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“Take, my brethren, the Prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of Patience.” James 5:10.

10. How is the believer bound to be temporarily affected by tribulation?

“And I said, Oh that I had wings like-a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.” Psalm 55:6.

11. To what depths of despondency did even the Savior momentarily come in His affliction?

“And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, My God, why has Thou forsaken Me?” Matthew 27:46.

12. What emotion, however, will triumph over transitory heaviness of spirit?

“Rejoice you in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.” Luke 6:23.

13. By what knowledge was Christ buoyed up in His terrible sufferings?

“He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My righteous Servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.” Isaiah 53:11.

14. What aspiration enabled Paul to suffer with fortitude in the cause of the gospel?

“But none of these things move me, neither count my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.” Acts 20: 24.

15. What example did Paul set of joy in tribulation?

“Therefore I take Pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.” 2 Corinthians 12:10.

“Be of good comfort, Master Ridley; play the man; we shall this day light such a candle, by God’s grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out.” - Bishop Latimer at the stake.

“How good it is that the old truths remain firm, that the Rock stands and will continue unshaken amid all the things that are against us! Let us not be impatient.”-Pastor Niemoller in a letter to his wife from a concentration camp.

16. How does God promise to sustain those who suffer for His sake?

“Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.” Colossians 1:11

17. What will it be our privilege to share in the day of Christ’s triumph?

“If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: if we deny Him, He also will deny us.” 2 Timothy 2:12.

“Christ’s people shall never be entirely forsaken. Though sorely harassed, they shall not be destroyed. Though cast down they shall not be cast away. At the darkest time let true Christians rest in the thought, that ‘greater is He who is for them than all they that be against them.’ The winds and waves of political and ecclesiastical trouble may beat fiercely over them, and all hope may seem taken away. But still let them not despair. There is One living for them in heaven, who can make these winds and waves to cease in a moment. The true church, of which Christ is the Head, shall never perish. Its glorious Head is almighty, and lives for evermore, and His believing members shall all live also, and reach home safe at last.” - Bishop Ryle.

18. Among what glorious company shall we have a place?

“And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sits on the throne shall dwell among them.” Revelation 7:14,15.

19. What eternal reward will be ours if faithful?

“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:10. (See also verses 11 and 12.)

### The Privilege of Prayer

1. WHAT invitation to communion does God extend to man?

“Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.” James 4:8. “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him, that knocks it shall be opened.” Matthew 7: 7, 8.

“All true prayer is a rising up and a drawing nearer to God in mind, and in heart, and in spirit.”-Dr. Alexander Whyte.

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2. Of what may we be assured as we approach Him in prayer?  
"O Thou that hears prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come." Psalm 65:2.
3. What attitude do the wicked take to the privilege of prayer?  
"What is the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what profit should we have, if we pray unto Him?" Job 21:15.
4. To whom do many in ignorance make their petitions?  
"They have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save." Isaiah 45: 20.
5. In contrast with the wicked, how did the psalmist respond to God's invitation to communion?  
"When Thou said, Seek you My face my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek." Psalm 27:8.
6. How appreciative was he of the privilege of prayer?  
"But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all Thy works." Psalm 73: 28.
7. What will the Lord be to all who seek Him?  
"For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him." Romans 10:12.
8. How does God's willingness to hear and answer compare with the readiness of earthly parents?  
"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gift unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?" Matthew 7:11.
9. Is God ever grudging in His answers to our prayers?  
"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally and upbraids not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5.
10. How fully will He satisfy the desire of our hearts?  
"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us: and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." 1 John 5: 14, 15.
11. Is it possible for us to overtax His capacity to give?  
"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us." Ephesians 3:20.
12. What personal testimony does the psalmist bear concerning God's answers to his own prayers?  
"I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles." Psalm 34:4-6.  
"Prayer is a fact of experience, and through all the ages the testimony of those who prayed has been that God hears and answers the prayers of His children." - Samuel Chadwick in "The Path to Prayer," page 10.
13. On occasions, how immediate is the Lord's response to the prayers of His children?  
"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65:24.
14. What complaint, however, did the psalmist at one time make to God?  
"O my God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou hears not; and in the night season, and am not silent." - Psalm 22:2.
15. What confession, however, was he led to make?  
"For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before Your eyes: nevertheless Thou heard the voice of my supplications when I cried unto Thee." Psalm 31:22.
16. What had he learned to do?  
"I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry." Psalm 40:1.
17. Of what may we be fully assured concerning the Lord's help?  
"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16.
18. What should God's answers to prayer evoke from us?
  - a. Love. "I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications." Psalm 116:1.
  - b. Praise. "I will Praise Thee: for Thou has heard me, and art become my salvation." Psalm 118:21.

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## How to Pray

1. WHAT counsel does Jesus give to those who seek communion with God in prayer?

“When thou prays, enter into thy closet, and when thou has shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which sees in secret shall reward thee openly.” Matthew 6:6.

Corporate prayer has its definite value, emphasizing the fellowship of believers at the throne of grace, but it is no substitute for personal private prayer. “In private prayer,” says Samuel Chadwick, “the soul stands naked and alone in the presence of God.” – “The Path of Prayer,” page 26.

2. How we show reverence when approaching God in prayer?

“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 3:14. “O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.” Psalm 95:6.

3. What, however, is more important than the physical posture?

“Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.” Lamentations 3:41. (See also 1 Chronicles 22:19.)

4. In whose name should our petitions be made to God?

“And whatsoever you shall ask in My name, that will I do’ that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you shall ask anything in My name, I will do it.” John 14: 13, 14.

“To pray in Christ’s name means something more than adding ‘for Christ’s sake’ to our petitions. To pray in the name of Christ is to pray as one who is at one with Christ, whose mind is the mind of Christ, whose desires are the desires of Christ and whose purpose is at one with that of Christ.”- Samuel Chadwick in “The Path of Prayer,” page 52.

5. What help are we promised in making our -petitions to God?

“Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered. And He that searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” Romans 8:26,27.

6. What are the essential conditions of effectual prayer?

a. Faith. “And all things, whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.” Matthew 21:22.

b. Readiness to obey the will of God. “The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry.” Psalm 34:15.

7. On the other hand, what will prevent God from hearing our prayers?

a. Cherished sin. “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.” Psalm 66:18. (See also Isaiah 59:1-3.)

b. Unholy desires. “You ask, and receive not, because you ask amiss, that you may consume it upon your lusts.” James 4:3.

8. What test does the Lord often apply before answering prayer?

“He rewards them that diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6.

9. With what determination did Jacob seek to gain an answer to his prayer?

“And He said, Let Me go, for the day breaks. And he said, I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me.” Genesis 32:26.

10. How may prayer be made more efficacious?

“And when He was come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, Why could not we cast him [the evil spirit] out? And He said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.” Mark 9:28,29.

11. What, however, must ultimately characterize all our prayers to God?

“And He went a little farther, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, If it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt.” Matthew 26: 39.

12. What should always accompany our petitions?

“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” Philippians 4: 6.

13. How frequently did the psalmist approach God in prayer?

“Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice.” Psalm 55:17.

14. In the crises of life what example of Christ may we well follow?

a. Before day. “And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed

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into a solitary place, and there prayed.” Mark 1:35.

b. All night. “And it came to pass in those days, that He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.” Luke 6:12.

15. While we need to have set periods for prayer, how constantly should the prayer spirit be maintained?

“Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

16. With what should prayer invariably be combined, and why?

“Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation.” Matthew 26: 41.

### Prayers God Will Answer

1. WHAT may we with confidence cry unto God?

“Hear my Prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.” Psalm 54: 2.

2. What was the chief burden of the psalmist’s prayers?

“Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.” Psalm 116:4.

“Show us Thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation.” Psalm 85:7.

3. Of what was he sure when he pleaded for forgiveness?

“For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.” Psalm 86:5.

4. For what spiritual illumination did he also seek?

“I am Thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know Thy testimonies.” Psalm 119:125.

5. How willing is God to give wisdom and understanding to His children?

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally, and upbraids not; and it shall be given him.” James 1:5.

6. What other spiritual blessings did Paul desire for believers?

a. Love. “And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment.” Philippians 1:9.

b. Spiritual strength. “That He would grant you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man.” Ephesians 3:16.

c. Patience. “And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.” 2 Thessalonians 3: 5.

d. Sanctification. “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thessalonians 5:23.

“How much of our prayer is vague and pointless! Some cry for mercy, but take not the trouble to know what mercy must do for them. Others ask, perhaps, to be delivered from sin but do not begin by bringing any sin by name from which the deliverance may be claimed. Still others pray for God’s blessing on those around them, and yet have no special field where they wait and expect to see the answer. To all the Lord says: And what is it now you really want and expect Me to do?” - Andrew Murray in “With Christ in the School of Prayer,” page 22.

7. To what spiritual heights did Peter pray that believers might attain?

“But the God of all grace, who has called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that you have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you.” 1 Peter 5:10.

8. For what should we also have courage to pray?

“O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in Your anger, lest Thou bring me to nothing.” Jeremiah 10:24.

9. For what temporal, as well as spiritual, needs may we properly pray?

“Give us this day our daily bread.” Matthew 6:11.

10. Are there any matters too insignificant to be referred to Him in prayer?

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” Philippians 4:6.

11. What is an essential preparation for effectual service?

“Tarry you in the city of Jerusalem, until you be endued with Power from on high.” Luke 24:49.

“The secret life of prayer, the open life of purity, the active life of service. This is the true ideal. This is the true rounded life. The service life grows up out of the other two. Its roots lie down in prayer and

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purity.” - S. D. Gordon in “Quiet Talks on Service,” pages 58, 59.

“Four hours of work for which one hour of praying prepares, is better than five hours’ work with the praying left out.” - George Muller.

12. What does God urge us to do in time of trouble?

“And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shall glorify Me.” Psalm 50:15.

13. How many of our cares does Peter say we may cast upon the Lord?

“Casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7.

14. Should we, however, expect deliverance always and in all circumstances?

“For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.” 2 Corinthians 12: 8.

15. Though God may not always grant us immediate relief, what does He promise?

“My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” 2 Corinthians 12:9.

16. In what attitude of mind, therefore, should all our petitions be made?

“And He went a little farther, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou will.” Matthew 26:39.

17. What comprehensive plea may believers properly make to the Lord?

“Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.” Psalm 125:4.

### For Whom Should We Pray?

1. WHAT responsibility rests upon those who know the power of prayer in their own experience?

“Pray one for another. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” James 5:16.

2. Who will naturally have first place in our intercessory prayers?

Our loved ones. “The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.” Genesis 48:16.

3. From our families according to the flesh, to what greater family will our prayers turn?

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.” Ephesians 6: 18.

4. For whom, among others, in the household of faith are we urged to pray?

“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.” James 5:15.

5. In our prayers for the church of God, who else should be especially upon our hearts?

God’s ministers. “Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.” 2 Thessalonians 3:1.

“Revival does not begin with the evangelist, but with little groups of men and women on their knees before God in prayer. A revival produces its evangelists. It is not produced by them. The prime need at this present time is for men and women mighty in prayer.” - Lionel B. Fletcher.

6. For what did Jesus enjoin His disciples to pray?

“Then said He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray you therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.” Matthew 9:37,38.

7. For what special blessing upon the church are believers in the latter days to pray?

“Ask you of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.” Zechariah 10:1.

8. Should our prayers extend to others beyond the household of faith?

“I exhort therefore,” that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men.” 1 Timothy 2:1.

“He who embraces in his prayer the widest circle of his fellow creatures, is most in sympathy with the mind of God.” - Dean Goulbourn.

9. Whom does “all men” include?

“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 5:44.

10. Who is our great Exemplar in intercessory prayer?

“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true;

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but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.” Hebrews 9:24.

11. Are there any limits to the efficacy of intercessory prayer?

“If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.” 1 John 5:16,17.

12. For what sin is there no forgiveness?

“But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost has never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.” Mark 3: 29.

13. What place should temporal rulers and authorities have in our prayers?

The Bible Speaks “I exhort therefore, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for kings, and for all that are in authority.” 1 Timothy 2:1,2.

14. Why should we remember them?

“That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:2-4.

15. Whose kingdom, however, should be paramount in our prayers?

“Thy kingdom come.” Matthew 6:10.

16. For what, glorious future state should we daily plead?

a. End of sin. “Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God tries the hearts and reins.” Psalm 7:9.

b. Triumph of God’s will and purpose. “Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:10.

## 12. The Holy Spirit

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1. WHO is associated with the Father and Son in the triune Godhead?

“Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” Matthew 28:19.

2. What statements make it quite clear that the Spirit is a Person and not merely a divine influence?

a. He is capable of speech. “He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.” Revelation 2:7.

b. He manifests emotions of pleasure, vexation, grief. “For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost.” Acts 15: 28. “But they rebelled, and vexed His Holy Spirit.” Isaiah 63:10. “And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God.” Ephesians 4: 30.

c. He has executive ability and is capable of purposive action. “But all these work that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will.” 1 Corinthians 12:11. “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” Genesis 1:2.

d. He works wonders. “Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.” Romans 15:19.

e. He gives guidance. “When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth.” John 16: 13.

f. He appeals to the Father on behalf of men. “Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for or as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered.” Romans 8: 26.

“To each Person in one passage or other of the New Testament are ascribed the same titles and works; each is acknowledged as Lord; each is eternal. Each is Creator; each wills with a supreme will; each is the Author of the new birth. What is all this but the Father Eternal, the Son Eternal, and the Holy Ghost Eternal; the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Omnipotent; the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, God.” - Cardinal Newman in “Grammar of Assent,” page 133.