



Steps to effective PRAYER

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Step 1

Bind The Enemy That Binds The Truth

How can you genuinely pray for those around you? Are you willing to intercede with God's power, believe in His promises, and trust Him with the results!

Here are five steps that will greatly help you to pray for your loved ones.

The real problem is Satan, not your loved ones and friends. Satan has blinded their eyes. The unbelievers are prisoners of Satan. Whatever Satan can use from the past or the present, he will use to keep your loved ones away from God.

"And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

To pray effectively notice what they are about and what is happening in their life, pray for their needs and listen (no interrupting) to their needs. It seems so simple but is so effective. "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ."

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

When you pray to bind the enemy also pray that the real truth will be revealed to your loved on

Step 2

Pray for Clear Vision & Hearing

Your loved one is a victim of Satan.

Elisha whom was able to see God in midst of a raging war but His servant was not able to see, he only feared. Elisha prayed for the servant to see and to no longer be afraid. God answered.

"Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elijah."

2 Kings 6:17

Pray for eyes to see, ears to hear, and that the truth shall set them free. Pray like Jesus in the Book of Acts,

"To open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me."

Acts 26:18

Pray for their eyes to be open and their ears to hear God's truth in the midst of darkness. This will set your loved ones free.

Step 3

Pray for The Truth To Be Received

There are over 5000 promises in the Bible some for individuals some for all. You can pray all these scriptures over your loved ones. Pray that the Word gets into your loved one's heart.

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ."

Romans 10:17

God's Word is God's Will. His Word the Bible is truth! Pray for hearts to be soft and ready to receive the truth of the gospel. Claim God's promises. Pray in the victory of the cross; in the resurrection; in Jesus, His power, where He is right now at the right hand of God.

"But what does it say? "The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as LORD, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed."

Romans 10: 8-11

You can pray: "Lord I pray for _____ to receive faith from hearing and by the Word of Christ.

Step 4

Pray God Will Send More Laborers

I told my husband once that soda was not good for him.

Since he likes soda he totally blew me off. One day a sports teacher told him the same thing and he came home with a brand new revelation that soda, especially diet soda, is bad for you. Have you noticed if you say something to a loved one, they will not accept it, but when it comes from those they hardly know they will listen and be open to the truth?

Pray that God will send laborers to your friends and loved ones across their path. For if they will not listen to you they might listen to someone else.

“Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

Matthew 9:37-38

It might be you that Jesus is sending you an answer to prayer. Are you ready to share your faith? All you have to do is share your testimony and share what God has done in your life. God will use your experience as a tool for those that you connect with. No one can argue what God has done in your life. This might be scary, but God whom can do all things through Christ will help you by the Holy Spirit. You could be the answer to someone else’s prayer where a laborer is requested.

Pray for opportunities and for God to give you the wisdom and leading of the Holy Spirit to become part of sharing what God has done for you. Again, most effective in this is usually through your testimony. What is it that God has done for you in your life?

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” **Romans 15:13**



Thank God Before The Answer

It is so easy to thank God after you see the answers.

Try thanking Him before answering your prayer. This is called believing without seeing. In other words it takes faith. If you do not have faith it is impossible to please God.

“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”

Hebrews 11:6

“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

Philippians 4:6-7

It basically says do not be anxious but trust God and allow the results up to Him. How often we get in the way or run ahead of God. This destroys and causes huge problems. Thank God by Faith when you think of your friend or loved one and thank Him that he has heard your prayer and will answer. Thank him for what He has done for you and what God WILL do for your loved one.

“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone for your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”

Ezekiel 36:26



A Sample Prayer

Dear Lord God Almighty and Creator of the Universe,

You are able at any time to do the impossible. Lord, I pray for will you bind the enemy and remove the strongholds that are holding them back from you which Satan has placed in their lives to keep them from your truth? Please bind the enemy. I pray for the stronghold to be removed.

Lord, Your word shays that you can take the veil away, I pray for the blind to see, the deaf to hear, and the gospel of truth to be received. I ask for Satan to be bound from _____.

Lord, I pray for Your Word to be received in 's heart and for them to clearly see the truth. Remove the heart of stone and replace it with a heart of flesh.

Will You send laborers to and use his/her story to share your grace? Help me to go when YOU send me and not miss the opportunities of divine appointments. Give me boldness and faith to fulfill the mission YOU have given me.

Lord, thank you for answering this prayer. I trust you completely with the results and will do my part and be ready if it is Your will to be part of the answer.

Amen.

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