

Why Pray?

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## Why Pray?

By Jane Buford



Prayers can be prayed any time and any place! We serve a God that hears and answers our prayers.

Why pray you ask? Prayer makes a difference in everything we do. Prayer is an open door of communication to our God. "Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord" (Jeremiah 23:23-24). God hears all our prayers and sometimes His answer will be "Yes," "No," "Let's wait," or "I have a better plan!" His ways are always better than our ways.

Years ago, we were looking in an area to buy a home. This home met our needs and we were excited. Before we committed to buy, we set aside a time for prayer and fasting. At the end, my husband and I both felt that this was not the house for us. Was I disappointed? Yes. But a short time later we bought another home. While living in that home, our son Brad won a young neighbor boy to the Lord, who is still living for God today. It always pays to pray!

Why pray you ask? Because we need His guidance. A great way to begin every day is praying. One never knows what the day will hold. God, let us not get ahead of Your plans. Come boldly to God and ask for His spirit to lead you away from temptation. More than anything, we need to crave His presence. Life gets challenging sometimes. When we come into His throne room, He gives us strength, protection, and wisdom for each new day. God, guide our ways, teach us, and lead us in Your path. Guide us in your truth. (See Psalm 25:4-5.) God will give you guidance in whatever decisions or situations you experience.

Why pray, you ask? As ladies, we need to pray for children-either our own or those close to us. We live in perilous times. We cannot hide the children away from the world, but we can pray a covering to guard them. We can intercede on their behalf and ask the Lord to cover them in wisdom, strength, and power. We can pray that God will help them make right choices. This world is putting evil things in their path, but greater is He that is in us than he that is in this world! Cover them with the whole armor of God. (See Ephesians 6:10-18.) Quote these Scriptures over the children. You might be the only shield for some of these precious children in our churches. Give them a card and let them know that you prayed for them. They will never forget this!

Prayer is one of the main weapons for everything we do! Guidance-YES! Decisions-YES! Children-YES! OURSELVES-YES! What a privilege that we can call on His name any time and any place-right now!

Note: Jane Buford is general secretary of UPCI Ladies Ministries. She is married to P. Daniel Buford who is an associate editor for the United Pentecostal Church International. They have two sons, Brandon/Brianne Buford and Brad/Tempie Buford, and four outstanding grandchildren.

## For the Sake of Our Children

By Donna Ten Eyck



Prayer: a meeting place for heaven on earth; a place where the impossible becomes possible.

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

Seeking God diligently in prayer establishes our belief in Who He is, renews hope in the things not yet seen, and finally positions us on the right

side of faith.

In spite of opposition, prayer holds on even when it seems there is nothing left to hold to, except for "now faith." "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

Faith allows us to stay connected to the timeline of God's divine plan for our children's future. God wants to work with us to help our children to discover for themselves who they are and where their path will lead.

While recently wrestling about something in prayer and getting nowhere, these words startled me. "Donna, you need to be still and know I am God." Immediately, I went to Psalm 46:10. "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

Praying out of desperation, I found myself wrestling with God to get my own way. I was being spirit-driven (single-minded in the outcome) and not spirit-led (united with His outcome). Realizing I was praying against God's will, I began to lay aside the emotional fear of the outcome and allowed God to pray through me. My prayer became one of submission. Thankfully, the Lord so graciously reminded me that He is sovereign in all things.

Before praying, we must be "still" (release, let go) and "know" (recognize He is Sovereign). We surrender preconceived ideas of how God will or should answer and let go, refusing to wrestle with something we cannot change. We recognize God is in control of the plan for His own purpose.

We can be assured God knows the end from the beginning. We will always be successful in praying for our children if we apply what Jesus said: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

Why Pray? For the sake of our children!

Note: Donna Ten Eyck is licensed with the United Pentecostal Church International. She serves with the Mississippi Ladies Committee as director of Ladies Prayer International and Ladies Promotions. Donna is also the administrative assistant for the Mississippi Prayer Force and assists Pastor Dobbs and his wife Pam at Word Alive Revival Center in Wiggins, Mississippi.

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## Prayer - Why Pray?

By Teri Spears



"Teri, just because I said so!" were words I often heard as a child. When all else fails with a child, you play a trump card - "Because I said so."

We pray many times just because someone said so, without true understanding.

Is prayer really necessary? Does a sovereign, all-powerful, all-knowing, all-seeing God need our prayers? If so, why?

We must go back to God's original plan for mankind. God made Adam who represents us all. What God intended for Adam, He intended for the entire human race. He gave him and his descendants dominion over the earth and creation. (Read Genesis 1:26-28 and Psalm 8:6.)

In Psalm 8:6, the original Hebrew word for "rule" is "marshal." Adam was God's marshal/manager on earth - God's representative. What does it mean to represent someone? We re-present the will of another. It is no small task to re-present God. That is our purpose, to be like Him.

By spending time in His presence we learn to speak as He would - represent Him. Adam represented God, presenting His will on earth. For better or worse how things went on earth depended on Adam and his descendants. If earth remained a paradise, it would be because of man. If things became messed up, it would be because of man. Humanity really was in charge.

God gave Adam authority over the earth, but Adam gave it away to Satan. Because of this Jesus became part of humanity to fix the mess we made. If that doesn't prove God's love and determination to use us no matter what, then nothing does.

Does God really need us? Yes and no. Because He's God, He's complete. But because He desires to be in relationship, He chose to limit Himself by working through us.

So why do I ask God in prayer for something I know He already wants to do, such as bless our church or bless our family? It's because my asking releases Him. We are in a position of partnership. He wants a relationship based on love.

God designed prayer, not just "because He said so." He designed it for relationship and kingdom building, His will done on earth as it is in Heaven.

That's why we pray!

Note: After all Teri's accomplishments, and over 40 years serving in ministry alongside her husband Steve, she is most proud of her 3 children and 5 grandchildren! She is an author, a licensed family therapist, and gifted speaker.

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## My Challenge to Pray

By Jenny Follmer



As a mom of two young, beautiful, independent children, I often find myself in awe! If I am totally honest with you, I am also terrified. There are nights my parenting self-evaluation kicks in. Did I speak kindly? Did I encourage good behavior? Did I model those behaviors? Did I listen to them? Was I too distracted? Did I raise my voice? Did I love them enough?

Self-reflection is good, but I am often too hard on myself. Thankfully, God in His grace allows me moments of encouragement where I can see that the good far outweighs the bad. One of these moments happened in church recently. I was busy chasing after my two-year-old son during altar call, and when I looked up I saw my four-year-old daughter kneeling at the altar, face in her hands, genuinely praying to God. Those thoughts of failure and doubt melted in a moment, and I thanked God for His amazing grace.

One of my favorite scriptures is Philippians 1:6 -"Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ (NKJV)." I always thought Paul was referring to the things we are "doing"for the Lord as being our "good works." Recently though, God dropped a thought into my mind about this verse in relation to my children. They are a representation of the "good works"God has begun in me - literally - when He chose me to be their mother.

This has become a lens God has given me to view my parental self-evaluation. It has challenged me to pray more for and with my children. It is not about how badly I may have failed as a mother, but about a refocusing of Who is really in control. Our challenge is to live according to Proverbs 3:5. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding (NKJV)." We must lean on the Word of God! God chose to begin that "good work,"that child, in you and He does not make mistakes.

I can lead my children being confident God is the one helping me to see them come to His perfection. In my moments of weakness He is my strength (Philippians 4:13). In times when I feel I lack the knowledge to make good decisions, He grants wisdom (James 1:5). When I am filled with fear, He reassures me He is our protector (Psalm 91:1-2). So, be encouraged and confident today. God chose you, and what He began in you He will perfect, protect, and see through to the end.

Note: Jenny Follmer, her husband, and two children were recently appointed as Intermediate Missionaries to the United Kingdom after serving there as Associates in Missions for almost ten years. She is a general licensed minister with the UPCI and serves as district ladies leader.



#### From the Mailbox

- Dear LPI, Just emailed to say that the newsletters are invaluable. Appreciate the Word.Incredible!!!! THANK YOU for all that goes into these! - Annette T
- Thank you so much for all you do. Your inspiring posts on Facebook are so helpful as we desire to encourage our Ladies at Church in Surrey, BC! -Sis Billie
- Praise the Lord, I am Sis Monalisa T. Sarmiento from Pampanga Philippines a Pastors

wife for 28 yrs and one of the Ladies Auxiliary official from our District here in the Philippines, I am sharing your article to our ladies in the church and it's really a great blessing to them, God bless you all.

- Great newsletter! I enjoy translating it into Indonesian. Love and prayers, -Vani Marshall

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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 (1 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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