

PRAYER CAN DO ANYTHING GOD CAN DO

God created the heavens and the earth, and everything that is in them. He created us in His own image, and He wants us to pray to Him.

Not everything that happens on earth is in God's will or plan. In Matthew 6:10 Jesus commands us to pray" ... *Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*" If God's will were being done on earth as God wants it to be, there would be no reason for Jesus to tell us to pray that God's will be done on earth. *Prayer is needed for us to experience God's will on earth.*

Here is a Biblical example of answered prayer: "*Solomon prayed...give me wisdom and knowledge...God said to Solomon...wisdom and knowledge will be given you.*" 2 Chronicles 1:8,10,12

Believing and praying will result in your receiving whatever you ask for, if it is in God's plan. Sometimes His answer is no, or later, because it is not in His Godly plan. "*Jesus replied ... 'If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.'*" Matthew 21:22

God answers my prayers, and He will answer your prayers. I pray continually with thanksgiving, and I wait in patient, believing expectation. You can, too. "*God answered their prayers, because they trusted in Him.*" 1 Chronicles 5 :20 It is as simple and powerful as that. Prayer can do anything God can do.

God is there for you and He wants to hear from you. There are many ways to pray to Him. Prayer is your conversation with God in your own personal way. **He is more interested in you talking with Him than in how you do it.** It is important that you pray often, with thanksgiving and in the name of Jesus. "...*The LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him.*" Deuteronomy 4:7

God not only loves you, He likes you, and He wants to hear from you. Pray, then wait in patient expectation, believing that He will answer. It is written in Proverbs 8:34 "*Happy are those who listen to me.*"

We are given the Lord's Prayer, a perfect prayer model, in Matthew 6:9-13. "Jesus said: '*This, then is how you should pray: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*' "

We are commanded to " ... *pray continually* ... " 1 Thessalonians 5:17 A way to pray continually is to pray "breath prayers" to God. Brief phrases can be repeated in a breath, such as "Help me, Jesus!" "Thank You, Jesus," "You are my God," "Thy will be done," "I love You, Lord," or ... your choice. "*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*" Psalm 46:1

We can pray for others, which is called intercession; or we can join in a circle and pray; or we can pray in sentence prayers; or we can pray through music; or we can have conversational prayer. All prayer is talking with God. When we keep a prayer journal, it helps us focus our thoughts and strengthens our prayer life. Later we can look back and see where prayers were answered, which is a very addictive, exciting and humbling experience.

As you advance in your relationship with God, you will probably find that you want to have a regularly scheduled prayer session, praying aloud, at least once a day in a quiet place. **Your prayer position is whatever feels right to you.** A classic prayer position is kneeling with your head bowed, eyes closed, and hands together. Some prayer **suggestions** to consider:

- Pray out loud
- Call His name, tell Him you worship Him, and ask that His will be done
- Acknowledge His supremacy (... You are my King, above all others ...)
- "*Be still and know that He is God.*" Psalm 46: 1 0
- Give Him thanks for the many blessings you have received and name some blessings
- Confess your sins and ask His forgiveness
- Freely forgive anyone who has ever wronged you. "*Vengeance is mine, says the Lord.*" Romans 12:19
- Ask God to bless you and stay near you
- Tell Him what is going on in your life and how you feel about it
- Ask His help for yourself and/or others
- Ask Him to help you because you are His child and " ... *Your gracious hand, Lord, is on everyone who looks to You ...* " Ezra 8:22
- Ask the Holy Spirit to hover over the one you are praying for until the mission is finished.
- In the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Wait upon the Lord; He may have something he wants to tell you.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17 This is why we pray "In the name of Jesus." We only ask for what Jesus would ask for, and only as Jesus would pray.