

Journey of Prayer

ESSENTIAL GUIDE
TO PRAYER

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Grace and Peace!

This short book will enlighten your understanding on how the Laws of Prayer will operate in your life and lift you above the realm on the natural into a place where all things are possible!

I studied these Laws of Prayers many years ago and they have been such a blessing in my prayer life. Prayer will turn on God's light in your life.

Ephesians 5:14-18 (KJV)

14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall

give thee light.

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Prayer will give us understanding on what the will of God is for our lives.

God is moving in the earth. It makes no difference how bad it may look right now, God is still on the throne.

He is looking for someone to stand in the hedge to pray and intercede for our families, loved ones, and our communities.

Ezekiel 22:29-31 (KJV)

29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord God.

The Prophet Ezekiel said that God searched for someone to make up that hedge.

Our prayers can make up the difference in someone's life.

Psalm 2:1-5 (KJV)

*1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying,
3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.
5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.*

Prayer shifts things; it moves things. Whenever God wants to move something in the earth realm, it's going to be by prayer and the spoken Word.

Matthew 21:20-22 (KJV)

*20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!
21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.
22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*

Why we should pray

Prayer should never be looked upon as a useless act or a religious ritual. Prayer is not some dead duty, or a routine we should follow. It should be an act of love for God and faith in His promises.

Matthew 7:7-8 (KJV)

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

We live in a finite body with limitations. Prayer, on the other hand, is infinite; it takes us into a realm of possibilities!

Prayer and faith are spiritual forces. They are not of the natural realm, they are spiritual.

When we use them together, the impossible happens!

Matthew 17:18-20 (KJV)

18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Jesus said when faith and prayers are mixed together, it brings on a spiritual supernatural force that will move mountains in our lives: mountains of fear, sickness, poverty, curses and lack.

You may have a mountain in your life now, but prayer can move it!

Prayer is so important that Jesus spent a lot of time in His earthly ministry praying.

Luke 6:12 (KJV)

12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

His disciples wanted this spiritual power in their lives so they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray.

Luke 11:1 (KJV)

1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

The Bible reminds us to always pray:

Luke 18:1 (KJV)

1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Ephesians 6:18 (KJV)

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Luke 2:36-38 (KJV)

36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

Laws of Prayer

The Bible clearly states that there are many ways to pray:

Some people don't get their prayers answered because they failed to operate in the laws that govern prayer.

Psalm 95:1-2 (KJV)

1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Psalm 100:1-5 (KJV)

1 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

3 Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

There are five different types of prayers that we're going to talk about in this book.

- 1. Prayer of Faith**
- 2. Prayer of Agreement**
- 3. Prayer of Thanksgiving**
- 4. Prayer of Petition**

Prayer of Faith

The prayer of faith is a different type of prayer. Faith is defined in the Bible in the book of Hebrews:

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

God tells us that we should have faith. Believers who have faith can receive whatever they desire and ask for in prayer.

Mark 11:22-24 (KJV)

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

A different account of Jesus' words can be seen in the book of Matthew.

Matthew 21:18-22 (KJV)

18 Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.

19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.

20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!

21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.

22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Faith brings forth miracles. The prayer of faith can bring healing and forgiveness from the Father.

James 5:14-15 (KJV)

14 *Is any sick among you? 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:*

15 *And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*

Matthew 17:14-21 (KJV)

14 *And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,*

15 *Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.*

16 *And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.*

17 *Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.*

18 *And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.*

19 *Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?*

20 *And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.*

21 *Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.*

Another account of this miracle can be seen in the book of Mark.

Matthew 21:18-22 (KJV)

18 *Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.*

19 *And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.*

20 *And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!*

21 *Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto*

Mark 9:17-27 (KJV)

17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

19 He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

22 And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

The prayer of faith is to be prayed believing that it's done when you ask for it.

Mark 11:24 (KJV)

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Prayer of Agreement

When people gather in agreement, God grants whatever we ask for in prayer, that's according to His will.

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

1 John 3:22 (KJV)

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

John 15:7 (KJV)

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

With one accord, the disciples gathered in prayer and on the day of Pentecost, they were filled with the Holy Ghost and they were able to speak in tongues.

Acts 1:12-14 (KJV)

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Acts 2:1-4 (KJV)

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

When we gather for prayer of agreement, something gets activated in the Spirit. God comes upon our midst and moves amongst us!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The prayer of thanksgiving is a powerful force. The Bible tells us to live with the spirit of Thanksgiving because it is God's will for our lives.

Psalm 100:4-5 (KJV)

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 116:17 (KJV)

17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:18-19 (KJV)

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Philippians 4:6-7 (KJV)

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 9:10-12 (KJV)

10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;

11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

Giving thanks to God brings forth not only blessings, but also miracles (ex. Lazarus, Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes, Daniel and the Lions' Den).

John 11:40-44 (KJV)

40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?

41 Then they took away the stone] from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

John 6:8-14 (KJV)

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. 12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

Daniel 6:10 (KJV)

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

Even though there was an ordinance against prayer, Daniel still prayed and gave thanks to God as he did always. Daniel was sent to the lions' den but he was delivered by God who sent His angel to protect him.

The Bible also reminds us that it is foolish to live without gratitude and thanksgiving to God.

Deuteronomy 28:45-47 (KJV)

45 Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:

46 And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.

47 Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;

Romans 1:21-22 (KJV)

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Prayer of Petition

What is the meaning of the word "petition"?

The definition of "petition" is to make a request. So when we come to God in petition, we are asking him to do something - either for ourselves or others. The Apostle Paul mentions this word when he writes to the church in Philippi:

Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

What we ask for in prayer, we will receive. The prayer of petition is summarized in the verse below:

John 14:13-14 (KJV)

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

God hears the petitions of His sons and daughters through prayer. Nothing is too big for God, as shown in the story of Elias.

James 5:17-18 (KJV)

17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

Hebrews 4:14-16 (KJV)

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Matthew 6:6 (KJV)

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

1 Samuel 1:14-17 (KJV)

14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord.

16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

Hannah received her miracle through her prayer of petition.

The Lord hears the prayers of believers who abide by His will.

Psalms 66:18-20 (KJV)

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Each one of these prayers are for specific reasons and have powerful forces behind them. When you learn to pray and you know how to effectively pray, you are going to see God's supernatural move in your life.

God bless you,

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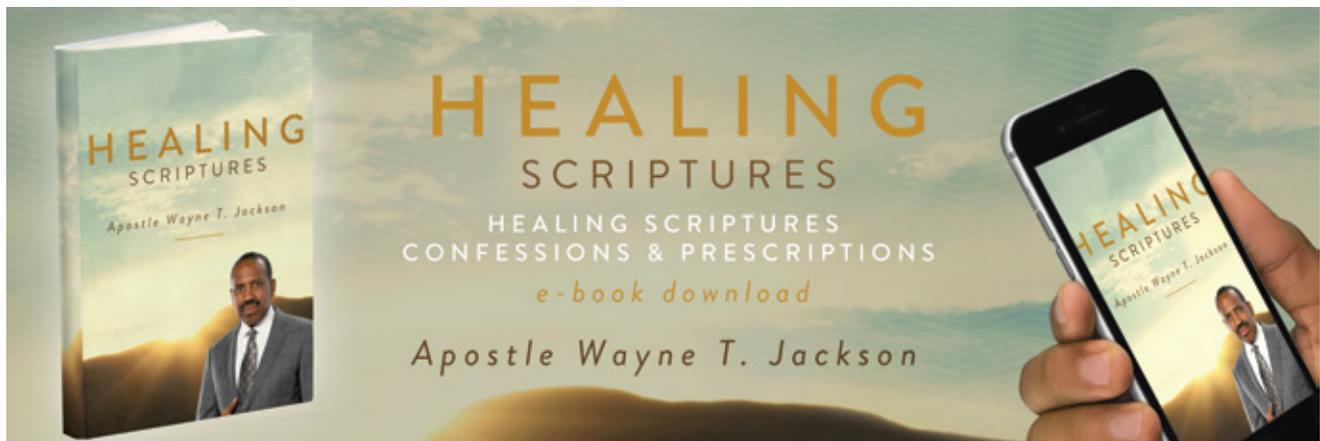
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