

PRAY HARD PRAYERS

Pray Hard Prayers: The Persistent Prayer - Luke 18:1-8

Luke 18:1 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

1. Luke 18:1 — Jesus tells this parable so that His followers “ought always to pray and not lose heart.” What are some situations where you are most tempted to lose heart in prayer?
2. Luke 18:2–5 — The widow keeps returning to the judge even after repeated refusal. What does her persistence teach us about faith and perseverance in prayer?
3. Luke 18:6–7 — Jesus contrasts the unjust judge with the character of God. How does remembering that God is just and attentive strengthen our persistence in prayer?
4. Luke 18:7 — God’s people are described as those who cry out to Him day and night. What does it look like practically to bring something before God consistently over time?
5. Romans 12:12 — Scripture calls believers to be “constant in prayer.” How can persistence in prayer become part of our daily spiritual rhythm rather than something we only do in crisis?
6. 1 Peter 5:7 — We are told to cast our anxieties on God because He cares for us. How does bringing burdens repeatedly to God change the way we carry them?
7. Jesus ends the parable with the question: “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” How does persistent prayer reveal the condition of our faith?

