

Pray For A Change

Just Pray" Part 1 of 3
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I) FOUR THINGS THAT PRAYER CHANGES

1) Prayer changes MY CIRCUMSTANCES.

The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it." And because the gracious hand of God was upon me, the king granted my requests.'

(Nehemiah 2:4-5, 8b, NIV)

'Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

(Matthew 26:39, NIV)

2) Prayer changes MY RELATIONSHIPS.

"But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

(Matthew 5:44, NIV)

3) Prayer changes MY STATUS WITH GOD.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

(1 John 1:9, NIV)

4) Prayer changes MY HEART.

"Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name."

(Psalm 86:11, NIV)

II) A MODEL PRAYER FOR CHANGE

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

"This, then, is how you should pray..." (Matthew 6:9a, NIV)

1) RECOGNIZE AND WORSHIP our God.

'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...' (Matthew 6:9b, NIV)

2) SUBMIT TO THE WILL of God.

'...your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'

(Matthew 6:10, NIV)

3) PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS to God.

'Give us today our daily bread.'

(Matthew 6:11, NIV)

4) CONFESS AND FORGIVE before God.

'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.'

(Matthew 6:12, NIV)

5) SEEK STRENGTH AND PROTECTION from God.

'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

(Matthew 6:13 NIV)

Prayer changes things,
starting with THE ONE WHO PRAYS.



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