

PRAY
“The Power of Persistent Prayer”
Palm Sunday: April 5, 2020

Luke 19:28-44 Jesus’ Triumphant Entry

Luke 18:1-8 The Story of the Persistent Widow

Luke 18:1 *“One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.”* (NLT)

- **God is excited to answer my prayers.**

WHY KEEP ON PRAYING WHEN THERE'S NO ANSWER?

1. PERSISTENT PRAYER HELPS ME FOCUS ON GOD.

Philippians 4:19 *“And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.”* (NLT)

Psalms 105:4 *“Search for the Lord and for his strength; continually seek him.”* (NLT)

2. PERSISTENT PRAYER CLARIFIES MY REQUESTS.

Zechariah 13:9 *“I will bring that group through the fire and make them pure. I will refine them like silver and purify them like gold. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘These are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The Lord is our God.’”* (NLT)

Jeremiah 29:13 *“If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.”* (NLT)

3. PERSISTENT PRAYER PREPARES ME FOR THE ANSWER.

Ephesians 3:20 *“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”* (NLT)

4. PERSISTENT PRAYER STRENGTHENS MY FAITH.

Galatians 6:9 *“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.”* (NLT)

Luke 18:8 *“I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?”* (NLT)

HOW DO YOU PRAY PERSISTENTLY?

Luke 11:9-13 *“And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.¹⁰ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ “You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? ¹² Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! ¹³ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”* (NLT)

- **KEEP ON... Asking!
Seeking!
Knocking!**