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Come, my soul, thy suit prepare, Jesus loves to answer prayer.  
He Himself has bid thee pray, therefore cannot say thee "Nay."  
Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring;  
For His Grace and Power are such none can ever ask too much.  
—John Newton

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*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*  
(2 Chronicles 7:14)



*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*  
(Philippians 4:6-7)

## A. The Lord Jesus' and the Holy Spirit's Prayers

### 1. The Lord Jesus' Teachings on Prayer

**Matthew 6:5-6** And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. **6** But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

**Mathew 6:7-8** But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. **8** Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

**Matthew 6:9-13** After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. **10** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven. **11** Give us this day our daily bread. **12** And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. **13** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

#### *Parallel Passage*

**Luke 11:1-4** And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. **2** And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. **3** Give us day by day our daily bread. **4** And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

**Mark 11:24** Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

**Mark 11:25** And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

**Luke 18:1-8** And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; **2** Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: **3** And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. **4** And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; **5** Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

**6** And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. **7** And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? **8** I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?



**Luke 18:13** And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

**John 15:7** If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

**John 16:24** Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

**John 16:26** At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

## 2. The Lord Jesus' Times of Prayer

**Matthew 14:23** And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

**Mark 1:35** And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

**Mark 6:46** And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

**Luke 3:21** Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

**Luke 5:16** And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

**Luke 6:12** And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

**Luke 9:18** And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, *Whom say the people that I am?*

**Luke 9:28-29** And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment *was* white *and* glistening.

### At Gethsemane

**Matthew 26:36** Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, *Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.*

### *Parallel Passage*

**Mark 14:32** And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, *Sit ye here, while I shall pray.*

**Mar 14:39** And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.

**Luke 22:41** And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

### 3. The Lord Jesus' Prayers for Others

**Luke 22:32** But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

**John 14:16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

#### The Lord Jesus' High Priestly Prayer – John 17:6-25

##### The Lord Jesus' Prayer for His Disciples

**John 17:6-19** I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. **7** Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. **8** For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. **9** I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. **10** And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. **11** And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*. **12** While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

**13** And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. **14** I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **15** I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. **16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **17** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. **18** As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

##### The Lord Jesus' Prayer for All Believers

**John 17:20-26** Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; **21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

**22** And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: **23** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

**24** Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. **25** O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. **26** And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare *it*: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

##### The Lord Jesus' Ministry of Intercession

**Isaiah 53:12** Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**Romans 8:34** Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession 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.

#### 4. The Lord Jesus' Prayers for Himself

**Matthew 26:36-44** Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. **37** And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. **38** Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

**39** And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. **40** And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? **41** Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

**42** He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. **43** And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. **44** And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

##### *Parallel Passage*

**Mark 14:32-39** And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray. **33** And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; **34** And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. **35** And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. **36** And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. **37** And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? **38** Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. **39** And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.

##### *Parallel Passage*

**Luke 22:41-46** And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, **42** Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. **43** And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. **44** And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. **45** And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, **46** And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

**John 17:1-5** These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: **2** As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. **3** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. **4** I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. **5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

**Hebrews 5:7** Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

#### When the Lord Jesus Chose Not to Pray for Himself

**Matthew 26:53** Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?



## 5. The Holy Spirit's Ministry of Intercession

[Romans 8:26-27](#) Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. [27](#) And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

## B. Prayer in General

### 6. The Lord Wants Us to Pray to Him

[Jeremiah 33:3](#) Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

[Ezekiel 36:37](#) Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet *for* this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

[Matthew 11:28](#) Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

[1Thessalonians 5:17-19](#) Pray without ceasing. [18](#) In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. [19](#) Quench not the Spirit.

[Hebrews 4:16](#) Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

[James 4:8](#) Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, ye double minded.

### 7. Told to Pray

[Daniel 2:17-18](#) Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: [18](#) That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.

[Acts 8:22](#) Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

[1Thessalonians 5:16-18](#) Rejoice evermore. [17](#) Pray without ceasing. [18](#) In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

For more verses in which we are told to pray, see chapters:

6. [The Lord Wants Us to Pray to Him](#)
8. [What Are We Told to Pray For or About?](#)
10. [How to Pray and How Not to Pray](#)

## 8. What Are We Told to Pray For or About?

**Psalm 50:14-15** Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: [15](#) And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.

**Psalm 122:6** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

**Proverbs 4:7** Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

**Isaiah 45:11** Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

**Jeremiah 29:7** And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

**Matthew 5:44** But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

*Parallel Passage*

**Luke 6:28** Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

**Matthew 7:11** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

*Parallel Passage*

**Luke 11:13** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

**Matthew 9:38** Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

*Parallel Passage*

**Luke 10:2** Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers *are* few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

**Matthew 24:20** But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day:

*Parallel Passage*

**Mark 13:18** And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.

**Matthew 26:41** Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

*Parallel Passages*

**Mark 14:38** Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly *is* ready, but the flesh *is* weak.

**Luke 22:40** And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

**Mark 13:32-33** But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. [33](#) Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

**Luke 21:36** Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

**2Thessalonians 1:11** Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power:

**2Thessalonians 3:16** Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord *be* with you all.

**1Timothy 2:1-4** I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; **2** For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. **3** For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; **4** Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.



**James 5:13** Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

**James 5:16** Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

## 9. Told to Have Someone Pray/Intercede

By God

**Genesis 20:7** Now therefore restore the man *his* wife; for he *is* a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore *her* not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that *are* thine.

**Job 42:8** Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you *after your* folly, in that ye have not spoken of me *the thing which is* right, like my servant Job.

By Man

**1King 22:5** And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

**Ezra 6:10** That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.

## 10. How to Pray and How Not to Pray

### a.) How to Pray

**2Chronicles 7:14** If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

**Matthew 6:6** But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

**Matthew 6:9-13** After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

**10** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven. **11** Give us this day our daily bread. **12** And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. **13** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**Mark 11:24** Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

**Mark 11:25** And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. **26** But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses

**Luke 11:1-4** And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. **2** And he said unto them, *When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.*

**John 15:7** If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

### Asking in the Lord Jesus' Name

**John 16:24** Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

**John 16:26** At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

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**Ephesians 6:10-18** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. **11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. **13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

**14** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; **15** And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16** Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. **17** And take the

helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: [18](#) Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

**[Hebrews 4:16](#)** Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

### Persistence in Prayer

**[Genesis 32:24-30](#)** And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. [25](#) And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. [26](#) And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

[27](#) And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob. [28](#) And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

[29](#) And Jacob asked *him*, and said, Tell *me*, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore *is it that* thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

[30](#) And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

(Ask, Seek and Knock – in the Greek this is in the Present Active Imperative tense  
– Keep Asking, Keep Seeking, Keep Knocking)

**[Matthew 7:7-11](#)** Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: [8](#) For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. [9](#) Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? [10](#) Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? [11](#) If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

### *Parallel Passage*

**[Luke 11:9-13](#)** And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. [10](#) For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. [11](#) If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? [12](#) Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? [13](#) If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

**[Luke 11:5](#)** And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; [6](#) For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? [7](#) And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. [8](#) I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

**[Luke 18:1-8](#)** And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; [2](#) Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: [3](#) And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. [4](#) And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; [5](#) Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

[6](#) And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. [7](#) And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? [8](#) I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

**Luke 18:13-14** And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. **14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. (How to pray. Emphasis mine.)

**Romans 12:12** Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

**Romans 15:30** Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in *your* prayers to God for me;

**Ephesians 5:20** Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

**Ephesians 6:18** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

**Philippians 1:4** Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,

**Philippians 4:6-7** Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. **7** And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

**Colossians 4:2** Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

**1Thessalonians 5:17-19** Pray without ceasing. **18** In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. **19** Quench not the Spirit.

**1Timothy 2:8** I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

**James 1:6-8** But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. **7** For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. **8** A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

**James 5:13-17** Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. **14** Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: **15** And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. **16** Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. **17** Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. **18** And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

**1Peter 4:7** But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

**1John 5:16** If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

**Jude 1:20** But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,



## With the Holy Spirit's Help

**Romans 8:26-27** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

## Regarding Tongues

**1Corinthians 14:13-15** Wherefore let him that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue pray that he may interpret. **14** For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. **15** What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

## b.) How Not to Pray

**Psalm 66:18** If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:

**Proverbs 28:9** He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.

**James 4:2** Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

**James 4:3** Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

**1John 5:16** If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. **There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.** (What not to pray for. Emphasis mine.)

## Hypocrisy

**Jeremiah 42:20** For ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do *it*.

**Ezekiel 14:3-5** Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be enquired of at all by them? **4** Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols; **5** That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

**Ezekiel 14:7-8** For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by myself: **8** And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

**Ezekiel 20:31** For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day: and shall I be enquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you.

**Matthew 6:5** And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

**Matthew 6:7-8** But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. **8** Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

**Matthew 23:14** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

#### *Parallel Passages*

**Mark 12:40** Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.

**Luke 20:47** Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.

**Luke 18:10-14** Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. **11** The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, **God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men *are*, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.** **12** **I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.** (How not to pray. Emphasis mine.)

#### Head Coverings

**1Corinthians 11:4-5** Every man praying or prophesying, having *his* head covered, dishonoureth his head. **5** But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with *her* head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

**1Corinthians 11:13** Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

#### To False gods

**Deuteronomy 12:30** Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.

**2Kings 1:2** And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that *was* in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.

**2Kings 1:16** And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, *is it* not because *there is* no God in Israel to enquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

**Isaiah 44:17** And the residue thereof he maketh a god, *even* his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth *it*, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou *art* my god.

**Isaiah 45:20** Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye *that are* escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god *that* cannot save.



## 11. Praying Scripture

### a.) Why Praying Scripture is Powerful

**Psalm 138:2** I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: **for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.** (Emphasis mine.)

**Isaiah 55:11** So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

**John 1:1-5** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** The same was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **4** In him was life; and the life was the light of men. **5** And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

**John 1:14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

**John 6:63** It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they are spirit, and they are life.*

**2Corinthians 10:4-5** (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) **5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

**Ephesians 6:17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.



### b.) Instances of People Praying God's Word

**Genesis 32:12** And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

**Exodus 32:13** Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit *it* for ever.

**Exodus 33:12** And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

**Psalm 27:8** *When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.*

**Lamentations 3:57** Thou drewest near in the day *that* I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not.

**Matthew 27:46** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**

*Parallel Passage*

**Mark 15:34** And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**

**Luke 23:46** And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, **Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:** and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

**Acts 4:24-28** And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou *art* God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: **25** Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? **26** The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

**27** For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, **28** For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

### c.) The Lord Jesus' Use of Scripture Against Satan

**Matthew 4:4** But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

**Matthew 4:7** Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

**Matthew 4:10** Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

## 12. Told Not to Pray

**Jeremiah 7:16** Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.

**Jeremiah 11:14** Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.

**Jeremiah 14:11** Then said the LORD unto me, Pray not for this people for *their* good.

## 13. When People Prayed and When to Pray

### In Anguish or Difficulty

**1Samuel 1:10** And she *was* in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

**1Samuel 8:6** But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

**Job 10:9** Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?

**Psalms 6:1-4** [[To the chief Musician on Neginoth upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David.]] O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. **2** Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed. **3** My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long? **4** Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

**Psalms 102:2** Hide not thy face from me in the day *when* I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day *when* I call answer me speedily.

**Lamentations 5:1** Remember, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach.

**Daniel 2:17** Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: **18** That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.

**Acts 16:25** And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

**Acts 27:29** Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.

### In the Morning

**Psalms 5:3** My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my* prayer unto thee, and will look up.

**Psalms 88:13** But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent (come before) thee.

**Proverbs 8:17** I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

### At Appointed Times

**Daniel 6:10** Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

**Acts 16:13** And on the Sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted *thither*.

## Corporate Worship

**Acts 3:1** Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*.

**Acts 2:42** And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

## Always

**Psalms 55:17** Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

**Psalms 88:1** [[A Song *or* Psalm for the sons of Korah, to the chief Musician upon Mahalath Leannoth, Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.]] O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day *and* night before thee

**Romans 1:9** For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

**1Corinthians 1:4** I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

**Ephesians 5:20** Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

**Ephesians 6:18** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

**Colossians 1:3** We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

**1Thessalonians 1:2-3** We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; **3** We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

**1Thessalonians 3:10** Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

**1Thessalonians 5:17** Pray without ceasing.

**2Thessalonians 1:11** Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power:

**1Timothy 5:5** Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

**2Timothy 1:3** I thank God, whom I serve from *my* forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

**Philemon 1:4** I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

## Upon Every Remembrance

**Philippians 1:3-4** I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, **4** Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,

## 14. Where People Prayed and Where to Pray

### In Private

**2Kings 4:33** He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.

**Matthew 6:6** But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

### Wherever You Are

**Genesis 24:11** - And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, *even* the time that women go out to draw *water*. **12** - And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.

### In Public

**1Kings 18:36** And it came to pass at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou *art* God in Israel, and *that* I *am* thy servant, and *that* I have done all these things at thy word.

### At God's House

**2Samuel 7:18** Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who *am* I, O Lord GOD? and what *is* my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

**Isaiah 56:7** Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

**Zechariah 7:2** When they had sent unto the house of God Sherezer and Regemmelech, and their men, to pray before the LORD,

**Luke 1:10** And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

### God's House Is Not To Be Abused

**Matthew 21:13** And said unto them, *It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.*

### Parallel Passages

**Mark 11:17** And he taught, saying unto them, *Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.*

**Luke 19:46** Saying unto them, *It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.*



## 15. Prayer Requested

**1Samuel 12:19** And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask us a king.

**2Kings 19:4** It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant that are left.

*Parallel Passage*

**Isaiah 37:4** It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant that is left.

**2Kings 22:13** Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

*Parallel Passage*

**2Chronicles 34:21** Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book.

**Jeremiah 37:3** And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us.

**Jeremiah 42:2** And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the LORD thy God, *even* for all this remnant; (for we are left *but* a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us:)

**Acts 8:24** Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

**Romans 15:30** Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in *your* prayers to God for me;

**Colossians 4:3-4** Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: [4](#) That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

**1Thessalonians 5:25** Brethren, pray for us.

**2Thessalonians 3:1** Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you:

**Hebrews 13:18** Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

## C. Kinds of Prayers

### 16. Prayers of Thanks, Praises and Worship

***For additional encouragement, see the entire Book of Psalms***

#### a.) Thanks and Praises

**1Samuel 2:1** And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.

**Psalms 9:1-2** [[To the chief Musician upon Muthlabben, A Psalm of David.]] I will praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. **2** I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

**Psalms 28:7** The LORD *is* my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

**Psalms 30:1** [[A Psalm *and* Song *at* the dedication of the house of David.]] I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

**Psalms 66:20** Blessed *be* God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

**Psalms 79:13** So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

**Nehemiah 11:17** And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, *was* the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

**Daniel 2:23** I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast *now* made known unto us the king's matter.

**Daniel 6:10** Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

**Romans 15:11** And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.

**2Corinthians 1:11** Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift *bestowed* upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

**Ephesians 1:15-16** Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, **16** Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

**Ephesians 5:20** Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

**Philippians 1:3** I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,



**Colossians 1:3** We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

**1Thessalonians 1:2-3** We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; **3** We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

**Philemon 1:4** I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

**1Thessalonians 5:18** In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

b.) Worship

**2Samuel 7:26-27** And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee. **27** For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.

**1Kings 8:23-24** And he said, LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart: **24** Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day.

*Parallel Passage*

**2Chronicles 6:14-15** And said, O LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and *shewest* mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts: **15** Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day.

**2Kings 19:15** And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou art the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

**Psalms 42:8** Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song *shall be* with me, *and* my prayer unto the God of my life.

**Psalms 84:1-2** [[To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.]] How amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! **2** My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

**Daniel 2:20-23** Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: **21** And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: **22** He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. **23** I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast *now* made known unto us the king's matter.

**Daniel 9:4** And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;



**Jeremiah 32:16-17** Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed unto the LORD, saying, **17** Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee:

**Nehemiah 1:5** And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

**Acts 4:24-25** And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou *art* God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: **25** Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?

## 17. Prayers of Confession and Repentance

**Judges 10:15-16** And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day. **6** And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

**1Samuel 7:3-6**

**1Samuel 7:5-6** And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD. **6** And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured *it* out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

**2Samuel 24:10** And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

*Parallel Passage*

**1Chronicles 21:8** And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

**2Samuel 24:17** And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

*Parallel Passage*

**1Chronicles 21:17** And David said unto God, *Is it* not I *that* commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but *as for* these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.

All of **Ezra 9**

**Ezra 9:5** And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God, **6** And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over *our* head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens.

**Ezra 9:15** O LORD God of Israel, thou *art* righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as *it is* this day: behold, we *are* before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

**Ezra 10:1** Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore.

All of **Nehemiah 1**

**Nehemiah 1:6-7** Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. **7** We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.



All of **Psalms 38**

**Psalms 38:1** [[A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.]] O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

All of **Psalms 51**

**Psalms 51:1** [[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.]] Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

**Isaiah 64:6-7** But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. **7** And *there is* none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

**Daniel 9:1-20**

**Daniel 9:4** And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

**Daniel 9:20** And whiles I *was* speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;

## 18. Prayers, Intercessions and Supplications for Others

### a.) For or Regarding Individuals

Abraham's Intercession for Lot

**Genesis 18:23-33** And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? **24** Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that *are* therein?

**25** That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

**26** And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

**27** And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which *am* but dust and ashes: **28** Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for *lack of* five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy *it*.

[29](#) And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do *it* for forty's sake.

[30](#) And he said *unto him*, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do *it*, if I find thirty there.

[31](#) And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for twenty's sake.

[32](#) And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for ten's sake. [33](#) And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

**[Genesis 20:17](#)** So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare *children*.

**[Genesis 25:21](#)** And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she *was* barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

**[Numbers 12:13](#)** And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.

**[Deuteronomy 9:20](#)** And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.

**[2Samuel 15:31](#)** And *one* told David, saying, Ahithophel *is* among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.

**[Psalm 35:13](#)** But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing *was* sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

**[Acts 12:5](#)** Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

**[Philemon 1:4](#)** I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

**[2Timothy 1:3](#)** I thank God, whom I serve from *my* forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

**[2Timothy 4:16](#)** At my first answer no man stood with me, but all *men* forsook me: *I pray God* that it may not be laid to their charge. – Prayer for others - individuals

**[3John 1:2](#)** Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

## b.) For or Regarding the People

Moses Prays for the Israelites' Battle with the Amalekites

**[Exodus 17:8-13](#)**

**[Exodus 17:10-13](#)** So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. [11](#) And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. [12](#) But Moses' hands *were* heavy; and they took a stone, and put *it* under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one

on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. [13](#) And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

[Exodus 32:32](#) Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

[Exodus 33:13](#) Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation *is* thy people.

[Exodus 33:15-16](#) And he said unto him, If thy presence go not *with me*, carry us not up hence. [16](#) For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? *is it* not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

[Exodus 34:9](#) And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it *is* a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

[Numbers 11:2](#) And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched.

[Numbers 14:17](#) And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

[Numbers 14:19](#) Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

[Numbers 21:7](#) Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

[Deuteronomy 9:26](#) I prayed therefore unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

[1Samuel 7:5](#) And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.

[1Samuel 12:23](#) Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:

[2Chronicles 30:18](#) For a multitude of the people, *even* many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one

[Jeremiah 42:4](#) Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard *you*; behold, I will pray unto the LORD your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, *that* whatsoever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare *it* unto you; I will keep nothing back from you.

[Acts 8:15](#) Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

[Romans 10:1](#) Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

[2Corinthians 13:7](#) Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates.

[2Corinthians 13:9](#) For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, *even* your perfection.

[Philippians 1:3](#) I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

[Colossians 1:3](#) We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

[Colossians 4:12](#) Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

Paul's Prayers for the Thessalonian Believers

[1Thessalonians 1:2-3](#) We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; [3](#) We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

[1Thessalonians 5:23](#) And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[2Thessalonians 1:11-12](#) Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power: [12](#) That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[2Thessalonians 2:16-17](#) Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, [17](#) Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

[1Timothy 2:1-2](#) I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; [2](#) For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.



**Hebrews 13:20-21** Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **21** Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## 19. Prayers for One's Group or One's Self

### a.) For 'Us' – Nation or Group to Which One Belongs

Zelophehad's Daughters Petition Moses for Their Father's Inheritance

**Numbers 27:1-11**

**Numbers 27:5-7** And Moses brought their cause before the LORD. **6** And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, **7** The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.

*Cross Reference Passage*

**Joshua 17:3-6**

**Judges 20:18** And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the LORD said, Judah *shall go up* first.

**2Kings 19:16-19**

**2Kings 19:16** LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God.

**2Kings 19:19** Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the LORD God, *even* thou only.

**2Chronicles 32:20** And for this *cause* Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

**Nehemiah 1:6** Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.

A Prayer of Asaph for Israel **Psalm 79**

**Psalm 79:9** Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

**Psalm 80:1** [[To the chief Musician upon Shoshannimeduth, A Psalm of Asaph.]] Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, shine forth.

**Psalm 80:4** O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

**Psalm 80:14** Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;



**Lamentations 5:1** Remember, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach.

**Amos 7:1-2** Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, *it was* the latter growth after the king's mowings. **2** And it came to pass, *that* when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small.

**Amos 7:5** Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small.

**Jonah 1:14** Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee.

**Habakkuk 3:1-2** A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth. **2** O LORD, I have heard thy speech, *and* was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

**Acts 1:24** And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all *men*, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

**Acts 4:29** And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,



**1Thessalonians 3:11** Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.

Queen Esther's Petitions - Not to God, but to Her Husband, the King

**Esther 5:8** If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition...

**Esther 7:3** Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king...

**Esther 9:13** Then said Esther, If it please the king...

b.) For 'Me' – For One's Self

**Genesis 24:12-14** And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. **13** Behold, I stand *here* by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: **14** And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: *let the same be she that* thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

**Genesis 32:11** Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, *and* the mother with the children.

**Exodus 33:18** And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

**Deuteronomy 3:25** I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that *is* beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon.

**Judges 16:28** And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

**Samuel 23:11-12** Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down. **12** Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver *thee* up.

**1Kings 19:4** But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I *am* not better than my fathers.

**2Kings 20:2-3** Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying, **3** I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

*Parallel Passage*

**Isaiah 38:2-3** Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, **3** And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

**Jeremiah 37:20** Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.

**Nehemiah 1:11** O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

**Job 10:9** Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?

**Job 17:3** Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee; who *is* he *that* will strike hands with me?



**Job 32:21** Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.

**Psalms 4:1** [[To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm of David.]] Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

**Psalms 5:1-2** [[To the chief Musician upon Neginoth, A Psalm of David.]] Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation. **2** Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

**Psalms 6:1-4** [[To the chief Musician on Neginoth upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David.]] O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. **2** Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed. **3** My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long? **4** Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

**Psalms 7:1** [[Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.]] O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:

**Psalms 17:1** [[A Prayer of David.]] Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, *that goeth* not out of feigned lips.

**Psalms 26:1** [[A Psalm of David.]] Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; *therefore* I shall not slide.

**Psalms 28:1-2** [[A Psalm of David.]] Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, *if* thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit. **2** Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

**Psalms 30:8** I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.

**Psalms 31:22** For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

**Psalms 39:12** Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I *am* a stranger with thee, *and* a sojourner, as all my fathers *were*.

**Psalms 43:1** Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

**Psalms 54:1-2** [[To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David, when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?]] Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength. **2** Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

**Psalms 55:1-2** [[To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David.]] Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication. **2** Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

**Psalm 56:1** [[To the chief Musician upon Jonathelemrechokim, Michtam of David, when the Philistines took him in Gath.]] Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.

**Psalm 57:1-2** [[To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.]] Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until *these* calamities be overpast. [2](#) I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth *all things* for me.

**Psalm 60:1** [[To the chief Musician upon Shushaneduth, Michtam of David, to teach; when he strove with Aramnaharaim and with Aramzobah, when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the valley of salt twelve thousand.]] O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.

**Psalm 61:1-2** [[To the chief Musician upon Neginah, *A Psalm* of David.]] Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. [2](#) From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I.

**Psalm 70:1** [[To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David, to bring to remembrance.]] *Make haste*, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD.

**Psalm 84:8** O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

**Psalm 86:1** [[A Prayer of David.]] Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I *am* poor and needy.

**Psalm 86:6** Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

**Psalm 88:1-2** [[A Song *or* Psalm for the sons of Korah, to the chief Musician upon Mahalath Leannoth, Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.]] O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day *and* night before thee: [2](#) Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

**Psalm 102:1-2** [[A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.]] Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee. [2](#) Hide not thy face from me in the day *when* I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day *when* I call answer me speedily.

**Psalm 116:4** Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

**Psalm 118:25** Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

**Psalm 119:76** Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

**Psalm 119:108** Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.

**Psalm 119:170** Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

**Psalm 130:2** Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

**Psalm 140:1-2** [[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.]] Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man; **2** Which imagine mischiefs in *their* heart; continually are they gathered together *for* war.

**Psalm 140:6** I said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.

**Psalm 141:1** [[A Psalm of David.]] LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee. **2** Let my prayer be set forth before thee *as* incense; *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

**Psalm 143:1** [[A Psalm of David.]] Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness.

**Jeremiah 17:14** Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou *art* my praise.

**Jonah 2:1-7** Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, **2** And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, *and* thou heardest my voice. **3** For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. **4** Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. **5** The waters compassed me about, *even* to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. **6** I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God. **7** When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

**Luke 18:13** *And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as **his** eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.*

**Hebrews 5:7** Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

## D. Instances of Petitions

### 20. Petitions of Kings and God's Servants

Solomon's Petition at the Dedication of the Temple

**1Kings 8:22-53** And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven: **23** And he said, LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart: **24** Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day. **25** Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me. **26** And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father. **27** But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? **28** Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy

servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day: [29](#) That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, *even* toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. [30](#) And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.

[31](#) If any man trespass against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house: [32](#) Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

[33](#) When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house: [34](#) Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

[35](#) When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them: [36](#) Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

[37](#) If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, *or* if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness *there be*; [38](#) What prayer and supplication soever be *made* by any man, *or* by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house: [39](#) Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, *even* thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;)

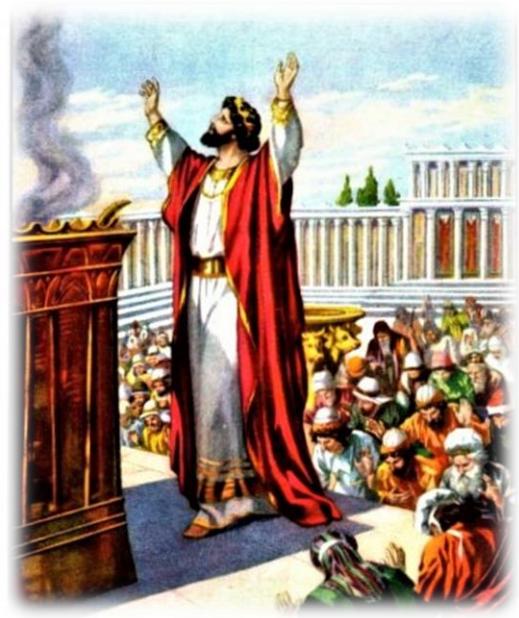
[40](#) That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

[41](#) Moreover concerning a stranger, that *is* not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake;

[42](#) (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house; [43](#) Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as *do* thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.

[44](#) If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the LORD toward the city which thou hast chosen, and *toward* the house that I have built for thy name: [45](#) Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

[46](#) If they sin against thee, (for *there is* no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near; [47](#) Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness; [48](#) And so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto



thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name: [49](#) Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause, [50](#) And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them: [51](#) For they *be* thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron: [52](#) That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee. [53](#) For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, *to be* thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD.

[1Kings 8:59](#) And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require:

*Parallel Passage*

[2Chronicles 6:14-42](#)

### Jehoshaphat's Petition for Judah's Deliverance

[2Chronicles 20:5-12](#) And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, [6](#) And said, O LORD God of our fathers, *art* not thou God in heaven? and rulest *not* thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand *is there not* power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? [7](#) *Art* not thou our God, *who* didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? [8](#) And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, [9](#) If, *when* evil cometh upon us, *as* the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name *is* in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help. [10](#) And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not; [11](#) Behold, *I say*, *how* they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. [12](#) O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes *are* upon thee.

### Hezekiah's Petition for Judah

[Isaiah 37:15-20](#) And Hezekiah prayed unto the Lord, saying, [16](#) O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth. [17](#) Incline thine ear, O Lord, and hear; open thine eyes, O Lord, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God. [18](#) Of a truth, Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries, [19](#) And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them. [20](#) Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the Lord, even thou only.

### Isaiah's Petition for Judah

[Isaiah 64:1-12](#) Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, [2](#) *As when* the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, *that* the nations may tremble at thy presence! [3](#) When thou didst terrible things *which* we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence. [4](#) For since the beginning of the world *men* have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, *what* he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. [5](#) Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, *those that* remember thee in thy

ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. [6](#) But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. [7](#) And *there is* none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. [8](#) But now, O LORD, thou *art* our father; we *are* the clay, and thou our potter; and we all *are* the work of thy hand. [9](#) Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we *are* all thy people. [10](#) Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. [11](#) Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste. [12](#) Wilt thou refrain thyself for these *things*, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

#### Daniel's Petition for Israel [Daniel 9:1-20](#)

[Daniel 9:16-19](#) Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people *are become* a reproach to all *that are* about us. [17](#) Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. [18](#) O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. [19](#) O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

#### Paul's Prayer for Revelation for the Ephesian Believers

[Ephesians 1:15-23](#) Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, [16](#) Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; [17](#) That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: [18](#) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, [19](#) And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, [20](#) Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, [21](#) Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: [22](#) And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, [23](#) Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

#### Paul's Prayer for Realization for the Ephesian Believers

[Ephesians 3:14-21](#) For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, [15](#) Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, [16](#) That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; [17](#) That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, [18](#) May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; [19](#) And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. [20](#) Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, [21](#) Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.



## Paul's Prayer for the Philippian Believers

**Philippians 1:9-11** And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment; **10** That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; **11** Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

## Paul's Prayers for the Colossian Believers

**Colossians 1:9-11** For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; **10** That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11** Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; **12** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

## 21. Pray-ers and Prayers

**Judges 13:8** Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

**1Chronicles 17:25** For thou, O my God, hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy servant hath found *in his heart* to pray before thee.

**Nehemiah 2:4** Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

**Nehemiah 4:9** Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

**Job 42:10** And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

**Psalms 39:4** LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it *is*; *that* I may know how frail I *am*.

**Psalms 69:13** But as for me, my prayer *is* unto thee, O LORD, *in* an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

**Psalms 83:1** [[A Song or Psalm of Asaph.]] Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

**Psalms 88:2** Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

**Psalms 86:7** In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

**Psalms 90:1** [[A Prayer of Moses the man of God.]] Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Psalms 109:4** For my love they are my adversaries: but I *give myself unto* prayer.

**Psalm 116:2** Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon *him* as long as I live.

**Psalm 123:1** [[A Song of degrees.]] Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens

**Psalm 139:23-24** Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: **24** And see if *there be* any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Psalm 141:5** Let the righteous smite me; *it shall be* a kindness: and let him reprove me; *it shall be* an excellent oil, *which* shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also *shall be* in their calamities.

**Psalm 142:1** [[Maschil of David; A Prayer when he was in the cave.]] I cried unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.

**Isaiah 26:16** LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer *when* thy chastening *was* upon them.

**Jonah 4:2** And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, *was* not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou *art* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

**Acts 1:14** These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

### The Apostles' Prayer for Boldness

**Acts 4:24-31** And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou *art* God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: **25** Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? **26** The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

**27** For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, **28** For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. **29** And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, **30** By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

**31** And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

**Acts 6:4** But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

**Acts 9:11** And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

**Acts 12:12** And when he had considered *the thing*, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

**Acts 20:36** And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

**Acts 21:5** And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till *we were* out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.



**Acts 22:17** And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

**1Timothy 4:4-5** For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: **5** For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

**1Timothy 5:5** Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

**Revelation 6:10** And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

## E. Ways of Praying

### 22. Prayer with Laying-On of Hands

**Matthew 19:13** Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put *his* hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

**Acts 6:6** Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.



**Acts 13:3** And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away.

**Acts 14:23** And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

**Acts 28:8** And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

## 23. Prayer and Fasting

### In Repentance

[1Samuel 7:3-6](#)

[1Samuel 7:6](#) And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured *it* out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

[Ezra 8:21](#) Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

[Nehemiah 1:4](#) And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned *certain* days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,

### In Supplications and Seeking God

[Judges 20:26-27](#) Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. [27](#) And the children of Israel enquired of the LORD, (for the ark of the covenant of God *was* there in those days,

[2Chronicles 20:3](#) And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

[Psalms 35:13](#) But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing *was* sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

[Daniel 9:3](#) And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

[Matthew 17:21](#) *Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.*

*Parallel Passage*

[Mark 9:29](#) *And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.*

[Luke 2:37](#) And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day.

[Luke 5:33-35](#) *And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink? [34](#) And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? [35](#) But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.*

[Acts 14:23](#) And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

[1Corinthians 7:5](#) Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

## 24. Posture and Physical Mentions About Prayer

**Genesis 18:22** And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.



**Ezra 9:5** And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God,

**Psalms 95:6** O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

**Psalms 141:2** Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

**1Kings 8:54** And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

**1Chronicles 17:16** And David the king came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who *am* I, O LORD God, and what *is* mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

**2Chronicles 6:12-13** And he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands: **13** For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven,

**Daniel 6:10** Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

**Matthew 26:39** And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, **O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.**

**Acts 20:36** And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

### Head Coverings

**1Corinthians 11:4-5** Every man praying or prophesying, having *his* head covered, dishonoureth his head. **5** But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with *her* head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

**1Corinthians 11:13** Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

## F. Answers to Prayer

### 25. Assurance of Answered Prayer

**2Chronicles 7:14** If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

**Psalm 6:9** The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.

**Psalm 50:14-15** Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: **15** And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.

**Psalm 55:16** As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

**Psalm 56:9** When I cry *unto thee*, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God *is* for me.

**Psalm 91:15** He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

**Psalm 102:17** He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

**Proverbs 15:8** The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.

**Proverbs 15:29** The LORD *is* far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

**Isaiah 56:7** Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

**Jeremiah 29:12-13** Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. **13** And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

(Ask, Seek and Knock – in the Greek this is in the Present Active Imperative tense  
– Keep Asking, Keep Seeking, Keep Knocking)

**Matthew 7:7-11** Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: **8** For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. **9** Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? **10** Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? **11** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

*Parallel Passage*

**Luke 11:9-13** And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. **10** For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. **11** If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? **12** Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? **13** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

**Matthew 21:21-22** Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this *which is done* to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. **22** And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

**Luke 11:5-8** And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; **6** For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? **7** And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. **8** I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

**Luke 18:1-8**

**Luke 18:7** And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

**John 14:13-14** And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

**John 15:7** If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

**John 15:16** Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

**John 16:23-24** And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* you. **24** Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

**Romans 8:26-27** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

**Philippians 1:19** For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

**Philemon 1:22** But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

**James 5:16** Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

**1John 5:14-15** And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: **15** And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

**1John 5:16** If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

## 26. Prayers Heard and Answered

### Abraham's Servant's Prayer

**Genesis 24:43-46** Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw *water*, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink; **44** And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: *let the same be the woman* whom the LORD hath appointed out for my master's son. **45** And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew *water*: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee. **46** And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her *shoulder*, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also.

**Genesis 25:21** And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she *was* barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

**Genesis 25:22-24** And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If *it be* so, why *am* I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD. **23** And the LORD said unto her, Two nations *are* in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and *the one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people; and the elder shall serve the younger. **24** And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, *there were* twins in her womb.

### In Response to Moses' Intercession in Exodus 33

**Exodus 33:14** And he said, My presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest.

**Exodus 33:17** And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

**Exodus 33:19** And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

**Numbers 12:14** And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in *again*.

**Numbers 27:6-7** And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, **7** The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.

**Judges 20:28** And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Go up; for to morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

**1Samuel 1:17** Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant *thee* thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

**1Samuel 1:26-27** And she said, Oh my lord, *as thy soul liveth*, my lord, I *am* the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. **27** For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:





**1Samuel 10:22** Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff.

**1Samuel 23:2** Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah.

**1Samuel 23:4** Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

**1Samuel 23:11-12** Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down. **12** Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver *thee* up.

**1Samuel 30:8** And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake *them*, and without fail recover *all*.

**2Samuel 2:1** And it came to pass after this, that David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.

**2Samuel 5:19** And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

*Parallel Passage*

**1Chronicles 14:10** And David enquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand.

**2Samuel 5:23** And when David enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; *but* fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

*Parallel Passage*

**1Chronicles 14:14** Therefore David enquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

**2Samuel 21:1** Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, *It is* for Saul, and for *his* bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.

**2Samuel 21:14** And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was intreated for the land.

**2Samuel 24:25** And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

Solomon's Dream – His Request and God's Answer

**1Kings 3:9** Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

**1Kings 3:10** And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. **11** And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; **12** Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. **13** And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. **14** And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

**1Kings 9:3** And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

*Parallel Passage*

**2Chronicles 7:12** And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

**1Kings 13:6** And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as *it was* before.

**1Kings 17:21-22** And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. **22** And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

**2Kings 6:17** And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

**2Kings 6:18** And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

**2Kings 19:20** Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *That* which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.

*Parallel Passage*

**Isaiah 37:21-22** Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria: **22** *This is* the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

**2Kings 20:2-3** Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying, **3** I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

**2Kings 20:4-5** And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying, **5** Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

*Parallel Passages*

**2Chronicles 32:24** In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he gave him a sign.

**Isaiah 38:1-8**

[1Chronicles 5:20](#) And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that *were* with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was intreated of them; because they put their trust in him.

[2Chronicles 7:1](#) Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

[2Chronicles 7:15](#) Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

God's Answer to Jehoshaphat's Plea for Deliverance – see [2Chronicles 20:1-30](#)

[2Chronicles 20:15](#) And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle *is* not yours, but God's.

[2Chronicles 20:17](#) Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battle*: set yourselves, stand ye *still*, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD *will be* with you.

[2Chronicles 20:21-23](#) And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy *endureth* for ever. [22](#) And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. [23](#) For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy *them*: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.

[2Chronicles 30:27](#) - Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came *up* to his holy dwelling place, *even* unto heaven.

[2Chronicles 33:13](#) And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he *was* God.

[2Chronicles 33:18-19](#) Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they *are written* in the book of the kings of Israel. [19](#) His prayer also, and *how God* was intreated of him, and all his sin, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they *are written* among the sayings of the seers.

[Ezra 8:23](#) So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us.

[Nehemiah 2:4](#) Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

[Nehemiah 2:7-8](#) Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah; [8](#) And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which *appertained* to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

[Psalms 28:6](#) Blessed *be* the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

**Psalm 30:2** O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

**Psalm 31:22** For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

**Psalm 66:19-20** But verily God hath heard *me*; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.  
**20** Blessed *be* God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

**Psalm 116:1** I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice *and* my supplications.

**Psalm 118:21** I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

**Isaiah 38:5** Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

**Daniel 2:23** I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast *now* made known unto us the king's matter.

**Daniel 9:20-23** And whiles I *was* speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God; **21** Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. **22** And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. **23** At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew *thee*; for thou *art* greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

**Jonah 2:10** And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry *land*.

**Luke 1:13** But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

**John 14:13-14** And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

**Acts 4:29-31** And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, **30** By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. **31** And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

**Acts 9:40** But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning *him* to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

**Acts 10:2-4** A devout *man*, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. **3** He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. **4** And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

**Acts 10:9** On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

**Acts 10:11-20** *(Peter's vision of the sheet in which were all manner of creatures. The Holy Spirit told him to rise, kill and eat. While Peter protested that he had never eaten anything unclean, the Holy Spirit told him to not call anything unclean that He had cleansed. Immediately after the vision, the Gentile messengers from Cornelius arrived, asking for Peter to come speak at Cornelius' house.)*

**Acts 10:30-31** And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, **31** And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

**Acts 11:4-6** But Peter rehearsed *the matter* from the beginning, and expounded *it* by order unto them, saying, **5** I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me: **6** Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

**James 5:15** And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

**James 5:17-18** Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. **18** And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

**1Peter 3:12** For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.

## 27. Prayers Not Answered

**1Samuel 28:6** And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

**Psalms 66:18** If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:

**Proverbs 1:28-29** Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: **29** For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

**Proverbs 28:9** He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.

**Isaiah 1:15** And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

**Isaiah 16:12** And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail.

**Lamentations 3:8** Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer.

**Lamentations 3:44** Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that *our* prayer should not pass through.

**Jonah 4:3** Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for *it is* better for me to die than to live.

**1Peter 3:7** Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

**1Peter 3:12** For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.

## G. Other Mentions

### 28. Other Mentions About Prayer, Petitions and Supplications

**Job 9:15** Whom, though I were righteous, *yet* would I not answer, *but* I would make supplication to my judge.

**Jeremiah 36:7** It may be they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way: for great *is* the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pronounced against this people.

**Daniel 6:7** All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.



**Daniel 6:11-13** Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. **12** Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask *a petition* of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing *is* true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. **13** Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which *is* of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

**Hosea 12:4** Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him *in* Bethel, and there he spake with us;

**Acts 16:16** And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

**2Corinthians 1:11** Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift *bestowed* upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.



## 29. Likened to, or Mentioned Along with Incense

**Psalm 141:2** Let my prayer be set forth before thee *as* incense; *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

**Luke 1:10** And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

**Revelation 5:8** And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

**Revelation 8:3-4** And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. **4** And the smoke of the incense, *which came* with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

## 30. Prophetic/Future Words About Prayer

**Psalm 2:8** Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.

**Psalm 32:6** For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

**Psalm 65:2** O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

**Psalm 72:15** And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; *and* daily shall he be praised.

**Isaiah 45:14** Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, *saying*, Surely God *is* in thee; and *there is* none else, *there is* no God.

**Jeremiah 31:9** They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim *is* my firstborn.

**Zechariah 8:21-22** And the inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also. **22** Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

**Zechariah 12:10** And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

*Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee  
great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*  
(Jeremiah 33:3)



*Pray without ceasing.*  
(1 Thessalonians 5:17)

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