

Prayer Meeting
Sunday, August 9, 2020

Let's start off by asking: Why do we believe God will answer our prayers?

Answer: Because God is a loving father who enjoys giving good things to his children.

So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! (Luke 11:9-13)

I. Pray for us, that God will give us the Holy Spirit

Pray that God will give us his Holy Spirit. What does that look like?

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 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, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. (Ephesians 1:17-19)

Pray that God would give us his Holy Spirit

So that:

- We can know him better
- We can have spiritual wisdom
- We can know his "incomparably great power for us who believe."

Here's an example of people who were filled with the Spirit:

1 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. 2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. 3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you **who are known to be full of the Spirit and**

wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.” (Acts 6:1-6)

Let me ask a hard question: Are you full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom? If you’re not sure, ask God. He says he’s happy to give his Holy Spirit

Stop here for prayer time.

II. Pray for our City, State, and Nation

Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper. (Jeremiah 29:7)

When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (II Chron 7:13-14)

- Pray for revival: That our land will turn from sin to our Lord.
- Pray for peace and prosperity for Teaneck and the surrounding region (New York, Bergen Country)
- Pray for peace and prosperity for our country.

Stop here for prayer time.

III. Pray for our Leaders

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (I Tim 2:1-4)

Pray for our leaders (Salvation and Wisdom)

- President: Donald Trump
- Vice President: Michael Pence
- Senators: Robert Menendez, Cory Booker
- Congressman: Bill Pascrell
- Mayor of Teaneck: Jim Dunleavy

Stop here for prayer time.

IV. Pray for God to send workers into the world

He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. (Luke 10:2)

Pray for people to spread God’s word throughout our community, our nation, and our world.
- Maybe you?

Pray for our missionaries:

- Tom and Tanya Clyde (Reach Global, Czech Republic)
- Mike and Caryn DeGena (Reach Global, France)
- Anna Deikun (Slavic Ministries, Brooklyn)
- Phil and Jan Foster (Wycliffe Bible Translators)
- Lunda and Dan Rudd (TEAM, Japan)
- Wil and Donna Synder (Wycliffe Bible Translators)
- Nazih Shakir, Egypt

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V. Pray for us!

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (James 5:13-16)

Quietly confess personal sin.

Pray for any who are “in trouble”

- They’re out of work, not sure how to pay the bills, etc.

Pray for those who are sick.

- Pray that we all would be protected from the virus.

Stop here for prayer time.

Conclusion

Please continue in prayer!

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)

Announcement!

We will be participating in a national day of prayer on September 26, 2020. We'll join through a simulcast at our church.

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