stronger and stronger



What do YOU ask from each of us?

What do YOU ask of each of us?

- Diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD your God
 - If we are not waiting on the LORD to hear Him, how can we hear Him?
We can't!
- Do that which is right in His eyes
 - We need to know His word to be able to do this
 - We need the word every day so that the truth can set us free
- Give heed to His commandments
 - We need to pay attention to what His word says, so that we can take heed to each one and do them
- Keep all His statutes

Then, what will the LORD do?

- He will heal us and protect us!

Father God, help each one of us to diligently seek after YOU, be in YOUR word, pray without ceasing, wait on YOU as we seek YOU first in all things, and obey what YOU show each of us to do! Thank YOU for helping each one of us to do this each and every day in the name of Jesus!

I pray a spirit of prayer to come upon each one in the name of Jesus to pray without ceasing, to pray focused, to pray in the Spirit, and to pray as never before in belief! Pray and receive and pray more for more prayer and life in your prayers from the Father through His Holy Spirit in Jesus name. Continue asking, seeking, and knocking for more prayer, more of His Holy Spirit, more humility, increased discernment, and the presence of Mighty God, His leading, and openness and obedience to follow through with each area as you are led.

Exodus 15:26 - "If you will **diligently** hearken to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give heed to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon you which I put upon the Egyptians; for I am the LORD, your healer"



How does receiving from God work?

What did they receive? Why was their entreaty granted? Because they cried to God in their battle and trusted in Him! Father God, let each of us trust in YOU in the name of Jesus in every situation! Let us give YOU all things and obey YOU in what YOU command us to do!

How does YOUR help come?

- Cry out to God in the battle!
- Trust in the LORD in all things!

1 Chronicles 5:20 - And when they **received** help against them, the Hagrites and all who were with them were given into their hands, for they cried to God in the battle, and he granted their entreaty because they trusted in him

What are we to do at all times?

It is vital in our lives to have God be a part of all things in who we are, what we do, what we think about, how we pray, how we treat others, and in all aspects of life.

What are we to do at all times?

- Trust in Him!
- We are to pour out our hearts before Him!

Why?

- He is a refuge to each of us!

Psalms 62:8 - **Trust** in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us

God wants to stir our heart!

Let our hearts be stirred in Jesus name each day before YOU!

- Our heart stirs us
- Our spirit moves each of us through the Holy Spirit as we are open to the Holy Spirit
- The LORD shows the need and we give willingly to the LORD's work



Exodus 35:21 - And they came, everyone whose **heart** stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the LORD's offering to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments

The Key with God

What is the key with God in our daily lives?

- Obey the LORD
- Keep His commandments (His word)
- Turn to the LORD our God with all of our heart and soul

Deuteronomy 30:10 - If you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul

How does one return to the LORD God?

What is to be done when returning to the LORD?

- With all of our heart
- Put away any gods (idols)
- Direct our heart to the LORD at all times
- Serve Him only
- Will be delivered

Father God, help each of us to serve YOU each day whole heartedly making a choice and commitment to do all that YOU ask and desire! We say yes to YOU and we do this in our thoughts, actions, deeds, and speech in the name of Jesus each day all day long as we look to YOU and rely on YOU at each moment!

1 Samuel 7:3 - Then Samuel said to all the house of Israel, "If you are returning to the LORD with all your **heart**, then put away the foreign gods and the Ash'taroth from among you, and direct your **heart** to the LORD, and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines"



[How do we repent in prayer?](#)

Repentance is mostly viewed and thought of as a bad thing. Yet, it is not by God.

Repentance is a gift from God that provides each of us the way to be forgiven and to be in right relationship with God. As you pray and think about the gift of repentance in your daily life with God, allow the truth to set you free, as you continually are aligned with the awesome presence, relationship, and goodness of God.

Let us repent with all our heart and with our entire mind in Jesus name!

- Repent
- With all our heart
- With all our mind
- In the place where we are captive
- Pray towards the land (promises, truth, plan of God for our lives)
- God, YOU have given this to us "IF" we will...

2 Chronicles 6:38 - If they repent with all their mind and with all their **heart** in the land of their captivity, to which they were carried captive, and pray toward their land, which thou gives to their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name

[Seek and obey God in all that you are in your life!](#)

What happened when he did all of this in God, seeking Him, and obeying Him? He prospered! Deuteronomy chapter 28 outlines what happens when we are obedient and seek YOU and when we do not! Father God, help us today by YOUR mercy and grace in Jesus name to seek YOU and obey YOU!

- Take every work under God
- Do this work in the service of the house of God
- Do all this work in accordance with the word of God
- Seek God in all work and actions in obedience to God
- Do all things with all your heart in God and to God

2 Chronicles 31:21 - And every work that he undertook in the service of the house of God and in accordance with the law and the commandments, seeking his God, he did with all his **heart**, and prospered





Where does God want our lives to be each day in Him?

What do YOU want me to do? What do YOU want each of us to do?

- Wait for the LORD
- Be strong in Him
- Take courage in my heart
- Wait for the LORD!

Psalms 27:14 - Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your **heart** take courage; yes, wait for the LORD

How do we see the victory of the LORD God?

See the victory of the LORD on your behalf! How?

- Take your position
 - In prayer, in the word, and the actions of obedience
- Stand still
 - Allow through faith the peace of God to engulf you
- See the victory on your behalf as you look to Him
 - Seek Him first
- Fear not
 - Perfect love casts out all fear
- Do not be dismayed
 - He can do all things
 - Whatever we ask in prayer believing we receive because we do not ask amiss
- Go out against your enemy
 - Greater is He that is with us than he that is in the world
 - They that be with us are more than they that be with the enemy
- The LORD will be with you
 - He will never leave you nor forsake you

2 Chronicles 20:17 - You will not need to fight in this battle; take your position, standstill, and see the victory of the LORD on your **behalf**, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Fear not, and be not dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, and the LORD will be with you"



Definition of Prayer & Other Related Words

As you review, read, pray, and apply the scriptures, truths, and the impactful prayers of a righteous person below through Jesus Christ, you will see that there are many words and meanings that are a part of pray and prayer throughout the word of God.

The definition of pray is to implore; to ask!

The definition of prayer is: The act of praying; an entreaty; Supplication; A humble request; Devotion.

I would recommend that you take your time as you review each word, the definitions of each word, and how they apply to prayer. What we think affects who we are, what we do, how we talk, the outcomes in our life, the influence we have on others, and how victorious or not we are in this life.

As you review each word and its meaning, and how each word applies to prayer, pray through each meaning and ask God to align anything that needs to be aligned in your thinking, your actions, and how you are serving God and allowing His perfect love to cover and cast out all fear.



[Different Words and Terms that are Part of Pray / Prayer](#)

Below are many areas and terms that fit under the meaning of the words pray and prayer. It is important to understand what they mean as it relates to the application of prayer.

The definition of entreat: an earnest request; prayer.

The definition of supplication: To ask for humbly; to make a humble request.

The definition of request: Require; an asking for something; something asked for; Demand; to ask to do something.

The definition of devotion: Worship; Prayer; Loyalty; Deep affection.

The definition of seek: To try to find; Search for; to aim at; to try; Attempt.

The definition of inquire: To ask a question or questions; to investigate; to seek information about.

The definition of invite: To ask to come somewhere or do something; to ask for; to give occasion for.

The definition of earnest: Serious; Intense; in a determined manner.

The definition of humble: Modest; Lowly; Unpretentious; to lower in pride; Make modest.

The definition of require: To insist upon; Demand; to order; to need.

The definition of demand: To ask for boldly or urgently; to ask for as a right; to need; A strong request; an urgent requirement.

The definition of worship: Reverence; Intense love or admiration.

The definition of loyal: Faithful.



The definition of search: To look through in order to find something; to examine for something concealed; to examine carefully; Probe; to make a search.

The definition of attempt: To try; to get; Endeavor.

The definition of intense: Extraordinarily strong; Strenuous; Earnest; Characterized by much action; Strong emotion.

The definition of reverence: Feelings of deep respect, love, and awe.

The definition of faithful: Accurate; Reliable; Loyal.

The definition of endeavor: To make an earnest attempt; Try; Duty.

The definition of accurate: Careful; Exact; Precise.

The definition of rely: That can be relied on; Dependable; if we rely on the LORD, we become reliable.

The definition of duty: Obedience or respect; any action required by one's position.

The definition of careful: Cautious; Thorough; Painstaking.

The definition of exact: Accuracy; Methodical; Correct; without variation.

The definition of dependable: Trustworthy; Reliable.

The definition of obedience: Obeying; willing to obey.

The definition of obey: To carry out the orders of; to carry out; to be guided by.

The definition of thorough: Omitting nothing; Complete; Absolute.

The definition of trustworthy: Worthy of trust; Reliable.



The definition of righteous: Acting in a just upright manner; Virtuous; morally right or justifiable.

The definition of avail: Be strong; to be of use, help, or worth; Advantage; Utilize.

The definition of much: More; most; a great amount; something great or outstanding; great in quantity, degree, etc.

The definition of reward: Something given in return for something done; to give a reward to.

The definition of diligent: Persevering and careful in work; Hard-working; done carefully.

The definition of seek: To try to find; Search for; to try to get; to aim at; to try; Attempt; Seeker.

The definition of believe: To have a firm religious faith; To accept as true, genuine, or real; To have a firm conviction as to the goodness, efficacy, or ability of something; To consider to be true or honest; To accept the word or evidence of.

The definition of receive: To come into possession of – Acquire; To act as a receptacle or container for; To assimilate through the mind or senses; To permit to enter – Admit – Welcome – Greet; To react to in a specified manner; To accept as authoritative, true, or accurate – Believe; To support the weight or pressure of – Bear; Acquire – Experience; To be a recipient; To prepare to take possession.

The definition of Kingdom of God: The eternal kingship of God; The realm in which God's will is fulfilled; a realm or region in which something is dominant.

The definition of added: To join or unite so as to bring about an increase or improvement; To say further – Append; To combine (numbers) into an equivalent simple quantity or number; To include as a member of a group; To perform addition; To come together or unite by addition.



The definition of first: Preceding all others in time, order, or importance; Earliest; having the highest or most prominent part of a person's attention and heart and passion.

The definition of commit: To put into charge or trust – Entrust; to put into a place for disposal or safekeeping; to carry into action deliberately; to pledge or assign to some particular course or use; obligate.

The definition of trust: Assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something; One in which confidence is placed; Dependence on something future or contingent – Hope; Reliance on future payment for property (as merchandise) delivered – Credit; Trustworthiness; A charge or duty imposed in faith or confidence or as a condition of some relationship; Something committed or entrusted to one to be used or cared for in the interest of another; Responsible charge or office.

The definition of desire: To long or hope for; Exhibit or feel desire for; to express a wish for – Request; Ask; Invite; to have or feel desire.

The definition of heart: The central or innermost part of a person; Personality; Disposition; Compassion; Courage; Love.

The definition of act: The doing of a thing (a deed); something done voluntarily; a state of real existence rather than possibility; the formal product of a legislative body – statute; the process of doing.

The definition of wait: To stay in place in expectation of; Await; To delay; To remain stationary in readiness or expectation; To look forward expectantly; To hold back expectantly; To be ready and available.

The definition of behalf: On behalf of or in behalf of; In the interest of; as a representative of; Interest of and benefit to.



Prayer Resources, Articles, and Teachings

This section contains some websites and different outlines, articles, and teachings about prayer.

Prayer Website References

<http://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/>

<http://www.focusonthefamily.com>

<http://www.plough.com/en/subscriptions/daily-prayer>

<http://www1.cbn.com/prayer>

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/prayer>

<https://waymakers.org/pray/prayerwalking/>

<http://www.ihopkc.org/anpr/>

<http://www1.cbn.com/questions/what-is-intercessory-prayer>



Prayer and the Difference It Makes

<http://www.focusonthefamily.com/faith/faith-in-life/prayer/prayer>

By: Robert Velarde

- "Hear my prayer, O LORD, listen to my cry for help." –Psalm 39:12 (NIV)[\[i\]](#)
- "Lord, teach us to pray." –Luke 11:1
- "After Jesus said this, He looked toward heaven and prayed." –John 17:1
- "They all joined together constantly in prayer." –Acts 1:14
- "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." – Ephesians 6:18
- "Pray continually." -1 Thessalonians 5:17

Throughout the Bible, believers are called to pray. But what is prayer? What does it mean to "pray without ceasing?" And does prayer really make a difference? Before delving too deeply into the topic of prayer, it will be beneficial to first define the term, as well as the focus of our prayers—God.

Prayer and God's Nature

Let's start with the second part. In order to develop a clear idea of prayer, we must first have a clear idea of God. Biblically speaking, God is a personal being. This is critical to prayer because it means that God is a person we can interact with, that He has a will and that we are able to relate to Him on a meaningful level. If He were impersonal, then prayer would not be meaningful. If He were personal, but uncaring and distant, prayer wouldn't serve a purpose.

Not only is God personal, but He is also loving (1 John 4:8, 16; John 3:16). This is also important in relation to prayer. If God were personal, but uncaring or unkind, then prayer might do us more harm than good! But God is not only loving, but He is also all loving (omnibenevolent). In relation to prayer, this means that God always desires the best for us because He loves us.



God is also all powerful (omnipotent), meaning that no prayer is beyond His ability to answer, "For nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37). If God were less than all powerful, then we would have no assurance that He could answer or even hear our prayers.

The fact that God is all-knowing (omniscient) is also significant to the concept of prayer. If God were limited, then He would not know all that is happening in His creation. If this were the case, He might overlook our prayers because they might be beyond His knowledge. Fortunately, the Bible is clear that God knows everything (see, for instance, Psalm 139:2-4; 147: 4-5; Isaiah 46:10). In relation to God's omniscience, Jesus said, "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him" (Matthew 6:8).

God is also wise and holy. He knows what is best for us, as well as what will lead us to holiness rather than sin. He is also immanent, meaning that God is active in His creation in a personal way, not only directing greater matters of history, but also involved in the life of everyone. This means that no prayer is too great for Him, but also that no prayer is too small for Him.

While we cannot explore all of God's attributes here, one final one to note, of utmost importance to prayer is God's sovereignty. God is supremely in charge of everything that happens in His universe. Nothing takes Him by surprise and nothing happens in our lives without the knowledge of God, even though we may not always understand His actions: "'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the LORD. 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts'" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

In hearing and responding to our prayers, then, we are assured that God will do so on the basis of His many attributes. His personal nature, love, power, knowledge, wisdom, holiness, immanence, and sovereignty all play a role in how we relate to God in prayer and how He relates to us.



What Prayer Is Not

Now that we have a clearer understanding of God's nature, it may be tempting to delve right into a definition of prayer. But first let's take a brief look at what prayer is not (this is by no means an exhaustive list):

- Prayer is not magic. We cannot summon God as though He were a genie, waiting to grant our wishes without regard for our circumstances or the consequences.
- Prayer does not make demands. While we can make requests of God in prayer, we dare not make demands. God is the Creator of the universe and does not take orders from us.
- Prayer is for our benefit, not God's. We need a relationship with God, available to us through Jesus Christ and engaged primarily through prayer, because we were made to function best when we are in a proper relationship with our Creator.
- Prayer is not a guarantee against suffering. "In this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33); "Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed" (1 Peter 4:12-13).
- Prayer is not an opportunity for us to show off. "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men" (Matthew 6:5).

What is Prayer?

So, what is prayer? Prayer is a relationship, wherein we humbly communicate, worship, and sincerely seek God's face, knowing that He hears us, loves us, and will respond, though not always in a manner we may expect or desire. Prayer can encompass confession, praise, adoration, supplication, intercession and more.

In addition, our attitude in prayer is important. We must not be haughty, but humble (Ephesians 4:2; James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6, etc.). Seen in this light, to "pray continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17) means, in one sense, that we must always strive to have a prayerful



attitude. Our prayers must come often and regularly, not from legalistic duty, but from a humble heart, realizing our dependence on God in every aspect of our lives.

As we journey together in understanding the nature and purpose of prayer, it is my prayer that God will bless these words and instill a joyful and fruitful prayer life in your life and mine. Prayer can make a profound difference in our world. But it is up to us to offer our prayers humbly and regularly.



Four things you need to know about prayer

<http://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/4-things-you-need-to-know-about-prayer.html>

By: Tim Challies

What does prayer do?

Prayer Builds Relationships

The whole thrust of this section and chapter is this: Christianity offers a genuine relationship with the living God. I don't think I can say it too many times! Christianity promises that you can and will encounter the one true and living God. You can have a thriving and growing relationship with him. You can restore the relationship you were meant to have with him, which was disrupted by sin. You can enjoy this relationship for the rest of eternity. Prayer is an essential means of forming that relationship, fostering it, and increasing it. Pray to be close to God and pray to remain close to God. Pray as a foretaste of the face-to-face relationship you will enjoy with him forever. Pray that you and God will be the best and closest of friends.

Prayer Changes You

One of the most common questions people ask about prayer is whether or not it changes God. "If God is unchangeable, and if he already knows the future, why should I bother praying?" This is a valid question with at least two sound answers. In the first place, prayer does not change the unchangeable God, yet it still does make a difference. God ordains not only the end of all things but the means as well. God ordains what he will do in a certain situation or to accomplish a certain purpose, yet he also ordains that prayer will be the means by which he does it. God acts through prayer, not apart from prayer. This means there are many things God will not do if you will not pray. But there are many things he will do if you pray.

The second answer is that prayer is not meant to change God — to change who he is or to alter his eternal purposes. Prayer is meant to change you. As you seek God in prayer,



your faith grows. God enables you to see his goodness, his grace, his glory, and even his purposes. As you seek him, you will find that you are the one who is transformed.

Prayer Prepares You

Because you pray, God will do certain things, grant certain things, or permit certain things he otherwise would not have apart from prayer. Prayer is one of the means he uses to prepare you to receive whatever he gives and whatever he does. If God extends great grace and mercy to you, prayer will prepare you to receive it without pride and without presumption. If God extends trial or difficulty to you, prayer will prepare you to receive it without anger and without despair. If God extends great means or great riches, prayer will prepare you to steward it faithfully instead of waste it foolishly. Prayer is like the trailblazer that goes out before you — it acknowledges your weakness and declares God's strength, and it prepares you, no matter the circumstance, to say, "God is good."

Prayer Brings Results

Because you are in a genuine friendship with God, he answers your prayers. At the most basic but astounding level, prayer works. It works! God is not obligated to anyone and does whatever he wishes, but he chooses to act through prayer and because of prayer, not apart from prayer. This means that prayer brings results. Prayer makes a difference to the world. [Matthew 7:7](#) reads, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

It goes on: "For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" ([Verses 8 – 11](#)).

[James 4:2](#) makes it perfectly clear: "You do not have, because you do not ask." It's that simple. You do not have the things you want because you do not ask for them. God has



blessings stored up for those who will ask. Though God can act in any way he pleases, he chooses to work through prayer.

Prayer builds a relationship between you and your God; it changes and prepares you; and it plain works. God uses this unique form of relationship to bring you countless blessings.

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What is the correct way to pray?

<http://www1.cbn.com/biblestudy/the-correct-way-to-pray>

By: Hannah Goodwyn

Prayer, simply put, is conversation with God. That in mind, shouldn't we be doing it in a way that pleases Him? Not to get us on a good list so that He'll do what we ask, but to really understand how to talk with Him, and share our concerns, fears, and pleas. We would never subject a friend to demands made out of fear or pride. How could that be a good way to talk to God?

The Bible says a lot about prayer, including Jesus' words on how to pray (The Lord's Prayer - [Matthew 6:9-13](#)). One parable Jesus shared with his disciples, speaks directly to my question.

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

In Luke 18, the doctor-turned-disciple recorded a story Jesus told about two men who both prayed to God, and how they were each received by the Father.

Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector." ([Luke 18:9-10](#), NLT)

This parable is a good way to measure our hearts as we come to God in prayer. Ask yourself, am I the Pharisee or a tax collector? It's kind of hard to determine who the good guy is in this scenario before Jesus explains God's point of view. Prior to Jesus' admonitions against the religiosity perpetuated by the Pharisees, they were the respected church leaders. They were the holy men of that day. The tax collectors were hated by most. Right off the bat, one would assume that Jesus would denounce the later, as the "sinner." And he would if it were not for what the taxman did inside the temple.



"The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. For I don't cheat, I don't sin, and I don't commit adultery. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ([Luke 18:11-14](#), New Living Translation)

The parable's lesson is found in what these two men do in response to God's presence. The proud church leader attempts to validate his own "righteousness" in his prayer. He judges his neighbor all while spouting his good deeds, as if that's going to guarantee him some Brownie points with God. The tax collector approaches his prayer in humility. With no self-righteous bone in his body, he asks God to show him mercy.

Prayers that God Hears

The Lord hears the prayers of the justified and the humble. King Josiah's god-fearing life, as recorded in the Old Testament, is an example of this. In [II Chronicles 34:27](#), we see that a repentant heart gets God's attention.

You were sorry and humbled yourself before God when you heard his words against this city and its people. You humbled yourself and tore your clothing in despair and wept before me in repentance. And I have indeed heard you, says the Lord. (NLT)

God wants to hear sincerity in our prayer, not vanity. As we pray, let's determine to stay steadfastly humble before the Lord. Fortunately, God extends mercy to everyone who comes to Him in repentance, even those who get stuck in Churchianity, like the Pharisee. Bottom line: God is concerned with the heart of a person. So next time you go



to God in prayer, ask yourself, am I humble or proud? Either way, it's a chance to get right with Him.



Prayer

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/prayer>

Prayer at its simplest is a conversation between you and the God who created Solar Systems and Stem Cells. It's a holy waste of time that helps us get to know who God is, what He's like and express our thanks, hopes, hurts, and needs.

So take a deep breath...try saying 'hello.'

Try praying because the Lord is listening ([1 Peter 3:12](#)). Pray with others because when two of us get together and make a prayer of it, our Father in heaven goes into action ([Matthew 18:19](#)). Get His attention because whatever we could ask, think or imagine, God is able to do more ([Ephesians 3:20](#)).

[Alone](#), with [others](#), at home, [online](#), in a [prayer room](#) or on the [streets](#) of your [city](#), we can help you find your voice, experience His presence, share it with others and pray for change.

"PRAY IN THE SPIRIT, ON ALL OCCASIONS WITH ALL KINDS OF PRAYERS AND REQUESTS." (EPH 6:18)



What is prayer walking?

God is stirring us to take our prayers beyond the walls of our church buildings. As we put feet to our prayers, we're beginning to pray with huge kingdom-sized hope for entire cities.

Prayer walking: Praying On-Site with Insight

We've come to call this sort of on-site intercession "prayer walking." It's simply praying in the very places that we expect God to bring forth His answers.

The prayers are intercessory rather than devotional. Prayer walkers learn to pray beyond their own concerns, focusing prayer on behalf of their neighbors.

Prayer walking is usually a low-profile affair: Friends or family stroll two-by-two through their own neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces, praying as they go. There are some occasions when the prayer should be demonstrative, but usually it's being on the scene without making one. Though they usually walk unnoticed, prayer walkers quickly become aware of the realities and needs of their neighbors.

Why is God raising up prayer walking now?

God is swamping Christians with hope. It's a huge hope; something like a collective holy hunch that He's about to do some of the finest displays of city-wide salvation. Prayer has always been God's way of putting His name on future events. He's positioning us to pray larger things by giving these things extremely specific attachment to places and people.

Perhaps prayer walking is a way that God is granting us a good look at the "Before" portrait of our cities. When days of great harvest come about, we will clearly see a vastly different "After" picture and praise him all the more exuberantly.



Fulfilling Our “Seek and Save” Mission

Prayer walking certainly isn't the only way God is calling us to pray, but it may be the best way to be sure we have prayed for every person of our land. No list includes all of the homeless, or every child, or the transient, or fresh immigrants, or many others. If we are serious about praying for every person, it will require systematic, sustained prayer walking as an important part of our praying.

I'm convinced that Christ is fulfilling His “seek and save” mission (Luke 19:10). Our part of that mission involves seeking people. He will do the saving. Prayer walking may be the simplest way for us to seek people. Our prayers are without question God's preferred way to save people because He is honored and thanked with every answer to prayer.

<https://waymakers.org/pray/prayerwalking/>

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[What is Intercession?](#)

One of the best outlines about what intercession is and is outlined at [CBN.com](#). Please take some time and review the article below.

What is Intercessory Prayer?

A family member faces a deadly disease. Your neighbor desperately needs Jesus but turns away every time you try to share Christ. A nation begins to crumble because its people follow their own evil ways. But what can you do?

Often, the problems we face seem too big for us. No matter how much we try, we cannot solve them on our own. It's times like these when we need to turn to the Lord in intercessory prayer.

What is Intercession?

Intercession is prayer that pleads with God for your needs and the needs of others. But it is also much more than that. Intercession involves taking hold of God's will and refusing to let go until His will comes to pass.

Intercession is warfare -- the key to God's battle plan for our lives. But the battleground is not of this earth. The Bible says, "We are not fighting against humans. We are fighting against forces and authorities and against rulers of darkness and spiritual powers in the heavens above" ([Eph. 6:12](#)).

Intercessory prayer takes place in this spiritual world where the battles for our own lives, our families, our friends, and our nation are won or lost.

A Plan for Battle

If you are born again, you are God's son or daughter ([John 1:12](#)). As His child, you have a direct "hotline" to God. At any time, you can boldly come into His presence ([Heb. 4:16](#)).



This incredible access to God is the basis for intercession. Once you are in God's presence, you can now discover His battle plan for the situation you are facing. Because prayer alone is not enough -- you need a target for your prayers!

To discover God's plan, all you have to do is ask. The Bible says that "if any of you need wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given to you" ([James 1:5](#)). When we ask God for wisdom, His desires will become the focus of our prayers. "Let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to Him" ([Romans 12:2](#)).

Armed for Battle

Intercessory prayer is a serious matter. And just like soldiers who are preparing for battle, we cannot take on the enemy if we leave our weapons behind. That's why we must go into "battle" armed for spiritual conflict (see 2 Cor. 10:3, 4).

First, recognize that Jesus is in control of the situation. Jesus "rules over forces, authorities, powers, and rulers ... over all beings in this world and will rule in the future world as well" ([Eph. 1:21](#)). He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Then, put on "all the armor God gives" (see Eph. 6) so that you will be ready to fight with God's weapons. These are the "weapons of our warfare" that can pull down strongholds in the spirit world (see 2 Cor. 10:3, 4). They will also protect you from the attacks that are sure to come once you begin the spiritual battle.

Next, bind the work of Satan, knowing that Jesus has given you authority "to defeat the power of your enemy" ([Luke 10:19](#)). If God shows you the identity of specific spiritual strongholds that are at work, take authority over these strongholds in the name of Jesus. And always remember that "God's Spirit is in you and is more powerful than the one that is in the world" ([1 John 4:4](#)).

Finally, as you begin the spiritual battle, take comfort knowing that you are not alone: Jesus also is interceding on your behalf! The Bible says that Jesus "is able to save



forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them" ([Heb. 7:25](#), NASB; see also [Romans 8:26, 27, 34](#)).

Persisting in Battle

Intercessory prayer is also prayer that doesn't give up. It's the kind of prayer that endures all setbacks and overcomes every obstacle. Its prayer that "presses on" until we "apprehend" God's will in whatever situation we are facing (see [Phil. 3:12](#), KJV).

This kind of prayer is the key to seeing breakthroughs in your life and in the lives of those around you. Jesus gave a great model for intercession in the story of the persistent friend. Here we see a friend who knocks on his neighbor's door at midnight to ask for three loaves of bread. The neighbor does not want to get up, but Jesus said, "because of his friend's persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs" ([Luke 11:8](#), NASB).

Then Jesus said, "Everyone who asks will receive, everyone who searches will find, and the door will be opened for everyone who knocks" ([Luke 11:10](#)). Those words mean keep on asking, keep on seeking, keep on knocking. In God's time, your persistence in intercessory prayer will reap a spiritual harvest in your life and the lives of those around you!

Battling for Your Nation

Throughout the Bible, God searched for those willing to fight the spiritual battle for their land. In Ezekiel, God says, "And I searched for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found no one" ([Ezek. 22:30](#), NASB).

Through intercession, you can take the offensive in the spiritual battle, building up your community, your nation, and your world. As you follow God's call to rise up and take your place in the spiritual battle, God promises to "heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14, NASB).



Joining the Battle

God is calling Christians to join His battle plan for this world -- to join in intercessory prayer. He is not looking for perfect prayer warriors, just willing hearts who want to see His will come to pass on the earth. All you have to do is turn to the Lord in prayer:

"Father, I come into Your presence and ask You to give me the heart of the intercessor. Help me to be persistent in prayer until the breakthrough comes. Thank You for this powerful weapon of spiritual warfare -- and for Your faithfulness in my life. In Jesus' name. Amen."

God's Word on Intercession

"We live in this world, but we don't act like its people or fight our battles with the weapons of this world. Instead, we use God's power that can destroy fortresses. We destroy arguments and every bit of pride that keeps anyone from knowing God. We capture people's thoughts and make them obey Christ" (2 Cor. 10:3-5).

Scriptures for Study

- [Isaiah 59:16](#); [Galatians 6:2](#); [1 Timothy 2:1](#) -- Our responsibility to intercede
- Genesis 18 -- The importance of righteous believers
- [Isaiah 58:6-7](#) -- The need for intercession
- [Romans 8:26-34](#) -- Help to intercede
- Ephesians 6 -- The "armor" for spiritual battle

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Pray / Prayer Scriptures

Below are scriptures throughout the Bible that outline verses about pray, prayer, and many related words and terms that relate to prayer.



We will utilize each scripture to outline God's truth, the understanding of the prayer truth outlined in the verse, and we will also pray through each verse.

I would recommend reading each scripture (verse), while meditating and praying each verse through. As you do this, you are inviting the Holy Spirit to breathe life into your heart, spirit, soul, and mind.

Praying through each Verse

As you read each verse, pray about each verse, meditate, and ask the Father what each truth is about, please keep the following in mind as you write out what is placed in your heart, soul, mind, and spirit.

What is the Holy Spirit placing in your heart and mind about this verse? How does this verse and truth impact you? What do you want to pray about from this? How is the LORD God and Father leading you through this?

List your prayers, thoughts, ideas, and questions below each verse and let Father God speak to your heart, show you things, and have you pray forward the Holy Spirit action and fulfillment of His truth to people and places.

How can I help you?

If you would like a thorough list of verses that cover prayer, are a part of prayer, and relate to prayer and the impact of a praying and obedient believer in Jesus Christ, I can share the entire prayer book guide with you at your request. One of my callings is to not only intercede, but to empower others to pray, engage effectual fervent prayer that avails much, and encourage and help each person to pray and obey, changing each person, each community, and each nation for the glory of God through Jesus Christ.