



Prayer, A Practical Mystery

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Prayer – Tim Keller

“Practical Mystery”

“There is no such thing as unanswered prayer for a child of God. God will either give us what we ask or give us what we would have asked if we knew everything He knew.”

-Tim Keller



“Their fear set them a praying, and that was a good effect of it. God brings us into straits that He may bring us to our knees.”

-Matthew Henry



“Sometimes you experience God’s presence more in the storm.”

-Brad Frye

Prayer is not simply a way to get things from God, but to get more of God Himself.

Prayer is “*striving to take hold of God.*”
-Isaiah 64:7

Quiet Time Prayer vs. Crisis Time Prayer

Quiet Time Prayer

To enhance fellowship with God

Matthew 6:6

Luke 11:1-4

Psalm 5:3

Crisis Time Prayer

To receive help from God

Everybody prays in a foxhole.

Everybody prays before a vet school exam.

Everybody prays when they drop a pedicle.



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Crisis Time Prayer

“But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted.”

-Matthew 14:30

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

-1 Peter 5:6-7

*“As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them. **They cried out to the LORD,**”*

- Exodus 14:10

“And they said to Moses, “Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren’t there enough graves for us in Egypt? What have you done to us? Why did you make us leave Egypt? Didn’t we tell you this would happen while we were still in Egypt? We said, ‘Leave us alone! Let us be slaves to the Egyptians. It’s better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness!’”

-Exodus 14:11-12

Never limit your prayers because you think you're sinful or undeserving.

You're not praying because of who you are
– you're praying because of who He is.

Lament

- Complaining

Prayer Models

- Quiet Time

- Help, Thanks, Wow
- ACTS or CATS
 - Adoration
 - Confession
 - Thanksgiving
 - Supplication

- Lectio Devino

- The Lord's Prayer

- John 17

- Praying the Psalms

- Morning and Evening

Prayer can help us transition from
panic to peace
and from peace to praise.

Prayer Tools

- Bible Reading as Listening
- Habit Stacking
- Knees Touch First
- Praying Daily with Spouse
- Breath Prayers
- Journaling
- Fasting

Thy Sweetness, Lord.
Thy Wisdom, Lord.
Thy Help, Lord.
Thy...

“This kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

-Matthew 17:21

Practice Prayers

- Praying on your way to the clinic
- Praying with your staff team at meetings
- Praying before meals in front of, or with others
- Praying with co-workers in times of crisis
- Praying before entering a difficult surgery, or a room with a difficult client
- Praying with clients at euthanasias
- Praying with clients in other appointments

Intercession

*“Join me in my struggle by praying to God
for me.”*

– Romans 15:30

Let's Pray