

4. The Prayer of Faith & The Prayer of Agreement

The Different Kinds of Prayer

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1. Introduction

Learning how to pray effectively is one of the most important things believers can do in their Christian walk. To fulfil God's purpose for our lives we need to know *how to communicate* with God and learn *how to pray* according to the biblical principles He has set in place.

Ephesians 6:18 BSB *Pray in the Spirit at all times, **with every kind of prayer and petition.** To this end, stay alert ...*

James tells us that the Prayer of Faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up

James 5:14-15 *Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And **the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.** And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.*

Matthew 7:7-8 *Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For **everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.***

John 16:23-24 ... **whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.** ²⁴ ... **Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.**

2. Overview: The Prayer of Faith

- i. The Prayer of Faith is used primarily for **ourselves** – for our personal desires and needs.
- ii. The Prayer of Faith is prayed **once** concerning a specific need.
- iii. The Prayer of Faith **does not pray the problem.** God knows the problem! He needs us to pray in line with His Word!
- iv. The Prayer of Faith **believes it receives when we pray** and we shall have it
- v. When you pray, **forgive** if you have anything against anyone. (Mark 11:25)

Practical Steps to Prepare ourselves, and then Pray the Prayer of Faith

Mark 11:24 ..., **whatever things you ask** when you pray believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Mark 11:24 KJV **what things soever ye desire,**

1. The Prayer of Faith works for 'YOU'

Mark 11: 24 ... **whatever things YOU desire / ask**

2. The Prayer of Faith is based on the Word of God

- i. The foundation for the Prayer of Faith is the promises in God's Word. Romans 10:17 ***So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.***
- ii. Find Scripture that promises the thing you are asking God for. You have a right to ask God for anything He has promised us in His Word.

3. Before Prayer: Decide what 'things' you desire from God – BE SPECIFIC!

What are your desires – Be specific? Many times, people can be vague, or unclear when praying.

Example: Jesus asked Blind Bartimaeus, ***what do you want Me to do for you?***

Mark 10:47-50 *when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ... ⁴⁹ So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called ⁵⁰ And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus ...*

Mark 10: 51-52 *Jesus answered and said to him, “**What do you want Me to do for you?**” The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, **that I may receive my sight.**”⁵² Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; **your faith has made you well!**’. And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.*

- i. When Bartimaeus **heard** about Jesus, (faith came)
- ii. He **threw off his coat** and came to Jesus. (faith action)
- iii. **Be Specific:** Jesus asked Bartimaeus **What do you want me to do for you?** He said, ‘that I may receive my sight’
- iv. Jesus said, ‘Go your way; **your faith has made you well!**’. It wasn’t Jesus’ faith that perform this creative miracle, it was the man’s faith! His faith made him whole, and your faith can make you whole!

4. When you Pray: ‘Ask’ the Father for the ‘thing’ you desire

- i. Now you are ready to pray the Prayer of Faith!
- ii. Use the New Testament Pattern for making requests: *Ask the Father in Jesus name.* (John 16:23)

5. When you Pray: Believe you receive (when you pray), and you will have

Mark 11:24 **when you pray believe that you receive them, and you will have them.**

- i. Write down the **Starting Point** for your faith –write down the date you prayed and released your faith.
- ii. Believe you receive your request when you pray, (present tense)
- iii. And you will have it (future).

6. After you Pray: Faith has Corresponding Actions

- i. Confirm the language you are going to speak after you have prayed.
- ii. Thank God that you believe you received your request when you prayed.

7. After you Pray: Guard Your heart – cast down thoughts of doubt

Once you have prayed and released your faith, guard your mind against thoughts that will come to tell you your prayer has not worked. The ONLY evidence/proof you have to tell you you’ve received your answer is God’s WORD! If people look for physical proof, they will defeat themselves as a result. Look to the Word as your proof!

2 Corinthians 10:5 *casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,*

Philippians 4:8 NLT ... *Fix your thoughts on what is true ...*

Pastors Personal Stories

Practical Check List

- i. Write the vision make it plain.
- ii. Write down the starting point for your faith: Write down the date you prayed and released your faith.
- iii. Confirm the language you are going to speak after you have prayed.
 - *I thank You Father God that I believe I am healed ... I believe my needs are met ... in Jesus’ name ...*
 - *Let the weak say: I am strong.*
- iv. The journey of faith means we walk by the Word and not by the circumstances.

The Prayer of Agreement

Matthew 18:19-20 NIV ... *I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven.*²⁰ ...*For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.*

The Prayer of Agreement is like the Prayer of Faith with the only difference being there is not one, but at least two people praying and releasing their faith. There is a multiplication factor in faith when believers come into agreement. God’s power is released in their midst.