

# Prayer Principles

No matter how ordinary or chaotic you may think your life is-you have the potential to move spiritual mountains-through consistent, persistent prayer.

Power-Praying God's Word with the empowering of the Holy Spirit and the Bible.

Passion-not only do we have a passion for our Lord, but we have a cause we are passionate about.

Purpose--we want to see results. We have a goal to see someone saved or delivered from a bondage.

Persistence, It's always too soon to quit praying.

There are many types of prayer-worship and praise, confession, petition, etc.

We can start with Three W's-

- worship the Lord, then
- wait silently asking Him to give us
- His Word to pray for the current situation.

Sometimes we add warfare--to stand against the enemy's tactics, by quoting the Scriptures as Jesus did when tempted. He said, "Be gone, Satan, for it is written..." (See Luke 4:1-8) We can ask the Holy Spirit to show us how to pray so our prayers are aligned with God's will. (Romans 8: 26-27)



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Prayer is simply talking to God as you would to your best friend. Express your deepest feelings. Admit your mistakes. Ask for His help. Listen for His answer. When Jesus lived on earth, He taught His disciples what is known as "The Lord's Prayer" (Matthew 6:6-13). It is a good way to start your prayers.

When praying for myself and others I ask God to give us His:

*Presence (Psalm 16: 11; 31:20; 41:12; 51:10-12). Protection (Psalm 5:11; 72:12-14; all of Psalm 91; Psalm 121:7-8).*

*Provision (Joshua 2:8-9; Psalm 106:4-5; 128:1-2; Philippians 4:19). Peace (Psalm 4:8; 29:11; 122:7-9; 147:14). Precious promises to be fulfilled (2 Corinthians. 1:20; 2:14; 2.Peter. 1:4)*

Next, we may pray specifically for people/situations we know about which include asking God for them to: Have discernment and wisdom and not be deceived in decisions facing them. Make wise choices financially and morally. Have favor in the marketplace. Cast their cares, worries, anxieties on the Lord, trusting Him. Have the right people come into their life at the right time. Have a positive influence as they use their talents and skills to help others. Experience God's healing/comforting touch (for those who need it).



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**Define Your Sphere of Influence to pray for:** You have a sphere of influence that no one else has and you can defend it in prayer: Family. Friends/loved ones near and far off. Neighborhood. City (Jer.29:4-14). "Seek the welfare of the city." Nation. Country God puts on your heart. Others.

## **Intercession for Others**

**When I intercede, I stand between God and that person beseeching God on his/her behalf; and between Satan and that person battling. One of the reasons for intercession is because several billion people don't know Christ. Jesus came to seek and save the lost. The enemy comes to steal, to kill and destroy. Jesus came to give life--life more abundantly.**

## **Our Weapons:**

- **The name of Jesus-our authority. (Psalm 44:4-7; Luke 10:19)**
- **The blood of Jesus. (I John 1:7-9)**
- **The Word of God (Bible), sharper than any two-edged sword. (Hebrews 4:12)**
- **Praise. To glorify God, terrify the enemy. (2 Chronicles 20)**
- **Clap and shout. (Psalms 47:1; Zephaniah 3:14,15; Psalm 144:1)**
- **Joy and laughter (Psalm 126:1-2)**
- **Pray as led by the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:16,28;**
- **Fasting. (Isaiah 58:6; Nehemiah 1:4,7, Daniel 9:3, 5)**



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## When Praying for Others

- Be specific. He asked specifically for three loaves of bread. (See Luke 11:5-13)
- Be persistent Keep asking, seeking, knocking. (Matthew 7:7-11; Luke 11:8-13)
- Pray Scripture passages aloud. God watches over His word to perform it. Faith cometh by hearing. And hearing by the word of Christ. (Romans 10:17)
- Plant waiting prayers for the future: friends, career, etc. (Romans 8:25; Galatians 5:5)
- Get a prayer partner. (Matt 18:19). Every Christian needs a special friend who will pray with him/her about their special problems. Get a prayer support team.
- Be open to the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:26-27)
- Personalize Scriptures for those you are praying for by inserting their name for promises from God in His word.

## Why Some People Remain Away from God:

1. Satan has held them captive to do his will. (2 Tim.2:25,26).
2. Satan has blinded them. (2 Corinthians.4:4).
3. Worries of this world, deceitfulness of riches, desire for other things chokes out the Word of God. (Mark 4:19).



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4. Unforgiveness. Paul said, "I forgive for your sake in order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes." (2 Corinthians 2:10).

5. Not enough harvesters in the field- therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest field. (Matthew 9:38)

**Caution:** Jesus addresses two of the greatest obstacles to answered prayer (unbelief and unforgiveness) in Mark 11:24-25: "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

**Also rid your home of any occult objects. Here are Biblical warnings (See Deut. 7:25-26; Deut.18:10-13; Acts 19:18-20)**

**Be a watchman on the wall for your field of influence.  
(Isaiah 62:6,7; Eph 6:12-17; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Cor. 2:11)**



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## Prayer for One to Pray to Receive Salvation.

**"Lord Jesus, I confess that I've sinned against you. Please forgive me for walking in my own selfish ways and wash me clean. I receive You as my Lord and Savior. I believe You are the Son of God who came to earth, died on the cross, shed Your blood for my sins, and arose from the dead. Lord, help me to live my life to please You. Thank you for providing the way for me pray directly to God the Father in Your name. I rejoice in Your promise that I will live with You forever in heaven, Amen."**

## Prayer for Ourselves, Family and Nation

**"Heavenly Father: We come boldly to Your throne beseeching You on behalf of our homeland that we love. We repent of our personal and national sins, asking Your forgiveness for all the wrongs we have done. We desperately need Your divine intervention and humbly ask You to come and rescue and restore! We ask in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ for You to move mightily for us, our families and our nation."**



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*(Add your own prayer concerns to these):*

- Draw thousands to Christ with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- Contain and stop deadly diseases.
- Bring economic recovery for businesses, families, unemployed, nation.
- Provide safety in streets, workplaces, homes, schools, etc.
- Guard us from those seeking harm and instill fear.
- Grant wisdom to all leaders of our nation.
- Convict the mass media to be accurate when reporting news.
- Heal the sick and suffering (name those you know).
- Comfort those grieving or depressed (name them).
- Guide voters to elect candidates who have integrity and godly principles.
- Let God's destiny for our nation be fulfilled.

Invite the Holy Spirit to teach you to pray and to guide you as you pray. (Jesus said), "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever-the Spirit of Truth... He will teach you all things." (John 14:16-17 Amplified)

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