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What the Bible teaches about Prayer

What can be more powerful and transforming than talking to God and knowing that He hears us? What can be more life-changing than knowing that our prayers are a joy to the Lord and that the prayers of our hearts receive the response and attention of heaven? The answer is nothing. From the prophets of the Old Testament to apostles of the New Testament, prayer was the a constant connection with heaven.

If God was so sincere in answering the prayers of his people in the past, how reassuring is it to know that we can rely on Him to answer our prayers in the present.

The writer of the well-known song, “*What a friend we have in Jesus*” wrote, “*Oh what need we often forfeit, Oh what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer.*”

If ever there was a time that we needed to pray and keep a constant connection with Jesus, it is in these troublesome times. There is no prayer that rises from a sincere heart that will not receive the attention of our heavenly father. However, one of the reasons why we have so little power to resist temptation and experience victory in Jesus is, we don’t communicate with Him as we should.

As you study you will discover the need, the conditions, the *guarantee*, the *roadblocks*, and the *power* of prayer. You will also have the most meaningful two-way conversation with Jesus that you’ve ever had.

THE NEED FOR PRAYER

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17** - Prayer should be a regular activity in our lives.
- Matthew 26:41** - Prayer is needed to resist temptation.
- 1 Peter 4:7** - Prayer keeps us alert to the pending dangers.
- Isaiah 55:6** - We must seek the Lord diligently through prayer.
- Psalms 55:17** - We must establish a habit of praying three times a day.
- Daniel 6:10** - Daniel prayed to the Lord morning, noon, and evening.
- Philippians 4:6** - Bringing our needs to God in prayer will keep us in peace.
- Psalms 50:15** - When we pray to God in times of trouble He will respond.
- 1 Timothy 2:8** - God’s wants us to pray no matter the circumstances.

THE CONDITIONS FOR ANSWERED PRAYER

- 1 John 3:22** - Obedience is needed to get our prayers answered.
- Matthew 21:22** - When belief accompanies our prayers God honors us.
- John 16:24** - God instructs us to pray if we have a need.
- Isaiah 65:24** - Sometimes God answers our prayers before we ask.
- Hebrews 11:6** - When we pray we must believe that God is real.
- 1 John 5:14, 15** - We must know that God hears us when we pray.
- Matthew 7:7** - Prayer must be intentional and determined.
- John 14:13, 14** - We must always pray in Jesus name.

GUARANTEED ANSWERS TO PRAYER

- Matthew 14:30, 31** - Jesus instantly answered Peter’s prayer to be saved.
- Acts 2:21** - God promises to answer any prayer for salvation.
- Isaiah 40:31** - Sometimes God’s answer is wait instead of yes or no.
- 2 Chronicles 7:14** - God will answer us when we honor His conditions.
- Matthew 6:6** - Secret prayer is rewarded with open blessings.

ROADBLOCKS TO ANSWERED PRAYER

- Psalms 66:18** - If we cherish sin God will not answer our prayers.
- Proverbs 28:9** - When we ignore God’s law our prayers are an abomination.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

- Acts 4:31** - Prayer paved the way for the receiving of the Holy Spirit.
- James 5:17-18** - God sent rain in response to Elijah’s prayer.
- Jeremiah 32:27** - When we pray we learn that there’s nothing difficult for God.
- Psalms 34:4** - When we seek God through prayer He will deliver us.
- Romans 8:26** - The Holy Spirit makes our prayers acceptable to God.
- James 5:15** - The prayer of faith will save the sick.
- Acts 12:5** - Peter was released from prison when the church prayed.
- Matthew 7:11** - God is more willing to bless us than we are willing to ask.
- Jeremiah 33:3** - When we call on the Lord through prayer He will hear us.
- Acts 10:2** - Godly people must establish their house in prayer.
- Psalms 91:15** - God will answer the prayers of those that honor Him.