

Philadelphia Church
Pursuing God through prayer
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Psalm 37:23 NIV

The Lord makes firm the step of the one who
delights in him;

Psalm 37:23 NLT

The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.

Quote

“God is not bothered by our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come to Him at all.” - DLM

Hebrews 5:7

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Definition

Submission- yielding to a superior force or to the will or authority of another.









Psalm 51:17

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit a
broken and contrite heart you, God, will not
despise.

Luke 18: 1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’”

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“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says.

Cont.

And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Truth

If you only pray when you're in trouble, you're
in trouble. - Anon

Azusa Prophecy Last Days Church

- 1- People will praise a God they no longer pray to.
- 2- Leaders will emphasize power instead of right living.
- 3- There will be an emphasis of spiritual gifts rather than the Lordship of Christ.

God answers prayer:

No- not His will

Slow- not the right time

Grow- desires a change in us

Go- aligned with His will

Matthew 6:7-8

And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Remember

Our needs might be what we **NEED** to give up
rather than what we hope to get.

Quote

“Sometimes God's delay or His silence is reminder to intimacy and closeness with Him.”

- PD

Through prayer God:

- Increases our dependence
- Brings us into greater intimacy
- Purifies our heart and motives
- Keeps us from becoming prideful
- Matures us to steward His blessings more effectively

Outcomes of Prayer:

- God changes our heart
- God changes our circumstances
- God answers our prayers according to His will
- God brings us into the equation to become part of the solution

Types of prayer we need to pray:

- Big Faith prayers
- Persevering prayers
- Prayers only God can answer
- According to his will prayers

Quote

“When I pray, I talk to God, but when I read the Bible, God is talking to me... I believe we would know better how to pray if we knew our Bibles better.”

- DLM

Foreword by JIM CYMBALA

21 DAYS
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BREAKTHROUGH
PRAYER

The Power of Agreement

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Romans 8:26-27

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.