

Prevailing Prayer



Night and day we pray most earnestly...

1 Thessalonians 3:10

4. Pray with partners

▲ Some practical priorities

▶ Pray for one another

Galatians 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Ephesians 6:18 Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

James 5:16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

▶ Pray with one another

Matthew 18:19 "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

▲ Some powerful partnerships

▶ A military conquest

Exodus 17:10 So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. ¹¹ As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. ¹² When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. ¹³ So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

▶ A miraculous cure

Mark 2:3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. — ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

▶ A mediating congregation

Acts 12:5 So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. ⁶ The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. ⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. — ¹² — Peter went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying.

▶ A ministry cooperative

Philippians 1:4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

² Thessalonians 3:1 Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. ² And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith. — ² Corinthians 1:10 He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, ¹¹ as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many. — Colossians 4:3 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. — Ephesians 6:19 Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

▶ A missionary collective

Acts 13:1 In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

▲ Some prevailing promises

▶ Your prayer agreements will be powerful

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▶ Your prayer assemblies will be powerful

Matthew 18:19 "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

1. Link with others

Romans 12:5 In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

▼ Establish connections

▼ Embrace commitment and concern

2. Lift the loads of others

Galatians 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

▼ Look and listen

▼ Listen to the Lord's leading

▼ Lift the loads to the Lord

▼ Linger long and labor loyally

3. Lean on others

Romans 12:3 Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought,

▼ Practice humility

▼ Practice harmony

4. Laugh and leap with others

Romans 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

▼ Pray and prevail together

▼ Praise and party together