

Prayer Counsel

"Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. . . God is ready and willing to hear the sincere prayer of the humblest of His children, and yet there is much manifest reluctance on our part to make known our wants to God. . . Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray, when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence?"

Steps to Christ 93-95

"Prayer and faith will do what no power on earth can accomplish."

The Ministry of Healing 509:2

"We claim little, when we might claim much; for there is no limit to the promises of God."

Evangelism 599:0

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Steps to Christ, 94-95

"Prayer moves the arm of Omnipotence."

Christ's Object Lessons, 172

"From the secret place of prayer came the power that shook the world in the Great Reformation."

The Great Controversy, 210

"It is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask."

The Great Controversy, 525

"The efficiency of earnest prayer is but feebly understood."

Selected Messages, Vol. 1, 116

"There are great laws that govern the world of nature, and spiritual things are controlled by principles equally certain. The means for an end must be employed, if the desired results are to be attained."

Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9, 221

"Christ feels the woes of every sufferer. . . And He is just as willing to heal the sick now as when He was personally on earth. Christ's servants are His representatives, the channels for His working. He desires through them to exercise His healing power. . . It is our work to present the sick and suffering to Christ in the arms of our faith. We should teach them to believe in the Great Healer. He should lay hold on His promise, and pray for the manifestation of His power."

The Desire of Ages, 823-24

Prayer Keys:

- 1) Penitence – Ps 66:18; Prov 28:9
- 2) Fidelity – Mk 9:23; 11:24
- 3) Energy – Jas 5:16; Heb 11:6
- 4) Unity – Mt 18:19; 1 Pet 3:8
- 5) Persistence – Lk 11:8; Mt 7:7



Great Prayers in the Bible

1. Abraham for Sodom

Genesis 18:16-33

2. Eliezer for Guidance

Genesis 24:12-15a; 26-27; 42-45a

3. Jacob for Deliverance

Genesis 32:9-12, 26

4. Moses for Israel

Exodus 32:31-32; 33:12-18; 34:8-9

5. Moses' Benedictory

Numbers 6:24-26

6. Gideon for a Sign

Judges 6:36-39

7. Samson for Strength

Judges 16:28

8. Hannah's Supplication and Gratitude for A Child

1 Samuel 1:9-13, 27; 2:1-10

9. Prayers of the Psalmists

Psalms 3-10; 12, 15-18; 22; 25-28; 30-32; 35; 39; 42-46; 51; 54-57; 59-61; 63-65; 67-72; 74-80; 83-90; 92; 94; 102; 106; 108-109; 116; 119-120; 123; 125; 130-132; 138-145

10. Solomon's Dedicatory of the Temple and Its Worshipers

1 Kings 8:22-54

11. Elijah for Israel on Mt Carmel

1 Kings 18:36-38

12. Hezekiah for Jerusalem and Personal Illness

Isaiah 37:14-20; 38:1-5

13. Jeremiah's Puzzled Prayer

Jeremiah 32:16-27

14. Daniel and Friends for Wisdom and Praise for God's Answer

Daniel 2:17-23

15. Daniel's Penitential Prayer

Daniel 9:3-19

16. Ezra's Penitential Prayer

Ezra 9:5-15

17. Nehemiah for Judah and Guidance

Nehemiah 1:4-11; 2:4

18. Disciples and Peter for Themselves

Matthew 8:25; Mark 14:30

19. Jesus for His Disciples

John 17:1-26

20. Stephen for His Persecutors

Acts 7:59-60

21. The Early Church for Boldness, Healing, Signs and Wonders

Acts 4:24-30

22. Paul for the Church

Ephesians 1:15-21; 3:14-19

23. John for Jesus' Return

Revelation 22:20

Jesus and Prayer

1. Personal Prayer

Mark 1:35*; —wilderness, Luke 5:16*; a—mountainside, Matthew 14:23*; before choosing His twelve disciples, Luke 6:12-13*

2. In Times of Severe Trial

Hebrews 5:7

3. For Meals

John 6:11; Luke 24:30-35

4. For Lazarus

John 11:41-42

5. For God's Glory

John 12:28

6. For Peter

Luke 22:31-32*

7. For All His Followers

John 17:1-26

8. Gethsemane

Matthew 26:39, 42, 44*; Mark 14:36, 39*

9. For His Persecutors

Luke 23:34

10. In Darkness

Matthew 27:45-46; Mark 15:33-34

11. At His Death

Luke 23:46

12. Teaching on Prayer

Matthew 6:5-8; 7:7-8; 7:7-11; 18:19-20; 21:22;
Mark 11:22-26; 4:38; Luke 11:1-13

* Exact words not given

Jesus' Prayer Promises

1. Matthew 7:7-8 Ask and it shall be given you . . . for everyone that asketh receiveth.
2. Matthew 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.
3. Matthew 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.
4. 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?
5. John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
6. John 14:14 If ye shall anything in My name, I will do it.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. John 16:23 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.
10. John 16:24 Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

"He [Jesus] virtually says, Make use of My name, and it will be your passport to the heart of My Father and to all the riches of His grace."

19 Manuscript Releases 215:3

"But to pray in the name of Jesus is something more than a mere mention of that name at the beginning and the ending of a prayer. It is to pray in the mind and spirit of Jesus, while we believe His promises, rely upon His grace, and work His works."

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