

Prayer—A Time to Pray

One thing that the church and the believers can do even if we may not be able to do other things is to pray. No one can ban prayer. We can pray anywhere, anytime. We need to be praying and believing God for those in leadership, health, family, jobs, and businesses. God is still answering prayers. We should be praying.

Church needs to arise to pray among many other things. The church is under attack by COVID and its representatives.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

Supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving.

All men

For kings

All who are in authority

James 5:13-18 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.

- a) Elijah prayed. When he prayed, he got serious results.
- b) Pray for one another to be healed.
- c) Effectual fervent prayer:
 - ① According to God's Will. (This reveals that prayer is based on knowledge—knowledge of God's Word.
 - ② Mixed with Faith—a prayer of faith. Not just prayer, but one of faith.
- d) Effectual fervent: “energeo” means “to release energy.” This comes off like: powerful prayer = must have intensity but that is not true.
 - i) Doesn't mean:
 - ① Raise your voice.
 - ② Strain their face.
 - ③ Pacing back and forth
- e) Power is not in the loudness, energy, or intensity of the prayer.
 - i) Faith in the LORD and His promises is what makes a difference in prayer, releases power, and yields results. It's unstoppable.
 - ii) A simple whisper in faith is powerful and brings huge results, if done in faith.
 - iii) Remind the people that the power within them is greater than any virus or disease.
- f) “avails much”
 - i) It works, is a force, powerful, efficient.

2 Chronicles 7:14

- a) Humble yourself and pray.

- i) It takes humility to pray. prayer is a sign of dependence upon the Lord. In the OT, people were not commanded to pray because everything was dependent upon them and their goodness.

Ephesians 6:19-20 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

- a) We need to also pray for utterance to open our mouths boldly and make know the mysteries of the gospel.

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