

WHAT ARE VARIOUS TYPES OF PRAYER?

- a. Persevering prayer. **Philippians 4:6; Luke 11:5-13**
- b. Intercessory prayer. **Romans 8:26,27**
- c. In the spirit. **1 Corinthians 14:14; Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20**
- d. Supplication. **1 Timothy 2:1,2**
- e. Giving thanks. **1 Timothy 2:1,2; Philippians 4:6**

WHO CAN BE INVOLVED IN PRAYER?

- a. Individuals. **Matthew 6:5-7**
- b. Two or Three. **Matthew 18:19-20**
- c. The whole church. **Acts 2:42; 4:24**. When the church comes together, it is scriptural for all to lift up their voices in one accord in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. **Psalms 64:1; 66:19; 18:6** “In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry came before Him, even into His ears.”

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Chronicles 7:14

“If my people which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

PRAYER



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PRAY HARD! GO HARD!

Make a difference to your world!

PRAYER POWER

Prayer is one of the profoundest tools that God has granted unto us as believers. It is the most effective weapon of the kingdom of God. He has ordained that it should be employed in any and every situation, from penning a letter to writing a book, from healing a cut to raising the dead, from the fall of a sparrow to the fall of an empire. There is no occasion too unimportant for prayer and no circumstances too challenging for its application.

Although God has freely given us this tool, it is not without conditions, qualifications and instructions for its use. Often prayers are frustrated by our failure to comply with these standards, which brings into operation His spiritual governing prayer.

WHY SHOULD BELIEVERS PRAY?

Matthew 7:7 “Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.”

- a. Prayer is not an option. **Isaiah 56:7**
- b. We are to pray without ceasing. **1Thessalonians 5:17; Romans 1:9**
- c. All men everywhere ought to pray. **1 Timothy 2:8**

WHO PROVIDES THE GREATEST EXAMPLE OF PRAYER?

The Lord Jesus. (**Luke 3: 21; 5:15,16**). If Jesus, the Son of God, needed to pray, how much more do we? Jesus was a man of prayer. “*And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.*” **Mark 1:35**

WHAT IS PRAYER?

- a. Prayer is **a discipline**. It is a bending of the will of man before God to admit his need. **2 Chronicles 7: 14; Matthew 6:9,10**
- b. Prayer is **rendering homage** to an all wise and benevolent heavenly Father. **Psalms 108:5**
- c. Prayer is **spending time in conversation with God**. Conversation is a two-way communication.
“*But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.*” **Matthew 6:6**

WHAT SHOULD BE OUR ATTITUDE IN PRAYER?

- a. We should pray in **Faith**. **Hebrews 11:6**
- b. We should pray without **Wavering**. **James 1:6-8; Mark 11:24**
- c. We should pray **According to God’s will**. **1 John 5:14-16**. God’s Word is His Will and His will is His Word. When we know God’s will and add, “if it be Your Will,” this nullifies our prayer. According to **Psalms 119:89-91** God’s Word (will) is established in the heavens. Jesus told us to pray that will (word) of God in the heavens should be done on earth.
- d. We should **come to the Father through Jesus Christ**, our intercessor or mediator. **Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34**

WHAT ARE HINDRANCES TO PRAYER?

- a. Asking amiss. **James 4:1-4**.
- b. Wrong motives. **Matthew 6: 5-8**
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- b. Iniquity. **Isaiah 59:1-3; Proverbs 28:13**
- c. An unforgiving spirit. **Matthew 5:23,24; 18:21-35**
- d. Bitterness. **Hebrews 12:15-17; 2 Peter 2:21,22**
- e. Heart Idols (covetousness). **Ezekiel 14:3**
- f. Stinginess. Proverbs 21:13
- g. Doubts. **James 1:5-7**
- h. Wrong relationships. **1 Peter 3:7**