

Attitudes Towards Prayer

Every Christian can know and experience the power of positive prayer, and the joy that comes when God answers prayer. When we commit our lives to prayer, we have the delight of living in God's presence.

Prayer is for anyone and everyone. It is a natural inclination of a child or an adult. It is not a strange, fanatical or emotional approach to a problem, but a quiet, Christ-like attitude. It is an attitude of heart and mind that knows there is a good outworking for every challenge.

If we accept that prayer is the answer, that prayer is power and that prayer can change all things that need changing in our lives, then we have placed ourselves in the streams of blessings that are available to all who ask in faith.

In 2010, when I received a change of appointment soon after my mother's cancer surgery, I was heartbroken. She was very sick, and as the oldest sibling I wanted to be near, knowing that her life was deteriorating. Our parting in the new year was a very painful farewell, but my constant prayer was that I could be with her when she took her final breath. That was my cry and my petition day and night and God granted my prayer!

I visited my mum three months later and spent four days alone with her, and asked for forgiveness, prayed with her and challenged her again about her eternity. On the fifth day, she gave her last breath as I held her head in my arms. I pressed her palm and felt her last pulse. At that very moment, I cried for joy, thanking God for answering my prayer for three solid months. I thanked God and praised him for how he answered prayer in a very difficult situation.

God knows the inner attitude of our prayer and how he has prepared our heart to accept the things that we cannot accept easily. There is nothing prayer cannot do for you.

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