

Creative, Cultivating, Climate-Preparing, Conflict-Conquering Prayer

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Thursday, May 1, 2014, is the National Day of Prayer. To find a Christian event in your area visit www.ndptf.org.

INTRODUCTION

Prayer is our _____ to God and everything that means in the natural and supernatural.

Prayer is the only _____ to develop a personal, intimate relationship with God.

Richard Foster, the author of *Celebration of Discipline*, wrote in his chapter on prayer, “To pray is to _____.”

TYPES OF PRAYER

Prayer without _____ (the exception, not the rule)

There are times we are so weak or weighed down in our bodies and souls that the Spirit of God itself makes intercession for us (Romans 8:26). He helps us pray in harmony with His will, when we don’t even know what it is.

Prayer with _____ – in your first language, or not; audible, or not (1 Samuel 1:11).

In 1 Corinthians 14:15, the Apostle Paul told the church to pray

- 1) _____ (Spirit-led words)
- 2) _____ (With your intellect – engaging your thoughts)

Praying with understanding includes our thoughts, feelings, purposes and desires. Praying is saying.

CREATIVE PRAYER

God used words to speak creation. And if you and I are like Him, our words can be creative, too.

As sons and daughters of God, we can pray with _____ – create and declare Kingdom purposes.

“Prayer is pleading the Word of God before Him and saying, ‘Lord, _____.’” – Bro. Wayne Huntley, Because of the Times, 2014
God can still make something new out of nothing.

CULTIVATING PRAYER

Cultivating prayers are prayers of _____.

For promotion or increase of growth
For development and improvement

Prayer will cultivate the soil that is you, so God can grow something beautiful in your life (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Your life will become a _____ to others; a fruitful plant that provides _____ for those around you.

CLIMATE-PREPARING PRAYER

Climate-preparing prayer involves _____.

Our prayers connect heaven and earth. They are the place dirt and divinity meet. They create an environment to entertain the presence of the supernatural.

We don’t _____ for prayer.

_____ is a vital component of our prayer lives. Without it, we block God’s ears to our prayers (Psalm 66:18, Proverbs 28:9, Numbers 33:55).

CONFLICT-CONQUERING PRAYER

Conflicts come from two sources:

1) _____

2) _____

> Internal Enemies

We prepare the way for the Lord to move in our lives through our prayers; and He give us His peace. (Isaiah 26:3)

> External Enemies

There is a real enemy (Ephesians 6:12).

Prayer puts the church in a position to _____. We can't be lukewarm in a time when spiritual warfare readiness is a must.

Jesus has given us the power to win!

- To break bondages
- Set captives free
- Loose the oppressed
- Confound the enemy
- Bind demons
- Receive angelic protection

When we speak our prayers out loud, we are _____ the enemy's power.

In math and in science, a positive cancels out a negative. Your faith-filled words, spoken with the anointing of the Holy Ghost, are power-packed as you pray BOTH in the Spirit AND with understanding.

DYNAMIC PRAYER

Our prayer should be _____.

The root word for dynamic is the same root word used for dynamite and the dunamus power of God recorded in Acts 1:8: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

That dunamus, dynamic, dynamite explosive power is mentioned elsewhere in Scripture as:

- Kingdom power
- The power of God
- The power to do wonderful works, mighty works, perform miracles, and command unclean spirits
- The power that overshadowed Mary and fathered the Son of God
- The virtue that flowed out of Jesus when the woman touched the hem of His garment
- The same power that Jesus is going to come back with when He rides through the clouds.

This is the power flowing in and through the life of every Spirit-filled believer.

Dunamus means _____ – and that is the ultimate desire of prayer: to find what God is doing and flow with it, with Him.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES

The blood of Jesus defeated Satan. Through His death and resurrection, He disarmed principalities and powers – even making a public spectacle of them (Colossians 2:15).

“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you” (Luke 10:19).

The people who “know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits” (Daniel 11:32).

We _____ through prayer and being in His Word.

“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him” (2 Chronicles 16:9).

SUPPLEMENTAL THOUGHTS

Meditation is prayer’s partner. In the Scripture meditation includes studying, imagining . . . even murmuring God’s words to yourself.

Prayer Energizes!

The word *enthusiasm* comes from a combination of *en-* (put into or on) and *theos* (God). Real enthusiasm comes from being in touch with God.

The word *inspiration* comes from a combination of *in* and *Spirit*.

God is Sovereign

Our prayers don't "guarantee" God will act the way we think He should. God is not our puppet. If we could control Him, we would be God. I need a God bigger than me, and so do you.

Prayer’s Faithful Result

Although we can’t force things to happen, being in God’s presence changes us and helps us know how to live and respond to the circumstances at hand.