

# EFFECTIVE PRAYER

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## #1 PRAY IN FAITH

Scriptural Support:

Mark 11:24

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Commentary:

Praying in faith means trusting that God hears your prayers and will respond according to His will. Faith is foundational to effective prayer.

When we believe wholeheartedly, we align our hearts with God's promises. This doesn't mean we will always receive what we ask for, but it assures us that God is actively involved in our lives and will provide what is best for us.

## #2 PRAY ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Scriptural Support:

1 John 5:14

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

Commentary:

Praying according to the Word of God means aligning our requests with His promises and teachings. The Bible reveals God's character and will, guiding us in prayer.

When we pray scripture, we not only express our desires but also remind ourselves of God's truth and faithfulness. This alignment strengthens our relationship with God and deepens our understanding of His ways.

## #3 PRAY WITH SPECIFICITY

Scriptural Support:

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Commentary:

Specific prayers help clarify our needs and desires. Rather than vague or general requests, bringing specific petitions before God allows us to see His hand at work in our lives.

It demonstrates that we are intentional in our communication with Him. Specificity in prayer also helps us recognize and give thanks for the specific answers we receive, deepening our gratitude and faith.

## **#4 PRAY WITH A CLEAN HEART**

Scriptural Support:

Psalms 66:18

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

Commentary:

Approaching God with a clean heart is crucial for effective prayer. This involves self-examination and repentance. Holding onto sin can create a barrier between us and God, hindering our prayers.

When we come before Him with humility and a desire for purity, we allow for open communication. A clean heart fosters intimacy with God and ensures our prayers are sincere and genuine.

### **#Conclusion**

In summary, effective prayer is rooted in faith, aligned with God's Word, specific in requests, and offered with a clean heart. By incorporating these principles, we can deepen our relationship with God and experience the power of prayer in our lives.

