

# Pray

## Seven Things God Does When You Pray. What Your Prayers Can Do for Others.

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### How to Pray for People

James 5:16

... The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

### Why Pray for Others?

Mark 9:28-29

After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

<sup>29</sup> He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

**There are Some Things that Only Happen  
through Prayer!**

### Seven Things God Does When You Pray!

**Your Prayers ...**

**1. ... Can Help Set Someone**

Acts 12:5-11

So Peter was kept in prison, **but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.**

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

<sup>8</sup> Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. <sup>9</sup> Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.

<sup>11</sup> Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen."

**2. ... Can Contribute to a  
Society**

1 Timothy 2:1-2

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness

**3. ... Can Protect Others from**

**Luke 22:31-32**

*"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. <sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."*

## 4. ... Can Help People Make an \_\_\_\_\_ in Ministry

**Romans 15:31**

*Pray that I may be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea and that the contribution I take to Jerusalem may be favorably received by the Lord's people there.*

## 5. ... Can Lead People to \_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual Things

**Ephesians 1:18**

*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.*

## 6. ... Can Help People Make \_\_\_\_\_ Commitments

**Ephesians 3:16-18**

*I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.*

## How to Pray for Your Children

- 1. Pray that they will know Christ as Savior early in life.** (Psalm 63:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:15)
- 2. Pray that they will have a hatred for sin.** (Psalm 97:10)
- 3. Pray that they will be caught when guilty.** (Psalm 119:71)
- 4. Pray that they will be protected from the evil one in each area of their lives.** (John 17:15)
- 5. Pray that they will have a responsible attitude in all their interpersonal relationships.** (Daniel 6:3)
- 6. Pray that they will respect people in authority over them.** (Romans 13:1)
- 7. Pray that they will desire the right kind of friends and be protected from the wrong friends.** (Proverbs 1:10-15)
- 8. Pray that they, as well as their mates, will be kept pure.** (1 Corinthians 6:14-20)
- 9. Pray that they will be kept from the wrong mate and saved for the right one.** (2 Corinthians 6:14-17)
- 10. Pray that they will learn to submit totally to God and actively resist Satan in all circumstances.** (James 4:7)
- 11. Pray that they will be single-hearted, willing to be sold out to Jesus Christ.** (Romans 12:1-2)
- 12. Pray that they will be protected from wrong people, places, and influences.** (Hosea 2:8)

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## 7. ... Can \_\_\_\_\_ People to Christ

**Philemon 1:6**

*I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.*

**Matthew 9:37-38**

*Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

## Activate Your Prayer Life Today

**1. Make a list of those you need to prayer for.**

**2. Make a record of those prayers that have been answered!**

**Fill in the blanks:** Free, Peaceful, Temptation, Impact, Understand, Spiritual, Influence



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