Keys To Effective and Successful Prayer

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2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)

**14**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 will forgive their sin and heal their land.

# James 5:16 (NKJV)

**16**Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

*1. Pray Rightly.*

# James 4:2-3 (NKJV)

**2**You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

**3**You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

# Joshua 1:8-9 (NKJV)

**8**This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

**9**Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God *is* with you wherever you go.”

# Matthew 6:5-15 (NKJV)

**5**“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.

**6**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.

**7**And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do.* For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

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

**9**In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.  
**10**Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.  
**11**Give us this day our daily bread.  
**12**And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.  
**13**And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**14**“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

**15**But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

*2. Pray with confidence.*

# Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)

**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.

# 1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV)

**14**Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

**15**And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

# Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

**11**For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

*3. Pray consistently.*

# 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 (NKJV)

**17**pray without ceasing,

**18**in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

# Mark 11:22-25 (NKJV)

**22**So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God.

**23**For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

**24**Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them,* and you will have *them.*

**25**“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

*4. Trust in God’s timing and His answer.*

# Psalm 69:13 (NKJV)

**13**But as for me, my prayer *is* to You, O Lord, *in* the acceptable time; O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, Hear me in the truth of Your salvation.

# Psalm 37:7 (NKJV)

# 7Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

# Psalm 27:13-14 (NKJV)

**13***I would have lost heart,* unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living.

**14**Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!

# Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

**5**Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

**6**In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

# Isaiah 65:24 (NKJV)

**24**“It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer;  
And while they are still speaking, I will hear.

*5. Know that God answers prayers for your benefit and His glory.*

# Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

**28**And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

# John 15:16 (NKJV)

**16**You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

# Psalm 37:4-5 (NKJV)

**4**Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

**5**Commityour way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring *it* to pass.

# Psalm 50:15 (NKJV)

**15**Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

# Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV)

**20**Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

**21**to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.