

These are just a few of the crucial elements about prayer. Would you like to find out more about how powerful and effective prayer really is?

Remember: With God all things are possible! God is able to do for us instantly and superabundantly, what we are unable to achieve in a lifetime all by ourselves! God blesses those who love, obey and revere Him.

Scriptural References:

Psalm 24
Psalm 66:18-20
Psalm 95:6
Psalm 102:17
Proverbs 15:8,29
Proverbs 28:9
Isaiah 1:15
Jeremiah 29:11-13
Matthew 6:5-13
Matthew 19:26
Matthew 21:22
Matthew 26:41
Mark 11:24-25
Mark 12:40
Mark 14:38-39
Luke 6:28
Luke 18:1-8
Luke 21:36
Acts 10:2
Romans 12:12
Ephesians 4:29
Ephesians 6:18
Philippians 4:6
Colossians 4:2
1 Thessalonians 3:10
1 Thessalonians 5:17,22
1 Timothy 2:1
1 Timothy 5:5
Hebrews 13:15
James 5:13-18
1 Peter 3:12
1 Peter 4:7
1 John 5:14-15
Jude 1:20

**For more inspiring, encouraging,
informative and educational gospel
tracts please visit:**

www.godzangelmusic.com
www.valentinabestmusic.net



Powerful And Effective Prayer

Do you know how to pray powerful and effective prayers? How often do you pray to God? Once or twice a week, or whenever you get the chance, or perhaps you believe it is enough to have a sentimental idea about God and keep Him in your hearts, and you don't see a need to pray?

Prayer is true, heartfelt, fervent communication with God, where we pour out our innermost thoughts, feelings and emotions. We continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise, in Jesus Name. We don't repeat memorized prayers or read from paper. Our prayers must be sincere and straight from the heart.

We don't pray every once in a while, or when we need God to help us out of a particular situation. We make prayer top priority in our lives. It is a serious lifetime commitment and requires faith, passion, devotion, dedication, determination, self-discipline, great patience, perseverance, endurance and stamina.

Prayer is exciting, and can have a powerful effect over towns, cities, countries and nations, and gives us all kinds of victories in our Christian lives, including: victory over the flesh (resisting sin and temptations); victory over all our enemies (human and demonic); victory against the whole kingdom of darkness; overcoming the world, and even turning the world upside down!

It is the most powerful and effective spiritual weapon in a Christian's life, when we are in a right spiritual relationship with God; and totally commit, devote and dedicate our entire lives to Him; and live in obedience to His commandments, a life of: holiness, godliness, purity, truth and righteousness. This is definitely exciting!

How often we communicate with God demonstrates our love for, faith and trust in, and dependency on Him. What kind of relationship would a husband and wife have if they never communicated with each other? The bride, which is, the true Church of God, must be prepared and ready to marry Christ, the bridegroom, at His return. We are in training now to live the kingdom life so that we will inherit the Kingdom of God, and we prepare by watching and praying, studying God's Word, and being filled with the Holy Spirit. These are some of the ways in which we show our love and reverence for, and faithfulness to God.

Repentance is the first step to a spiritual relationship with God, and one of the crucial principles to answered prayer, as God will not hear the prayers of unrepentant sinners, because sin is a barrier that separates man from God, and will hinder prayers from being powerful and effective. We must confess and renounce, past and present, known and unknown sins, to God, in prayer, and never cherish sin in our hearts.

Faith is also the pre-requisite to answered prayer, because scripture teaches us that we must believe in God, and be confident that He answers all our requests. We wait, hope and trust in the LORD. We please God with faith, and approach Him with clean hands and a pure heart, and complete courage and confidence, knowing that He will answer all our requests, if they are according to His will. We find out God's will by studying His word. We must think, speak and act as though God has already granted our requests (*read tract: 'Who Through Faith'*).

Remember: *We always walk by faith and not by sight. In other words, we believe that God exists, and that He will answer our prayers according to His will, purpose and timing. We don't ask God for a sign that our prayers are effective.*

Extraordinary things were accomplished through faith, as we read in: Hebrews 11:33-34 - *who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.*

God uses His ordinary servants to accomplish extraordinary miracles. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective, and is known to bring the greatest of the giants down, and all kinds of miracles happen. For example, Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. James 5:17-18.

We must remember always: *It is the Power of God at work, not the power of man. Elijah prayed to God, in faith, and God answered his prayers in a powerful way!*

Our prayers must be spiritual oriented; not physical oriented. We don't pray for greedy and selfish worldly pleasures, such as winning the lottery so that we can buy a mansion. These are earthly, ungodly and self-centered prayers, and God's answer would be a definite 'no!' because God knows what's best for us and what is unbeneficial to our godly lives. Would Jesus gamble? Definitely Not! Because it is the sin of greed, which is a form of idolatry. We are to be imitators of Jesus, who never sinned. We aim for godly perfection!

Quoting scriptures in prayer is one of the most effective methods to pray, because we will be claiming God's promises, and know that our requests will be in line with scripture. A spiritual oriented prayer is one which will benefit us (in our godly lives) and others. For example, we ask God: 1) to help us preach the true gospel, reaching all villages, towns, cities, countries and nations. 2) for His help in bearing much spiritual fruit. 3) to fill us with the Holy Spirit, and lead, guide and help us along the narrow road that leads to eternal life, in the Kingdom of God. Also, God gives to each true believer, one of the following gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miraculous powers, prophecy, discernment, speaking and interpretation of tongues. We ask God for His help to exercise and develop spiritual gifts, so that we can help others.

It is crucial for a Christian prayer warrior to be extremely careful not to commit the sin of idolatry, because it is one of the gravest sins in the eyes of God, and carries the heaviest of penalties. Almighty God demands first place and number one priority in our lives, and that we love Him with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. We demonstrate our love for God by obeying His commandments, doing His will, and serving Him faithfully and wholeheartedly. He will not settle for second place. He is a jealous God. He tolerates no rivals. There is only one supreme God, and He is the Creator of the universe, heavens and the earth, sky and sea, and all that is in them. Therefore, we always address our prayers to God our Father, in Jesus Name. Scripture never mentions to address our prayers to Mary (the mother of Jesus), angels, saints or prophets. We are forbidden to use physical aid in our worship, and to make any representation of God, in any shape or form. We also remove anything that will hinder our relationship with God, because the things of this world, including worries, pleasures, and deceitfulness of wealth will hinder one from bearing fruit: growing spiritually and maturing in the faith.

One must not be enticed or tempted into immorality, because firstly, God's word tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, and that we belong to God. We do not belong to ourselves, therefore we are to flee from sexual immorality. Secondly, your prayers will never be answered, no matter how many prayers you pray, if you are involved in any of the major sins, such as: debauchery and sexual immorality; idolatry in all its forms, including witchcraft and greed; drunkenness and drug abuse.

One cannot expect to have his prayers answered by watching horror, vulgar, immoral movies, or listening to these kinds of lyrics, and then praying to God. Firstly, that is sin within itself. Secondly, that person will have opened doors for demonic activity in his life, and be enticed and tempted into other sins. Thirdly, that person's mind will be polluted, and therefore will not be focused on God and prayer. There must not be even a hint of immorality. We are to avoid every kind of evil, and this includes even the appearance of evil. This means, we are not even to have sinful, impure thoughts, or speak unwholesome words. If one keeps company with evildoers, that person becomes a partaker of evil deeds, and again, his prayers will be unanswered, because God listens to the prayer of the righteous; but His face is against those who do evil.

By the power of God's Holy Spirit, we resist and flee from all sin and temptations, and ask God for help in living according to His Word. We honor God by humbling ourselves before Him, and learning to control our bodies in such a way that is pleasing and honorable to the Lord. We revere God's Name, and worship Him acceptably, with reverence and awe.

The posture in prayer is usually bowing down, and kneeling before God. The best way to begin our prayers is always with praise and thanksgiving to God. We praise Him for who He is, and the amazing things He does for us. We always give thanks to God for answering our prayers.

Jesus said 'when you pray,' not 'if you pray,' meaning it is commanded of us, and He gives us instructions on how and why we should pray. For example, watch and pray that we will not fall into temptation; pray in private; do not use vain repetition; and pray for enemies. Jesus also said that some demons come out only by prayer and fasting (*read tract: 'Power of Fasting'*).

Scripture also mentions to pray continually, with all kinds of prayers and requests, and be clear minded and self-controlled, so that we can pray. We are also to be faithful in, and devoted to prayer.

Perseverance is crucial in answered prayer, as the 'Parable of the Persistent Widow' shows us how we must never become discouraged and never give up. It illustrates how much more will God who is just and righteous, grant justice to His chosen ones (elect), if a corrupt judge granted a persistent widow justice.

Another example is the prophet Daniel who persevered in prayer, despite the decree that was issued. Patience, perseverance, endurance and stamina is so crucial! Never lose your faith, and always pray in any situation, and under any circumstance, however things are going, and never quit when things do not go very well. The situation may be a trial. Wait for the LORD, trust in Him, and He will lead you in the right direction - the narrow path that leads to everlasting peace, joy, happiness and victory in our Christian lives!