

9. All prayer must be from the heart of faith.

Mark 11:24 (NKJV) Therefore I say to you, whatever **things** you **ask** when you **pray**, **believe that you receive them**, and **you will have them**.

James 1:5 (NKJV) **If any of you** lacks wisdom, let him **ask of God**, who **gives to all liberally** and **without reproach**, and **it will be given to him**.

James 1:6 (NKJV) But **let him ask in faith**, with **no doubting**, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

James 1:7 (NKJV) For **let not that man suppose** that **he will receive anything** from the Lord;

James 1:8 (NKJV) he is a **double-minded** man, **unstable** in all his ways.

Faith: to *carry out fully* (fully know (persuade), make full proof of. Fully convinced.

Romans 4:21 (NKJV) (Abraham) being **fully convinced** that **what He had promised** He was also **able to perform**.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) But **without faith** it is **impossible to please Him**, for he who comes to God **must believe that He is**, and that **He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him**.

James 5:15 (NKJV) And **the prayer of faith will save the sick**, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.



The Impact of Prayer

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What God says about people and prayer

Isaiah 56:7 (NLT)

I will bring them to my holy mountain of Jerusalem and will **fill them with joy in my house of prayer**. I will **accept their burnt offerings and sacrifices**, because my Temple will be **called a house of prayer for all nations**.

What Prayer is and Accomplishes

1. Prayer - Conversations with God.

Genesis 3:8 (NLT) When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God **walking about in the garden**. So **they hid** from the Lord God among the trees.

2. Prayer gets God Involved.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV) **"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**."

Matthew 6:6 (NKJV) "But you, **when you pray**, go into **your room**, and when you have **shut your door**, **pray to your Father** who is in the **secret place**; and your Father who sees in secret will **reward you openly**."

3. Prayer restores and changes me.

Philippians 4:6 (NKJV) **Be anxious for nothing**, but in **everything** by **prayer and supplication**, with **thanksgiving**, let your requests be **made known to God**;
Philippians 4:7 (NKJV) and the **peace of God**, which **surpasses all understanding**, will **guard your hearts and minds** through Christ Jesus.

4. Prayer opens the door to favor.

Nehemiah 1:11 (NKJV) O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name; and let Your servant prosper this day, I pray, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." For I was the king's cupbearer.

Nehemiah 2:4 (NKJV) Then the king said to me, "What do you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 2:5 (NKJV) And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."

Nehemiah 2:8 (NKJV) " And the king granted them to me according to the good hand of my God upon me.

Genesis 24:12-15 Abraham's servant sent to find Issac a wife. He prays and God answers.

5. Prayer opens doors of opportunity.

Acts 10:1 (NKJV) There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment,

Acts 10:2 (NKJV) a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.

Acts 10:3 (NKJV) About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

Acts 10:4 (NKJV) And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.

6. Prayer makes a way for the Holy Spirit to move.

Acts 2:1 (NKJV) When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Acts 2:2 (NKJV) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:3 (NKJV) Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

Acts 2:4 (NKJV) And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 13:1 (NKJV) Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers...

Acts 13:2 (NKJV) As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

Acts 13:3 (NKJV) Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

7. Specific prayers get specific answers.

1 Kings 18:36 (NKJV) And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word.

1 Kings 18:37 (NKJV) Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again."

1 Kings 18:38 (NKJV) Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench.

Acts 12:5 (NKJV) Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

Acts 12:6 (NKJV) And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison.

Acts 12:7 (NKJV) Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands.

8. Prayer opens the door for our God to demonstrate His will- ingness.

1 John 5:14 (NKJV) Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

1 John 5:15 (NKJV) And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Romans 8:26 (NKJV) Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:27 (NKJV) Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.