



Midweek Study

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Strategies for Prevailing Prayer



TEN REQUIREMENTS FOR ANSWERED PRAYER

1. You must pray in Jesus' Name.

- John 15:16 and 1 Timothy 2:5 – The only Way to God

2. You must pray according to the will of God.

- You are submitting your will to God's will. We don't dictate to God what He is supposed to do. We should pray, "Not my will, but Yours be done," like Christ.

3. You must pray with dependence upon the Holy Spirit.

- Romans 8:26 – The Holy Spirit brings your heart and God's heart together to make something happen.

4. You must pray in faith.

- Hebrews 11:6; Mark 11:24; James 5:15.

5. You must be righteous in your lifestyle.

- **Right relations with God** (Isaiah 59:1-2).
- On confessing sin – *"We must never confess sin beyond the circle of that sin's influence. Private sin requires private confession; public sin requires public confession. It is wrong for Christians to hang dirty laundry in public, for such confessing might do more harm than the original sin."* (Warren Wiersbe)

- **Right relations with people** (1 John 4:20-21). If you are at odds with another Christian, if you are at odds with God, you are not ready to pray. Go and make things right with your brother/sister and then pray. (Matthew 5:23-24)

6. You must pray fervently. James 5:16

- Kneeling; Praying Aloud; Fasting from something

7. You must persist in prayer.

- Luke 11:5-8; Matthew 7:7-11
- Ask (and keep on asking); Seek (and keep on seeking); Knock (and keep on knocking)
- God's delays are not His denials.

***If your prayers are wrong, God says NO.
If the timing is wrong, God says SLOW.
If you are wrong, God says GROW.
If all are right, God says GO!***

8. You must pray with boldness. Hebrews 4:16

- A pastor told D.L. Moody to pray for \$5,000; but Moody prayed for \$50,000 – GOD GAVE HIM \$50,000!

9. You must incorporate thanksgiving and praise.

- Philippians 4:6-7.

10. You must abide in God's Word.

- John 15:7; Proverbs 28:9.

***Forgive us for thinking that prayer is a waste of time and help us to see that without prayer our work is a waste of time.
- Peter Marshall***