



# Praying the Powerful Prayers of Paul

Introduction



# Pray Without Ceasing

- I Thessalonians 5:17—teaches a straightforward yet incredibly profound instruction regarding prayer. Pray without stopping.
- The presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit has changed all of the rules when it comes to prayer.
- I Corinthians 12:13—God the Holy Spirit is what places us into the body of Christ.
- Ephesians 4:30—God the Holy Spirit also takes up residence in your spirit and seals you into the Body of Christ until the day of redemption.

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- In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit would come upon people for a time in order to accomplish a task but it would not permanently indwell the Old Testament Saints.
  - Judges 3:10, 6:34, 14:6
  - II Samuel 7:15
  - Psalm 51:11—David pleads with God not to take his Holy Spirit from him.
- Acts 3:1—there were specific hours and places where prayers were to be offered.
- Daniel 6:10—Daniel prayers toward Jerusalem 3 times a day.

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- Psalm 55:17—how often was Daniel praying? What were the disciples doing in Acts 3:1? They were praying in line with how Israel was supposed to pray.
- Matthew 6:6—we no longer need to find secret places to pray.
- One of the first things Paul teaches us is that prayer is much more than a spiritual discipline to be entered into during certain times and seasons. It should instead be a close and as regular as your breath, integrated into every fiber of your being.

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- Romans 12:12—in our fast food, instant gratification society this verse ought to make sense to us.
- “instant” means to be steadfastly attentive unto, to give unremitting care to a thing, to continue all the time in one place
  - Romans 13:6—attending continually upon is the same Greek word translated instant in Romans 12:12
- Philippians 4:6-7—Paul’s formula is simple. Have a concern? Pray right then and there.

# Instant Prayer in Action

- Philippians 1:3—“upon every remembrance of you”
- II Timothy 1:3—“remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day”
- Romans 1:9—“make mention of you in my prayers”
- Ephesians 1:16—“making mention of you in my prayers”
- I Thessalonians 1:2—“making mention of you in our prayers”
- Philemon 4—“making mention of thee always in my prayers”

# The Order of Prayer

- I Timothy 2:1-2, 8-- While ever concern or worry is an instant call to prayer, something that should allow you to live constantly in God's peace, Paul also teaches that we should pray for others regularly regardless of our own situations.
- Supplications—need, want, privation, a seeking, asking, or entreating of God or man.
  - Philippians 1:4—“requests”
- Intercessions—a request concerning others on their behalf
- Colossians 4:2—watch in the same with thanksgiving