

The Prayer of the Righteous is His Delight

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Introduction: Are you worried about the impact that the election is going to have on your way of life? What are your present assets that you are willing to lose without losing your mind? What dreams and aspirations for the future do you believe have been shattered with no hope of restoration? Has the world situation taken your peace of mind and replaced it with doubts, disappointments, depression, and despair?

Do not forget to check your heavenly escrow account to see what God has available just for you.

Heb 4:16 *Let us therefore **come boldly** unto the throne of grace, that we may **obtain mercy**, and **find grace** to help in time of need.*

Prayer is one of our greatest resources

A. What is prayer? Prayer is communicating with God. It is asking and expecting results according to the will of God. It is the channel for appropriating God's resources for our needs.

B. Why should we pray? Because it:

- a. Glorifies God **John 14:13** (your reason to pray is his reason to answer).
- b. God commands it in **First Thessalonians 5:17**. **Philippians 4:6** says to make our request known not our demands.
- c. It enhances our walk with God. **Pro 15:8** *The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but **the prayer of the upright is his delight.***
- d. Because the son of God did nothing without checking in with his father.
- e. Because a righteous man can produce results that lies beyond his natural ability to perform. **James 5:17-18**
- f. Because constant communication with the Lord will naturally bring us closer to God and produce a continual awareness of his will for our lives.

C. To whom shall we pray?

We pray to the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. What is God like or how would you describe him? Knowing some of the attributes of God will enable the Christian to pray more wisely and greater confidence. We communicate better with someone we know.

- a. Infinite **1Ki 8:27** *But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?*
- b. Eternal **Isa 57:15** *For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*
- c. Omnipresent **Psa 139:7** *Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?*

- d. Omniscient [1Jn 3:20](#) *For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.*
- e. Wise [Act 15:18](#) *Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.*
- f. Holy [1Pe 1:16](#) *Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*
- g. Loving [1Jn 4:8](#) *He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*
- h. Merciful [Lam 3:22](#) *It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.*
[Lam 3:23](#) *They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.*

D. An acceptable formula to achieve answered prayer.

- a. Ask [Mat 7:7](#) *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:*
[Mat 7:8](#) *For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.*
- b. Believe [Jas 1:5](#) *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*
[Jas 1:6](#) *But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.*
- c. Be unselfish [Jas 4:3](#) *Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*
- d. Be in harmony with the revealed will (WORD) of God.
[1Jn 5:14](#) *And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*
[1Jn 5:15](#) *And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*

Praise may produce prayer, but prayer may also produce praise.
 Praise God for who he is, what he has done, and what he will do.

Something to think about:

Is a miracle prayer the same as asking God to suspend a natural law to the will of a divine law?

Can God intervene after a natural law has already fulfilled it's responsibility?

If you pray without believing, did you truly pray to God or into the air?

[Heb 11:6](#) 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.