


# RE-GENERATION *Devotionals*



Prayer: God answers prayer!

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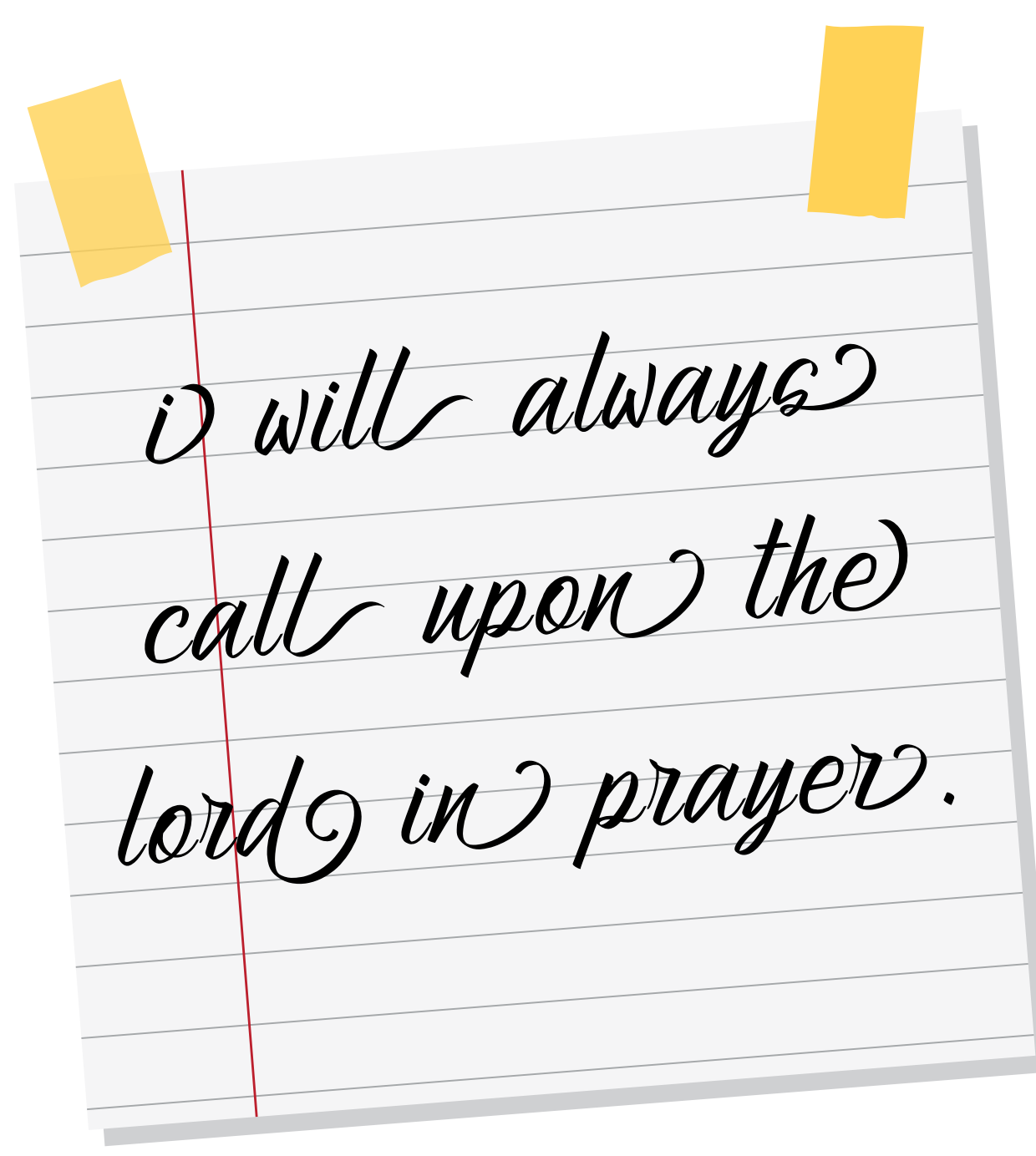
**THEN YOU WILL CALL  
ON ME AND COME AND  
PRAY TO ME, AND I  
WILL LISTEN TO YOU.  
JEREMIAH 29:12**



**READ**

**READ THE FOLLOWING  
SCRIPTURES:**

- ★ 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- ★ Luke 18:1
- ★ Jeremiah 29:12
- ★ Job 22:27
- ★ Mark 11:24



*I will always  
call upon the  
lord in prayer.*



A few years ago, I was really unwell. I was so poorly that I couldn't even get out of bed to go to the loo, or get a shower! I was so dizzy I couldn't even open my eyes, and I was sick so many times I lost count. (I know lots of you will also have been poorly at some point in your lives- its horrible isn't it!)

We prayed lots and lots, and slowly I started to get better but I still had to have a whole month off work! I know it sounds like fun to have time off work or school, but it's not so fun when you are poorly! I got to the point where I was able to go back to work, taking it really slowly and just working a few hours at a time. But even this was too much, and I became really ill again, and I was back in bed again all weekend, too poorly to even go to church.

When my husband came home from church, he had heard that day about trusting God for miracles. We decided to pray again together, trusting and believing God that He could and would make me better. And do you know what? He did!! Straight away I started to feel better. I got up, I had something to eat, I felt normal! And I was able to go back to work the next day feeling completely well and had no further problems. Wow, what an amazing God!

Perhaps you also have stories that you can tell where you prayed and God answered your prayers? How exciting is that!! But you might also have times when you have prayed and it feels like nothing has happened, or maybe you prayed and something happened, but not what you thought should happen. It can be really hard to get our heads around sometimes!

It would be really nice to think that God answers every prayer we pray, straight away, and in exactly the way we think He should answer it. So, if you pray for a new playstation, like magic, one will suddenly pop up beside you with big shiny bow on it and a card saying "With love from God". Sorry, but it doesn't quite work like that! God isn't a wizard who waves a magic wand to do whatever we want Him to do, when we want Him to do it. ★

What the bible tells us is that God hears our prayers and He does answer them. Try reading the verses for today. Sometimes we see the answer to our prayers straight away, sometimes we pray for months or years until we see answers. And sometimes, God answers our prayers and says "No"! God just wants us to pray and not give up (Luke 18 v 1). So, if you have something that you're praying for, maybe for someone you know who is poorly to be made better, or that a friend would get to know Jesus, keep praying! God loves to hear our voice. And when God answers that prayer, make sure you tell other people about what He has done and how amazing He is!

## ACTIVITY

### GET CREATIVE...

Make a game of "Prayer Pairs" to play with someone in your family. • Ask an adult to help you fold an A4 piece of paper or card into 8 equal pieces, then cut along each line so you end up with 8 cards.

- Draw a face on each of the cards and colour it in. Draw 2 happy faces, 2 sad faces and 2 poorly faces (maybe they have a plaster or bandage on their head, or spots!). On the last 2 cards choose 2 different people (one for each card) that you are thankful for and draw a picture of them and write their names underneath.
- Underneath the smily faces, write the name of someone (different on each card) that you want to pray for to get to know Jesus.
- Underneath the sad faces write the name of someone (different on each card) you want to pray for that you know is sad or lonely at the moment.
- Underneath the poorly faces write the name of someone (different on each card) you want to pray for who is poorly.
- Now cut up another piece of A4 paper or card into 8 like before and copy everything that you have done (with the same names and faces).
- You are now ready to play!!
- Spread all the cards face down on the floor or table.
- Take it in turns to turn over 2 cards- if they match you get to keep the pair. If they don't match, turn them face down again and the next person has their turn.
- The winner is the person at the end of the game with the most pairs.
- Each of you can now pray for the people on your cards and look forward to seeing how God answers those prayers!

### What else can I do?

**1.** Make some more leaves and write on them people you want to pray for. They might be poorly, sad or lonely, or you might want them to get to know Jesus as their best friend. When you've made them, add them to your prayer tree- I bet its looking great!

**2.** You might have a time when God has already answered one of your prayers. Its great to be able to tell other people about this! Design a cartoon strip storyboard showing how your prayer was answered. You can then show someone what God has done for you!

## **PRAYER**

### **LET'S TALK TO GOD...**

God, thank you that you hear us when we pray and that you answer our prayers. Help me to remember to keep praying, even if at first I don't see answers. Please help me to keep trusting you Lord if you answer my prayers in a way I wasn't expecting! Amen.

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