

PRAYER
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James 5:

- 13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.
- 14 Is anyone among you sick? 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 will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.
- 16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
- 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.
- 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

What is prayer?

Old Testament

6419 - palal = to make supplication -- ask for humbly, earnestly

Psalms 32:

- 3 When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long.
- 4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer.
- 5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
 - David prayed for forgiveness
- 6 For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him.

Psalms 69:

- 8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, And an alien to my mother's children;
- 9 Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.
- 10 When I wept and chastened my soul with fasting, That became my reproach.
- 11 I also made sackcloth my garment; I became a byword to them.
- 12 Those who sit in the gate speak against me, And I am the song of the drunkards.

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- 13 But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD, in the acceptable time; O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, Hear me in the truth of Your salvation.
 - David prayed for help in times of trouble

7592 - sha'al = to inquire, ask counsel, consult

Deuteronomy 13:

- 12 "If you hear someone in one of your cities, which the LORD your God gives you to dwell in, saying,
 - If you hear something that you doubt
- 13 'Corrupt men have gone out from among you and enticed the inhabitants of their city, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods" -which you have not known-
- 14 "then you shall inquire, search out, and ask diligently. And if it is indeed true and certain that such an abomination was committed among you,
 - Then you pray about it
 - If it is true, then you will know what action to tak
- 15 "you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword-utterly destroying it, all that is in it and its livestock, with the edge of the sword.

Judges 18:

- 1 In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking an inheritance (*a land*) for itself to dwell in; for until that day their inheritance among the tribes of Israel had not fallen to them.
- 2 So the children of Dan sent five men of their family from their territory, men of valor from Zorah and Eshtaol, to spy out the land and search it. They said to them, "Go, search the land." So they went to the mountains of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there.
- 3 While they were at the house of Micah, they recognized the voice of the young Levite. They turned aside and said to him, "Who brought you here? What are you doing in this place? What do you have here?"
- 4 He said to them, "Thus and so Micah did for me. He has hired me, and I have become his priest."
- 5 So they said to him, "Please inquire of God, that we may know whether the journey on which we go will be prosperous."
 - Pray for advice

2 Chronicles 20:

- 1 It happened after this that the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and others with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat.
- 2 Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar" (which is En Gedi).

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- 3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.
- 4 So Judah gathered together to ask help from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.
 - When you are facing a difficult situation, ask God for help

Zechariah 10:

- 1 Ask the LORD for rain In the time of the latter rain. The LORD will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, Grass in the field for everyone.
 - Right now, we need to pray for rain in Texas

7878 - siyach = commune, complain, meditate, muse, talk

Psalms 55:

- 16 As for me, I will call upon God, And the LORD shall save me.
- 17 Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.
 - Evening, morning and noon most likely led to the prayers that many say at meal times
 - Sometimes, the prayer is simply talking something over with God

4336 - proseuchomai = focus is on aim, not content; worship, pray earnestly

Matthew 5:

- 43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'
- 44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,
- 45 "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.
- 46 "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?
 - Pray for your enemies
 - Remember, the human beings are not your real enemy
 - Your human enemies are being influenced by the real enemy - Satan

Matthew 6:

- 9 "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
- 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.
- 11 Give us this day our daily bread.

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- 12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.
- 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.
 - Don't forget "thy kingdom come" and "thy will be done"

Matthew 24:

- 15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),
- 16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.
- 17 "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.
- 18 "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.
- 19 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!
- 20 "And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.
 - Pray for deliverance from danger

Matthew 26:

- 36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there."
- 37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.
- 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."
- 39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."
- 40 Then He came to the disciples and found them asleep, and said to Peter, "What? Could you not watch with Me one hour?"
- 41 "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
 - Pray for deliverance from temptation

Mark 11:

- 22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God.
- 23 "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.
- 24 "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.
 - Pray and believe it will happen
 - Place your faith in God, not in human beings

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Mark 13:

- 28 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.
- 29 "So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near--at the doors!
- 30 "Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.
- 31 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.
- 32 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
- 33 "Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.
 - Pray "thy kingdom come" because you don't know the timing

1 Thessalonians 5:

- 16 Rejoice always,
- 17 pray without ceasing,
- 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
 - Praying always means don't skip your morning, noon or evening prayers
 - Include giving thanks in your prayers

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2172 - euchomai = to wish, to pray to God, pray, will, wish

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- 16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
 - Fervent prayer is prayer that is with feeling

154 - Aiteo = to ask for oneself, ask, beg, call for, crave, desire, require

John 14:

- 12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.
- 13 "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

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- 14 "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.
- 15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.
- 16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--
- 17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.
 - When you pray to God in Jesus' name, He hears it, too, and will pass along the request
 - He alone can fully understand the emotions of a human being

WHO

To God
In the name of Jesus Christ

WHAT

Ask for advice
Consult with God
Talk with God
Focus on the aim rather than the content
Prayer for wisdom
Pray for the sick
Forgiveness of sins
Mercy
Help

WHEN

Always
Without ceasing
Morning, noon and evening

WHERE

A closet – actually any private place where you can minimize distractions

ATTITUDE

Be humble – keep your position with God in perspective
Be earnest – mean what you say
Ask – don't demand

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Avoid “vain repetitions”

Avoid asking for something for your own gain

Remember that God’s answer comes in His time – not yours

Don’t ever forget “Thy will be done”