

Daily Dose of Power  
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Part 2

The Grace to Pray  
What, When, How and Where

God has given you grace to talk with Him through Jesus His Son and the Victory He won for you on the cross! Jesus conquered and totally defeated the devil, and the curse of hell, sin, and death! Jesus raised up (resurrected) from the dead and the Word of God tells us that He is now seated at the right hand of the Father and Intercedes for us!

**Hebrews 7:25 "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."**

At the same time through Holy Spirit, Jesus' Love and Victory, and His Power and Ability resides in us-the Body of Christ! He admonishes us to pray at all times and has sent Holy Spirit so that we would have exact, specific guidance in life and in communion with the Father by way of our new birth IN Christ!

**Romans 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness."**

The first thing the Lord would have me do is to show you what prayer is and what it is not. This list is what the Lord has shown me throughout 52 years as a born-again Christian, with Jesus rescuing me and bringing me through many mistakes of my past as well as successes! As my husband and I traveled to Fort Worth Texas to be students at Jerry Savelle School of World Evangelism and Bible School, and after graduating that wonderful school and becoming a member of the staff at Dr. Jerry Savelle and Mrs. Carolyn Savelle's ministry in their international headquarters, I was placed into several different departments of that ministry. One of the most impactful for me was being a member of the Prayer Department. I was trained by Joyce McCroskey, the Savelles' cousin, and was submitted to her and Mr. Joe McCroskey as his employee. Under Joyce, I took prayer calls daily and responded to prayer requests. Though being a part of Jerry Savelle Ministries International(JSMI) as a student and as a staff member was an astounding experience that prepared me for ministry in the highest of quality atmospheres, the Prayer Department assignment meant the most to the deepest part of my heart. It was the most perfect and joyful part of being a partner and staffer with JSMI! There has always been growth for me in that area of my Christian life, and it has been a learning curve throughout these years. I've always especially delighted in and had a special anointing for prayer and to teach prayer. It is the key foundation of every successful endeavor in the Kingdom of God.

As we discussed yesterday, real prayer is simply talking with God (your creator) in Spirit and in Truth. Let's define real prayer with a little more detail now, based on Jesus' life of prayer and the scriptures that tell about His walk on the earth and about His sending of the Holy Spirit to dwell in us when we are born-again. These details also come from my own life of prayer with the Lord for these 52+ years as a born-again person, and the last 30+ years as an ordained and licensed minister of the Gospel of Jesus.

What prayer is, and what it is not!

## What true prayer is:

- Prayer is communicating/communing with God, by His Spirit. It is speaking to Him affectionately while remembering His Love and His Goodness and adoring Him and thanking Him.
- Prayer is actively speaking to God, and actively listening to hear God speak to you. Because prayer is fellowship and communion with our Father in heaven, we enter into His eternal realm in prayer. So, we must have ears to hear what He is saying to us, and eyes to actively see what He is doing in the earth. Then, we must be ready to actively follow those leadings without hesitation. This must be done in The Spirit – because God is a Spirit and He communicates by way of the Spirit, not the carnal flesh, or the unrenewed mind, will, and emotions (the soul). Plus, because His Word is His Will and the Truth, everything MUST check with the Word of God. This guards against a person following leadings of the flesh or false voices, which includes familiar spirits. The Word says that those who are His will hear His voice and will follow no other. But until you are attuned to and actively listening, having trained your mind, will, and emotions to the accuracy of God's Word and Spirit, you may be vulnerable to being misled. That is why one must guard their heart and mind to being consecrated and separated to a lifestyle of fellowship with the real savior, Jesus Christ. Training yourself to have open ears to hear Him and open eyes to see Him and being quick to obey His leading, is of utmost importance.
- Prayer is being a partner with Jesus as The Intercessor (a repairer of the breach/standing in the gap) for those who need mercy, grace, peace, love, and salvation. It is standing in on His behalf as His voice in the earth and being His mouthpiece or saying what He says. This also includes robbing the devil's household, and saving people that Jesus paid for at Calvary.
- Prayer is verbal (out loud), written, and with our actions that we are confirming and rehearsing His Word, or saying the same thing God says. Agreeing with 1) God's Word, 2) His Blood Covenant by Jesus the Christ and 3) His promises, humbly yet with confident boldness.
- Prayer is creating with our faith and our words. This is following God's example of the creation of heaven and earth, following Jesus' example while He was here on the earth, and utilizing the re-created spirit within you to cause your words to set the stage for new creations in this earth that line up with God's original plan. As a new creature IN CHRIST, by the Holy Spirit and speaking out Eden into our world, we are enforcing His covenant in the earth which is causing the atmosphere to change from evil to good by praying the Word and His covenant. Lastly, it is blessing the earth and the people of the earth with the power that Jesus gave to us through His covenant.
- Prayer is commanding the angels of God and causing them to get into motion to do God's will and purpose. This is just as the Lord intended us to do by the authority and dominion that Jesus regained for us through the cross and the resurrection.
- Prayer is binding the devil's angels and cohorts from accomplishing their assigned purpose. It is using our authority to stop and destroy the 1) wiles, 2) works, 3) plans & 4) schemes of satan.
- Prayer is speaking out the heavenly language of tongues by way of God's Spirit as He leads. This is God's way of causing us to pray or speak out His perfect will, utilizing our recreated spirit as God's Spirit bears witness with our spirit. We pray out mysteries that our human thoughts and minds do not often comprehend, yet, if we ask, we can have the clear interpretation of what we are praying out through our spirit.

## What true prayer is not:

- It is not trying to get God’s attention out of carnality through worry, anger, strife, unbelief, or toil (works).
- Is not an archaic religious tradition. In the past this has been errantly called prayer. This is something that evil religious spirits did (in scripture called the yeast of the pharisees by Jesus) and yet they are still being revealed in the religions of the world who have man-made rules and statutes, along with their mentality and unrenewed carnal minds & evil hearts.
- It is not reciting poetry, or reciting long, repetitious, vain speeches. It is not idle meaningless babble.
- It is not faithless, which is contrary to God’s will & purpose.
- It is not attempting to curse God or His people, or using witchcraft to cast spells upon people, places, or things in God’s name.
- It is not talking *at* God to attain vain desires or human, fleshly imaginings.
- It is not based on religious views, or worldly or fleshly viewpoints.

Keep these definitions close as you explore the world of prayer communion with the Father through Jesus by way of Holy Spirit in you! We will pick these points up all throughout this teaching. As you read the Word, feed on the Word, and talk with the Lord, you are going to find that your praying is more effective. You’ll find that God does answer prayer and that you have His peace in knowing that He really is hearing you! You will find that His answers to you when you pray His Will out is always Yes, and So Be it (Amen)!

**2 Corinthians 1:20 (NKJV) “For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.”**

Have a blessed day communing with your Father in heaven while intimately conversing with Him as His Child!

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