

What is A Prayer Language?

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OPENING PRAYER

Ask God to open your hearts and minds to understand more about the Holy Spirit and His work in our lives.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 14
Acts 2:4
Acts 10:44–48
Acts 19:6
Ephesians 2:8–9
1 Corinthians 12–13
1 Corinthians 14:1–5
1 Corinthians 14:26–28
1 Corinthians 14:39
1 Corinthians 13:8–13
Romans 8:26–27
Hebrews 13:8
2 Timothy 1:6–7
Luke 11:11–13

KEY TAKE AWAYS

1. Tongues is a gift from the Holy Spirit, not a requirement for salvation.
2. There are three types of tongues: personal, proof, and public.
3. The gifts of the Spirit, including tongues, did not cease with the apostles but are still active today.
4. Speaking in tongues does not make someone superior to other believers.
5. The primary purpose of spiritual gifts is to build up the body of Christ.
6. Tongues is the language of surrender; it is a divine partnership where the Holy Spirit prays through the believer in perfect unity with God's will.

Expression	Audience	Benefit	Interpretation
Personal	God	Strengthens the individual	Not needed
Proof	Unbelievers	Reveals God's power	Not needed
Public	Church	Strengthens the body	Required

QUESTIONS

1. What was your understanding of speaking in tongues before this sermon? Has your perspective changed? If so, how?
2. The pastor emphasized that speaking in tongues doesn't make someone better than others. Why do you think this point is important?
3. Discuss the three types of tongues mentioned in the sermon (personal, proof, public). Which one surprised you the most and why?
4. How do you respond to the idea that the gifts of the Spirit, including tongues, are still active today? Does this challenge or affirm your current beliefs?
5. The sermon mentioned that tongues is "the language of surrender." What do you think this means in practical terms?
6. How might the gift of tongues enhance one's prayer life? Have you experienced this personally or know someone who has?
7. The pastor said, "Ultimately, we believe the greatest demonstration of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is not what God does through us, but what God does in us." Discuss what this statement means to you.

PRACTICE

1. Make it a daily rhythm pray in tongues while driving, walking, worshipping.
2. Let it become natural, like breathing.
3. The more you use the gift, the more spiritual sensitivity and boldness grow.
4. The gift of tongues sharpens every other gift — it tunes your spirit to heaven's frequency.

BENEFITS

1. Strengthens your spirit.
2. Builds boldness and confidence.
3. Increases sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.

4. Breaks through spiritual dryness and distraction.
5. Transforms your speech — complaint becomes praise, negativity becomes thanksgiving.
6. Creates a continual atmosphere of worship and intimacy.
7. Sharpens all other **spiritual gifts (heightened discernment, revelation, faith, and power)**.

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank God for His healing power and ask for increased faith to believe in and act on His ability to heal. Pray for any specific healing needs within the group.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION & MEMORIZATION

1 Corinthians 14:2