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What is Prayer

By Joy Haney



God must think prayer is very important. He has stored in a vial in heaven every prayer you have ever prayed. "And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of the saints" (Revelation 5:8). Notice He did not place them in cheap containers. The prayers of the saints are precious to Him. He stores them in a golden container. He not only hears our prayer, but He is preserving them forever.

We are told to "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). We like the scriptures that tell us God shall supply all our needs and we quote them and live by them. Sometimes we ignore the ones that tell us to pray. We ignore them simply by not obeying them. Then we wonder why we do not have victory or why we do not have revival.

Prayer is life changing. Prayer is a purifier. Prayer makes us look up. Prayer is asking and

receiving. Prayer is the answer for all things because God answers prayers. Prayer is touching God.

Prayer is joy... Psalm 16:11
Prayer is peace... Matthew 11:28-30
Prayer is inspiration... Job 32:8
Prayer is power... Acts 4:31
Prayer is rewarded... I Peter 2:12
Prayer is cleansing... Isaiah 6
Prayer is healing... II Chronicles 7:14
Prayer is energy... Acts 17:28
Prayer gives faith... Mark 9:29
Prayers are stored forever... Revelation 5:8
Prayer gives confidence... I John 5:14

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Prayer Warrior

By Mary Catherine Beek



When I think of a warrior, I think of ancient Japanese warriors who were so devoted yet savage and fearless. Throughout history, many cultures have produced their own types of warriors, each claiming to be the best and most courageous. All followed some sort of honor code and rituals they felt made them a better warrior.

In Deuteronomy 20:1, we see Moses encouraging the children of Israel. "When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."

Today, we may not have horses and chariots chasing after us, but we do face real battles. Someone's battle may be past sins nagging at them. Some may feel insecurities about their walk with God. Others may just struggle with the daily chores of family life. All are real battles we may face day in and day out. We need to see ourselves as warriors - strong, courageous, fearless, and disciplined in prayer.

"For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me" (Psalm 18:39).

Do you feel your strength has run out, or you are dragging your feet because you lack commitment in your life? Remember, God has already taken care of those who will rise up against us. If our prayer life is consistent like that of a warrior, we have nothing to fear. Every day we should wake up with a kingdom mindset and pray the will of God

over our lives and those in our family.

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).

This scripture encourages me. As a born again Christian, God has already promised we can be overcomers. This means we must overcome our weaknesses. Weaknesses can defeat us - or through prayer can be defeated.

Ancient warriors were not always engaged in a battle. They were, however, consistent in their rituals and convictions. They trained every day, religiously following a routine when not fighting in a battle. We may not be in a battle every day, but we must stay consistent in prayer to build our relationship with God stronger and stronger. We cannot just run to God when a situation arises. We must stay in close communication to remain spiritually aware.

Here are some things that have helped me become more consistent in my prayer life.

- Designate a prayer space.
- Set a specific time (this can change).
- Keep a prayer journal.
- Have specific prayer needs (prayer calendar, local, district, global needs).
- Always start and finish with a praise on your lips.

When you have this structure in your life, relate it to your family. Include your husband and children in your prayer time. This will encourage your children in starting their own prayer life. This has helped our children to know and understand the power of their prayers.

In everything find something you can connect to that will draw you into purposeful prayer. It will affect your family, your life, and eternity.

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The Impact of Praying for Our Children

By Sharon Turpin



It was a hot night in August when he entered this world. It had been a long nine months, and I couldn't wait to finally meet him. You can imagine the surprise and terror that overwhelmed me when the doctor informed us that our baby, Dustin, had spina bifida. Spina bifida occurs when the bones of the spine do not form properly around the baby's spinal cord. Although I didn't know much about this type of birth defect, I knew it was not good news.

Not knowing if Dustin would live through the night, we immediately called on the prayer warriors. James 5:14 tells us to call for the elders of the church.

Prayers were lifted up for Dustin and God took control.

Walking by faith and living on a prayer, we made it through those first few trying years. Many miracles came through time, as God had promised me. Dustin began to grow into an intelligent little boy.

In the beginning of his life, there was a special bond that began to happen with Dustin and my sister's husband, Danny. Many hours spent together created a strong love that only grew as time passed. They grew very close those few years.

Not knowing the impact Dustin was having on Danny's life, it took me by surprise when he convinced Danny to attend a revival service we were having at our local church. What happened next changed the path of Danny's life. Looking back, I don't remember very many church services Danny missed after that special night. Days turned into months and months into years. God had completely rerouted Danny's life, all because a little boy wanted his uncle in church with him and wasn't afraid to ask him. The Bible tells us in Joshua 1:9, "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (NKJV).

We did not know our time with Danny was limited, but God did. He only lived sixteen years after that first service when he returned to God. He lived for God to the fullest, telling his story of how God used a little three year old boy to help him find his way back.

We never know just how God will work through our children. I believe praying for them is an investment in the kingdom. Our prayers have a powerful impact on children. Praying that God gives them strength to do what they need to do each day can change the life of a child. It did for Dustin, and it also made the difference in the life of his uncle.

I often wonder what would have happened had it not been for the prayers that kept Dustin alive. Where would he be today? He has faced challenges, but God has given him courage through it all. He preaches from a wheel chair, encouraging others to never give up. From the age of three until now, he has seen many receive the Holy Ghost through his ministry.

I encourage prayer for our children. The impact of our prayer for a child, can not only affect that child, but many others that are directed in their path. We never know how many lives will be impacted by the prayers we have prayed over a child!

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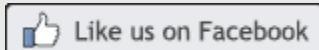
From the Mailbox

Just wanted to say how much I loved Sis. Kim Haney's article in the September issue. My life was certainly changed by morning prayer, and I hope many others will experience this wonderful privilege! -Wanda Fielder, UPCI LM Connections Director

Glad to be connected! I'm the prayer coordinator here in UPCI Abu Dhabi and it would be great if we can receive some prayer materials from you. God bless, Sis Nel

This is wonderful - thank you, Jesus. I use several of these translations in our International church in Paris. They are such a blessing to the ladies... the Tagalog translation has not been available for several months - we are looking forward to receiving it again. God bless all of the translators! :) -Darla Bouche

Thank you so much for all the materials you send me. It helps me grow in knowledge for the Lord. -Email



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TEACH ME



TEACH ME - LEARN IT

Lesson

A story in Luke 17 tells of ten very sick men. The disease they suffered from, called leprosy, was easily spread from one person to another. Because of this, they were not allowed to live within their communities, and were separated from their families. Though they were separated from others, they heard Jesus had power to heal.

One day Jesus came to the city where they lived. When he was close, they called out to him to have mercy on them. Jesus had compassion and healed all ten of them. The men were so excited they ran off to tell their friends and family whom they had been separated from. But one man turned back, returning to Jesus to bow before him and give him thanks. The other nine never returned.

The Bible says because the one man came back to thank Jesus, he was made whole. Not only was the disease removed, but all parts of his body were completely healed. It is important that we are thankful, and keep in perspective the things that are truly important. There is always something we can be thankful for. We can live a life of thanks "living".

"In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

SHOW ME



SHOW ME - SEE IT IN ACTION

Activity

Materials needed: paper to write or draw on and a container to store the papers in. Optional: blank journal

Thanksgiving should be part of our lifestyle. Each day set aside family time to discuss and write down things you are thankful for. Intentionally become aware of the many blessings the Lord gives you, including the small things that you often overlook.

To record the blessings, draw a picture of them, or write a note to the Lord thanking Him. Store the notes in a container that is prominent in your home. You may wish to create a gratitude journal and record your praise moments in a blank journal the family can share, write in, and decorate.

From time to time take the notes out of the container and read them again as a family.

TRAIN ME



TRAIN ME

Prayer Time

Thanksgiving is a type of prayer. Pray prayers of thanksgiving for the many blessings in your life. Here are some examples:

- Thank you Jesus for healing _____ of sickness.
- Thank you God for the beauty of nature. The trees, flowers, sunshine, gentle breeze are all special gifts from You for each of us.
- Thank you Lord for my family and friends.
- Thank you for difficult situations in my life that remind me just how much I need You every minute of every day.



"Change is the end result of all true learning."

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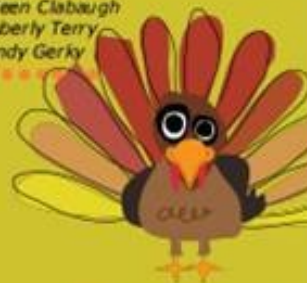
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God is doing mighty things!

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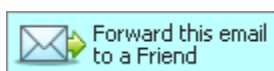
Who we are . . . Since 1999: Ladies Prayer Intl. is made up of women worldwide, who meet on the first Monday of each month to unite in focused prayer for their children and the children of the local church and community.

Our Mission . . . We are committed to the spiritual preservation of this generation and beyond and the spiritual restoration of previous generations.

Our Need . . . Committed women who will join together on the first Monday of each month and pray focused prayer for their children.

Three Priorities of Prayer...

- The salvation of our children (Isaiah 49:25; Psalm 144:12; Isaiah 43:5-6).
- That they take ownership of the faith at an accountable age (I John 2:25-28; James 1:25).
- That they enter into the ministry of the Lord's harvest (Matthew 9:38).





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