

Prayer

Does Prayer Change Things?

(Why Pray?)

The Power of Prayer

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Acknowledgments and Disclaimers

- I thank God for people who are willing to communicate questions/doubts/etc. (like the questions at hand) desiring to obtain answers realizing that God's Word has all the needed answers instead of ignoring or not caring about the answers. Some of these questions are challenging and many times require research and study of God's Word.
 - Non-believer's Questions
 - Some questions come from a heart of unbelief and a desire to refute the truth of the Scriptures.
 - Some questions come from a searching heart wanting to accept God's Word as true but need some "proof".
 - Believer's Questions
 - Some questions come from faltering faith and may be stifled in their Christian growth until they get answers.
 - Some questions come from a faith in God's Word as true knowing that there are logical answers but not knowing what they are.
- This message is based on my personal study of the subject from God's Word and is admittedly far from complete and has not been based on any commentaries. If you sense anything that is not consistent with other Scriptures, please note the issues to me so that I can research it further.

Questions

- Does God change His pre-determined future because of our requests?
 - Does prayer really change the course of events?
 - If God is all-knowing (omniscient), then isn't it useless to ask God to change His plans?
 - Is there power in prayer?
- Why pray?
 - What is the value?
 - Is it a good investment (time and mental energy)?
 - What profit is there in prayer?
 - What is in it for me?

First – Are These Valid Questions?

- We can help people (especially our young people) who are being bombarded with the philosophies of this world if we can show them how God's Word answers these questions to their satisfaction (to the extent that we need to have the answers).
- II Timothy 3:16, 17 - All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- Isaiah 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.
- Job 21: 7, 14, 15 - Why do the wicked live *and* become old, Yes, become mighty in power?... Yet they say to God...'Who *is* the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what profit do we have if we pray to Him?'
 - Challenge Question – If you are asking this question, is your heart really searching for answers or are you aligning yourself with the wicked? (Job was quoting what the wicked say.).

My Contention

- God does answer our prayers and does change our pre-determined future
- See Exhibits A through E to follow

Scriptures (Exhibits A through D)

- **A** - Hezekiah's Prayer to Heal and Lengthen Life - II Kings 20:1-11
- **B** - Moses' Prayer to Save the Nation of Israel After the Golden Calf Incident - Exodus 32:7-14
- **C** - Ninevah's Prayer to Save Them From Judgment - Jonah 3:5-10
- **D** - David's Prayer to Stop the Plague in Israel (for David's sin of numbering the people) - II Samuel 24:10-17
- Relent = God's mercy revealed (my definition)
 - Strong's definition of the Hebrew word = *nâcham* (*naw-kham'*)
 - A primitive root; properly to *sigh*, that is, *breathe* strongly; by implication to *be sorry*, that is, (in a favorable sense) to *pity*, *console* or (reflexively) *rue*; or (unfavorably) to *avenge* (oneself): - comfort (self), ease [one's self], repent (-er, -ing, self).

Exhibit E

- Every time a person accepts Christ as Savior, the Lord relents (shows mercy) by not punishing the person as He has decreed (“For the wages of sin is death...”), but giving them eternal life instead (...but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”).
- Have you experienced a change in your “pre-determined future” as a result of your prayer to God for mercy?

If God Knows All, Why Waste Our Time Praying?

- What if we take on this attitude and give up trying to change things through prayer?
 - God knew you would do that.
 - God responds in the circumstances in a way that is consistent with His will.
- What if we take on the attitude that God can change things, we align ourselves with His will and pray in accordance with His will.
 - God knew you would do that.
 - God responds in the circumstances by answering our prayer.
- Conclusion – Relative to prayer, we need to pray as if we did not know about God's omniscience (since we do not know what His specific will is with respect to the circumstances at hand).
 - This question (Why waste our time praying?) is a trick of Satan to discourage us from communicating with the God who loved us and gave Himself for us.
 - Satan does not want us to obey God by praying.
 - God telling us about His omniscience is not for the purpose of giving up about changing our relationship with Him.
 - God's omniscience is comforting to us to know that God is in control and knows the future so that we can realize that His promises are true.

Comments

- God does not change. (He is immutable.)
 - Malachi 3:6 "For I *am* the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.
- Does God have a pre-determined future?
 - From our perspective, our pre-determined future can change as a result of prayer. (See exhibits A through E above.)
 - From God's perspective (the true perspective), He does not change.

Requirements for Answered Prayer

- Requirements for God to give us what we ask
 - John 14:13, 14 - And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.
 - John 15:7 - If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

Requirements for Answered Prayer

- Many times a requirement of answered prayer is the fact that we do pray (ie. II Chron. 6:38)
 - “If you pray...” then ...
 - Other requirements for obtaining what we desire is typically answered in the act of prayer (an attitude based requirement (ie humility, etc.) and/or actions based on faith)
 - Sincere prayer illustrates the change of heart required to fulfill the other requirements
- We pray because God hears us (Isn't that enough motivation for us?)
 - Psalm 55:17 - Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.

What should we pray? (ACTS)

- **Adoration**
 - Psalm 34:3 - Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.
 - Giving God the praise and honor and glory that He so deserves as we recognize and appreciate His character (His love, mercy, grace, etc.) and our dependence on Him.
- **Confession**
 - 1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
 - Proverbs 28:13 - He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy.
 - Restoring our communion with God by admitting our sins, thanking God that He has already forgiven us of our sins, resolving to repent once again so that we do not bring sadness to God's heart and so that we do not bring shame to the name of Christ.
- **Thanksgiving**
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:18 - in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
 - Thanking God for who He is (His character) as well as all that He has done and is doing in our lives and the lives of others.
- **Supplication**
 - Philippians 4:6 - Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
 - Asking God for help in specific changes of our hearts and/or circumstances, showing our dependence on Him in every aspect of our lives,

Questions – Revisited and Addressed

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 - Does prayer really change the course of events?
 - If God is all-knowing (omniscient), then isn't it useless to ask God to change His plans?
 - Is there power in prayer?
- Prayer does change things
 - God changes our attitude (our heart) through prayer which is more important than the circumstances.
 - From our perspective, God has changed His course (circumstances) as a result of our prayers. Exhibits A through E have been cited as examples.
 - If that is not power, I don't know what power is.

Questions – Revisited and Addressed

- Why pray?
 - What is the value?
 - Is it a good investment (time and mental energy)?
 - What profit is there in prayer?
 - What is in it for me?
- God has a purpose in prayer
 - God knows what is best for us and He asks us to pray. Therefore, there is great value in it.
 - Prayer changes things
 - Prayer changes particularly our attitude of dependence and humility as we enter God's presence.
 - Relative to our perspective, prayer can change the circumstances around us.
 - Let's not ask what is in something for us (selfishness). Let's consider how we can give God the glory and honor due to Him.

Conclusions

- God is more interested in us than in circumstances
 - When we pray, God changes us
- God is more interested in our hearts (attitude toward God, having the right perspective of who we are relative to God) than in circumstances.
- Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.
 - IF our desires are in tune with His desires (ie, if we delight ourselves in the Lord),
 - THEN God's will = our will
 - we get what we ask for
- Do we meet His conditions for answered prayer?
- Do we want our will or His will?
- Believing in the Lord Jesus:
 - We recognize our sinfulness and His holiness
 - We typically pray to receive Him
 - This prayer changes God's impending judgment (punishment for our sins) to God's blessing
 - God "relents" and changes our circumstances for good
- Are you not saved? – Pray to receive Him now.
- Are you saved? - I Thessalonians 5:17 - Pray without ceasing.

Scripture Word Search

- Pray
- Prays
- Prayer
- Prayed
- Praying
- Ask
- Asked
- Asking

Scripture Word Search - Pray

- Gen 24:12 And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.
- Gen 24:14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: *let the same be she that* thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.
- Exo 32:32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.
- Exo 33:13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation *is* thy people.
- Exo 34:9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it *is* a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.
- Num 10:31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes.
- Jdg 16:28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.
- 2Sa 24:17 And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.
- 1Ki 8:26 And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.
- 1Ki 8:30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.
- 1Ki 8:33 When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house:
- 1Ki 8:35 When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:

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- 1Ki 8:44 "When Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You send them, and when they pray to the LORD toward the city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name,
- 1Ki 8:48 and *when* they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who led them away captive, and pray to You toward their land which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name:
- 1Ki 13:6 Then the king answered and said to the man of God, "Please entreat the favor of the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me." So the man of God entreated the LORD, and the king's hand was restored to him, and became as before.
- 1Ki 17:21 And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him."
- 2Ki 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.
- 2Ki 6:18 So when *the Syrians* came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Strike 2Ki 19:19 Now therefore, O LORD our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You *are* the LORD God, You alone."
- 2Ki 20:3 "Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done *what was good* in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.
- 1Ch 17:25 For You, O my God, have revealed to Your servant that You will build him a house. Therefore Your servant has found it *in his heart* to pray before You.
- 1Ch 21:8 So David said to God, "I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing; but now, I pray, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly."
- 1Ch 21:17 And David said to God, "Was it not I who commanded the people to be numbered? I am the one who has sinned and done evil indeed; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, O LORD my God, be against me and my father's house, but not against Your people that they should be plagued."
- 2Ch 6:21 And may You hear the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and when You hear, forgive.
- 2Ch 6:24 "Or if Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and return and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication before You in this temple,
- this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

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- 2Ch 6:26 "When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, when they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin because You afflict them,
- 2Ch 6:32 "Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for the sake of Your great name and Your mighty hand and Your outstretched arm, when they come and pray in this temple;
- 2Ch 6:34 "When Your people go out to battle against their enemies, wherever You send them, and when they pray to You toward this city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name,
- 2Ch 6:38 and *when* they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been carried captive, and pray toward their land which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen, and toward the temple which I have built for Your name:
- 2Ch 6:40 Now, my God, I pray, let Your eyes be open and *let* Your ears *be* attentive to the prayer *made* in this place.
- 2Ch 7:14 if My people who are called by My name will 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.
- Ezr 6:10 that they may offer sacrifices of sweet aroma to the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king and his sons.
- Neh 1:5 And I said: "I pray, LORD God of heaven, O great and awesome God, *You* who keep *Your* covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments,
- Neh 1:6 please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Israel Your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father's house and I have sinned.
- Neh 1:8 Remember, I pray, the word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, '*If* you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations;
- Neh 1:11 O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name; and let Your servant prosper this day, I pray, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." For I was the king's cupbearer.

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- Job 10:9 Remember, I pray, that You have made me like clay. And will You turn me into dust again?
- Job 21:15 Who *is* the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what profit do we have if we pray to Him?'
- Job 32:21 Let me not, I pray, show partiality to anyone; Nor let me flatter any man.
- Job 33:26 He shall pray to God, and He will delight in him, He shall see His face with joy, For He restores to man His righteousness.
- Job 42:8 Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant Job shall pray for you. For I will accept him, lest I deal with you *according to your* folly; because you have not spoken of Me *what is* right, as My servant Job *has*."
- Psa 5:2 Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray.
- Psa 32:6 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.
- Psa 55:17 Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.
- Psa 118:25 Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.
- Psa 119:76 Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, According to Your word to Your servant.
- Psa 119:108 Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, And teach me Your judgments.
- Psa 122:6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

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- Isa 38:3 and said, "Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done *what is good* in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.
- Isa 45:20 "Assemble yourselves and come; Draw near together, You *who have* escaped from the nations. They have no knowledge, Who carry the wood of their carved image, And pray to a god *that* cannot save.
- Jer 7:16 "Therefore do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them, nor make intercession to Me; for I will not hear you.
- Jer 11:14 "So do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry out to Me because of their trouble.
- Jer 14:11 Then the LORD said to me, "Do not pray for this people, for *their* good.
- Jer 29:7 And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.
- Jer 29:12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.
- Jer 37:3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "Pray now to the LORD our God for us."
- Jer 42:2 and said to Jeremiah the prophet, "Please, let our petition be acceptable to you, and pray for us to the LORD your God, for all this remnant (since we are left *but* a few of many, as you can see),
- Jer 42:4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, "I have heard. Indeed, I will pray to the LORD your God according to your words, and it shall be, *that* whatever the LORD answers you, I will declare *it* to you. I will keep nothing back from you."
- Jer 42:20 For you were hypocrites in your hearts when you sent me to the LORD your God, saying, 'Pray for us to the LORD our God, and according to all that the LORD your God says, so declare to us and we will do *it*.'
- Dan 9:16 "O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people *are* a reproach to all *those* around us.
- Amo 7:2 And so it was, when they had finished eating the grass of the land, that I said: "O Lord GOD, forgive, I pray! Oh, that Jacob may stand, For he *is* small!"
- Amo 7:5 Then I said: "O Lord GOD, cease, I pray! Oh, that Jacob may stand, For he *is* small!"
- Jon 1:14 Therefore they cried out to the LORD and said, "We pray, O LORD, please do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O LORD, have done as it pleased You."
- Zec 7:2 when *the people* sent Sherezer, with Regem-Melech and his men, *to* the house of God, to pray before the LORD,
- Zec 8:21 The inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying, "Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, And seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also."
- Zec 8:22 Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, And to pray before the LORD.'

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- Mat 5:44 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,
- Mat 6:5 "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.
- Mat 6:6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.
- Mat 6:7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.
- Mat 6:9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
- Mat 9:38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."
- Mat 14:23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.
- Mat 19:13 Then little children were brought to Him that He might put *His* hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them.
- Mat 24:20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.
- Mat 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."
- Mat 26:41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak."
- Mat 26:53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?
- Mar 6:46 And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray.
- Mar 11:24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.
- Mar 13:18 And pray that your flight may not be in winter.
- Mar 13:33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.
- Mar 14:32 Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray."
- Mar 14:38 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak."

Scripture Word Search - Pray

- Luk 6:12 Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.
- Luk 6:28 bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.
- Luk 9:28 Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.
- Luk 10:2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.
- Luk 11:1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."
- Luk 11:2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.
- Luk 18:1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,
- Luk 18:10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.
- Luk 21:36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."
- Luk 22:40 When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."
- Luk 22:46 Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."
- Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—
- Joh 16:26 In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you;
- Joh 17:9 "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.
- Joh 17:15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.
- Joh 17:20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

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- Act 8:22 Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.
- Act 8:24 Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me."
- Act 10:9 The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour.
- Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
- 1Co 11:13 Judge among yourselves. Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered?
- 1Co 14:13 Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.
- 1Co 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.
- 1Co 14:15 What is *the conclusion* then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.
- 2Co 13:7 Now I pray to God that you do no evil, not that we should appear approved, but that you should do what is honorable, though we may seem disqualified.
- 2Co 13:9 For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. And this also we pray, that you may be made complete.
- Php 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,
- Col 1:9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

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- 1Th_5:17 pray without ceasing,
- 1Th_5:25 Brethren, pray for us.
- 2Th_1:11 Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of *His* goodness and the work of faith with power,
- 2Th_3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run *swiftly* and be glorified, just as *it is* with you,
- 1Ti_2:8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;
- Heb_13:18 Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably.
- Jas_5:13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.
- Jas_5:14 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.
- Jas_5:16 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.
- 1Jn_5:16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin *which does not lead* to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not *leading* to death. There is sin *leading* to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.
- 3Jn_1:2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.