



ARE YOUR PRAYERS ON TARGET? A Guide To Victorious Prayer

**"LORD, TEACH US TO
PRAY" ACCORDING TO ...**

The Vision Of Prayer - as vast, wide and deep as the Word of God and Him who wrote it. Open the Book when you pray; God's Word is the life and vision of your prayers - birthed by prayer.

The Hope Of Prayer - Prayer is the hope of the unsaved to bring them to salvation. Prayer continues to be the hope from that day forth of all who abide in Christ and His word in them.

The Faith Of Prayer - realized in the faithfulness of Him who never leaves nor forsakes us. God gives us faith which we return to Him in believing prayer.

The Communion Of Prayer - God communing with us and us communing with Him.

The Glory Of Prayer - God's glory comes into our hearts and is released in prayer, for from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

The Redemption Of Prayer - Christ redeemed us, prayed for us and continues to intercede for us.

The Eternal Nature Of Prayer - which is in the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our prayers reflect the eternal purpose and vision of God.

The Love Of Prayer - God loves you, He is on your side, He wants to change your heart so that your hearts desires can be fulfilled. That is love.

The Humility In Prayer - testifying of our total need for Him and those whom He uses to guide us.

The Healing Of Prayer - As a child of God you possess a source of power above anything imaginable - that is, the ability to release God's healing upon you, your family, your city and land.

The Focus Of Prayer - upon Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Keeping the focus will bring forth prayer in worship, petition, intercession and supplication for all things and all men with THANKSGIVING.

The Unity Of Prayer - unity of the Godhead and the unity of all His people in Him by His Spirit.

The Praise Of Prayer - recognize the greatness of Him who answers prayer and of Him who gives prayer. Praise closes the doors of unbelief and opens the doors to Him who gives faith.

The Warfare Of Prayer - Prayer begins in a little corner between you and our Lord. It grows beyond that to extend to the ends of the world.

The Prophetic Nature Of Prayer - John the Baptist prayed the ultimate prophetic prayer, "Lord I have need ... of You." In the last days, the church will pray prophetically, not

superficially for Jesus soon return but deeper, "Jesus, I have need of You."

This is praying the will of God.

PRAYERS PURPOSES

I believe in the God of prayer so I pray. This then is understanding prayers purpose:

- To exalt and glorify our Lord in heaven.
- To have His kingdom come and deliver our self-centeredness to Him so we become God-centered.
- Our purpose in prayer is to have His purpose, His vision, His will be done on earth, in our lives, in our families, in our cities, nations and the world, as it is ALREADY done in heaven.
- To rely upon His faithfulness and love to give us everything to sustain us in body, soul and spirit.
- To rely upon Him to forgive as we forgive others.
- To keep us from temptation and evil, delivering us.
- To pray for Truth so that His freedom comes.
- To pray for the lost - the reason for Jesus.

WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer is the divine instrument of faith, hope and love, an outward expression of the inward relationship we have with God and visa versa.

Prayer is not impersonal because Jesus is personal to us. It is not inactive in any manner but is alive and fresh daily with the Spirit of the living God.

Prayer is asking, seeking, knocking; always answer-ed, whether by 'Yes' or 'No', give glory to God.

Prayer is not only with the understanding, for the Spirit prays in us, through us, for us. Pray in the Spirit, in tongues and with the understanding also.

Prayer is persistent, conclusive, ceaseless. It is worship, supplication and intercession based on Jesus death, burial, resurrection and soon return.

Prayer is often accompanied by fasting. Prayer is always accompanied by praise and thanksgiving. Prayer infused by the Spirit, is a release of the kingdom of God outwards, to cause us to fulfill His purposes for us and His people.

Prayer is the speaking into existence by faith and action those things of God's heart which can seem not to be, according to His word and promises.

Prayer is not the answer, God is the answer. But if you came to the Father through the Son, then you prayed. And if you prayed, someone, somewhere prayed for you. God raises up intercessors. Jesus is still praying for you. The apostles prayed for you. God loves prayer, He stores them up. As someone prayed for you, "Go and do likewise."

PRAY IN JESUS NAME

"... if My people who are called by My name will 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." (2 Chron.7:14)

Helpful Bible Starting-points about Prayer:

Ask, seek, knock - Matthew 7:7-8
Pray for the Harvest - Matthew 9:28
Pray for Revival – Rev. 2:2-4, Ezra 5,6
Believe - Matthew 21:22
Spirit of Adoption - Romans 8:14-15

Abide in Christ to see answers -
John 15:7

God's greatness and hearing -
Psalm 102

Give thanks - 1 Chronicles 16:8

We should pray and not give up
- Luke 18:1

Come boldly in prayer -
Hebrews 4:16

Delight in God and receive -
Psalm 37:4

Effective, fervent prayer avails -
James 5:16

If you are in trouble, pray -
James 5:13

If you are sick, pray - James
5:14

The Lord will sustain you -
Psalm 55:22

The Lord is close to you - Psalm
145:18, 19

Prayer of the righteous heard -
Proverbs 15:29

Father knows before you ask -
Matthew 6:8

He reveals Himself in prayer -
Jeremiah 33:3

God rewards secret prayers -
Matthew 6:6

Devotion to prayer and thanks -
Colossians 4:2

Pray (x4 types) for all men - 1
Timothy 2:1

Pray for one another - James
5:16

Pray for the city - Jeremiah 29:7

Pray in unity - Matthew 18:19-
20

Prayer of Jabez - 1 Chronicles
4:9-10

If we keep His commandments -
1 John 3:22

Ask, receive, and live in joy -
John 16:23-24

Ask anything in Jesus name -
John 14: 13-14

God's good gifts if you ask -
Matthew 7:7-12

God stores your prayers in
bowls - Rev. 5:8

WHAT OTHERS SAY OF PRAYER ...

"Satan has suffered so much by good praying that all his wily, shrewd and ensnaring devices will be used to cripple its performances."

E. M. Bounds

"Here is the secret of prevailing prayer, to pray under a direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit, whose petitions for us and through us are always according to the divine purpose, and hence certain of answer."

J. S. Holden

"In order to be able to pray, we must be within the situation which is defined as the kingdom of God. We must recognize that He is God, that He is King; we must surrender to Him."

Metropolitan Anthony of
Sourozh

"To impact heavenly places and win the war for our regions we must be united in prayer. ... Without any doubt, from the house of the Lord revival will burst upon our land."

Francis Frangipane

"If by any means I can make you believe and act upon one thing, it is that prayer works - God answers prayer.... Today we must be moved by Him into prayer encompassing repentance, reconciliation and revival ... "

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