

# Prayer Changes Everything!

## I Believe in the Power of Prayer!

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**G**od, bless us with your peace! When God blesses us with his peace, we should not allow others to rob us of that peace, which only God can give.

Over the past few months, we have witnessed so much unrest, so much turmoil, so much hatred, so much uncertainty, so much unfiltered emotions, that threatens to rob us of our peace. Many of us are now wondering what will be next. My brothers and sisters in Christ, God has blessed us with his peace that should surpass all human understanding, his peace that should sustain us in times of trouble, but we must remain faithful, we must remain focused on God, or we will lose our way. When I sat down to write this article, Galatians chapter five and verses fourteen to fifteen came to me; "For the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself, but if you bite and devour one another beware". And as I dug deeper in the word, I found these two verses broken down even further, in Matthew chapter seven and verse twelve, which reads, "In everything, then, do to others as you would have them do to you. For this is the essence of the Law and the prophets." My take from this may be different from yours, but it is clear, love is the key! This was furthermore compounded in Romans chapter thirteen, verse ten, where it simply states, "Love does no wrong to its neighbor, therefore love is the fulfillment of the Law". Should we be all aspiring to fulfill this law? I certainly hope so! Because, if we really love someone, we will try our very best not to do anything to hurt that person, we will not want to give that person something we do not want for ourselves. My brothers and sisters in Christ, we can no longer go through this life thinking just of ourselves. Scripture reminds us, to carry one another's burdens, and in this way, we will fulfill the Law of Christ. In conclusion, I want you to really understand these words of encouragement, in John chapter sixteen and verse thirty-three, "I have told you these things, so that in Me, you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulations. But take courage; I have overcome the world!" We must remain confident, that, greater is He that is in us, than He that is in the world! Keep the faith!



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**S**hould we run away from God, or to God, when things get rough? No matter where we have been, or what we have done, God's love will always surround us.

"If your strength fails in the day of adversity your strength is too small". Whenever I am going through something really rough, my thoughts often stray to this verse from Job, to lift me up. When we are facing difficult times, we are tempted to run away from God, instead of running to God, who is able to sustain us through the rough times. Many of us have had to learn this the hard way, because when we are faced with troubles and trials, we run to other sources for help, and they fail us; God becomes our last resort. But should this be? No! God should be the source of our strength. God should be first and foremost in our minds when we are tested and tried. God should be the only one we lean on to bring us through the bad times. But, many people because of where they have been, and what they have done, believe that they are not worthy to come before God, and ask for his help. As I continue to grow in my walk with God, I could look back and see how far I've come. I am being strengthened day by day. I am able to deal with troubles and trials in a different way. I find myself at peace going through the rough times, something I was not able to do way back when. At the first sign of trouble, I used to cry, and I would crawl into my own shell, and suffer in silence. Now I know that God is always with me, through the good times and the bad times, that God does not always come but he sends help. I am now aware of the fact, that there is always someone ready to stand in the gap for me, and that I don't have to go through it alone. I now understand that in order to accept help, I must put aside foolish pride and be humble. I was one of those persons who was able to encourage others, but when I became afflicted in the same way, I got weary and terrified, but now I turn to God at the first sign of trouble, I know that I could run to him, and he will never turn me away, no matter where I have been, or what I have done. I also know, that God is bigger than any problem, situation, or circumstance that you and I will go through. God is able to deliver us. My brothers and sisters in Christ, understand, that, whatever we go through, that God is able to bring us through, safely. Trust him!

**W**hat are some of the reasons why we run away from God, instead of running to God?

- We tend to run away from God, rather than to God, because of guilt
- When we suffer faith failure, we most times turn away from God
- We trusted God, and when he did not deliver on our time, we turn away
- We turn away from God because our relationships did not work out
- Our parents died while we were still not able to take care of ourselves
- The sickness we were sure God healed us from returned
- We called out to God in times of need and pride blocked the answer
- We blame God even when it was our fault we got in our on way
- We took something out of God's timing and it failed



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**E**very praise, our every praise, should be to our amazing God. He has done and continue to do so much for us.

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and lovely to praise Him! Psalm one hundred and forty-seven, verse one. My brothers and sisters in Christ, how often do you lift God up in praise? I lift God up in praise from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, and it is not an obligation, it is a joy! There is so much to praise God for each day, and every praise, our every praise, should be to our amazing God. Many people remember to call on God only in the bad times, but thanks be to God, who is merciful, that whenever we call on him, he is there. The Lord is my strength and my song! When I awake each morning, there is always a song of praise on my lips, which carries me through the day. Psalm ninety-one tells us, that, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, with a ten-stringed harp and the music of a lyre, with harmonious sound". Not all of us were blessed with a voice a for singing, but praise be to God, who has given us a voice that could praise him in any language. Amen! So, there is no reason why you should not be able to give God praise. If we just practice to praise God for everything, in good times and in bad times, it will become a habit. My brothers and sisters in Christ, God loves our praise! When our praises go up, blessings come down. Don't block your blessings, don't miss out on all the good things God has in store for those who love him. Praise him in the morning, praise him throughout the day, praise him at evening time, praise him in everything and for everything. Your every praise, our every praise, should be to our amazing God!

**W**hat do I praise God for? I could never run out of reasons to praise God.

My first praise every day is one of thankfulness to God for waking me to see a brand new day

- I praise God for my children and grand children and my mother
- I individually call all of my siblings by name and praise God for them and their families
- I pray for my family, friends, and neighbors, for those who are sick and alone, for my FB and Twitter families
- All through the day I find reasons to praise God
- There is so much beauty in my garden, so much peace, how could I not praise God for this blessing
- My praises go up for my health, for provision, for healing and deliverance, and especially for guidance
- As I drive in my car, I am praising God for the freedom I enjoy and the beauty I see
- I praise God for the people I meet and minister to during the day
- I am never lacking of things to praise God for
- At evening time, I thank God for the day he just allowed me to enjoy
- I praise God for his protection through the night and for the ability to sleep in peace

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**S**tanding strong in the face of adversity – what do we need?

“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you, wherever you go”. My brothers and sisters in Christ, God said this to Joshua many, many, years ago, and he is saying the very same thing to us today. But do we believe this? Adversity comes in all shapes and sizes! That is why we are advised, to put on the whole armor of God, so that we could stand. Are you fully clothed or partially clothed? Know that if you are not wearing the full armor of God, you are vulnerable, and could fail in the day of adversity. But we must be strong in the face of adversity; for without adversity, our strength will never be tested. Without adversity how will our faith in God increase? Without adversity, how will our courage shine forth? We could choose how adversity impacts our lives, whether positively or negatively. Every adversity we go through should strengthen our wills, improve our self-esteem, give us new perspective, renew our confidence in God, and change the way we go forward dealing with adversity; or, it could have a negative impact. Every day when we awake, we should put on the full armor of God, so that in times of adversity we will be able to stand our ground, and having done everything, to stand. My brothers and sisters in Christ, “Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you”.

**I**f you can't change it, learn from it. We don't need to change everything, but try to learn in everything.

If you can't change it, learn from it. Walking in God's way has taught me, that not everything I experience should be changed, but a lesson to be learned. For eight years, God had me in the wilderness, and I am only human, and I will admit, that, many times, I asked God to deliver me speedily, and the more I pleaded with him the heavier came my task. I was talking to my mother one day, or complaining, which is more correct, about what I was going through, and my mother said to me, “Unless you stop bringing tears to your eyes and humble yourself before God, your deliverance will not come”. She was so right! For eight years, God imprisoned me in my own situations to test me, and to humble me. It took me eight years to realize that my way was not a good way, but waiting and trusting in God was a better way. Amen! I came out of the wilderness, stronger, bolder, confident, humbled, faithful, compassionate, unwavering and resilient. Since then, I have learned to consult God about everything, to trust God for everything, and to praise God in everything. I now know that not everything I go through should be changed, but that I should learn from it. I can no more be tossed about by the waves, and carried around by every wind of teaching, and by the clever cunning of men in their deceitful scheming; because I know in whom I believe, my strength was perfected in my times in the wilderness, I am not the same, because I now understand, that whatever I cannot change I should learn from it. Thank you, Lord!

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

## An Unfinished Task

### **The Hemphills — (1970)**

If I carry the gospel to the lost near and far,  
I won't stand empty handed at God's judgement bar,  
But I dare not relax until I've done all he asks,  
Lest I should leave behind an unfinished task.

Lord, If I have wronged my brother, if I have wounded a friend,  
Give me strength precious Lord to make amends,  
And when I come to change my worlds and reach glory at last,  
Then I won't leave behind an unfinished task.

When I come to the crossing I'll be leaving behind,  
All my earthly possessions, but this I won't mind,  
It would make my heart glad, when I leave all I've had,  
If I don't leave behind an unfinished task.

### **Chorus**

Oh, you have run the race, you have kept the faith,  
These words I long to hear my Savior say,  
And when my life on earth is past,  
There's just one thing dear Lord I ask,  
Don't let me leave behind an unfinished task.

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# INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES FROM THE DESK OF JEWELLYN GREER

Whatever I cannot change I should learn from it.

Without adversity our strength will never be tested.

There is so much to praise God for each day, our every praise, should be to our amazing God.

God should be the only one we lean on to bring us through the bad times.

It is easy to become lukewarm in our service to God without consistency.

Doing what is right in God's sight, has great rewards.

What the enemy intended to hurt us ended up helping us.

We could choose how adversity impacts our lives, whether positively or negatively

Everything I experience should result in a lesson learned event.

Throughout our lifetime, we will attempt to do much good, but sometimes, bad gets in the way.

We must remain focused on God, or we will lose our way.

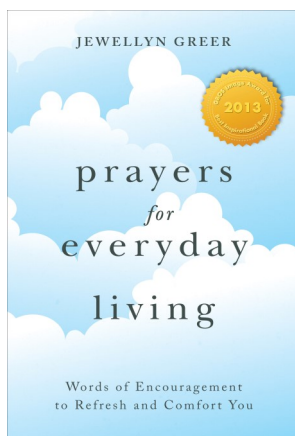
God should always be first and foremost in our minds when we are tested and tried.

There is always someone ready to stand in the gap for us, so that we don't have to go through it alone.

If you are not wearing the full armor of God, you are vulnerable, and will fail in the day of adversity.

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**O**ur Spotlight is on you! Right from wrong. Good versus evil. We must live with the choices we make.

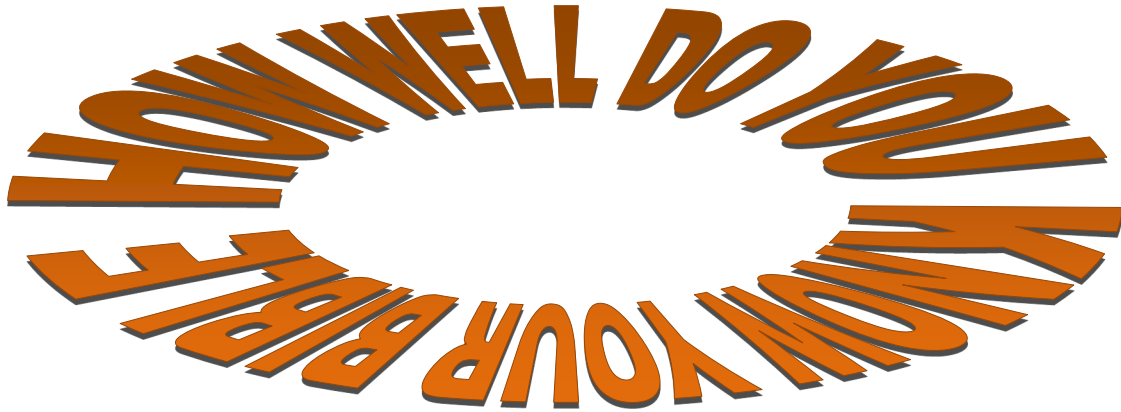
Doing the right thing even though no one is watching. Doing what is right especially when it is hard. Doing what is right and not what is popular. These are my words to live by day by day. The choice to do the right and not the wrong, good or evil rests with us. God has given us all the ability to discern right from wrong and good from evil, but too many times we lose our focus, we allow ourselves to be influenced by others, or simply by the desires of our hearts. But no matter the reason for the choices we make, if they are not good, if they are not right in God's eyes, we will have to face the consequences. My brothers and sisters in Christ, don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good. Doing the right thing even though no one is watching will come naturally to you, when you are aware, that you can hide from men, but not from God. You will be able to do what is right especially when it's hard, when you are faithful and courageous. You will do what is right and not what is popular, when you are confident in yourself, and realize, that, you are first accountable to God, and that doing what is right in his sight, has great rewards. Someone once made mention of this fact, that, "Popularity is only for a while, but when you do what is right, you gain respect and no one will forget you".

**C**hildren's Corner: The coronavirus has been hard on us as adults, but more so for the children. I was prompted to write this story, after hearing a three-year old question her grandma, about the coronavirus.

"Megan, you need to wash your hands, don't touch your face with your hands, we need to clean your toys, and you have to keep on your mask when we go out" "Yes, Nana!" Megan was constantly being reminded of safe practices, but could not understand why. She was playing in the dirt making mud pies and it was now time for a snack, so Megan's grandma told her to come and wash her hands before eating. "But Nana, I am not finished making my mud pies so, why do I have to wash my hands?" Well, there is this germ called coronavirus that could make us very, very, sick, and we need to wash our hands often," "and don't touch our faces and keep our masks on and clean our toys", said Megan. Yes, that is correct her Nana replied. After having her snack, Megan went back to making her mud pies, and when she was finished, she called out to her Nana to come and have some tea and pies with her. Megan's Nana was busy making dinner, and told her that she would not be able to come now but, later. Well Nana, could I invite my friend Nicky to come and play with me? "No Megan, we need to practice safe social distancing", her Nana replied. "I am bored, I am tired of playing by myself, I just want this coronavirus to go away", said Megan. "It will", her Nana replied, "as long as we continue to engage in safe practices and social distancing". "Ok", Megan sighed, "I just want to go back to school and see my friends again". "You will, you sure will", but in the meantime, I will be here for you", her Nana said. "Thank you, Nana, I love you!" "I love you too Megan!" her Nana replied.

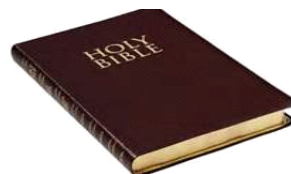
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**Finish the sentences with the answers provided**

SENTENCES	ANSWERS
I have told you these things, so that in Me, you may have	Forsake You
If your strength fails in the day of adversity your strength is too	Peace
Do not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with	Stand
Love your neighbor as	Evil
How good it is to sing praises to our	Small
God has given us all the ability to discern right from wrong and good from	Yourself
Do to others as you would have them do to	World
Greater is He that is in us, than He that is in the	Good
Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to	You
God will not leave you nor	God



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Songs have a way of lifting us up. This month we are featuring this hymn, especially for all those who are going through difficult times, because of the coronavirus. Know that through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, God is there. Be encouraged!

## Through All The Changing Scenes of Life! **George Thomas Smart (1776 – 1867)**

Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy,  
The praises of my God shall still, my heart and tongue employ.

Of his deliv'rance I will boast, 'till all that are distressed  
From my example comfort take, and charm their griefs to rest.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me; with me exalt his name;  
When in distress, to him I called, he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamps around, the dwellings of the just;  
Deliv'rance he, affords to all, who on his succor trust.

Oh, make but trial of his love, experience will decide  
How blest are they, and only they, who in his truth confide.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then, have nothing else to fear;  
Make you his service, your delight, your wants shall be his care.

**Through All The Changing Scenes of Life! God is There!**

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