



The secrets to answered prayers

struggle with doubt or fear, or simply lack confidence that God even hears you at all?

When you pray, do you have a vague feeling that something is lacking... that there isn't any power in your prayers? Do you

I used to have feelings like this and would think, "Maybe I didn't say the right thing, or pray long enough, or my words weren't eloquent enough."

It was so frustrating because I didn't want to waste time, wondering if it was doing any good. After I pray, I want to know that God is working and my prayers make a difference.

It's easy to complicate our relationship with God and think we have to do certain things a certain way for them to be effective. But I've discovered that powerful, life-changing, dynamic prayer is amazingly simple!

Two things we must do

It's vitally important for us to have faith in God when we pray. Hebrews 11:6 (AMPC) says, "Without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]."

Ask yourself, "Do I believe God hears me, that He cares about me and wants to be involved in every area of my life?" If we don't really believe God loves us and wants to help us, we will struggle to have faith in Him.

That's why knowing and experiencing the love of God is critical to developing a powerful prayer life.

It's also important the we approach God with sincere hearts. James 5:16 (AMPC) says, "...The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]."

A sincere heart is focused on God, trusting that He hears you and will answer. It doesn't mean you have to cry or yell to pray with sincerity; it's all about the attitude of your heart toward God.

You have to ask

It's exciting to get the revelation that God loves us, cares for us and wants to help us. But we have a part to do in getting the things God has for us—we have to ask. James 4:2 (AMPC) says, "...You do not have, because you do not ask."

Now, it's important to understand that we have to ask for the things we think we want or should have apart from Him.

James 4:1 tells us that striving to get what we want based on our carnal or fleshly desires leads to "strife (discord and feuds)... conflicts (quarrels and fightings)." This causes us to be jealous, covet what others have and become angry when we can't "obtain [the gratification, the contentment, and the happiness]" we are seeking (James 4:2).

These verses show us what causes problems in people's lives. We think we're unhappy because we don't have all the stuff that we want. But the reality is only God can give us what we're longing for in our hearts.

He alone is the source of righteousness, peace and joy

(Romans 14:17). And we will never enjoy life until we learn to abide in Him and trust Him to do what's best for us.

The key to praying for God's will

God wants to do life with us Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday too! As we spend time studying His Word, meditating on the Word, communicating with Him through prayer, and asking Him to fulfill His plans for us, we will know His will in our hearts.

It's an amazing privilege to be able to talk to God! I want to encourage you to come to Him with humility and ask Him for the desires that are in your heart. Tell Him, "Lord, I don't want anything You don't want me to have. So if this is not Your will, don't give it to Me."

I'm trusting You and want You to be in control of my life."

Pray about everything that's on your heart and keep it simple. Remember, prayer is simply talking to God, and you can pray anytime, anywhere, all day long... and He will answer.

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This week, the group will discuss and practice meditation. Those who attend are encouraged to bring meditation practices they enjoy and can share with the group.

The Baha'i Writings say, "...There are no set forms of meditation prescribed in the teachings, no plan, as such, for inner development..."

The evening will begin with bowls of rustic Italian tortellini soup, fruit, homemade bread and vegetables, followed by the evening's topic until 8:30 p.m.

The gathering will end with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

Everyone is invited to attend.

The Heintz home is located at 875 Seventh St.

For more information, call Suzanne at 541-590-0779.

Author Joseph Bernard to speak at FUUF Sunday

On Sunday, Nov. 1, from 10 to 11 a.m., author Joseph Bernard will be speaking at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

His message is titled: "The World According To GUS (God)."

"Come join the discussion of my new book. It's a very unique book in that it is told from the perspective of God who changes his name to GUS (Guiding Universal Spirit) because of all the false things said in God's name," explains Bernard. "If you are attached to who you think GUS is you

might find the book unsettling, but if your mind is open and active you will appreciate a much more expansive version of the Creative Force of the Universe."

The UU Fellowship Hall is at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road and is wheelchair accessible.

Each service concludes with refreshments and a dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each service.

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