

# PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING



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**I**t is no secret what God can do, what he has done for others he will do for you.

“When I look back at all that the Lord has done for me, he healed my body, he touched my mind, he saved me just in the nick time, I’m gonna praise His name.” Whenever I hear this song, I just have to dance, and shout, and praise the Lord, it always makes me so joyful, it reminds me of where I have been, and how God set off a change of events in my life to get me to where I am today. It really is no secret what God can do, and if he did it for me, he could do it for you. So, right now, in the midst of your struggles, in the midst of all your confusion, just let go and let God, lay all of our burdens at his feet, believe in him for a breakthrough, trust in him for deliverance, depend on him for healing, and thank him in advance for restoration in every area of your life. When we let go and let God, it is no secret what God can do. He works best through our struggles and confusion, our pride and our shame, our sickness and our need; our God loves a challenge, our God loves to catch us off guard; for many times we set the course for our lives, and we forget that God has the compass, that he is the captain of our ship, and that no storm could change his course, but he could change the course of any storm in our lives. Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord, because, it is no secret what God can do, what he has done for others he can and will do for you.

**G**reater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1 John 4:4

“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. But, you, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” I used to hear my grandmother say, “I am in the world but not of the world”, and I used to laugh at her not fully understanding what she meant. But now I do. When I was in the world, I was not able to see the false spirits for what they were, I was being led by them, but thanks be to God, I am daily overcoming them, for greater is he that is in me, that he who is in the world. I am now being led by the spirit of God which dwells in me. My brothers and sisters in Christ whatever is born of God has overcome the world. I am born of God and I have overcome the world. I am daily overcoming the world. You are born of God, and you can too can overcome the world. “We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.”

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Lord, we opened our hands and you filled them with plenty. But, how did we thank you? We were sick and in need and you healed and provided for us. But, how did we thank you? We pushed you aside when our hands were filled, and we shut you out when we were no longer sick and in need. But, we are thankful that you are merciful, that you are a forgiving and loving God, who gives us those things we are so undeserving of, to show us how much you love us. Therefore, instill in us prayerful, thankful hearts, so that we would be ready to give you thanks and praise, for all the many blessings you daily send our way. Lord, we know that we could depend on

you for so much; Lord, we are thankful that we could take everything to you in prayer, not just some things, not just big things, not just little thing, but everything, to you in prayer. Lord, we don't have to worry, that you will think us simple, but will understand our ignorance in our praying, that you will not remember how ungrateful we have been, but give us comfort, that you will not remind us of our selfishness after you have provided for us, but that you will mercifully hear us, and strengthen our hearts to continue on prayerfully and thankfully each day, for all the many blessings that you daily bestow on us. Amen!



**My mouth shall show forth  
your praise all the day long.**

**G**od is more ready to hear us than we are to pray.

When our troubles get us down, it's hard to look up to God, when our backs are against the wall, we find it a struggle to turn to God, when sickness and disease attack us, we are too fearful to believe in God, and when we are in need, we get too rebellious to trust in God. There is so much confronting us, we have decisions to make, our needs are overwhelming, and our wants are leading us further away from God; because we don't know how to pray for deliverance; we don't know how to ask aright; we don't know how to trust God enough; but know that God, is always more ready to hear us than we are to pray. God is able to deliver us from any problem that we face, any decision that we have to make, God already knows the outcome, he just need to hear you say, Lord, I am in need of your guidance, I need you to show me the way I should go, and sit back and watch God lead you. Many times

our situations could have had different outcomes, if only we had trusted God first, instead of turning to him when things started falling apart, when we did not totally rely on him; when we doubted his love for us; so, as we recognize this, let us pray. Dear God, we are bringing all of our decisions, our needs and our choices before you, not only because we are tired, but because we have tried to fix these problems in our own strength and have failed, and we are acknowledging that you are able to guide and direct, heal and deliver, restore, pardon, and provide. We are thanking you in advance dear Lord, for the answer to our prayers, we will begin trusting you more when we cannot see what lies ahead, we will no longer lean to our own understanding, but in all things we will be more ready to pray knowing that you will always be more ready to hear. Amen.



**Make your requests known to  
God, he is listening.**

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**W**e find it so hard to forgive others, but, we expect to be forgiven by God.

Why does God forgive us when we find it so hard to forgive others? God loves us so much. He died on the cross to show his love for us, and in turn he asks us to love one another even as he has loved us. Yet, we find it hard to love our brothers and sisters, and even harder to love those who are different from us. But, God did not single out whose sins he died for, he said he died that we might live, that all of us, might live, and live peaceably with each other. There are many who have intentionally done wrong things to us, whom we find it hard to forgive, but God reminds us to never render evil for evil, and to feed our enemies. What if God refused to forgive us for the many presumptuous sins we have committed; what if God

were to treat us the way we treat him; what if God was to render to us the same evil we do to others; what if when we have been rebellious, he stopped providing for us; where would we be? So, let us stop for a moment and think of the many things we have done to grieve God's holy spirit today alone; not yesterday, not last week, just today, and if we are honest with ourselves we will know that we too are not perfect nor beyond reproach, and be thankful that our God who is merciful, loves us, and likewise we should love and show mercy to others. For scripture tells us that in the same way we judge others, we will be judged, and the same measure we use, will be measured to us. So, if we forgive others, we too will be forgiven.

**Unforgiveness is choosing to stay trapped in a jail cell of bitterness, serving time for someone**

**Your day of parole is today, the time to forgive is now.**

**T**he fruit of the spirit is our reward. Are you doing all you can to reap your reward?

There is a oneness with the fruit of the Spirit. Have you noticed that God speaks to us about the fruit of the Spirit which is our reward, yet the fruit of the Spirit is listed as love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control? The fact is, that if God linked all of these as the fruit of the Spirit, it means that we must be faithful in all aspects of the fruit of the Spirit. We should be joyful, peaceful, longsuffering, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and practice self-control. But how many of us could say with confidence that we are getting our fair share of the Spirit? How many are at one with the Spirit? Many of us are joyful today and sad tomorrow, peaceful today and at war tomorrow, longsuffering today and short-tempered tomorrow, kind today and unkind tomorrow, good today

and bad tomorrow, faithful today and unfaithful tomorrow, gentle today and harsh tomorrow, controlled today and out of control tomorrow. But does God wants us to be on this roller-coaster? No! Does he expect us to be like this? Yes! But, did he intend for us to continue like this? The answer is no; and that is why he gives us his instructions that we should daily follow, so that we could reap our reward, the fruit of the Spirit. We cannot afford to keep running hot and cold, we must always be engaged in the fruit of the Spirit, by being, loving, joyful, peaceful, long suffering, kind, good, faithful, gentle and always practice self-control. We must keep meditating on God's word, for as we grow spiritually, we will bear more fruits of the Spirit, and in the end we will reap our just reward.



**Are you being faithful in all aspect of the fruit of the spirit?**

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Songs have a way of lifting me up when I am feeling down. Here is one of my favorites as our featured adult song:

## THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

Written by: Frederick William Faber 1862

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea, there is justice in God's mercy, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows, are more felt than up in heaven; there's no place where earth's failings, have such kindly judgment given.

There is a welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good, there is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood. For the Love of God is broader, than the measure of our mind, and the heart of the Eternal, is most wonderfully kind.

Souls of men, why will ye scatter, like a crowd of frightened sheep? Foolish hearts, why will ye wander, from a love so true and deep? If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word, and our lives would all be sunshine, in the sweetness of the Lord.

But we make his love too narrow, by false limits of our own, and we magnify his strictness, with a zeal he will not own. Was there ever a kinder shepherd, half so gentle, half so sweet, as the Savior who would have us? Come, and gather at his feet.



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# INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES FROM THE DESK OF JEWELLYN GREER

- ⇒ Your life is an open book, be sure to share, for what good is a book with chapters if no one else reads them? Let others be blessed by them.
- ⇒ We were all sinners whom God changed into new creatures and is still changing daily from corrupt minds.
- ⇒ Your past transgressions should not hold you back, but help you to progress, but you have to own up to them.
- ⇒ I have seen the results when I trusted and obeyed God, and I have also seen the results of distrust and disobedience to God.
- ⇒ Invite God into your heart and your home, for if your heart is filled with worry, your home will make you weary
- ⇒ Trust God for the things you need but which seems impossible, and watch God work his wonders on you and your family.
- ⇒ Thank you Lord, that I am not where I used to be, but that you are daily moving me towards where you want me to be.
- ⇒ Satan will try to knock me down, but God will win every time, for he picks me up.
- ⇒ You could jump and wave for Jesus anywhere. It's not the place that makes the music, but the song of praise for God in your heart.



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**O**ur spotlight is on you. As a Christian walking in God's way, how do you handle temptation and trials?

Every second, minute, and hour of each day, we are under spiritual attack from the devil. Sometimes, we give up, and sometimes we give in, because we are not fully clothed with the righteousness of God, so that we may be able to withstand. It is easier said than done. I know this, because I daily live it. We read in the book of Jeremiah, that the very things we ought to do, we do not, and things we ought not to do we do them. But why? Why do we allow ourselves to be led in this manner? Why are we not clothed in righteousness always? The Lord will not lead us in the paths of unrighteousness, so who does? We do. We allow the desires of our hearts to give the enemy power over us. We stop listening to God and listen to the wrong voices. But, when we are faced with temptations and trials, because of the desires of our hearts, which always leads to the trials we face, we need to make a record of them, we need to study them, then we need to acknowledge them before God, asking him for his guidance, and for the strength to stay the course, and to run the race with integrity. God understands our weakness and our frailty in our service to him, so we will falter and we will fail, but if we do not give up, and trust in God, he will always pick us up and lead us in the way we should go.



**Daily ask God for the strength to withstand temptations and trials.**

**C**hildren's Corner: There are so many children unknown to us, who are less fortunate than others. We should encourage our children to be helpful and kind to those we know. Below are some little acts of kindness.

Share your toys

Play with them

Smile at them and with them

Offer to donate your used clothes and toys

Share your food with them

Get to know them and understand them

Do not make fun of them

Be kind to them

Treat them as you would love to be treated

If you are a better reader help them

If you are better at a sport be patient with them

If you have a birthday party invite them

If you go shopping remember them

If you see someone hurting them protect them

If you see them hurting hug them

If you see them sad cheer them up

If you see them fall help them up

One day you may need someone to be helpful and kind to you



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**Match the correct answers to the questions**

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
God sent plagues on Egypt. Name one of those plagues.	Our Enemies
This woman encouraged Samuel to cut his hair, thus losing his strength. What was her name?	Eagles
God is faithful and just and will forgive us of all this. What is this?	Doubt
The Lord said, "Come unto me all ye who are weary and I will give you this." What is this?	The Whole Armor of God
The Lord promised to prepare a table before us in the presence of Whom?	Frogs
We need to be fully clothed with this thing to block the attacks of the enemy. What is this thing?	Our Sins
When you wait on the Lord, you will mount up with wings like these birds. What are they?	Jezebel
Jesus wants us to have faith and to never do what?	Rest



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Childhood songs that we have learned have been passed on for generations. Let's keep it going. If you have a song that you would like to share, email it. Here is one of my favorites as our featured children's song:

## JESUS BIDS US SHINE

Written by Susan Bogert Warner (1819-1885)

Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light, like a little candle burning in the night, in this world of darkness so let us shine — you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine first of all for him, well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim, he looks down from Heaven to see us shine — you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine then for all around; many kinds of darkness in the world are found, sin and want and sorrow so we must shine — you in your small corner, and I in mine.



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