



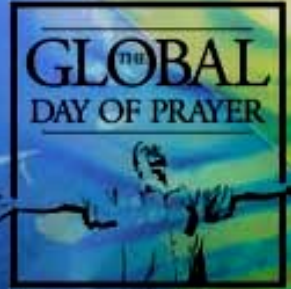
# Praying Effectively

(Part 1)

Today is

# Global Day of Prayer

(GDOP)



## 1 Timothy 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,

<sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in authority,

that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.



## **1 Timothy 2:1-5**

<sup>3</sup>For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus





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# Introduction



Like a handphone, it must have power and strong signal i.e. it must be properly connected.



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- ✓ **Every believer wants to have his prayer heard and answered.**
- ✓ **Every believer must have the conviction that his prayers are actually heard by God.**





**Luke 11:1**

Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him,

“Lord, teach us to pray,

as John also taught his disciples.”

This must be the longing and desire of **every believer** to grow his prayer-life and to pray effectively.



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**Mercy** *means*

*the negative bad consequences that is due to us have been averted or mitigated by God.*

## **Hebrews 4:16**

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may **OBTAIN MERCY** and find grace to help in time of need.



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**Grace** means

*that what we need in our lives  
can be supplied by God beginning  
with our salvation.*

## **Ephesians 2:8-9**

<sup>8</sup>For **BY GRACE** you have been saved through faith, and that **NOT OF YOURSELVES**; it is the gift of God,  
<sup>9</sup>**NOT OF WORKS**, lest anyone should boast.





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## 2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.



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## Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith,  
we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ



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## 1 Timothy 1:19

having faith and a good conscience,  
which some having rejected,  
concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck



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## 1 John 3:20-22

<sup>20</sup>For if our heart condemns us,

God is greater than our heart,  
and knows all things.

<sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us,  
we have confidence toward God.



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## Hebrews 10:19-20

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

<sup>20</sup>by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,



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## Hebrews 10:21-22

<sup>21</sup>and having a High Priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.





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## Romans 5:17b

... much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

## James 5:16b (NIV)

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.



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## Matthew 6:5-6

<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men.

Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.



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<sup>6</sup>But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.



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  - if it is for anything other than speaking to God, it is just noise of no effect.
  - rituals.
  - just mere saying prayers



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EG2 - controlling soulish prayers

James 3:15 - witchcraft - transference -  
demonic attacks



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Do not pray negatively nor focus on your problems for they will only energize and strengthen your problems.

**Proverbs 18:21**

**Death and life are in the power of the tongue,  
and those who love it will eat its fruit.**



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## Adam and Eve

- nobody to intercede
- no demons to cast out
- no kingdoms to tear down
- no clothes, food, houses or jobs to believe for
- no petitions at all





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## Adam and Eve

- Yet they met with God every evening in the cool of the day and communed with Him.
- The conversations with God had nothing in them concerning sin, lack, need, problems, repenting, begging or pleading.
- Yet they prayed, communed with God every day.



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## Psalm 100:4-5

<sup>4</sup>Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
And into his courts with praise.  
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

<sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good; His mercy  
is everlasting, and His truth endures  
to all generations.



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## Psalm 103:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,



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<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from destruction,  
who crowns you with loving-kindness and  
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with good things, so that your youth  
is renewed like the eagle's.



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## **1 Thessalonians 5:17**

Pray without ceasing.

**This is constant communion -**

**connected with God all the time**



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3. Intentionally pray the Word to be strong spiritually

i.e. **to be Mighty in Spirit**

**to deepen the relationship with God**

an example of such a prayer is

**Colossians 1:9b-12**



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## **Colossians 1:9b-12** (NIV)

<sup>9</sup>... asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. <sup>10</sup>And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,



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<sup>11</sup>being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully

<sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.



# Principles To Pray Effectively

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**God already knows our needs**

## **Matthew 6:8**

Therefore do not be like them.  
For your Father knows the things you have  
need of before you ask Him.



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## Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.



## 2 Peter 1:3-4

<sup>3</sup>as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, <sup>4</sup>by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.



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i.e. **the Divine Exchange**



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Therefore, ignorance of the **Divine Exchange** [our position in Christ] and God's **Promises** will impoverish us.



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e.g. 1 - **No Guilt & No Condemnation**

## **Romans 8:1**

There is therefore now **no condemnation**  
**to those who are in Christ Jesus,**  
who do not **walk** according to the flesh,  
but **according to the Spirit.**



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e.g. 2

## **Ephesians 1:3**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with **every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ**



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## **2 Corinthians 5:7**

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

## **Hebrews 11:6**

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.



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