

How to Pray!

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing praises. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the elders of the church, and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up; if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.

James 5:13-16 CSB

A righteous person is one that has a relationship with God through Jesus.

I. YOU are to pray!

God desires you to be a praying person and a praying person's first response to life, is to pray!

...So I prayed to the God of the heavens ⁵ and answered the king,...

Nehemiah 2:4-5a

Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33

"Prayer is talking to God who listens to us and responds to because he loves us."

Dr. Fisher Humphreys

Talk to God as you would a friend.

Come to me, all of you who are weary, and heavy burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

II. WE are to pray!

The church is called to pray...pray together and pray often!

¹⁴ if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. II Chronicles 7:14

Again, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:19-20

...my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Isaiah 56:3

“God shapes the world by prayer!” E.M. Bounds

⁵ So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. Acts 12:5

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us— ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

When the people of God come together to seek the heart of God, then the power of God is unleashed for the glory of God!