

RELIGION

NOWADAYS--everywhere you go, there is a radio, television, pulpit tent, on street corner preacher--all you hear is "Prayer changes things!" "Don't worry! Just pray!" "Prayer is the key!" Well, I've come to the conclusion that it must be of some great importance for so many people all across the globe to be promoting the same thing at the same time. In the nation's office, the President of the United States holds a Prayer Breakfast.

with the Almighty. You cannot serve two masters. You must love one and hate the other. No one can serve God and man at the same time. [St. Matt. 6:24]

Can you legitimately call God your Father? When you embrace God's love and you submit willingly to His will, you can go to Him and say, "My Father... My Lord... My God..." But, as long as your heart continues to be hardened by the world, you will never feel

pass her hand across my brow, whisper soft words of assurance, pick me up in her arms and I'd feel her strength radiating through me. The power of God, through prayer, is liken unto a child calling out to their mother. You can always depend on God. You should have the assurance that He will answer your plea. You should be so confident that your actions should demonstrate your confidence. Just recently, as I was reading some gospel literature, the writer

the time to even spit on. Through prayer, God can give you compassion, He can heal a sin sick soul. Through prayer, He can cool the fevered brow of a sick relative. Through prayer, someone you love dearly, far, far, away can be touched by the merciful hand of God. Through prayer... Yes! There is power in prayer.

As Christians, we must stop allowing the enemy to get the upper hand in our lives. Pray! Pray without ceasing. You can defeat the enemy through prayer. You must be relentless. Satan is. He never gives up. Sir Beelzebub stays on his job morning, noon and night. The effective, fervent prayers of a righteous man [or woman] availeth much. [James 5:16] You can get much more accomplished through prayer than by getting on the phone and calling around gossiping.

If things don't seem to be going the way that you think they should, according to the word, pray. When there is confusion in your family and your loved ones are bickering, don't carelessly enter into an argument with the words of the world, address them with a prayer in your heart. Let God fight your battles. It could just be a whisper. God knows the desires, the fears, the pleading, the needs of our lives and of our souls. God is intensely concerned with the condition of our souls.

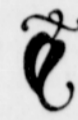
Don't wait until you are pressed between a rock and a hard place before you go to God in prayer. I think it is so foolish for man to just continue doubting God's ability and His power. Man will inevitably wait until he is flat on his back--then, he calls out, "God! Help me!" Why wait until you are in a proverbial squalor before you realize the power and dependability of God Almighty? Seek his face now!

Enter into your secret place and talk to your Father which is in heaven. Discover an untapped source of power. Establish a right relationship with God. When you're alone, let God be your

friend. When in times of distress call on the Lord. If your faith and stamina seem insufficient to enable you to face a challenge begin to embrace the reality: God is the source of my strength. I can find peace in speaking his name. God's abundance is mine today.

Look up and let God. There is power in an unhindered prayer.

PRAYER



Lord, Jesus!
To thee I come
on bended knee.
Father! If there be any
obstacles between
me and thee,
move them Lord.
In the Holy name of Jesus.
Just give me a clean
heart so I may
serve thee
every day.
Let me...
Oh Lord, be prepared
to face whatever
the New Year
has to offer. For I know
that I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me.
May my life
be an example of your love.
In the Blessed Name
of Jesus.
Amen

PRAYER

THE POWER SOURCE

BY MATTIE ANN COLLIER-SPEARS

Yes, prayer is the key; but, faith unlocks the door. And--just when you think you have prayer explained--here comes faith. Although we cannot see, with physical eyes, what faith really means, it is through our spiritual eyes that we are made aware. Prayer and faith go hand in hand.

It's a funny thing... this prayer. According to scripture, everyone is not qualified to pray. And--how do you qualify? When God comes knocking at the door to your heart, just say, "Yes!" to God. When God knocks, let Him in. It's better for God to occupy the recesses of your heart, and your mind, than all that junk you have been harboring in there. Get rid of the junk! Why? So you can establish a positive rapport

the warmth of God's love, feel the presence of His joy and peace and you will never legitimately have the right to address God as "your" father.

I challenge every reader to just try God. See what He can do! Establish a "kinship" with God. You will find that His grace is sufficient. And He has an exceeding abundance of grace. Establish a dialogue with the Master. It's called prayer. There is power in prayer. Yes! Power!

When a person enters into this world, their mother nurtures them, loves them and makes the child feel secure. You can depend on mom. When I was sick, as a child, I'd call out in the night and my mother would come to my bedside and comfort me. She would

said, "When you pray for rain, start carrying an umbrella." That's having confidence in the person you have openly grown to love and depend on. This person is God Almighty.

When you are an established child of the King, you accept the abundant supply that God is faithfully providing. You have no problem going to God. He has already stated that he would supply our every need. We have accepted the supply and demands of the world. Why can't we accept the abundance that God has in store for us? All we have to do is ask. Power can be your's. It's only a prayer away. The power of assurance. The power of positive awareness. The power of healing. The power of loving someone you wouldn't ordinarily take

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