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Dedication

This book is dedicated to all those who struggle in Prayer and sit and wonder why their prayers are not being heard or are they? I myself have been there and now see the reason for unanswered prayer. I didn't have the understanding of how the Bible works. It took many years of searching to find the right path. Remember God loves you very much and wants to hear and answer your prayers.

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“The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him....”

Lamentations 3:125

There is a paved trail leading to Madison Falls in Olympic National Park (Washington State).

Easily accessible, the trailhead starts right after you enter through the park. The trail bends around the trees, passes over a wooden platform with a view of the creek through the branches. The falls is just around the corner.

Benches sit at the very end – a nice place to watch the water tumble down.

Gary Jefferson

Introduction

This book explains Prayer in a simple way that will help those who struggle with their situations understand why. May it help those to study the Word of God more and see how much they are loved and how God wants to communicate with us each day.

Prayer is talking with God, telling him our hurts, asking for direction and trusting in Him to know that His way is best for us. Always remember He loves you and wants to hear our Prayers. Never give up your answer could be right around the corner.

ASK, SEEK & KNOCK

"What did Jesus mean when He told us to ask, seek, and knock?"

This question has been going over and over in my mind for weeks. I have wondered exactly what it means and is everyone entitled to just ask and have their needs met. I realized that it goes much deeper than what we could ever think. Let's look at the scriptures for a minute.

Matthew 7 is part of what is commonly called the Sermon on the Mount. It's a description of the truly righteous life, an outlining of "the law of Christ" Now many are saying we are not under law anymore but under grace. That is true to a point. It was through HIS GRACE that we have been given the opportunity to serve Him. When Jesus says, "Ask and it will be given to you," He is talking to His followers, those who have committed their life to him and serve Him continually. He sees them as His children and those that ask are His sons and daughters.

Prayer is how we communicate our needs and desires to God. Of course, God already knows what we need way before we ever ask. He wants us to pray to Him and keep in communication with Him at all times. It is like a child they will go to their mother or father and ask for something. Now a good parent will give it to them if they feel it is good for them. So the communication is very important but one thing I feel too is that living righteous before God is so important. How can we ask anything if we are not doing what God tells us to do. That makes no sense to me at all. Now I do know many that feel they are living right but never open the Bible and never Pray. It is almost like they feel by giving their life over and saying that one prayer of repentance is all that is required of them. That is not the case. When we come to Christ and accept Him into our lives, we also are saying that we accept His ways and that we will follow Him no matter what.

You know years ago growing up in church I never knew that, no one ever told me. How sad looking back now and seeing how things were. I was asked if I wanted to accept Jesus into my life and follow Him. I did and yet for me it seemed to end there. I was told to read my Bible and Pray but it ended there too. I would try to read the Bible and yet didn't understand a lot of it. Yes I went to church and heard Bible stories but it seemed to skim the top instead of get right into the meat of the Gospel. When I made mistakes I felt so condemned by others as they felt I should not have done that since I was now a Christian. I didn't understand it all and many times walked away..... NOT from God but from the Church and it's people.

Getting back to Asking, Seeking and Knocking it makes me really think about all of this. Now if we really believed what God is telling us in His Word, the Bible we should be living right... and we should be focused on what He wants us to do and how He wants us to live. Our prayers each day should be for others to come to know Him as we do. When Jesus was asked to teach them how to pray this is what he said.

Matthew 6:9-13

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



How many hours have I wasted in prayer begging God to get me out of my situations or praying for something that wasn't necessarily the right thing to pray for. I realize now that a lot of those prayers were wasted. God made it clear how we should pray.. We should realize that HE is the almighty and we should want His will to be done just like it is in Heaven. We should pray for our DAILY BREAD... doesn't mention anything about steak, shrimp or anything like that does it? Then comes our plea to FORGIVE US our debt as we FORGIVE OTHERS. We are to pray not to be led into TEMPTATION and to be DELIVERED from Evil. Wow, what a great prayer now this sums it up pretty good doesn't it. If our prayers were like this I am sure we would be much happier.

YES we are to pray for others... Here is what I believe we should be praying like.

John 17:9-19 King James Version (KJV)

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Christ is talking about “US” and that is His prayer... We should spend time in prayer to God about our brothers and sisters too.. Asking that God take care of them, Seeking Him about them and keep on doing it.

I talk to so many people in different countries and I hear of such need, we are so blessed here in United States and yet we don't even realize it many times. If we believe we are the family of Christ and are one body then it is our responsibility to pray for the rest of our family, especially those who are suffering for being of the Faith.

Jesus is not saying that believers always get what they ask for—wrong motives, for example, will hinder answers to prayer

James 4:3

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss,
that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

When are we going to realize that ASKING should not be for selfish reasons. We get carried away with all of this and feel that we have the right to ask for better things, new car, new house, money etc. For many years in Ministry I was struggling with finances and yet there was not a time I went hungry, nor the kids that I cared for. There was never a time that the bills did not get paid. My needs were all met... GOD has promised to take care of us so remember that when you pray... Don't get greedy and think you deserve something great. Having Jesus in your life is the greatest thing you could have. You have been set free from your sins and are on your way to heaven. All the other things are not real important. I know people today who say they serve God and yet if hungry will not eat a peanut butter sandwich, they have to have chicken or some other meat. Now these people are on welfare too getting food stamps... It totally amazes me how there is no gratitude left. People feel they deserve the best of everything. Many who have come to Christ are into prosperity thinking and living, actually I feel bad for them, they are missing out on the real JOY that only Jesus can give. Take away their possessions and they are the most miserable people around.

Jesus went on to say, “Seek, and you will find”
Matthew 7:7. What is it believers ought to be
seeking? It is God Himself!

“You have said, ‘Seek my face.’ My heart says
to you, ‘Your face, Lord, do I seek’”
Psalm 27:8

“The young lions suffer want and hunger; but
those who seek the Lord lack no good thing”
Psalm 34:10

“Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his
presence continually!”
Psalm 105:4

“Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart”
Psalm 119:2

God is not hiding from His children. His
heart’s desire is for us to persistently and
passionately look for Him all around us, and
when we do, He promises He will be found
Proverbs 8:17 Seeking is a matter of paying
attention with an engaged mind and acute
awareness.

Earlier in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said to

“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness”
Matthew 6:33

Seeking God’s kingdom means putting God’s plan before our own; seeking God’s righteousness means setting a priority on personal holiness and desiring to be sanctified.

Jesus then said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” Matthew 7:7. Here, the Lord uses a metaphor for the action a desire produces. If a person needs something from someone behind a door, the most natural thing to do is knock—and keep knocking until the door is opened and the desire is met. In the same way, a believer should pray in faith for God’s will to be done in their life

Luke 18:1

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

Have you ever got tired of praying? I have and only because I didn't realize that prayer should be a continual thing. Here is an example: Years ago I was living in a very abusive relationship. I prayed constantly for God to get me out of it. Sadly, that was all I did was pray. I didn't do anything else. I lived in that situation leaving GOD to do all the work. I had a choice of leaving many times but FEAR would take hold of me and I didn't go. There would be times when I thought God never heard my prayers so I would stop for a while. I got 'FAINT". Now I realize that if I had more knowledge of God back then I would have stepped out in Faith and made a move.

We can pray all we want but if we see God opening doors and we do not move through them then we will still be in the same situation and things will never change. It took 12 years of my life to realize that. Looking back, I did learn a lot and it has helped many that I counsel as I understand where they are coming from now, as I went through it myself.

One thing though that has changed within me is the realization that PRAYER is communication with God on a constant level. If we believe that He is with us and JESUS lives inside of us, then we should be talking to Him all the time. Asking direction, guidance and giving Him thanks. Take time to speak with Him. I go for walks and talk constantly with Him. I really don't like these devices that play music, games and now everyone is looking for Pokeman. Wow, I can't believe it all. I saw a couple walking down the street the other day and I had to stop them, both of their heads were down and they were staring at the one phone. YES they were searching for Pokeman... When I spoke with them they were telling me what a great game it was and how that they had walked all over the City chasing him. Oh God help us, satan has taken hold of our youth but not just our youth he now has adults searching in a game. When our minds are taken up with music, games etc. we don't have time to listen to God or His leading. Walk and leave all your gadgets at home and you will see how clear you can think. Maybe some of you have thrown this book across the room by now thinking I am crazy but it is the truth. We need to have quiet time so we can communicate with our Father.

Ask, seek, knock.

Notice the three different senses being considered here.

Asking is verbal; Christians are to use their mouths and petition God in their prayers

Seek, believers are to seek with their minds—this is more than asking; it is a setting of priorities and a focusing of the heart.

Knocking involves physical movement, one in which the Christian takes action.

Although asking and seeking are of great importance, they would be incomplete without knocking. The apostle John said Christians ought not to love in word alone but with actions also 1 John 3:18. In the same way, it's good to pray and seek God, but if one does not also act in ways that are pleasing to God, all is wasted. It's no accident that Jesus said believers should love God with all their heart, soul, strength, and mind Luke 10:27.

More and more I am realizing that the Bible is a Roadmap for Believers to Follow. When you are unsaved, you do not belong to God at all. You are a child of satan, there has to be that change that takes place within you and that only can happen when you give your life over to God. Invite Jesus to come inside of you through the Holy Spirit and believe that Christ died for your sins. THEN and only THEN will you see the Bible clearly and understand it fully. Many read the Bible and pick out parts that suit them but do not follow all of it. My friend, YOU MUST follow all of it or you are just not going to make it. It's like purchasing something that needs assembled. You have all the parts in front of you and don't know one thing about putting it all together. SO, what do you do? You go to the Manuel and read about each part. After reading you start to assemble it and in the end you have a complete item that works. Much like the Bible, You can read it but if you do not ask Christ to come into your life it won't get you too far. I used to read the Bible before I gave my life to Christ and thought it was a good book, but what I did was take Scriptures that suited me and the situation that I was in and live it that way. I really thought I was doing right. Like I said before I really feel I wasn't taught right in the

church that I attended. I needed to have been mentored more in how to live a life for Christ. Many these days are so far from living for God and yet they claim all the Bible and all the Promises in their to be their own. They get pretty mad too if you try to tell them things, so I end up just praying that their eyes be opened to the truth.

The commands are followed by promises: “Everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened” Matthew 7:8. God delights in the prayer of faith, and He promises to give us what we need. He has always met my needs... YES there are some other things that would be nice but I have learned to leave it with God and let Him give me what I really need. Sometimes we pray for things in our life that God knows just would not benefit us in any way. We think it would but he sees the whole picture. I remember once someone saying to me that it is like watching a parade. We march in that parade and see who is in front of us and who is behind but God is looking from above and sees the whole parade at one time. He knows the outcome therefore He knows what is best for us all.

Many times I have seen people and myself at one time grab a scripture and run with it. We shout it from the housetops that God is going to do this or that because His word says He will but we tend to forget over and over that there are scriptures that come before and after the one that we are speaking from out mouth. I wanted to put the whole chapter of John down so we could go over it and help you understand it better..

John 14

14 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Jesus is telling us here not to be troubled and that if we believe in God we should also believe in Him. Pretty simple huh?

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Jesus is speaking to those who follow Him and tells us of what His plans are for us. He is going to prepare a place for us.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Now He is saying that He is going to prepare a place but He will come again so that we can live with him and be with Him always.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

He is saying that IF we believe in Him, the same works that He has done we will do also, because He is going to the Father. To me that is a great scripture as it is telling us that we will be doing the same things if we are IN HIM. Then it goes on to say that IF WE ASK ANYTHING IN HIS NAME, HE WILL DO IT

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name,
that will I do, that the Father may be glorified
in the Son.

IF WE ARE IN HIM....

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will
do it.

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

He then goes on to tell us “HOW” we can be “IN HIM” If we Love Him, We keep His commandments. Now honestly many don’t understand this. Many feel that they can move mountains, heal the sick, raise the dead and yet they are NOT IN HIM... They are too caught up in themselves and what they think should be the way to accomplish what God has told us to do. It is so sad, I meet so many great people that have no CLUE at all about showing love to others and doing what God has commanded us to do. I am always hearing the phrase, WE ARE UNDER GRACE... Yes we are but we sure don’t leave out the Old Testament and not pay any attention to what it is saying to us. CHRIST came to FULFILL THE LAW... In other words when Christ died on the Cross it all was completed. HE COMPLETED IT... Now we have the whole picture of our life and how we should live it. Now I can hear you say now, well the Old Testament is not for us... If you study you will see that The Old Testament has so much to do with the New Testament. I know I was totally amazed when I started to study the whole Bible.

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Jesus is saying here that he is going to PRAY to His Father that the Comforter will be sent to live with us as He is leaving us. Honestly I don't know what I would do without the Holy Spirit. I remember my Grandfather, who was a great preacher say that not enough was talked about regarding "The Holy Spirit". He is a person in Spirit that lives within us. Helping us to cope, giving direction, showing us when we do wrong through conviction and giving us peace. We need to see things in a different perspective sometimes.

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I love this scripture, The Spirit of Truth is for us as believers, who have Him living inside of us. Many times I hear people say “They should not live that way, They should know better” BUT if they do not have the Holy Spirit within them their eyes are blinded... Am I right? Many times we judge people who have never met Jesus this way and we really shouldn't do it.

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Now here it states that we are to keep His commandments, wow, you didn't think that was in the Bible did you? YES it is ... So here is how it is .. IF we keep His commandments, Love Him, then we will be able to ASK anything in His name and He will do it. Does that make sense to you? It does to me.

22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Keep His words....

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

I put the whole chapter in because it gives us a better picture of it all... Just picture Jesus sitting talking to you these words.. It will help you understand so much better.

When we have a **RELATIONSHIP** with **GOD**, we are able to **ASK**, **SEEK** and **KNOCK**. It is pretty hard to ask for something from someone we don't even know, am I right?

We have to have that fellowship through prayer. Spend time **THANKING HIM** instead of **ASKING** all the time, the more we **PRAISE HIM** and spend quality time with Him the more we will see our real needs and quit asking for foolish things that really aren't important. I often think if we **REALLY BELIEVED** that Jesus was coming back, we would be spending hours upon hours asking Him to change us, to make us into a person that others would see **HIS LOVE** within us and thereby give their lives to **CHRIST**. Is your family all saved? Well if they aren't then that is one of the greatest things you could ask for in prayer..that your family come to Christ. Forget the Big Fancy House and Fancy Car, what about their **SOULS**? I have lost many friends to death and some have known God and others I am not sure about but what it has done to me is make me see the importance of praying for others. That is why I started a Prayer Chain in our Ministry to have a place where people could send their requests and have many praying. **PRAYER** is good, it is a relationship that you will never regret having with our Father. We pray to God, **OUR FATHER** in the name of **JESUS** because **JESUS** paid the price for our sins.

I hope this book is simple for you to read and helps you understand Prayer a bit better. Like I have said there was many years I kept asking for things that were not important and wondered “WHY” my prayers were not heard. Maybe my prayers were just too selfish and only surrounded about my greeds instead of my needs. Take a few minutes today and think about your prayers. Do you BEG GOD to answer, DO YOU PLEAD, DO YOU EVEN GET UPSET WITH HIM? I know some of you do. It is simply asking and seeking Him in every situation and of course keeping ourselves HUMBLE... Now that is another story.....

If you think you are humble you probably are not. Don't get upset with me please. Let me explain

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.”

I really love this scripture... WE ARE HIS PEOPLE if we have asked for forgiveness and are following Him. We are called by HIS NAME, He tells us to HUMBLE OURSELVES, then PRAY, then SEEK His face but also to TURN from our wicked ways.. now when we do that here is what HE will do... HE WILL HEAR US, FORGIVE US and HEAL our land.

How can we ask for things if we feel we deserve them... now that is not a humble spirit. I was shocked a few months ago to listen to a well known preacher. She travels the world and I have always enjoyed her preaching. UNTIL I heard her say “Many of you are complaining about me buying my own JET, well I am here to tell you I DESERVE IT” wow those words have stuck with me ever since I heard them. We don't deserve anything at all. Many act like they were crucified on the cross for our sins instead of Jesus. Sadly we have so much to learn don't we?

One woman I admire is Mother Theresa, she was humble and gave of herself to help others. She didn't have much but it wasn't important to her.



**DEAR JESUS, help me to
spread Thy fragrance
everywhere I go. Flood my
soul with Thy spirit and love.
Penetrate and possess my
whole being so utterly that
all my life may only be a
radiance of Thine. Shine
through me and be**

may feel Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others.

That should be our prayer, don't you think?

How do you PRAY?

Do you SEEK GOD'S FACE?

Do you do what He tells you to do?

Are you living right?

Do you follow the Commandments?

Do you love others?

I could go on and on with questions about "US" and how we do things but I really believe it is time for us to take a look at "US" and see what needs to be changed instead of focusing on what we need.

I remember once discussing a situation with my X husband. It was getting a bit heated and he got up from the table and shoved the chair. My anger flared a bit at him doing this and I said. "IF GOD WANTED TOO, he could send someone to this door with a quart of milk". He looked at me like I was crazy. See, we had just moved there and it was miles out in the Country. We knew no one and had no neighbors. All of a sudden there was a knock at the door. Now my kitchen was at the front of the house as this was an old school house that we had rented and it had been renovated. He went to the door and this is what I heard "We didn't have anything to bring you and we wanted to welcome you to our neighborhood, so we brought you a quart of Goat's milk". I could not believe my ears, we welcomed them in and told the story of how we had been discussing what God could and could not do. We all laughed and became very good friends but you know what happened to me? I never forgot that day, GOD can do anything and will do it if we just put our trust in Him. There is nothing greater than knowing our prayers go up to Him and He hears us because we are His children and He loves us. Remember when we ask and nothing happens that is when we just TRUST HIM for that situation ... Thank Him

for all that He has done and for what He is going to do in your life. He has your way all planned and it is up to us to SIMPLY TRUST Him, sure go before Him and Ask, but always remember the “WHY AM I ASKING?” I have got to that place where I KNOW that He is doing everything for my good and if I ask, which I do, spend time in the Word and trust Him that my life will be full of peace and my steps will be ordered of the Lord.

When you read the scriptures at the end of this book you will see many times people have taken their needs before God... They have poured out their heart to Him. Most have had a wonderful relationship with Him and know that He will hear their prayers.

I pray this book has helped you understand a bit more about God and His ways. I pray it has helped you understand prayer in a better way. Please contact us if you have any questions, we will be glad to write you back. I have added Scriptures here for those who are doing studies on Prayer, read them and be encouraged. Memorize what you can and reach out to others...God Bless You...Anne

SCRIPTURES ON PRAYER ..

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

Matthew 7:8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Luke 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Luke 11:10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

2 Samuel 7:27 For thou, O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.

1 Kings 8:28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day:

1 Kings 8:29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.

1 Kings 8:38 What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:

1 Kings 8:45 Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

1 Kings 8:49 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause,

1 Kings 8:54 And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the Lord, he arose from before the altar of the Lord, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

1 Kings 9:3 And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

2 Kings 19:4 It may be the Lord thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the Lord thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left.

2 Kings 20:5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the Lord.

2 Chronicles 6:19 Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee:

2 Chronicles 6:20 That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth toward this place.

2 Chronicles 6:29 Then what prayer or what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house:

2 Chronicles 6:35 Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

2 Chronicles 6:39 Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.

2 Chronicles 6:40 Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

2 Chronicles 7:12 And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

2 Chronicles 7:15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

2 Chronicles 30:27 Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven.

2 Chronicles 33:18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the Lord God of Israel, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel.

2 Chronicles 33:19 His prayer also, and how God was intreated of him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they are written among the sayings of the seers.

Nehemiah 1:6 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.

Nehemiah 1:11 O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

Nehemiah 4:9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

Nehemiah 11:17 And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, was the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

Job 15:4 Yea, thou castest off fear, and
restrainest prayer before God.

Job 16:17 Not for any injustice in mine hands:
also my prayer is pure.

Job 22:27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto
him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay
thy vows.

Psalms 4:1 Hear me when I call, O God of my
righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I
was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear
my prayer.

Psalms 5:3 My voice shalt thou hear in the
morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct
my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

Psalms 6:9 The Lord hath heard my
supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.

Psalms 17:1 Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto
my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not
out of feigned lips.

Psalm 35:13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

Psalm 39:12 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

Psalm 42:8 Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the day time, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Psalm 54:2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Psalm 55:1 Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

Psalm 61:1 Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

Psalm 64:1 Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

Psalm 65:2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

Psalm 66:19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Psalm 66:20 Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Psalm 69:13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

Psalm 72:15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

Psalm 72:20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

Psalm 80:4 O Lord God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

Psalm 84:8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

Psalm 86:6 Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

Psalm 88:2 Let my prayer come before thee:
incline thine ear unto my cry;

Psalm 88:13 But unto thee have I cried, O
Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer
prevent thee.

Psalm 102:1 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let
my cry come unto thee.

Psalm 102:17 He will regard the prayer of the
destitute, and not despise their prayer.

Psalm 109:4 For my love they are my
adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer.

Psalm 109:7 When he shall be judged, let him
be condemned: and let his prayer become sin.

Psalm 141:2 Let my prayer be set forth before
thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands
as the evening sacrifice.

Psalm 141:5 Let the righteous smite me; it shall
be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall
be an excellent oil, which shall not break my
head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their
calamities.

Psalm 143:1 Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

Proverbs 15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

Proverbs 15:29 The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

Proverbs 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Isaiah 1:15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

Isaiah 26:16 Lord, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them.

Isaiah 37:4 It may be the Lord thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the Lord thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left.

Isaiah 38:5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

Isaiah 56:7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Jeremiah 7:16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.

Jeremiah 11:14 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.

Lamentations 3:8 Also when I cry and shout,
he shutteth out my prayer.

Lamentations 3:44 Thou hast covered thyself
with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass
through.

Daniel 9:3 And I set my face unto the Lord
God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with
fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

Daniel 9:13 As it is written in the law of Moses,
all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not
our prayer before the Lord our God, that we
might turn from our iniquities, and
understand thy truth.

Daniel 9:17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the
prayer of thy servant, and his supplications,
and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary
that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

Daniel 9:21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in
prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had
seen in the vision at the beginning, being
caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the
time of the evening oblation.

Jonah 2:7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

Habakkuk 3:1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth.

Matthew 17:21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Matthew 21:13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Matthew 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Matthew 23:14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

Mark 9:29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

Mark 11:17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Mark 12:40 Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.

Luke 1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Luke 2:37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

Luke 5:33 And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?

Luke 6:12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

Luke 19:46 Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Luke 20:47 Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.

Luke 22:45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,

Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

Acts 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

Acts 10:4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

Acts 10:31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

Acts 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

Acts 16:13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

Acts 16:16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

Romans 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Romans 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

Romans 15:30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;

1 Corinthians 7:5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

2 Corinthians 1:11 Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

2 Corinthians 9:14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.

Ephesians 1:16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Philippians 1:4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,

Philippians 1:19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Colossians 4:2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

1 Thessalonians 1:2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

1 Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

1 Timothy 4:5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

1 Timothy 5:5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

2 Timothy 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

Philemon 1:4 I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

Philemon 1:22 But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

Hebrews 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

James 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

1 Peter 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

1 Peter 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

Revelation 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

Revelation 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Revelation 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand



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