

DEVOTION

...God Dependence



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God proves His existence by answering prayer

The prophet Elijah declared answered
prayer gave proof to the existence of God.
(1 Kings 18:25-39)



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Prayer is the only direct link we have with God

God created in all of us the instinct to pray.
John 16:24 *Ask and you will receive, and your
joy will be complete.*



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Prayer is born out of a pre-determined desire

Before we pray, establish first what we are asking for and search our hearts if we do indeed passionately desire what we're asking for. (Luke 11:9-10)

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Action must follow the asking

Having made our request to God, our activities from that time onwards must be directed toward getting our prayer answered. (James 2:14-26)



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Action must follow the asking

God is attracted to our faith that is reinforced by action.

James 2:17 *...faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*

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God only answers the prayer of faith

Matthew 21:22 *If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for...*

**To pray the prayer of faith,
three things are essential;**

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1. We must believe that God is able to answer prayer

A graphic example of faith in Jesus' ability to answer our prayer is seen in His words to the two blind men found in **Matthew 9:27-30**



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2. We must believe that God will answer our prayer

Faith in God is simply absolute trust and confidence in Him that He will do what He says He will do.



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2. We must believe that God will answer our prayer

Pray for great things, believe that your request is promptly granted; stand your ground without hesitating; and God will do great things for you.

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3. We must believe in the power of our own prayer

We cannot claim to believe what the Bible says about God and His promises unless we also believe what it says about us and our prayer.

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3. We must believe in the power of our own prayer

The Bible declares that whatever God has already accomplished in Christ is already accomplished in us.



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Prayer will graft into our life the strong arm of faith. But then we must act and use that arm of strength in authority maintaining a steadfast confidence that what we speak in faith will come to pass.



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Moses prayed and grabbed a hold of faith in God, then arose from his knees, struck the Red Sea with his rod, and watched while the waters rolled back.

(Exodus 14:15-16, 21-23)



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Joshua, in the fury of a great battle,
saw the sun descending and night fast
approaching. (**Joshua 10:12-13**)



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The sick king, Hezekiah, earnestly sought God for healing. In another place in the city the prophet Isaiah was also praying.
(Isaiah 4:39)



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Jesus spent a night in prayer, and then commanded the winds and the waves, and they were instantly quieted at the sound of His voice. (**Mark 4:39**)



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True devotion is trusting that God our Father will fully supply our needs.

Have faith in God; and it will be done!



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