

**Prayer** is an invocation or act that seeks to activate a rapport with an object of worship through deliberate communication. In the narrow sense, the term refers to an act of supplication or intercession directed towards a deity (a god), or a deified ancestor.

#### **GENESIS 13:8**

» 8 † And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, **I pray thee**, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4994

4994 » na' {naw} a"n a primitive particle of incitement and entreaty, which may usually be rendered: "I pray," "now," or "then"; TWOT -- 1269; part

1) I (we) pray, now, please

1a) used in entreaty or exhortation

#### **GENESIS 20:7**

» 7 † **Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.**

HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 6419

6419 » palal {paw-lal'} l;l'P a primitive root; TWOT -- 1776;

1) to intervene, interpose, pray

1a) (Piel) to mediate, judge

1b1) to intercede

1b2) to pray

#### **GENESIS 20:17**

» 17 † So **Abraham prayed** unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children.

#### **NUMBERS 11:2**

» 2 † And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses **prayed** unto the LORD, the fire was quenched.

#### **PSALM 5:1**

» 1 † ¶ **To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth, A Psalm of David. Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation.**

» 2 † **Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.**

» 3 † **My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.**

#### **PROVERBS 15:8**

» 8 † ¶ **The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.**

#### **ISAIAH 56:7**

» 7 † **Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.**

**DANIEL 9:20**

» 20 † ¶ And whiles I was speaking, and **praying**, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;

» 21 † Yea, **whiles I was speaking in prayer**, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

**MATTHEW 5:44**

» 44 † But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and **pray** for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

**MATTHEW 6:5**

» 5 † ¶ And when **thou prayest**, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

» 6 † But thou, **when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.**

» 7 † **But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions**, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

» 8 † Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

» 9 † ¶ **After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.**

» 10 † **Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

**MATTHEW 21:22**

» 22 † And all things, whatsoever ye shall **ask in prayer**, believing, ye shall receive.

**MARK 11:23**

» 23 † For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

» 24 † Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, **when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**

» 25 † **And when ye stand praying, forgive**, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

» 26 † But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

**JOHN 17:9**

» 9 † **I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.**

#### ACTS 1:14

» 14 † These all continued with one accord **in prayer** and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

#### ACTS 4:31

» 31 † And **when they had prayed**, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

#### ROMANS 8:26

» 26 † ¶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: **for we know not what we should pray for as we ought**: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

#### I CORINTHIANS 11:4

» 4 † Every man **praying** or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.

» 5 † But every woman that **prayeth** or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

#### I CORINTHIANS 11:13

» 13 † Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman **pray** unto God uncovered?

#### I THESSALONIANS 5:16

» 16 † ¶ Rejoice evermore.

» 17 † **Pray without ceasing.**

» 18 † In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you

#### I TIMOTHY 4:4

» 4 † For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

» 5 † For it is sanctified by the word of God **and prayer**.

#### JAMES 5:14

» 14 † Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them **pray over him**, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

» 15 † And **the prayer of faith shall save the sick**, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

» 16 † Confess your faults one to another, **and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.**

#### REVELATION 5:8

» 8 † And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, **which are the prayers of saints.**

52-0717 GET.THE.PEOPLE.TO.BELIEVE\_ HAMMOND.IN THURSDAY\_

O Father, I pray as Your servant, the only way... We realize that--that prayer changes things. Prayer changes a sinner to a Christian. Prayer changes a sick man into a well man. And I ask, in joining prayer with this man that You heal his body. May he go off this platform happy, rejoicing, in Jesus' Name, be well. Amen.

53-0604 THE.ANGEL.OF.THE.LORD\_ CONNERSVILLE.IN THURSDAY\_

Now, look what prayer does. Prayer changed from death to life. God had said, "The man's going to die." And I believe Isaiah told the truth. He was borned a prophet, and his words were true and came from God. And then Hezekiah's prayer changed the opinion of God. Oh, my. I like that. **Prayer changes things. It's the most powerful force that God ever put in the hands of man, is a sincere prayer offered to God.** Jesus said, "Whatever you ask the Father in My Name, that I'll do." Believe it. Try it once, and see if it isn't true.

61-0207 EXPECTATION\_ LONG.BEACH.CA TUESDAY\_

« E-9 † What man calls great, God calls foolish. And what man calls foolish, God calls great. So what we've got to do is get back into the program of God and find out, after all, what God wants us to do. And the only way I know to do it is prayer. Prayer is the key. That's the answer. Prayer changes things. **Prayer is the most powerful weapon that was ever put in the--the control of human beings. There's no atomic bomb, or no hydrogen bomb as powerful as prayer. Prayer will change the mind of God. Did you know that? It did do it one time.**

Prayer isn't a ritual that depends on closing our eyes and putting on holy faces. We don't have to kneel or sit. We can pray while walking, driving, or working. God responds to a two word cry for help in the middle of a busy afternoon, just like He does to a focused prayer time after reading Scripture in the morning. Praying doesn't have to be complicated. God delights in any simple words we offer Him.