

Jesus' Prerequisites for Powerful Prayer
John 14:12-14

Jesus gave scriptural directives we must follow if we are to pray powerful prayers.

I. We must pray in the name of Jesus Christ.- (John 14:14;15:16;16:23)

- Ask- not demand or command
- Pray in the person of Jesus – “He that believes in me.”
- Pray in the position of Jesus – as Mediator, Intercessor, and Great High Priest.
- Pray in the privilege of Jesus – “that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

II. We must pray in the will of God – I John 5:14-15.

- When you pray according to the word of God, you will be praying in the will of God
- God's will is revealed in His Word.
- God's will never contradicts God's Word.

III. We must pray in faith – Mark 11:22-24

- Faith that God really exists.
- Faith that God hears our prayers.
- Faith that God can do what we ask.
- Faith that God will do what we ask.

IV. We must pray pointed, persistent prayers – Matthew 7:7

- Ask God exactly what you want –be specific.
- Keep on asking God exactly what you want –be persistent.

V. We must pray out of a surrendered, obedient, fruitful life – John 15:7-8, 16.

- We must abide in Him - complete surrender to and total dependence on Jesus Christ.
- His Words must abide in us – constant communion and communication with Jesus Christ.
- The outflow of a surrendered life, where you abide in Christ and Christ's words abide in you is fruit that glorifies God and prayer that is heard and answered by God. We produce fruit to God's glory and receive answers to our prayers.