

# The Privileges, Possibilities, and Provision Related to Prayer

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It has been said that nothing is dynamic until it is specific.

To say that the power and potential of prayer is dynamic is an understatement tantamount to saying the sun is bright and hot.

Yet specificity fuels appreciation. Counting the many blessings and benefits of prayer can ignite fresh vision and passion for what Christ can do in us, for us, and through us, when we seriously embrace prayer. Lets take a moment to consider the privileges, explore the possibilities, and imagine the provision available to us because of God's gift of prayer to our hearts.

We hunger for worship in encounters with His holy presence that mark us and make us more like Jesus.

Deep within we know there is another dimension of Christian living beyond a cultural faith that simply checks in with God at church or in times of crisis.

We are tired of feeling bored, inept, confused, frustrated, or weary, in any sense with the idea of prayer.

We envision the power of the living Christ and His gospel inflaming our hearts to serve as agents of real transformation in this society.

We yearn for the real change but know that somehow it must begin with us.

## Prayer Has Its Privileges

Consider the privileges available to us in prayer:

- In prayer, we \_\_\_\_\_ the most intimate and powerful spiritual exercise known to humanity (Psalm 131; Romans 8:14; Galatians 4:6).
- In prayer, we talk \_\_\_\_\_ about our secret struggles, frustrated feelings, murky motives with words that are raw and unfiltered---yet understood by an all---knowing, all---powerful God (Psalm 62:8; Hebrews 4:16).
- In prayer, we find \_\_\_\_\_ when we are vulnerable and experience security when we are unsure (Psalm 34:4; 56:3; 2 Corinthians 1:8-11).
- In prayer, we \_\_\_\_\_ our weaknesses, surrender our rights, and ask for help from the only One who can create permanent change (2 Chronicles 20:12; Psalm 40: 17; Luke 22:42).
- In prayer, we abide through intimate connection to the life giving power of the \_\_\_\_\_ Christ (John 15:4-5; Ephesians 3:16-19; Colossians 1:9-10).
- In prayer, we trade in our anxieties for the \_\_\_\_\_ that passes all understanding (Psalm 29:11; Isaiah 26:3; Philippians 4:6-7).
- In prayer, we receive \_\_\_\_\_ for the perplexities and doubts we face (2 Chronicle 1:10; Proverbs 2:3-6; James 1:5).
- In prayer, we cast our burdens on the One who has the power to work all things out for our good and His glory (Psalm 55:22; Romans 8:26-28; 1Peter 5:7).
- In prayer, desperate and lost people receive mercy and grace that saves and transforms (Luke 18:13; Romans 10:13).
- In prayer, faith grows and God's people arise to call on Him boldly for miraculous exploits from His hand (Jeremiah 33:3; Mark 9:23-24; 11: 23-24; Acts 12: 5-8).
- In prayer, we receive \_\_\_\_\_ to become like Christ, even when the problems persist and the burdens remain (2Corinthians 3:18; 12: 9-10).
- In prayer, we find the \_\_\_\_\_ to defeat Satan and overcome his schemes (Luke 22:32; Ephesians 6:18; James 4:7).
- In prayer, we discover the beauty and power of intimacy and satisfaction in God (Psalms 27:4, 8; 73:25-26).